

This is the last Bulletin of our Rotary Club for 2020. Kathyann is going to take some well deserved time off, and spend it with her family. The next Bulletin will be published following our January 7th meeting.

Likely, the most appropriate thing for me to do in this last Bulletin of the year, is to acknowledge the challenging year it has been, say something inspirational about the year ahead, send tidings of good will, wish everyone a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a Happy New Year, full of promise and hope. "Appropriate" has never been my strength, so, please consider that done.

For full disclosure, the overriding thought, as I write these comments, is, "It's Half Time, Baby".

The first half of my game as President of our Rotary Club is over. I will take a little break, retreat to the dressing room, think about what is working, what isn't, chat it up with some of my teammates, give myself a pep talk, offer up a prayer, and come out recharged and energized for the second half of the game.

As spectators, I hope you will enjoy some entertainment during the half time break, have a lovely, Christmas dinner, drink some New Years' Eve cocktails, and be back in your seats, full of excitement and energy for the second half.

Don't you dare leave before it's over. Like any good football game, I am sure this game will go down to the last minute, and who knows how it might end. Will there be any turnovers, interceptions, fumbles, quarterback sacks or spectacular run backs? Will a streaker run down the field? Will a cheerleader fall off the top of the pyramid of other cheerleaders? Anything can happen, and if you aren't in your seats, you could miss it.

The official kick off of the second half is at 12:15 on Thursday, January 7th, on ZOOM, when I will give my State of the Union Address. I hope you will be in your seats, wearing your team colours of Rotary Blue and Gold. Let's show the Rotary Wheel, because

We've got spirit, yes we do!

We've got spirit, how about you?

We've got strength, yes we do!

We've got strength, how about you?

We're the best Rotary Club, we're on top!

When it comes to supporting the community, we never stop!

Yea, Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.



Letting you know, I've got the football, I've got plays no one has seen, I've got the inner fire, and with your support, we will score a couple of big touchdowns in the last half of this game. Then, we will meet in the parking lot for one hell of a post-game, tailgate party. Who's bringing the chili, who's bringing the buns, who's bringing the beer and who's got the ice? We got this! We are Rotarians!!!, from Stampede Park!!!

All kidding aside, Merry Christmas everyone. Remember that each of you is special, and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year. Please stay safe and healthy. May God bless you and your families.

Penny Leckie, President

President Penny opened the meeting, noting that there were over 74 attendees. Another good turnout. Good afternoon Rotarians and Guests. Welcome to the December 17th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President for 2020/2021 – Penny Leckie. Let's continue with December's theme of miracles.

What about the miracle of elves who organized, created, and delivered the Christmas treat packages. The elves' names will be published in the Bulletin today. I want to acknowledge and applaud their hard work, so we can all have a little bit of Christmas. I am receiving wonderful feedback from many members.

In particular, I want to thank **Dorothea Schaab, the Chief Elf**. Never mind the Cleven Awards, which we will hear more about later today, I think we should do a joint nomination of Dorothea for sainthood. Here is a beautiful, elegant lady, who put her personal reputation at risk by going to the liquor store and asking them to order in 160 mini bottles of Baileys. She has confirmed that the people in the liquor store now recognize her, and I am sure they are thinking she is tucking a little bottle in her purse every morning when she leaves the house.

Dorothea also told me that the other elves pushed back a bit when she said she wanted to personalize each package, but when she was putting the name tags on the packages, she paused to think of each person, and a memory she had of that person. It was very personal. Thank you Dorothea to you and your committee of Elves.

We have a special meeting today, so please rise and join Lisa Fernandes with the singing of O Canada. We have a number of guests on today's meeting, most of you will be introduced formally later, so I will leave the introductions until then, and just say welcome.

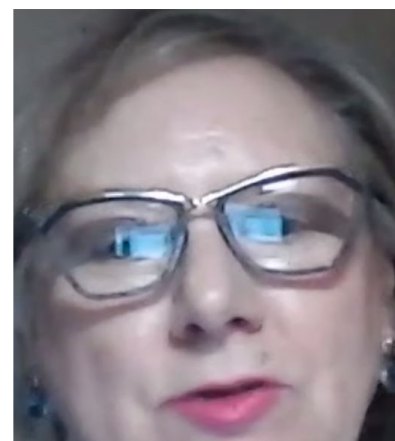
Health and Wellness

I have received a few calls last night and this morning. **Bruce and Lorraine MacDonald** are having a tough time. Lorraine is in the hospital with double pneumonia and COVID. Bruce is at home and has been diagnosed with COVID. He says he is fine, but I understand when you talk to him, you can tell he is having difficulty breathing. He is very concerned about Lorraine, and of course, is not able to be with her at the hospital. Bruce is isolated until December 28th. Their son lives with them. He has tested negative, but is required to isolate, so they are on separate floors. Their daughter lives a few blocks away, and has also tested negative, but is isolating at her home. We need to join together and send as much positive energy to Bruce and Lorraine and their family, and we need to keep them in our prayers. Both Bruce and Lorraine were on last week's ZOOM meeting, and I chatted with him after the meeting. They really enjoyed the Christmas social.

George Adam is bored and misses Rotary, but he is doing well and being cared for by his son and daughter.

Tommy Low is home from the hospital but will be bed ridden for a few months.

Roger Jarvis is recovering slowly and has graduated from the walker to a cane. If you have a chance to call any of these people, they would be pleased to hear from you.



On a positive note, **Al Johnson** delivered the toys to the Salvation Army, and his heart was overflowing with gladness and goodness. He said he continues to be impressed and amazed with the generosity of the Members in our Club. Your gifts will go a long way to make Christmas for some young people in this city. I know a number of our Members are volunteering for various organizations throughout the city, and kudos to all of you.

Today is the last Bulletin we will have until the New Year. January 7th will be the next Bulletin. Kathyann is taking time off to enjoy Christmas with her family, so let's wish her a Merry Christmas. We will continue to meet throughout the holiday season, and I will speak more to that later.

Bev Osterman is our Bulletin Editor today. **Clive Pringle** is the photographer.

Sergeant at Arms: Jim Fitzowich, in the spirit of Christmas and in the tradition of the Club, urged everybody to make a donation to the Salvation Army in lieu of being fined. As mentioned in a previous meeting, we are going to remember the Members we lost in 2020. Today, we are remembering **PP Ron Prokosch**.



RON PROKOSCH TRIBUTE INTRODUCTION BY DOROTHEA SCHAAB

Today, we are honoring the life of Past President Ron Prokosch who passed away June 20th following a valiant battle with cancer. Ron joined the Rotary Club of Calgary South on June 4, 1982. He was sponsored by Howard Miller. He served as a director in 1992 and 1993 and as president of the club in the 2018-2019 Rotary year.

He was involved in many committees including: the Dinner Club, Challenger Park, Social, Strategic Planning, Legacy Projects, Mentoring and Youth Exchange. He was 110% committed to Rotary. This was so evident during his presidency when he was undergoing treatment for his cancer ... the treatments were taxing his strength, yet he would arrive at a board meeting and with "true grit" lead us through a number of challenging issues.

He also served on the Health and Wellness committee a year ago with me. He always volunteered to contact those in our club who were also battling cancer. I believe he not only found strength in those conversations, but he was able to offer encouragement and comfort to those undergoing treatment. From being involved with hosting Youth Exchange students, and from chairing the Youth Service committee while I served on the Board of Directors during Ron's presidency, I know firsthand of his commitment to youth.

Nowhere was Ron more committed than in his dedication to the Youth Exchange program in which he also served as District chair for a period. His legacy to youth exchange was certainly evident this summer in the video that Steve and Jamie produced in which former exchange students (both inbound and outbound) sent their greetings and appreciation to "Uncle Ron." Ron's legacy will carry on through Youth Exchange with the **Ronald Prokosch Memorial Scholarship** for our Youth Exchange Outbound students.

Steve Mason has also produced a slide show of some wonderful photos that the family have supplied as well as some from our Rotary photos.



Mary McPhee: I would like to say thank you for inviting me to say a few words about Ron Prokosch. My late Husband Bill, four Rotary couples and myself were great friends of both Ron and his ex-wife Lynn for years, starting in the early 1980's! We would often be together at each other's homes for dinners and any Rotary function that we could be involved with.

I do remember one time when we were all out at the Prokosch's Canmore home for a Grey Cup Game. We were about to start watching the game when the kitchen sink sprung a leak. Well, supposedly the educated men in the group, decided that this was an easy task.

Now we are talking about a Human Resource person, lawyer, a clothing salesman and two engineers. Their response to the problem was, PAUSE "Nothing to It!!!".

Well it took these men a few hours to correct this issue, I am totally convinced a plumber would have had it fixed in 10 minutes. You got to know there were many ideas, as to how to handle this situation, none really great. I might mention that there were libations involved.

In 1995 The Prokosch's, four Rotary couples and us, went to the Rotary International Convention in Nice, France. Before going there we all took a two-week tour of Italy. It was a most enjoyable trip and all of us learned a lot from our Acting Sommelier Mr. Mel Gray, we also seemed to be emptying our wallets a lot to pay for these treasured drinks. Ron would attest to that!

While at the Convention in Nice at the Closing Ceremonies, we all performed on stage in front of about 10,000 people promoting the 1996 International Convention to be held in Calgary. I know if any of you were in the four-month training for this event, you truly would know how bad we really were. We even were trained by the Choreographer of The Young Canadians. I am sure she has never had to deal with such a group before or since. We did manage to put on a successful show that seemed to please the audience. I know Ron cherished the hat we all had to wear at this performance as he still had it.

Ron and I remained friends right up until the end of his life. I was so fortunate to know Ron and be able to assist him with his deteriorating health through the years and more specifically the last three months. It was a joy to have a few dinners with his chosen friends at my home and to see the smile on his face as he enjoyed the friendship shown him.

He was an honest, trustworthy, fairly quiet individual who truly had integrity and loved Rotary, most importantly the Rotary Exchange. He believed in the four-way test and lived by it. He really gave everything he had and more to make anything he did a huge success each year. A few hiccups but always rectified. We all remember the special tribute paid him by some Exchange Students at his President's Ball. It truly was amazing and well earned.

Ron was born on September 6, 1946 in Edmonton. He and his parents and sister moved to Red Deer in 1951 where he attended junior and high school. Ron worked with his family furniture business before relocating to Kansas City to study in a program that would prepare him to work in the airline industry.

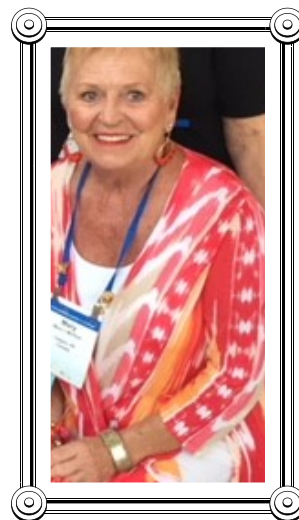
In 1964 he returned to Canada and Joined Canadian Pacific Airlines in Vancouver. Later he would attend Mount Royal with his good friend Gord Shopland PAUSE and this friendship lasted until Ron left us on June 20 of this year.

Following graduation from Mount Royal, Ron moved to Ottawa where he studied Political Science & Public Administration. Ron married in January, 1974 and inherited son Scott and moved to Toronto with the Bay. Ron and Lynn had a son Matt in July, 1975.

1978 found Ron in Winnipeg working for Canada Permanent Trust. 1980 Ron advanced his career and joined Gulf Oil as Manager of Recruitment. This same year Howard Miller, one of our cherished members from the past introduced him to Rotary. For many years Ron owned and operated a major Human Resources Consulting firm in Alberta and Saskatchewan. 2020 until his passing he was an independent Consultant/Contractor called the Prokosch Group

He held many memberships and Professional Positions. He served as Vice Chair of Calgary Rotary Challenger Park Board of Directors, Rotary International Youth Exchange and many Human Resource Positions. He also was a Member of the University Calgary Senate, and President of Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

Ron is survived by his son Matthew and wife Loreen, son Scott and grandchildren Christina, Jake, Taylor, Joey, Catlin and Haley. I know Ron will be remembered by all of us with each of our own memories. Ron was a great friend to me and I will miss him a lot.



Mathew Prokosch shared some memories of his father. Mathew fondly remembers working on the Dream Home with him. Ron was passionate about Rotary, especially Youth exchange, and was greatly honoured by the student tribute to him at the President's Ball and the Youth Exchange scholarship in his name. Ron had some good advice – "Slow Down", take time to enjoy the important things in life, family and experiences. He worked very hard, but followed his own advice and took the time to slow down. He made time to travel and spend time with family, especially his beloved grandchildren.

Gordon Shopland was a friend of Ron's from high school days, when they were both members of a Youth Parliament. They roomed together at college and he has many good memories of their escapades. They had many gatherings over the years at the condo in Canmore and at a cabin north of Edmonton, sometimes with Ron's Youth Exchange students in tow. Rotary was a very important part of Ron's life and he was touched by the student video and the scholarship. Over the last two years, Ron struggled, but true to his commitment he carried on. He was a great friend, who is missed by so many

Thank you Matt, Mary and Gord for those precious memories. We dearly miss you, Ron, Rest in Peace ...

President Penny thanked the speakers for these beautiful memories. Ron was President when I became President Elect Nominee. He immediately welcomed me into Executive level meetings, and I learned a tremendous amount from Ron. I am grateful for the mentoring I received from Ron.

Someone who was quite close to Ron and who I know mentored him during his year as President, was **Past President Sherry Austin**. Sherry is going to provide us with an update of the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation

CRCF Update: Sherry Austin

We have spent the fall learning more about our two important Foundations, the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation and the Rotary International Foundation. Today, you will receive an update on our local Foundation.

As announced during the CRCF launch on September 24 your CRCF Committee was going to connect with each of you to thank you for your donations and to provide information regarding the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. Our Team (Sherry Austin, Bob Brawn, Greg Martin, Norm Devitt, Al Johnson, Bryan Targett, Jim Fitzowich, John Price, Norm Legare, Dan Dunlop, Ken Farn, Amy Giang, Kevin Macleod, Dilan Perera, Michael Ruttan, Gord Weicker, and Don Gass) had incredibly positive experiences connecting with all of you. During this time of the pandemic, members told us they were happy to have a lovely conversation. From the feedback we have received, the phone campaign was an overwhelming success.



From the 37 members who donated on a consistent basis for years to build CRCF we now have 55 members who have made contributions. And did they ever make a difference – nearly \$60,000 has been donated to date and the year is still in play. These funds will continue to build the legacy of charitable giving to our local community for which our Club is renowned.

On behalf of our Team, we send all of you a resounding cheer of gratitude; those who provided cheques, credit cards, monthly funds, securities, and lovely good will in a tough, tough year. As you know, our local Foundation is the only source of funds for our charities during this Rotary year.

Stay safe and happy; your kindness of funds and thoughts will help a lot of people in need over the years to come.

From Your CRCF Team

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-calgary-rotary-clubs-foundation/>

CLEVEN AWARDS

Bryan Walton introduced the Awards program. The Cleven Award, established in 2006 recognizes outstanding individuals who show their dedication to the Club by committing to significant assignments that further the advancement of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. One again this year we have two very deserving candidates who had multiple nominations.

I would like to start by thanking the Club members who submitted nomination forms and letters. We had many high quality candidates to consider but I can say the decision of the Cleven Recognition and Awards Committee during our final meeting was unanimous. I would also like to thank members of the selection committee for their time and thoughtful input.

Today each of the Honourees will have a Club member present a testimonial. Each of the Honourees will respond and the program will wrap up with final comments by a former Club President and Cleven recipient. Thank you.

Sherry Austin: 2020 Cleven award presentation to Steve Mason

I am most proud to present Steve with our Club's 2020 Cleven Award for distinguished service at the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

I remember the first time I met Steve. He had just been inducted into our Club and he had this quiet yet strong demeanor that just sticks with you. He is really smart and observes everything; nothing escapes his attention. He listens intently to everyone and shows the most amazing patience I have ever seen. He is always ready to help others. Over the years he has displayed a most positive and dynamic demeanor on an ongoing basis. He radiates a feeling of good will and kindness wherever he goes.

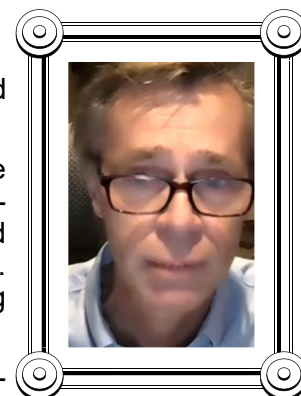
Should you ever have the privilege to watch Steve in action when he creates a video story, you will never forget it. I have seen him with total strangers who within minutes he has them 'eating out of his palm'. He subtly and deftly brings his interviewee to life as they offer information about themselves one would probably never garner in a conversation. We are the beneficiaries of his professionalism and his friendship.

Now that you know a little bit about the person, let's talk a bit about his commitment to our Club. As a Board Director in 2016-17, he provided leadership to a number of committees. He is a member of the Small Grants Committee and the Large Grants Committee and is particularly proud of the bus that was given to Renfrew School to assist students with special needs. He lends his expertise to the Communications Committee, the Photography Committee and the House Committee. Our weekly recorded meetings are a product of a system Steve developed to transport them to YouTube for your viewing pleasure. He also manages the power point presentations and pre-produced videos we see throughout our meetings.

Steve has truly served and elevated our Club in so many ways with his amazing technological skills. They go way above and beyond the expectations of a volunteer through connecting our members to one another and the world around us. His in-depth expertise of the use of technology to communicate and enhance interactions is remarkable. Our Club has become extremely dependent upon these skills and expertise and the Cleven Award is a wonderful way to acknowledge their importance to our Club.

Through the development of our Profiles for our senior members to the CRCF videos that have shown our members how their donations help those in need, to weekly recording of meetings and making the transition to Zoom meetings, there is no way to calculate the true value of what seems like his endless contributions to strengthening our Club. He creates a unifying world for all our members. We have never needed him so much.

Now, it is my honour to bestow the 2020 Cleven Award upon this most remarkable member, Mr. Steve Mason.



CLEVEN AWARDS

Steve Mason speaks: Bryan Walton called me about a month ago with the good news that my business partner, Jamie Moorhouse, had been chosen as the recipient of this year's Cleven Award. I was over the moon for Jamie & I thought that Bryan was calling to ask me to perhaps say some words about Jamie at the event today.

Then Bryan dropped the kicker: I too had been chosen as a recipient this year. I'm really honoured & humbled, and to be chosen alongside Jamie - someone who I think is so deserving for his work in Rotary - is amazing.

Thanks to you, Sherry, for your kind words. Thanks to Keith Davis for pestering both Jamie and me for years; it was probably more than 10 years that he kept up the effort to have us come check out a meeting. It's hard to believe that 10 more years have passed so quickly since I joined Rotary, but they've been years full of opportunity and growth. I wasn't sure how an organization like this, one that's full of type A personalities, would work with a guy like myself who is clearly not that. Greg Martin told me that Rotary needs everybody, not just Type A's; everybody can contribute. No matter who you are, you have to find your niche and go for it.

One of the great things that I've learned in Rotary is the power of teamwork. Significant things can be accomplished for the people and organizations that need us when we work together. To quote the philosopher, Aristotle: "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." He also said that, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

That's what we strive to do as Rotarians - bring a high level of excellence to everything that we're involved in.

So thanks for the opportunity to contribute, to work together and have fun together. Keith Davis said, over twenty years ago, that a lot of good would come into my life from being a Rotarian. He was right. It's been a great ride. Thank you everybody.

Ted Stack: 2020 Cleven Award Presentation for Jamie Moorhouse

Good afternoon President Penny, honoured guests and fellow Rotarians. I feel very privileged today to have the opportunity to present our Club's Cleven Award to a very deserving individual.

When I considered who I would nominate for this award, I went to the Club Roster and took some time to reflect on the profiles I saw on every page. Needless to say, the vast majority of our Club members are worthy of being recommended so I took several days and narrowed it down to the those I had the opportunity to work with directly on various committees and initiatives as I probably knew them best. It's a tough job to narrow down one's list when they come from a group such as ours. I also reviewed the criteria that makes this award so special within our Club - commitment to service, major leadership responsibilities and strong work ethic.

Then I looked at the previous award recipients and thought WOW that's a distinguished group! So, I considered how my recommended candidate would compare to these highly respected members and further refined my choice. Eventually I came to a decision and made my recommendation to the Cleven Awards Committee and left the tough decisions up to them. As it turned out, their recommendation to the Board was aligned with my own. When asked if I would like to make the award presentation today, I was delighted to do so.

President Penny, Ladies and Gentlemen, my candidate is a bilingual international traveller and entrepreneur. He is a hard rock music lover, a techno geek and creative whiz kid which helped him reach Cleven Award status. I have had the privilege of working with the award recipient for 5 years – as long as I have been a member of our Club. He easily satisfies the written criteria for this award. But the written criteria don't speak as loudly as his actions. He works tirelessly for our Club, is always saying "yes" when called upon to help. He offers his services without hesitation and I can't recall a missed meeting or deadline. He is a model Rotarian and has supported every key committee and charitable initiative supported by our Club. In addition, he "passionately serves people in need" internationally with his hands on support of Carpenters 4 Cambodia, a group of Canadians building homes in some of the poorest regions of Cambodia.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am so very pleased to present the 2020 Cleven Award to **Jamie Moorhouse**.



CLEVEN AWARDS

Jamie Moorhouse speaks: Thank you, Ted. I am very honoured and humbled to receive the Cleven Award. When I look at the list of past recipients, I think perhaps there has been a mistake. There are also a few names on that list that jump out to me and have played a big role in my Rotary journey so far.

In all begins with Keith Davis who had the persistence to encourage both Steve and I to come to a Rotary meeting as he was sure it was something we would like. And not to pump your tires too much but boy were you right. I really do like Rotary.

When I joined Rotary I had an interest in International projects and joined the WCS committee which was then chaired by Don Taylor. Don showed me the ropes and got me hooked and I've been following in his footsteps ever since from WCS member to WCS chair then onto the District grants committee chair.

The other name is Bob Wiens. There isn't much in the world of International service, both in Rotary and out, that Bob can't help you with. He is a constant source of information and whenever I have a challenge he is there to help me through it. I had the great fortune to spend time in Colombia with him and Marlene and visit the work they do and it is inspiring.

I am still amazed that I get to have lunch with, work on committees with and help make our communities better with all of you. Thank you all for this award and for welcoming me into Rotary and allowing me to be a part of the best Rotary club in the land.

A wise man once told me that it takes time, treasure and talent to make a successful Rotary club and the key is that each one of those things is equally important, so as a Rotarian you do whatever you can. So I am and will continue to do so. Thank you all again.

Now I will turn it over to that wise man...**Greg Martin.**

Greg Martin summed up. **Steve and Jamie.** When you two joined our club 9 years ago I don't think any of us really knew what your membership was going to mean to our club or how the technology you possess would change the quality of our meetings and improve the club's ability to communicate with our membership. Your classifications of Digital Media Production and Corporate Video Production were the first clue we were in for big changes. Now look at us. This Club must be one the best Rotary Clubs in the world when comes to communicating with its members.

Our meetings are now filmed and recorded. Absent members can stay in touch with the Club by watching the meetings on their computers or they can download meetings at their leisure. The meetings are now equipped with all the current technology so our guest speakers can easily show films, power points presentations, photos, graphs etc.

This really came home to me when I had to do a CRCF Power Point presentation. I phoned Jamie and told him what I was thinking and he said "put it on a thumb drive and bring it to me before the meeting and I will set it up. No fuss, no muss. He handed me a laser pointer let me practice with it. Presto. I remember doing presentations when I brought the projector from work, and practiced working with it, worried it may not work – stressed.

You two came to us as a team and you are a blessing. I do not know how many hours a week you commit to us, but it is substantial. We come to the meetings to party. You come to work. Now, with the current covid 19 controlled meetings, I have watched how involved you both were at the BMO Center. Fixing sound problems, zoom communications, integrating the guest speaker slides for our filming and making everything stress free for our president. Or as least less stressful.

President Penny speaks: Congratulations Jamie and Steve. You have both done so much to support me during my year as President, that I am delighted to see each of you win a Cleven Award.



Paul Harris Award:

Dorothea Schaab was able to present **Louise Vant Erve**, St Mary's Principal her Paul Harris award and certificate.

We did the official presentation on Zoom a couple of weeks ago.



**Next Thursday:
December 24th,
Christmas Eve**



Normally, we wouldn't have a meeting, but since everyone is just hanging out at home, we decided to try and connect. I know a team of Members is putting together a great meeting for us, which will include a Gameshow called Suspicious Santa's.

They will be trying to determine who the real Santa is and who the imposters are. I know it will be a lot of fun, so if you are able, I hope you will join us.

And, mark your calendar, there will also be a meeting on **Thursday, December 31st, New Years' Eve.**



We will be staying connected and together throughout the holiday season.

So, to get you in the spirit for the fun we will have next week, I have a couple of Christmas jokes for you:

Why was the snowman looking at the carrots in the grocery store? He was picking his nose...



Here's one for Glenn Richardson..

What cars do elves drive? Toyotas...



And one for Christmas 2020...

What will the Elves use to clean Santa's sleigh before the big night? Santa tizer...



Create some Christmas spirit everyone, and if you have it, share it.

Have a good week everyone and stay safe.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

A most heartfelt **Todah Rabah (thank you)** to all the drivers who helped deliver the Dreidle game to the Hanukkah Party guests.

What makes our club so special is the camaraderie that seems to span the test of physical distancing. :-)

Drivers: **Ted Stack, Corinne Wilkinson, Rudy Ruberto, Glen Godlonton, Kendall Bocking, Terry Allen, Hugh Delaney, Mark Ambrose, Stacey Johnson, Bob Wiens, Dilan Perera, Michael Vandezande, Chas Filipski, Keith Davis and Larry Stein.**

This could not have happened without the logistical and labour support of **Kathy Demorest and Dorothea Schaab.**

Submitted by: **Gena Rotstein**



Christmas Treats: This Christmas the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park wanted to reach out to its members and friends as well as our Stampede catering staff to provide a small gift of Christmas treats.

- ♦ **Toby Oswald-Felker** gathered the candy
- ♦ **Chef Michael Zacharki** baked so many shortbread and molasses cookies:
- ♦ **Corinne Wilkinson** busied herself making the bookmarks
- ♦ **Dorothea Schaab** organized distribution lists and packing supplies.

The distribution of the 163 packages began on December 11th with the assistance of these Santa elves: **Penny Leckie, Phil Jackson, Toby Oswald-Felker; Spencer Tonkinson, Ted Stack, Rudy Ruberto, Tony Ng, Dilan Perera, Hugh Delaney, Mark Ambrose, Keith Davis, Christine Kyte, John Shield, Bev Ostermann, Glen Godlonton, Michael Vandezande, Earl Huson, Chas Filipski, George Deegan, Larry Stein, Dorothea Schaab, Kendall Bocking, Bob Wiens, Terry Allen, Gena Rotstein, Kevin MacLeod and Corinne Wilkinson.**

It was good to have some short “doorstep” visits with our fellow Rotarians ... we dearly miss the fellowship that we have shared in past.

Photos courtesy of Anna Zacharki
and Toby Oswald-Felker



DID YOU KNOW?

- ⇒ There are a number of Rotary Parks in Calgary. Do you know where they are? Watch upcoming Bulletins for hints.
- ⇒ If you are looking for a different walk to take advantage of the unseasonable weather, check out the Rotary Mattamy Greenway website for some suggestions
- ⇒ The new 2020/21 Roster has been printed and will be distributed as soon as we line up some Christmas elves to repeat last week's delivery of goodies.

SUBMITTED BY: BULLETIN CHAIR, BEV OSTERMANN



COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

JANUARY 26 2021: Afternoon Shift starting at 1PM TO 3:30 PM TO 4PM

We currently have 5 volunteers from Fish Creek, 4 From Chinook and 3 From Centennial which gives us 12 of the required 20 needed for the shift. I will be seeking 4 Calgary west members so we need about 4-5 additional volunteers.

Please let me know if you can provide volunteers for the Jan 26th shift which will be packing Good Food Boxes of fresh produce. Currently this past few weeks CKC has been packing over 1,000 boxes a week and this is a growth of over 70% from last year.

I will need contact names and email addresses as we get closer to the date. Please contact me directly at: lawless1947@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer

As you can see this is an opportunity to come together as clubs to enjoy some interaction and socialization which we do not do enough of as clubs.

Let's make this work!!

Many Thanks

Bill Lawless lawless1947@gmail.com

Volunteering at the **CALGARY FOOD BANK**

Hi everyone, Penny asked if I would provide information on volunteering at the Food Bank.

I have been volunteering and can tell you it is MUCH different than what you may remember when we used to arrive in full Rotary force every festive season to either sort in the warehouse, or distribute food on the assembly line directly to clients.

The Food Bank now asks for an estimated 6-week commitment on a certain day and a certain shift as this helps tremendously with contact tracing should we need to be contacted. I have been there since March and can vouch that the protocols are excellent. So that's the first thing before letting the Food Bank know you'd like to help – they would request this commitment.

The second is to understand there are various roles –sorting in the warehouse and “shopping” which is literally that. Taking a grocery cart and making the rounds to the food stations, the fridge/freezer and ending with a stack of baking to fill a cart according to colour schemes that identify how many people a cart is feeding.

If you are not sorting or shopping, you are taking the filled grocery cart and running it outside to the vehicles. Food Bank clients are not allowed to get out of their vehicles until you have left the cart at their trunk, waved through the window, and head back into the building. At which time they pack their own vehicle, depart, and we retrieve the empty cart from the parking lot. It is then fully sprayed down with sanitizer at the doors before it goes back into the shopper's hands to refill.

If anyone is interested, I am happy to facilitate an email introduction and simply advise you are a member of The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park interested to volunteer.

Please email me at corinne@whitehathospitality.com or call at **403.471.2101** if you'd like me to pass on your name and I will let you take it from there.

Thank you for being interested enough to ask about the process! There is a lot of very good food leaving the building which is enough to warm even a Grinch's heart this time of year.

Corinne Wilkinson





Jennifer Jones will be the first Woman President of Rotary International and is a Canadian from the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland.

We believe this is a great opportunity to hear from Jennifer on a very local level. The meeting will be in webinar format (sign up required) and will last one hour. The entire meeting will be dedicated to Jennifer's presentation (with maybe a little Santa Claus mixed in). There will be a short Q and A session as part of the meeting.

If you are prepared to make this a regular club meeting let us know and we will recognize the club on the webinar.

Email Pat Killoran killoran.rotary@gmail.com However, any and all members are welcome on **December 21**. We encourage Rotarians to register for the webinar at the following link recording Firstname Lastname – club

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wbBX8NgzQs2ilrgSrsoYw

After registering, they will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Even if the club is not making this their weekly meeting, we ask for your assistance in announcing and promoting this rare opportunity at your upcoming meetings and in your newsletter. Please call or email me if you have any questions.

Yours in Rotary

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL THE PARTNERS AND ROTARIANS**

From my house to yours, wherever that might be, Happy Holidays and may you all be healthy and safe.

May the Christmas Season bring only happiness and joy to you and your beautiful family. We miss you and hope to see you in 2021.



Denise MacLeod President, Rotary Partners

**SUBMITTED BY
CORINNE
WILKINSON**



CHRISTMAS COOKIES?



**NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY
CHRISTMAS COOKIES**



December Birthday Fun Facts

- * As you well know, you share your birth month with a ton of festive religious holidays, such as Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. It's like the whole month is lit up in your honor!
- * The birthstone of December is the turquoise, which represents prosperity, success, and good fortune.
- * December's flower is the narcissus, which symbolizes rebirth and respect.
- * The zodiac signs associated with December are Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec.21), which is characterized as extroverted and optimistic, and Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19), which can be described as professional and organized. Which one are you?



Happy Birthday !

Spencer Tonkinson	Dec 5
Dana Hunter	Dec 12
Ted Stack	Dec 12
Kevin MacLeod	Dec 13
Deb Sands	Dec 14
Craig Stokke	Dec 14
Manny Rai	Dec 15
Don Bacon	Dec 16
Marilyn Balfour	Dec 18
Stan Cichon	Dec 23
Terry Allen	Dec 26
Carol Graham	Dec 30
Rick Jakubec	Dec 30
Rudy Ruberto	Dec 30
Ken Copithorne	Dec 31
Gena Rotstein	Dec 31

"Believe" we will see and hug each other soon

Photo taken by Corinne



Happy December
Birthdays

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Dec 24th Christmas Social ONLINE**
- Dec 31st New Year's Eve Celebration ONLINE**
- Jan 7th President's State of the Union Address**
- Jan 14th Judge John Reilley: "Bad Law"**
- Jan 21st Minister of Health: Hon. Tyler Shandro**
- Jan 28th Burns Day Celebration**
- Feb 4th Dr. Ted Morton**
- Feb 11th Annual Valentines Day Luncheon with Partners**
- Feb 18th Legacy Project Update: Stampede Foundation**
- Feb 25th Rotary Profiles: Hugh Delaney**
- Mar 4th International Women's Day:
Leela Aheer, Minister of Culture & Status of Women**
- Mar 11th St. Patrick's Day Celebration**
- Mar 18th Sue Ozdemir, CEO: Exro Technologies**
- Mar 25th TBA**
- Apr 1st Virgil Lowe: Telus Agriculture**
- Apr 8th TBA**
- Apr 15th Large Grants Presentation**
- Apr 22nd TBA**
- Apr 29th Rotary Profile: Jim Burns**

WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS

- A link will be sent out every Monday or Tuesday
- There is a reminder an hour before the meeting
- Save the link and join us at 11:45 am On THURSDAYS
- Please don't request the link after 11:45 am as the meeting is already in progress
- If anyone would like to join but struggles with Zoom please either help them or reach out to the Tech Committee or Kathyann for assistance

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS CONTACT FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

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