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## Planting Seeds of Vibrancy

### District Governor Steve Leavitt



Bev asked our ADG Garfield Ganong to introduce today's speaker, our DG, Steve Leavitt. Steve has been a member of the Rotary Club of Raymond for 21 years. He travelled to Uganda providing Rotary service in 2007. He has a Masters degree in Agricultural Business, and is married with 5 children and 15 grandchildren.

Steve took the floor and started out by noting that our board meeting (held prior to our regular meeting) went well, and he was pleased to see that we are doing "good things". He also highlighted how much he enjoyed working a shift at our Ribfest in September.

He started his remarks by speaking about Jennifer Jones, Rotary's first female (and Canadian) International President. Her first visit in early July was to Calgary where she joined a group of local Rotarians participating in the Stampede Parade. She displayed a great deal of energy and an impressive ability to listen to the stories told during her visits to several indigenous hosted events. She plans on visiting 50 countries during her year as President, so will certainly be needing lots of energy.

Steve spoke of District 5360's theme "Planting Seeds of Vibrancy" which refers to looking at Rotary's activities like a farmer sowing seeds — some do extremely well while others seem to struggle. With hard work most will do well. By bringing opinions together and developing consensus, we (Rotary) can have a great harvest.

Steve then outlined six of the most important District Action Plans for this year:

- Move for Polio
- Ukrainian Refugees
- Rotary Day of Service (to be held in March, Martin Parnell is organizing)
- District Conference (to be held in Lethbridge with a theme of inclusion)
- Indigenous Relations
- Having Fun — Magic of Rotary is hands on service

Steve shared a quote from Buddha:

*"Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared."*

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October 18th, 2022

Scribe: Paul Gaudet



President Bev called our meeting to order at 12:15, welcoming all participants, followed by the singing of O Canada. We had 5 guests today resulting in a total of 28.

Bev thanked Paul G. for being our scribe for October as well as Paul H. and Paul G. who were our **Greeters** for today. She thanked

Stephen and Anne for the great job they do in creating our e-Arch, and then thanked Paul Hussey for his work in organizing our House Committee which sees that our meetings are set up properly with Greeters to welcome us.

Paul introduced our five **Guests**:

Pam Montgomery who is a prospective new member, DG Steve Leavitt (our speaker for today), DG Elect Kurt Kowalchuk, our ADG Garfield Ganong and Steve's sister, Pam Stoville.



Bev introduced our **Indigenous Fact** for today which explained why North America is sometimes referred to as "Turtle Island". It ties into Indigenous story-telling and culture, outlining the role of Turtle Island in which the turtle is considered an icon of life.

Bev then related some **interesting facts about Rotary**:

- A Rotary banner from the Rotary Club of Houston Space Center actually orbited the moon from December 21st to 27th of 1968, carried by Frank Borman, a member of that Club.
- If you attend the Aguilar Club in Argentina, you would be attending the highest Club in the world at 16,000 ft (4,880 meters).

- The lowest Club meets at 40 ft (12.2 meters) below sea level at El Centro, California, USA.

Our **Get to Know a Member Better** presentation for this meeting was Rob Wolfson who outlined a number of his interests:

- Rob is a professional 5 Pin Bowler and has qualified for the Canadian Nationals three times, most recently earning a silver metal in the team bowling category.
- He is a big Pittsburgh Penguin fan having followed Joey Mullen's career path. One of his prize possessions is a bowling shirt worn by Malkin at a bowling fundraiser in Pittsburgh.
- He cheers for the Bengals (Cincinnati) in the NFL.
- He never drinks straight coffee, but will drink vanilla lattes.
- Rob was a bike courier for two years, and drove a van filling vending machines to assist in his school funding.
- He is also a coin collector, and has a 55 gallon aquarium at home.
- Rob and Angela's recent news is that they have now officially become "empty nesters" as their daughter has left home to attend university in Ontario.
- Rob wrapped up his remarks by relating the story of how Pat Hutchinson met Angela at the Spruce Meadows Christmas Market and tried to recruit her to be a Rotarian. Through this effort Angela asked Rob to consider joining and the rest is history.

