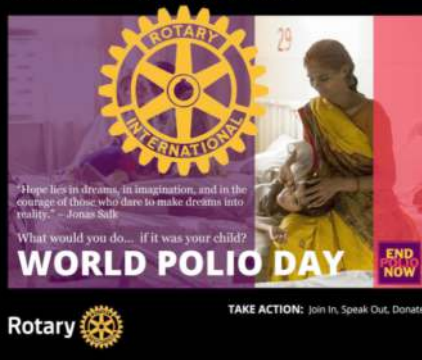


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OCTOBER 24TH



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Homes for Hope & Polio Update

Dan & Marlene Doherty

Bev welcomed Marlene and Dan Doherty to the podium to tell us about "Homes for Hope". Marlene began by telling us about the program. It is all about local volunteers (including Rotarians with their family and friends) travelling to Northern Mexico to assist in building homes for local families in need.



The general program requires volunteers to get themselves to San Diego at a specific date and time (usually a Thursday pm), where they meet up with the other people in their group. They are then bussed across the border to their project base of operations (a 45 minute trip), and broken down into teams depending on the number of homes they are planning to build. Each team is tasked with constructing a home. Tools are provided on site, and of course professional project leaders provide proper guidance to ensure everything is done correctly and safely. The homes are constructed in two days (Friday and Saturday), and the volunteers return to their own homes on Sunday. The program also provides the family receiving the home with some cash so they can start off with some furniture, clothing and food.

Dan then took over to tell us more about the actual people who receive these newly built homes. He told us about a family with a baby who had medical issues, and was in need of surgery. Through the magic of Rotary, sufficient funds were raised to complete the necessary surgery, resulting with the family not only receiving a new home but also an improved life. He then told us about Anna, a young teenager whose father was blind with cataracts, and whose mother worked cleaning rooms at a local motel. The family lived in an old school bus and was selected to be a recipient of one of the new homes. Rotary not only built them a new home, but also provided \$1,000 for the father's eye operation which restored his sight, and another \$500 to fund Anna's school year. This was another great example of providing "a new life" for this family.



The team has been visiting this area for many years, and has the opportunity to see the families again and to follow their progress. It has proven to be a very emotional and rewarding process for all involved.

Dan told us that they are planning another home building trip next March, and they are seeking more Clubs to gather a team (or to partner with other Clubs to do so) of 15 volunteers to join their crew. Apparently the cost is \$10,000 to fund the building

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President Bev called our meeting to order at 12:15, welcoming all participants, followed by the singing of O Canada. We had 3 guests today pushing our total to over 30.

Bev thanked Bob for being our Scribe for September, as well as Neil and Peter 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. She went on to thank George V.S. and AI for successfully managing our lunch booking and payment system each week.

(Note from Scribe: I wish to thank Bob Montgomery for doing a great job on Scribe duties for the months of July, August and September. The break was so long I completely forgot that I was up again for October, so had to scramble to get back on track! My apologies for any errors or omissions.)

Neil introduced our three **Guests**, Dan and Marlene Doherty (our speakers for today) and Michael Fisher who is a guest from Ontario.



Bev introduced our **Indigenous Fact** for today which involves the number of Canadians who are Indigenous? The 2021 Census reveals that the answer is 5% which is slightly higher than the 4.9% in 2016. Their percentage growth during these five years however (9.4%) outpaces our non-Indigenous growth over the same period (5.3%).

After a lovely lunch, Bev re-convened our meeting by calling on Bob Montgomery to announce our Birthdays and Anniversaries for



October. **Birthdays:** Bob announced our birthdays for October starting with Paul Hussey on the 1st, Peter Bickham on the 2nd, Michael Spears the 9th, Anne Dale the 18th, Hank Popoff the 18th, John Charrett the 23rd, and Fred Jessee on the 24th. Our spousal birthdays include Angela Wolfson on the 3rd, and Grace Wada on the 26th.

Our **Anniversaries** include Rae and Carol Campbell (57th) on October 2nd, Garth and Barbara Plunkett (50th) on the 7th, Hank and Janet Popoff (56th) on the 8th, and Syed and Faari (35th) on the 25th. Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Bev reported on our recent **Bottle Drive**. We raised \$376 and, when we take into account all of our 6 "pick ups" since January 2021, we have raised over \$1,500. While not a great deal of money, it is easy to complete and will go to a good cause.

Bev advised a **note of interest** regarding some famous people who were Rotarians at some point in their career: Sir Winston Churchill, Neil Armstrong, Pope Francis, Sir Edmund Hillary, Thomas Edison, John F. Kennedy, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Walt Disney. Who knew!?

Bev has introduced a new item to our schedule which she describes as an existing member telling us something people don't know about him/her. This week it was Paul G's turn and he told us about a couple of events which he experienced as a young man, newly married to Beti, when they lived in Charlottetown. Paul was a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce (referred to as the JCs) and in that role, he learned some lessons about dealing with sensitive political issues and also experienced a few memorable experiences while visiting a maximum security federal penitentiary in New Brunswick.



Sunshine Report:

It was reported that Bart Bailey has recently had eye surgery to deal with cataracts and will be recuperating for awhile.

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Sergeant at Arms:

Tammy took the opportunity to fine a number of our members for various errors or omissions. She started with Stephen based on a somewhat incomplete report in a recent e-Arch. Apparently it is true that Tammy is retiring from her current role, but will immediately switch to another role which will continue her career for an extended period. Apparently Neil needs some practice in the introduction of guests,

and guest Marlene was fined for having a darker tan than Tammy. Dave Wylie committed an etiquette error by selecting a dessert on the right side of his plate which mixed up everyone's choice, and Hank was fined for having a birthday and anniversary in the same month.



Good News/Bad News:

Dave Wylie announced that he and Ruth are off to Budapest on a holiday, and Ted thanked Dave for finding his wallet on the floor. Moe donated \$30 to commemorate her 30th anniversary as a member of Chinook Rotary (Congrats Moe!), and Hank paid a fine in commemoration of his birthday and his and Janet's anniversary, both this month.

Rotary Minutes:

- Bob Montgomery brought us up to date on our continuing activity with "Meals on Wheels". We (5 of our members) have taken on responsibility for delivering weekly to a route on Fridays. Apparently the need is strong for drivers to sign up, and we encourage anyone interested to speak to Bob or Wayne for further details.
- George VS stepped up to tell us about our plan to get around the need to pre-book and prepay for our luncheon meetings. Effective 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.

Thank You Tammy!

For several years my wife Maria and I had tried to get life insurance for her. Due to medical problems that she has had, this was impossible. A few years ago I contacted Tammy to see if she could help, expecting I would get the same answer meaning "no, we cannot approve her for life insurance".

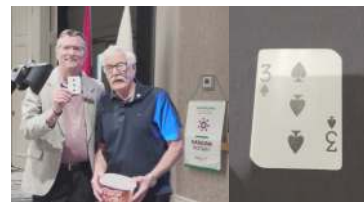
Instead Tammy was able to obtain a life insurance policy for Maria at very reasonable cost. For going above and beyond, Maria and I would truly like to thank Tammy for what she has done. Words cannot properly express how much this has meant to Maria and I. Tammy, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Bill Stemp

Chase the Ace:

Anthony began by finalizing business from our last meeting, by asking George VS to pick a card. He chose the 7 of spades, so our grand prize remained intact. George had won \$78 for his weekly win.

This week's winner was Neil Beatty, who ended up choosing the 4 of spades, thereby winning \$78 but leaving our grand prize at \$1,404 !!



Speakers:

Bev welcomed Marlene and Dan Doherty to the podium to tell us about "Homes for Hope".

After the Dohertys' presentation, Bev highlighted a few **dates to remember:**


- October 11th when we will be having our "Pints @ Peanuts" monthly lunch (just fellowship, no business)
- October 18th which will be our next regular luncheon when our DG, Steve Leavitt, will be visiting (please make an extra effort to attend)
- October 27th which will be our next social evening at Dixon's.

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

The 4-Way Test

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?


**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

Meeting adjourned at 1:30. *Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*

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 Hennessy. 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

At this time, in 1976, a group of member candidates had been sponsored and promoted to form a new Rotary Club, sponsored by the two longest serving clubs in Calgary — Downtown and South — and promoted by an experienced group of their members dedicated to the expansion of Rotary in the district. We were chartered a few months later, on March 1977 and celebrated in April of 1977 at a gathering of Rotary members at the Palliser Hotel. One charter member, Fred Allen, was the son of the presiding District Governor, as we were recognized.

The RI district 536 at that time was all of Alberta, the SE corner of Saskatchewan and the NE corner of BC, with about 40 clubs in the district overall. Our assigned boundary area, which they did in those days, ran from the Stampeder Hotel to South Centre Shopping centre. The major focus was on the Chinook Shopping Centre area and the businesses there as prospective members, as we expanded. We, like all Rotary clubs worldwide at the time, were an all male membership.

One of our Charter Members, the late Ron Smith, had also been a Charter Member of the Calgary West Club. Another Charter Member, John Zaorizny, left the club soon after we formed to become the Minister of Energy for the Provincial Government. Curly Galbraith, one of the three “wise men” and an RI Vice President, took it upon himself to call every active member on their birthday to offer his personal congratulations. Dr. David Chevalier DC was the first member to pass away. He did so by drowning on a holiday in Mexico. I was contacted by a friend of his years later, who advised he had actually been murdered! Authorities had dismissed that, there was nothing we could do to further follow up.

Proposed New Member

The following new **Member** proposal was accepted by the Board for membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook:

PAMELA R. MONTGOMERY

Proposed by: Bob Montgomery
Classification: Teacher — retired

In accordance with Club Bylaws, Article XI, Section 5:

Method of electing New Members

“If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the Board from any member (other than Honourary) of the Club within seven (7) dates following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of admission fee (if not Honourary membership) as prescribed in the bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership. If any such objection has been filed with the Board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee, shall be considered to be elected to membership.”

Dale Perret, Secretary
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Jim Thompson, President 81/82, Historian

We have had dozens of fun fund raisers, fellowship and club projects over the years. A few highlights would include:

- Acquiring 1,000 shares of the Stampeder CFL football club during the SAVE OUR STAMPS effort in the mid 80s, when there was a concern about the franchise moving from Calgary. In 1990 we had an outstanding project /fund raiser, the purchase of a chuckwagon in the Stampede to be known as the ROTARIANS. The sponsor canvas was bought for \$20,000, funds raised from all Rotarians in and around Calgary, and there was a big party at Spruce Meadows for participants. Our driver was Stan Robertson. The Kelly Sutherland rig went for \$50,000, sponsored by Petro Canada, and won the race.
- Our Pro Am golf tournament of 1997, not as successful as we hoped for as a fund raiser. The golf pros did well, the tournament was a sell-out but we did better with a member/guest format in later years. Club member Herb Assman, Byers Transport, sponsored a huge trophy for the Pro Am ... we need to re-purpose this trophy, as it was only presented once.

Charter President Greg MacLellen, often is quoted for profound statements. One that seems important as we recover from the nightmare COVID disruption is as follows, “the RI Constitution, Bylaws and Avenues of Service are beautiful ONLY when real people give them hands and feet”.

I miss the weekly commitment to meet as a club. I miss the printed roster of members, as the best and handiest link, which for some reason after 40+years, was discontinued. Time to focus on the original Objectives of Rotary ??

Chinook Rotary Club Society

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Chinook Club Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2021-2022 will be held on November 1st 2022 during our regular club lunch meeting that day.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1 Adoption of October 19th, 2021 minutes
- 2 Review and approval of 2021-2022 audited financial statements
- 3 Election of at large Society Board members 2022 who will serve until the next AGM
- 4 Explanation of the audit process for 2022-2023 financials
- 5 Brief remarks by President of activities during the last year
- 6 Other business as necessary

This notice is given in accordance with our bylaws that require a minimum of 5 days notice to call the meeting.

All current members in good standing of the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook are also members of the Society and entitled to vote at the meeting.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Peter Bickham
President, Chinook Rotary Club Society.



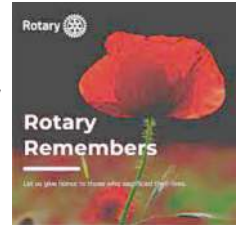
Economic and Community Development Month

- October 18th Erin Stoddard, Calgary 911
DG, Steve Leavitt, will be visiting (please make an extra effort to attend)
- October 22nd "Pins 4 Polio" Multi-Club Bowling Event 7 - 9pm @ Toppler Bowl
\$30 pp, contact Rob to join in
- October 27th Evening Networking meeting @ Dixon's Pub



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

Home for Hope & Polio Update

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supplies, plus \$450 per volunteer to cover other costs. It is a great team building exercise, and provides wonderful fellowship and even better service to the people and community in Mexico.

Marlene took over to give us a brief update on Rotary's fight to eradicate polio. The phrase "polio is only a plane ride away" has been proven true with recent cases showing up in New York City and Britain. Apparently both cases have been traced back to visitors from Pakistan. Marlene confirms that the fight continues with Rotary announcing another \$150 million to fund our vaccine efforts, comprised of \$50 million from Rotary and \$100 million from the Gates Foundation.

Dale thanked our speakers and presented them with our regular certificate in appreciation for their participation.



PINS 4 POLIO



Make Your Own Team of 4 or 5 players (Non-Rotarians welcome)
Cost is \$30 per person for 2 games
(50% goes to the Foundation for Move 4 Polio).

Saturday Oct 22nd 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Toppler Bowl (7640 Fairmount Dr. SE)

Join your Fellow Rotarians for 2 games of 5 pin bowling. A great multi-club fun and fellowship event to make you move and raise funds for Move 4 Polio and Polio Plus!! #WeAreThisClose

** Optional event fund raiser. Rob Wolfson vs. Tracy Smith...
Pick your competitor & donate per point from their Professional Match
(e.g. score 265 at \$0.10 per point = \$26.50)

**Featuring a Pro 5-pin bowling match between Tracy Smith (The 2022 Canadian 5 pin Ladies Master's National Singles Champion) and Robert Wolfson (2022 Canadian 5 Pin Open Nationals Mixed Team Silver Medalist).

RSVP: robwolfrotary@shaw.ca or cell (403) 560-6471

Only 12 team spots available

You will be playing 2 games with the Pro match to follow

After Ribfest Beer Bash September 24th

