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3 DECEMBER

My mother's sister, my Aunt Diane, was deprived oxygen during a portion of her birth, so lived her life with a mental disability. She was close to my mother's age, physically, but much less emotionally mature. She lived her whole life at my grandparents' home, so I spent a lot of time with her. Sometimes, she was grouped with us kids when it came to activities and responsibilities and sometimes, she was grouped with my mom and the other adults when it came to activities and responsibilities. It was like she was an aunt and a cousin at the same time. Diane was a very happy person and I have many pleasant memories of times spent together and laughter shared.

The thing that sticks out most for me was her obsession with television, movies and celebrities. She loved Tommy Hunter, The Brady Bunch, Little Joe on Bonanza, who then grew up and went on to Little House on the Prairie, and she knew every word in the movie The Sound of Music.

My grandparents lived in a very tiny rural farming community outside of Brandon, MB. Diane started out in school with kids her age, but the school system was not equipped for individuals with special needs. The small community raised her, and she knew everyone in it. She loved to be teased and had such a great laugh, so people always took time to chat with her.

As an adult, she got the opportunity to attend "school" in Brandon. My grandparents drove her in everyday, and she did all sorts of crafts, etc. She participated in the Special Olympics and made many new friends.

Woolco had a store in the local mall. They hired my Aunt Diane, and another lady from the "school" to work in their warehouse and price stock. She had a real job making real money. The women in the store took my aunt under their wing, and I don't think there was ever a bridal shower, baby shower, open house or cocktail party those women had that my aunt wasn't invited to and didn't attend. Eventually, stock was no longer priced in the warehouse in the store, and my aunt was no longer employed by Woolco. For the longest time, though, the women would include her in their social functions, and whenever Diane had a bit of extra time, she would go over to the mall and pop in to see her friends at the store and say hello.

My grandparents ultimately retired into Brandon. Diane knew the Brandon transit system by heart, and she would take the bus all over the city. She loved to go to the library and to the mall and to meet her friends for a coke.

Aunt Diane lived to her mid forties, but then developed cancer, and a brain tumour. Our family was stunned at the turnout for her funeral and in particular, the number of people we did not know. So many people came up to us and said, "Diane would just stop in as she went by and say hello. She was always smiling and happy and always made me smile. We will miss her brightening our day."

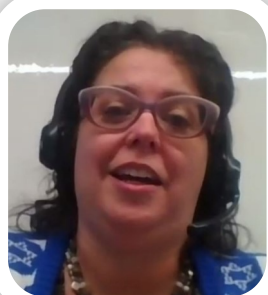
Although Diane and others like her are considered to be persons with disabilities, I have often wondered if they shouldn't be called persons with special abilities... Their abilities are just different from ours...and let's face it, we all have weaknesses, or what might be considered disabilities when compared to the special abilities of others.

As good intentioned as the International Day for Persons with Disabilities is, let's focus on abilities, not disabilities, but let's still take the opportunity to celebrate people with special abilities.

Penny Leckie, President

Rotary
Club of Calgary at Stampede Park





Gena Rotstein introduced our Guest today. Gena said she was honoured and thrilled to talk about and share her Jewish culture with us today. **Ilana Krygier Lapides** grew up in Calgary and one thing she and Gena have in common is that they went to the same Yiddish School together. Yiddish is Gena's second language but she admits that she can't speak it now except for telling jokes. We will have lots of time for your questions at the end. Gena mentioned that at Hanukkah she was always excited to invite Members of our Club to her house for food and fun. Unfortunately it will have to be next year!

Ilana Krygier Lapides

Welcome, everyone. I'm excited to present Chanukah 101 which is a **very small** taste. Chanukah, as with most Jewish holidays and traditions, has been around for thousands of years so we won't be able to cover everything today. I also want to state the caveat that this isn't a particularly academically rigorous look at the holiday – This is very much a light look at Chanukah. With the state of the world as it is, I thought that some gentle education was the best recipe.

I know everyone is about as relaxed as a cat in a room full of rocking chairs, so I'd like to invite you to take a moment to come into the room and be present. Take a slow breath in and then out. Close your eyes and do that again. Good. Now, please sit back, relax and enjoy Chanukah – the Festival of Lights.

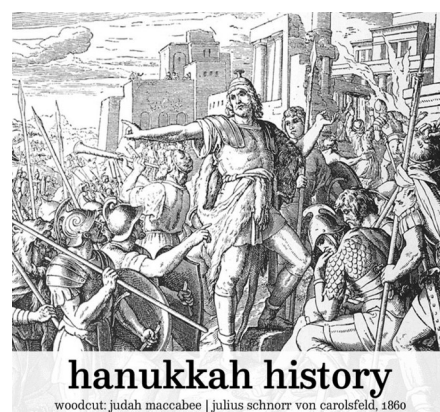
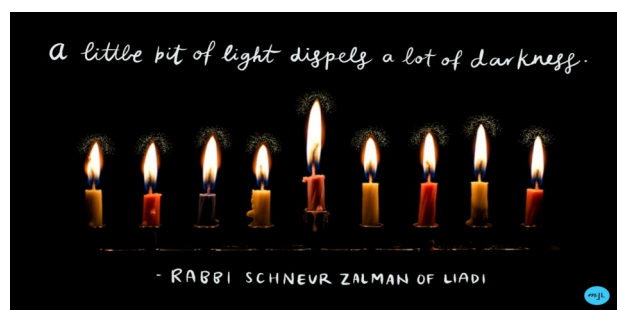
Chanukah is the Jewish eight-day, wintertime "festival of lights," celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers, games, and fried foods. Chanukah gets a lot of press because it is at Christmas time but it is a fairly minor holiday. As opposed to other Jewish holidays where we are commanded to not work, pray in Synagogue, conduct special rituals or Fast, Chanukah is a strictly at-home, everyday, family-oriented festival.

Here is the Hebrew word for Chanukah – always spelled the same way. There are jokes made about how to spell it in English, but honestly, Chanukah is a Hebrew word so the way its transliterated is not important. While the history of Chanukah is contained in the Books of Maccabees, these are not part of the biblical canon so Chanukah is considered a Talmudic or Rabbinically ordained festival.

While Chanukah comes around the Winter Solstice, is in no way related to Christmas. It's a Jewish holiday celebrating an event around 170 B.C.E. (1) Jews follow the Lunar as opposed to the Gregorian calendar (with a leap month inserted every few years to ensure that holidays stay in the same season as commanded).

Chanukah begins on the 25th of the Hebrew month of Kislev and lasts for 8 days which sets it anywhere from the end of Nov. to the end of Dec. (2) The joke among Jews is that Chanukah is always early or late – because we have no idea when 'on time' would be.

You probably know Chanukah as a sweet home-based festival that brings light into the darkness but its history is much less peaceful than that. (1) Chanukah is actually a celebration of a military victory that occurred before the common era in the land of Israel.



In 332 BCE (Before the Common Era) Israel was conquered by Alexander the Great. From then on and through the Ptolemaic era, Jews lived in relative peace and freedom until 167 BCE (1) when King Antiochus Epiphanes, a Greco-Syrian ruler, insisted that all the populations under his rule worship in the same way. Jews who resisted were slaughtered en masse and those left alive were told that Judaism is outlawed.

The Holy Temple at which the Jews worshipped was seized by Antiochus, desecrated and turned into a pagan shrine complete with a statue of Zeus and pigs sacrificed at the altar. (2) To combat this oppression, the Temple Priest, Mattitiah along with his sons, the oldest of which was Judah the Maccabee (Maccabee means hammer), staged a rebellion. In 164 BCE, Judah and his men defeated and drove out Antiochus and his army and were able to recapture the Temple.

The Temple was dedicated back to G-d and that is where Chanukah gets its name: Chanukah means Rededication. You've may have heard about the Miracle of Chanukah. The apocryphal story is that during the rededication of the Temple back to G-d, which includes lighting the eternal flame ((1) an oil lamp that is lit in honour of G-d and is not allowed to be extinguished), there was only enough uncontaminated and Kosher oil to last for a single day. Fresh oil was sent for but the supply wouldn't arrive for days. (2) Despite this, they lit the lamp anyway and it lasted 8 days – long enough for the pure oil to arrive to replenish the eternal flame. (3) This is what we refer to as the miracle of Chanukah and is why we light candles in its honour.

We are instructed to light our Chanukiah at the window of one's home as a symbol of both light in the darkness and as a lesson of tolerance against forced assimilation.

I will do a sample lighting of the Chanukah menorah for you and will sing the blessings. **(Please see meeting link to hear Ilana as she has a very beautiful voice)**

In honour of the oil-related miracle of Chanukah, we eat foods cooked in oil, primarily potato pancakes called latkes (See recipe in Bulletin) and Jelly doughnuts called Sufganiyot.

In the old country, it was traditional to give a small amount of money to children as a Chanukah present, money in Yiddish is 'gelt'. When I was a kid, my relatives would pinch my cheeks and slip a quarter or two into my hand. (1) Nowadays, gelt is chocolate and wrapped in foil. It's a nice addition to a Chanukah celebration but not the focus.

Due to its proximity to Christmas, (2) for some, Chanukah has evolved in the Western world to include presents. Since this is an evolving practice, everyone does what works best for their family. Some families make it a daily custom to give a present each night for all 8-nights: usually 1 significant gift and on the other nights, children get socks or small tokens.

In my family, we started a tradition where our kids get one main present and the rest of the nights of Chanukah are themed. For example, one night is chocolate night, One night is parent night when the kids have to make something homemade and give it to us, one night is Tzedakah night – Tzedakah means charity – and each child has to research a cause that is special to them and then we give money to that charity in the child's name, etc.

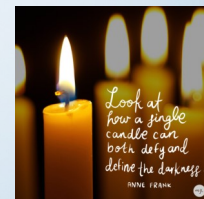
How We Celebrate – The Menorah



Menorah



Chanukiah





And last but not least, we play the Dreidle game. The word Drei means spin in Yiddish. The dreidel itself is a 4-sided spinning top with Hebrew letters on each face. The Hebrew letters, Nun, Gimmel, Hay, and Shin are an acronym for Ness Gadol Hayah Sham which means 'A great miracle happened there.' In Israel the shin for Sham is replaced with a pey for Poh so that it changes to A great miracle happened here.

Dreidel is basically a gambling game which requires very little skill and lots of luck. It was traditionally played on the kitchen floor with nuts or raisins as the booty. These days, children play for coins or chocolate gelt. The reason we play dreidel goes back to it's origin story. Jews, under the oppressive and restrictive rule of Antiochus would disobey the laws study their holy Jewish books in secret. Someone on look-out during these study sessions would give warning if any soldiers were coming at which point, the Jews would stash their scrolls and pull out spinning tops. When the soldiers arrived, it looked as if the Jews were simply playing a gambling game and they would be left in peace.

To sum up Chanukah, I love this quote from the late, great, Rabbi Jonathan Saks.

Chanukah is a lovely but minor holiday that celebrates freedom of worship, the liberation from oppression and brings light into the darkest days of the year. Thank you for allowing me to share with you today



“Hanukkah is about the freedom to be true to what we believe without denying the freedom of those who believe otherwise. It’s about lighting our candle, while not being threatened by or threatening anyone else’s candle.” -Rabbi J. Sacks

Larry Stein thanked Ilana: Hanukkah is a special time for us to say thank You for all the little and big miracles in our lives. When we look into the beautiful, pure flames of the candles we remember that no day is just another day. There are blessings around all of us every moment, just waiting for us to notice them. This year during Hanukkah, consider the following three ways to say thank you. (And not only on Thanksgiving).

1. Write a letter.

In a recent experiment, people were asked to write a short paragraph about someone who had transformed their lives. After they wrote the paragraph, the experimenter handed them a phone and told them to call the person that they just wrote about and read them what they had just written. Some of them didn't know the number. Some people went to cemeteries to read their letter at the gravesite of the person they hoped could hear their appreciation. Others reached the person they wrote about and broke down crying as they read their words out loud. Across the board, the participants' happiness levels rose by as much as 20 percent just from this exercise. So try writing a short Hanukkah card or email to someone that changed your life. It's best if you send it, but even just writing it reminds us how blessed we are to have inspiring people in our lives.



SUBMITTED BY LARRY STEIN

2. Keep a gratitude journal.

On each day of Hanukkah, write down three *new* things that you are grateful for each day. This trains our brains to search for the positive in our lives. After a month of keeping a gratitude journal, people begin to think more optimistically and clearly. They stop constantly scanning the environment for the negative, and they notice others' strengths instead of their weaknesses. The half hour after lighting the candles is a special time for thinking about the new blessings of today. Share them with your family as you sit around the menorah. We look into the flames shining with hope, and we remember our own ability to turn darkness into light.

3. Act gratefully.

Do one small act of kindness each day of Hanukkah. Open a door for someone. Leave a note somewhere that will make someone smile. Pay for the person's coffee who is behind you in line. Take a coat you never wear and give it to someone on the street. Give an anonymous donation. Smile. Send a Hanukkah gift to someone who needs it. These small actions increase our own feelings of gratitude and create a chain of kindness. And like the tiny, blue keychain, we never know how far our gratitude will go. Take this gift and pass it on.

President Leckie: Ilana, thank you for speaking to our Club today and for telling us stories about Hanukkah.

To express our gratitude for your participation in our meeting today, our Rotary Club has donated \$100 to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation.

These funds will be invested in an endowment fund to generate income that will be used to make an impact in our community, and which to some will seem like small miracles.

Thank you.



EASY POTATO LATKES

YOU CAN USE IDAHO RUSSET POTATOES BUT SOME COOKS PREFER YU-KON GOLD OR RED SKINNED POTATOES. SERVE LATKES WITH APPLESAUCE OR SOUR CREAM. FOR PASSOVER, USE MATZO MEAL INSTEAD OF FLOUR

Author: Charmian Chrisite

Prep Time: 10 mins

Cook Time: 30 mins

Total Time: 40 mins Yield: Makes 2 dozen

INGREDIENTS

- 4 medium potatoes, peeled or scrubbed
- 1 medium onion
- 2 eggs (or 1 egg plus 2 egg whites)
- 1/3 cup flour or matzo meal
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 3/4 tsp salt
- freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup oil (approximately)



INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a food processor fitted with grating blade, grate potatoes, using light pressure. Transfer potatoes to a colander, rinse them under cold water then drain thoroughly.
2. Insert steel blade. Process onion until minced. Add grated potatoes, eggs, flour, baking powder, salt and pepper.
3. Process with 2 or 3 very quick on/off pulses, just until combined. Do not overprocess.
4. Heat 2 tsp oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Drop potato mixture into hot oil by large spoonfuls to form pancakes. Brown well on both sides. (Don't overcrowd the pan.) Drain on paper towels.
5. Add additional oil to pan as needed. Stir batter before cooking each new batch.
6. Latkes can be placed on a baking sheet and kept warm in a 250°F oven.

Quick Notes

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Good afternoon Rotarians and Guests. Welcome to the December 3rd meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President for 2020/2021 – **Penny Leckie**. It is the first meeting in December, the time of year when miracles happen. The theme for our December meetings will be **Miracles**. They will be featured in a variety of ways and by a variety of people.

Jon Bon Jovi said, "**Miracles happen every day. Change your perspective of what a miracle is and you see them all around you.**"



Cinderella's Fairy Godmother said "**Miracles take a little time.**", but Audrey Hepburn said, "***Anyone who does not believe in miracles is not being a realist.***"

As you go through December, keep your eyes open for the **miracles** in your life, and let's all celebrate our **miracles**, whether they are big or small.

Lisa Fernandes is joining us live today. Please rise and join Lisa Fernandes with the singing of O Canada.

I want to make everyone aware that given the Club's financial limitations, the Board has determined it will not be extending Lisa's contract beyond the end of December. I have chatted with Lisa about this, and she expressed gratitude to the Club for having maintained the contract until now. We both agreed that we want to maintain the relationship and hopefully, someday, when we return to Rotary House and when we have more liquidity, Lisa will return to playing in person for us on a weekly basis. Lisa is planning to participate in each of the December meetings in some form. Lisa is passionate about assisting musicians who have been impacted by the pandemic, and will be sharing more information with us, as it become available.



Virtual Head Table: Ilana Krygier Lapidès, who will be more formally introduced later, and Gena Rotstein who has taken on the task of building a program so our Club may participate in Hannukah. On a personal note, I am very excited with what Gina and Ilana have to share with us today.



Christmas Toy Drive: Toys may be dropped off at **Allan Johnson's business at Sheraton Labels: No. 112, 5726 Burleigh Crescent SE Calgary AB**

Al is also willing to pick up toys if you can't deliver them. The toys need to be received by next **Thursday, December 10th** for delivery to the Salvation Army. Only a few toys have been dropped off so please consider taking part in this charitable effort. You can contact Al Johnson at: **403 815 5774** or email: allanj@sheratonlabels.com



Bulletin Editor: Sandy Dougall

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Health and Wellness:

Leon Popik: Dorothea reached out to Leon. He had a second stroke back in May and it affected his left side. His previous stroke 5 years ago affected his right side. Leon is sticking close to home due to his health, but he welcomes calls and cards.

Roger Jarvis: Chas Filipski advised that he visited with Roger recently. Roger is making progress in his recovery and welcomes calls from Rotarians. Chas found both Marie and Roger in good spirits.

Family of Rod Bower: Dorothea Schaab received this note from **Shelley Bower** and thought our members may like to know that Rod's family saw the tribute we did for him last week.

Good morning Dorothea,

On behalf of Chris and his brother, I'd like to thank you for the kind words about Rod, for getting in touch to include us, and for forwarding the meeting link. There were some nice photos of Rod, I especially enjoyed seeing the photo of Rod and George! George's stories were lovely to hear as well.

Thanks again, Shelley Bower

Drivers Required: There are a couple of initiatives under way. I want to keep it a secret, but Gena is looking for some assistance in delivering some packages to Members, and I know the Health and Wellness committee is requiring some assistance in delivering packages to Members. If you have some time and are willing to help out, get in touch with **Gena and Dorothea** and they will put you to work.



Sergeant-At-Arms: Keith Davis

Well, what can I say? Here we are in the middle of an out-of-control pandemic that struck in the middle of an economic downturn in this province that is among the worst we have ever experienced. On top of that, we have a federal government that is dedicated to the destruction of the oil and gas industry, and now is running wild racking up deficits that even our grandchildren will be hard-pressed to pay off.

Against that backdrop I'm supposed to find fault with you and fine you just as you are closing out one of the worst years in our memory? Sorry, but even I am not that mean.

I know you are all voluntarily digging deep to help out the Food Banks and many other charities through all of this, so I'll just wish you all the best for the coming season, with wishes for your continued good health. I think our talk today about Hanukkah, which begins one week from today, and the spirit of cooperation and respect that we share with our Jewish friends and neighbours is absolutely outstanding. The Jewish community has played a huge role in the development of Calgary and Alberta, contributed in a major way to a thriving business community, been the driving force behind many of our most esteemed cultural facilities, and contributed in a very real way to Canada being the great country it is.

But on second thought, maybe I should try to raise a little cash while I'm up here. Larry Stein, I hereby fine you \$5.00 in cash. No cheques, please.

President Penny: Our original intention was to remember **Harry Pelton** today, but at the family's request, this is being deferred until the New Year. I thought I had one of our newer members lined up to do a classification talk, but that fell through the cracks. So, the good news is, we have a tremendous opportunity to learn about and celebrate Hanukkah.

Next Week: December 10th: Christmas Social.

The Social Committee has a great program planned. Like our annual in person celebration lunches, please invite your Partner to join us for the meeting.



We have been asked to wear our Ugly Christmas Sweaters. We have been asked to bring a glass of Christmas Cheer. Whether it's egg nog, with or without rum, coffee and Bailey's, hot chocolate with peppermint schnapps, or an elegant but simple glass of wine, please join us in the Cheer part of Christmas Cheer.



The program includes some breakouts, so we can share fellowship and create some Christmas spirit.

Our Social Committee has been working very hard on what has been a constantly evolving landscape, so I hope you will support them by attending.

Remembering our theme of miracles, Albert Einstein said, *"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is."*

Believe in your heart that you're meant to live a life full of passion, purpose, magic and miracles. Annnnd, never, ever, ever, forget that you yourself are a miracle.

Until we meet again, I am wishing everyone a miraculous week.



Annual Christmas Toy Drive

Please deliver toys to Allan Johnson's business
at: Sheraton Labels
No. 112, 5726 Burleigh Crescent SE Calgary AB

Please deliver during business hours until Thursday December 10th Allan can also pick up any toys you have. Toys will be delivered to the Salvation Army on December 10th for distribution to those in need. Email: allanj@sheratonlabels.com Cell: 403-

The poster features a central text box surrounded by various colorful illustrations of toys and holiday-themed items, including a red and yellow airplane, a blue and yellow helicopter, a blue and yellow UFO, a red and blue hot air balloon, a brown monkey holding a banana, a red and blue drum, a brown dog, a yellow chicken, a yellow boat, a yellow and red stacking ring, and a yellow and red hot air balloon.

Rotary Christmas Luncheon Event December 10th, 2020 on Zoom

- * Christmas entertainment from our Members
- * Fellowship in break-out rooms where we can chat about Christmases past
- * Ugly Sweaters are DEFINITELY encouraged
- * Bring your own Christmas Cheer inside your bubble so we can virtually toast the season
- * Toasts by President Penny and President-Elect Craig Stokke



We ask that you invite your Partners (in same zoom as the Member wherever possible)

We would like everyone from the Partners Group to attend if possible

MORE DETAILS AND ZOOM LINK TO BE PROVIDED SOON

I would like to thank everyone who supported Rotary Remembers this year.

We had 211 people register for our first "virtual" Rotary Remembers and your generous donations, combined with the contributions from the Rotary Clubs of Calgary, raised \$13,746.45 in support of the Calgary Branches Poppy Fund.

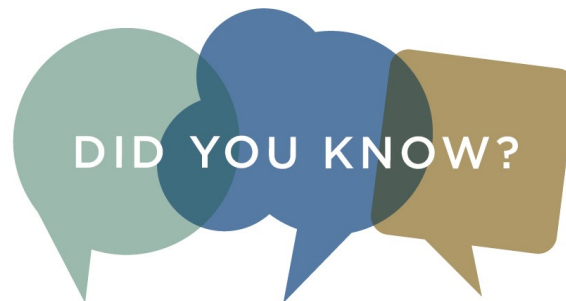
For those of you who made personal contributions, your tax receipt will be forwarded to you directly from the Poppy Fund.

In addition to our speakers and the Rotarians that contributed to the success of the event on screen, I would like to recognize the efforts of the people who worked behind the scenes including the Rotary Remembers Committee consisting of Roger Frayne, Robyn Braley, Greg Smyth, Brian Guichon, Anthony Tonkinson and Jim Fitzowich.

I would also like to thank our production team of Charlene Bearden and Rebecca Avileli who did an amazing job.

Thank you again for your support,

Doug Hood



- ⇒ Some Rotary clubs are reporting that GOING VIRTUAL because of COVID-19 has actually benefited them through increased attendance, additional membership and lowered operating costs - a bit of a silver lining
- ⇒ There is a very interesting, thought provoking article about altruism in this month's issue of ROTA-
RY MAGAZINE
- ⇒ As of Wednesday afternoon, it appears that only two gifts have been delivered to Alan Johnson's office for the TOY DRIVE

SUBMITTED BY: BULLETIN CHAIR, BEV OSTERMANN

An exciting opportunity has presented itself!

We are seeking four (4) "***passionate about youth***" Rotarians to mentor 4 aspiring Interact leaders who are members of the inaugural District 5360 Interact Committee.

Hibah Syed, District Board Member at Large, is the Chair of this exciting new committee and she is thrilled about this opportunity to connect Interactors with Rotarians! Please email her should you have any questions or simply wish to apply at:
hbhsyed@gmail.com

The deadline to apply is December 16th, 2020

Here are the requirements for the Rotarian mentors:

- Attend bi-monthly virtual meetings (starting in January 2021) and give their insight on initiatives.
- Provide assistance to their Interact mentee and help them complete tasks. These tasks could include writing emails, connecting them to district committees, and brainstorming ideas.
- Communicate with their Interact mentee outside of meeting times if needed to complete tasks.

Here are the descriptions of the roles for Interactors they will be paired with (each Rotarian mentor will be paired with one interactor):

Conference Sub Chairperson:

This role involves the creation and planning of the Interaction Committee in order to host the annual Interaction Symposium. They will be responsible for reporting back to the DIC of advancements made in the planning. They will also act as a liaison to other district youth Interact conferences occurring such as the All Interact Presidents Forum.

Workshop Sub Chairperson:

This role involves the implementation of district-wide Interact workshops. These workshops will aim to foster professional development, financial planning, life skills, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion amongst Rotary. This person will work in collaboration with other committees and guests to organize these sessions.

Special Projects Sub Chairperson:

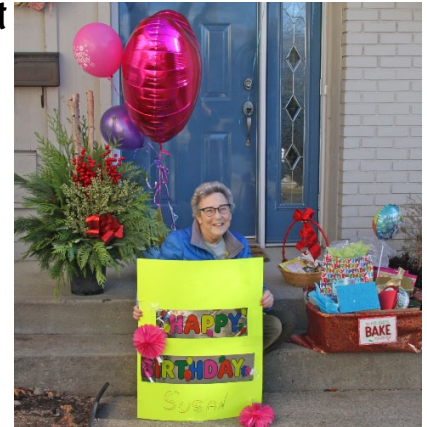
This role requires a person that will introduce new projects that create the opportunity for Interact members to cross club collaborate. These projects can involve group volunteering, group fundraising projects, social media challenges as well as advocacy for chosen causes.

Clubs Management Sub Chairperson:

This role will be the glue of the gaps between the Interact clubs in the District by creating and managing a social media platform for all Interact clubs to showcase their achievements. They will also work to keep members involved by attending Interact President meetings and manage the email account of Interact.

Let's support our young leaders and their passion for Service above Self!

Today, December 3rd is SUSAN BRICK'S birthday (how many? I will not mention!!). The Rotary Partners (20+), under the rounding up of Arlene Flegel, gave Susan a "drive by" birthday celebration outside our house. Susan was truly overwhelmed by the birthday wishes. Susan thanks all who attended as well those who, because of Covid-19, were unable to be present. Susan spent the afternoon opening her cards and gifts and recovering from the grand surprise. I also send my thanks to all as it certainly made for a very memorable birthday for us in the midst of this health hiatus. Please stay safe everyone, Paul."



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

SUBMITTED BY ROSELYN JACK

Day 7 of SOCIAL Distancing: Struck up a conversation with a spider today. Seems nice. He's a web designer.

Just wait a second - so what you're telling me is that my chance of surviving all this, is directly linked to the Common Sense of others?

It may take a village to raise a child, but I swear it's going to take a whole vineyard to homeschool one.

SUBMITTED BY HANS TIEDEMANN





The Executive has decided to host a Christmas Gathering on Zoom on **Wednesday, December 9th from 1:30-3:30pm**. This is the same day as the Christmas Dinner that has been cancelled.

There will be Christmas songs, stories and a Christmas quiz!!!

Please reply by email if you would like to attend. This is a great way for us to connect before Christmas and do some celebrating.

We are hoping for a great turnout. Thank you Maureen Hutchens for this amazing suggestion.

*Denise MacLeod, President
Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park*



CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS



Dec 10th Christmas Luncheon ONLINE

- ♦ Hosted by the Social Committee
 - ♦ Meeting Link will be sent Monday
- Remember to bring your Christmas Cheer, Your Partner & your Ugly Christmas Sweaters**



Dec 17th Cleven Awards ONLINE

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

Mar 11th St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Mar 18th TBA

Mar 25th TBA

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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