## CRCF Report:

Rob then changed hats to become our Board Director at the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation, and reported that we have received a payment of \$11,500 from this foundation as our part of their annual distribution. The total funds invested to date from all sources is \$60 million. Our DG then passed out pins to those members who have donated to this Foundation during the past year. We ask everyone to consider supporting both of our Foundations — the Rotary Foundation and the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation.



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## Sunshine Report:

Pat Hutchinson reported that he has spoken to Al Pettigrew who has had a challenging year with his health but seems to be improving.

## Rotary Minutes:

Joe Hooper asked for a show of hands to indicate interest in participating in our



regular **cribbage social group** at the Legion this winter. Six or seven members indicated an interest so further follow up will occur.



George VS stepped up to tell us about our plan to get around

the need to pre-book and pre-pay for our luncheon meetings.

Effective on November 1st we will no longer have to pre-order or pre-pay, but we will have to **pay (by cash or cheque)**

**at the door at each meeting.** To make this work we will need to ask members to do everything they can to attend our two Tuesday meetings each month.

Anthony reminded everyone that our annual **Remembrance presentation** will be held at the Carriage House again this year on November the 11th, and we are excited to note that our former member Jim Hennessey will be our special guest speaker on the subject of Canada's Role. Don't miss this wonderful event.



Rob noted that we are holding a **"bowling for polio"** event at Toppler Bowl on Saturday from 7pm to 9pm at a cost of \$30 a person. We still need a few players so please contact Rob and sign up.

Rob also took the opportunity to highlight that we will be holding our **Thursday evening social get together** next week at Dixon's. This event runs from 5:30 to 7pm and will have speakers, Kathy and Will, who manage "Dreams Transportation", which helps those in need get to their various appointments.

## Chase the Ace:

Rob began by noting that we have only 34 cards remaining in our deck and that our pot is \$1,488. This week's winner was George Kimura who ended up choosing the 8 of Spades, thereby winning \$78 but leaving our grand prize for another day!



Rob then noted that while we will not have to prepay for meals going forward, we still wish to ask members who will continue playing Chase the Ace to send their funds monthly to Al as if nothing has changed.

Bev asked our ADG Garfield Ganong to introduce today's speaker, our DG, Steve Leavitt.

After his presentation, Bev highlighted a few dates to remember:

- October 22nd at 9am is the annual Grants Qualification Seminar
- also on the 22nd, from 7pm to 9pm is the Pins for Polio event at Toppler Bowl
- October 27th at 5:30pm is our evening social meeting at Dixon's
- November 1st is our next regular noon meeting
- and our November 11th Remembrance event is a must to attend

Bev thanked everyone for attending today and offered best wishes to all. She asked our DG Steve Leavitt to lead us in reading our "4 Way Test", and wrapped up by reminding everyone to "Imagine a world that deserves our best".

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*

## Planting Seeds of Vibrancy ... cont'd from page 1

He asked the members at each table to take a few minutes to come up with some ideas on how we could improve our Club. Once this was done, he asked for a brief outline from each. Here are a number of the ideas raised:

- Increase our membership
- More "hands on" service
- More "hands on" fundraising projects
- Consider amalgamating with another Club
- Increase our activity on Social Media to attract new members
- Create a Club jacket to increase team morale
- Encourage members to bring guests to our meetings and events
- Work harder on retention

Steve ended by telling us about his Club in Raymond. It has 12 members and works closely with an Indigenous reserve located in their area. They have a program of planting a remembrance tree in each yard of families which lose a member. This program has led to their planting 15 trees in the first year, the same in the second year, and they will be doing the program again this year. They also have a program where they help prepare food for some families on the reserve.



Dale asked Hank Popoff to thank our speaker, and he did a fine job doing so, referring to the special level of effort and dedication displayed by each and everyone of our District Governors. This role is the "toughest job in Rotary", and on our behalf Hank thanked Steve for inspiring us today. He then presented him with our regular speaker's certificate in appreciation for his presentation today.





Photos courtesy Bev Tonkinson



## In Memoriam

### Gwendoline May Burgess

December 23, 1931 –  
October 24, 2022

Gwen Burgess, beloved wife of Chinook Rotary founding member Ian Burgess passed away on Monday, October 24th, 2022 at the age of 90.



Gwen was born in Menaik, AB on December 23rd, 1931. While working in x-ray at the Winnipeg General Hospital, she met her future husband, Ian Burgess, who was a medical intern on staff. They were married and eventually moved to Calgary in 1969.

Gwen attended many Rotary Chinook events, and her gentle kindness, caring, loving attitude toward anyone she met, will be greatly missed.

A celebration of Gwen's life will be planned for a later time. The family welcomes donations in her name to Rotary International's Ending Polio Campaign via

[www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/ending-polio](http://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/ending-polio)

or St. Laurence Anglican Church

[www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/39504?v1=true](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/39504?v1=true)

*In Memoriam*



## A Note of Thanks

A donation of \$2,000 was made to Shelter Box by each of the three clubs involved in YYC Ribfest 2022, for Pakistan flood relief. Shelter Belt had their boxes and tent at Ribfest. We received a note of thanks from them.

### THANK YOU!

*"Your Club's donation will help empower families with not only shelter but with the ability to recover. By providing shelter aid and the training needed to rebuild, families can restore normalcy to their lives, communities can work to recover together, and families can even return to work or school."*

*S. Christie*





## Pins 4 Polio October 22nd

We had 59 attendees for Pins 4 Polio on Saturday October 22nd to support Polio Plus, including about 14 non-Rotarians. RI Director Drew Kessler was also in town, and participated in the event. Eight clubs were represented so a great multi-club fellowship event. Thanks to our Chinook members Bev, Anthony, George Kimura, Neil and Jeff Beatty, Moe, and Dale for coming to participate.

**\$430 was raised for Polio Plus !!**

*Photos courtesy Rob Wolfson*



## Networking Meeting @ Dixon's October 27th



*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*



## Rotary Foundation Month

November 1st	Jackie Jansen van Doorn, Military Museums
November 8th	Pints @ Peanuts monthly lunch — 12pm
November 11th	"Rotary Remembers" 10:00 am @ the Carriage House Inn — speaker Jim Hennessey
November 15th	No meeting
November 24th	Evening Networking meeting



## Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 6th Elaine Wilson, Senior Director, Operations — CUPS

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## Vocational Service Month

January 3rd Kelly Falardeau, 7x Bestselling Author and Amazon Best-Selling Author Strategist

## Volunteer !!

We have an opportunity to volunteer with the Cystic Fibrosis Organization through their Christmas Fundraising program.

What: Gift wrapping presents  
Where: in South Centre Mall  
When: starts December 1st and ends December 24th  
Shifts: 3 1/2 hour shifts or 4 hr shifts, between the hours of 10 am and 9pm, depending on mall hours

If you want more information or interested in volunteering, email me at [dale.rotary@shaw.ca](mailto:dale.rotary@shaw.ca) and I can put you in touch with the Team Leader for South Centre.



I am the Team Leader for North Hill Mall (16th Avenue and Crowchild Trail NW) — if you know anyone in the North that might be interested in gift wrapping at that mall, please have them contact me.

This is a fun volunteer gig and no experience is needed — there is a video if you want inspiration! Please share this with friends and family.

Dale Perret



## Rotary Remembers

**November 11 at the Carriage House**  
**10:00 am**

We are very pleased and proud to announce this year's speaker is Jim Hennessey. There will be more updates as we get closer to the event. This meeting will be in person only.

*Remembering the sacrifice of those who fought and died for us.*

"Without freedom there can be no ensuring peace and without peace, no enduring freedom."

— King George VI

## Volunteer !!

### Chinook Rotary 2022 Christmas Kettles

Location:

Chinook Centre Mall — the hallway by the Indigo/Chapters book store

November 18th Friday  
November 19th Saturday  
November 21st Monday

You can get the Christmas Kettle volunteer sign up sheet on ClubRunner. Please contact me for more information, or to sign up ... 403-278-8061 or cell 403-650-6205 or e-mail [tgwada@ymail.com](mailto:tgwada@ymail.com)

Thank you! Ted Wada



## Rotary's Areas of Focus



PEACEBUILDING AND  
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,  
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT