



RCCSP Weekly Bulletin December 9th, 2021
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Welcome to the **December 9th** meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I'm the Club's **Past President Penny Leckie**. Please join myself & **Glenn Potter** for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.

Welcome to all of our guests today. Our welcome song goes out to all of you

Welcoming Words: Past President Penny Leckie

Penny addressed everyone in the Spirit of Christmas and relayed a few special moments for herself.

This will be Penny and Darren's first Christmas as a union since reconnecting. Penny enjoyed the opportunity to stand in for President Craig on this special event today.

Christmas Greetings to our Partners: President-Elect: Jim Fitzowich: Thank you to our Partners for being the backbone of our lives and for supporting all of our endeavours. We could not do without you.

Partners President Rhonda Yaskowich: Christmas Greeting to Rotarians: Rhonda thanked all of the Rotarians for everything that we do apart and together and wished everyone great success in 2022.

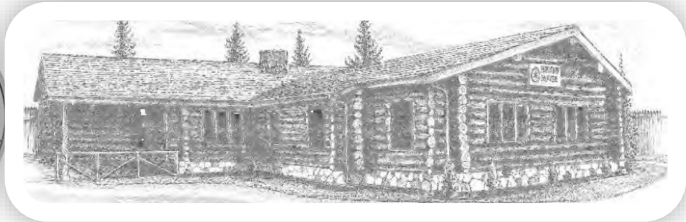
The Rotary Foundation: Mike Ruttan presented +3 Pins to **Steve Mason and Jamie Moorhouse**.

These unsung heroes are the backbone of this club.



Rotary International Conference: Ken Copithorne took to the podium to remind and ask everyone to register in advance for the Houston Conference. Early bird registration is until December 15th 2021. Ken reminded everyone of the conferences that were cancelled due to the pandemic. Ken requested that we have a great showing of support in 2022 for these reasons and also because we ourselves will be hosting the 2025 Rotary International Conference (see 8 in the Bulletin)





**Coming Home for Christmas:
Corinne Wilkinson:**

Welcome Home for Christmas everyone!

How incredibly great is today's holiday event that we can enjoy each other's company in person, share a meal, share a drink, be in our own Rotary House, enjoy live music, and simply live in the moment.

A moment that is not on a computer screen. A moment that is not called "Zoom". A moment that offers us a break from our new language we've had to learn like "we can't hear you - you are on mute!", or "can you turn your video on so we can see you", or "are you wearing pants?"

Just think of all the new things we've learned since our last holiday party together which was December, 2019. I personally cannot believe it's been 2 years. In some ways to me it feels like 100 years. Because Rotary is my family, and it's incomprehensible to me that our family hasn't gathered for Christmas in two years. In other ways, it feels like 2 months, because I can't believe that I am two years older! That's my only Santa wish – that he wipe those two birthdays off my slate.

I would like to thank everyone who brought a toy for under the tree or a donation to the Food Bank. We know the need is great, and I know that our club is there when the going gets tough in our community. If you, or others you know, would still like to donate an unwrapped toy, Santa Al Johnson is accepting them at his office until Dec 14. He will then take our toys to the Salvation Army in time for Santa to pack his sleigh. Thanks Santa Al! And we will be delivering your donations to the Food Bank – thanks everyone for caring.

And ...thank you for bringing an ornament or creating something that you made when you were kids. We wanted to make today just like you were going home to your own family, doing things gathered around the kitchen table. The social committee is donating the tree to a charity, or perhaps dropping it off at the Food Bank for many others to enjoy this holiday season. A very special thanks to Deb Sands for making the tree possible.



On behalf of the Social Committee, and our partner, the Calgary Stampede who have worked hard to make this all possible for us in our own home, welcome and enjoy your luncheon and fellowship.



We will be back shortly! As they say in Dutch – Ate Smaklick.....or in the more romantic language of French, Bon Appetit.



Coming Home for Christmas: Corinne Wilkinson: T'was the Night before Christmas: Rotary Style

T'was the night before Christmas, when all through Rotary House not a creature was stirring, ... not even KEITH

Our Rotary logo'd stockings were hung by our chimney with care in hopes that President of Christmas Present Stokke would be there.

But alas; President Craig ... he ran off to Hawaii, Leaving the Ghost of Christmas Past President Penny to take care of the stockings.

We Rotarians were nestled all snug in our chairs, while visions of pea soup and ham croissant sandwiches danced in our heads.

And Deb in her beautiful silk 'kerchief, and I in my Santa Hat, had just settled in on our butts for a wonderful luncheon chat

When out on BMO Centre roof there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my table, spilling tea over everyone, to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash, I tore (like I mean literally tore) the dusty old blinds and threw up the sash.



The sun on the breast of the oddly yellow snow, gave the lustre of midday to our resident bunnies below,

When what to my wondering deer in the headlight eyes should appear but a miniature chuckwagon and 8 tiny (well ok, not really tiny) bulls.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be Santa Jim Burns



More rapid than Joe Connelly speaks, those raging bulls came, Santa Jim Burns whistled and shouted and called them by name:

"Now Flege! Now Richardson! Now, Devitt, and Hamm! – Oh, and not to leave out you young whipper snappers - On, Ruberto! On, Ruttan!
(Notice there aren't any females pulling Santa Jim Burns sleigh! Don't worry ladies, I've got your back)

To the top of Weadickville, - well, what's left of Weadickville. Heck, even the Coke Stage is coming down! To the top of the WestJet ride!
Now hang on for eight seconds, we'll beat that darn buzzer, and dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before Calgary Chinooks they fly, when they meet with our -35 degree snow blizzards, they mount to the sky

And then in a twinkling, I heard on our own Rotary House roof, the prancing and pawing and snorting of eight bull's hooves

As I drew in my head from the blinds I had torn. I was turning around to see President of Christmas Past Penny filling our Rotary stockings, but down our Rotary House chimney - Santa Jim Burns came with a bound.

He was dressed all in Burnco attire, from his head to his foot, and his clothes were all tarnished with cement and with soot.

A bundle of Rotary nametags he had flung on his back, he looked like a District Governor just opening his sack.

His eyes--how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!

His cute little mouth was singing a tune, and the accordion on his chest was playing so merry.



The stump of a harmonica he held tight in his teeth, and the wonderous music, it encircled his head like a wreath.

He had a broad face and a little round belly, that shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of Rotary blue jelly.



He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, and I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.

A wink of his eye, an accordion song, and a twist of his head soon gave all of us to know, we had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, and filled our Rotary stockings with.... Burnco gravel, then turned with a jerk.

And stepping his foot on top of Joe Connelly's six-foot frame, Joe gave him a hand to hoist little Santa Jim Burns up the chimney again

He sprang to his chuckwagon, to his bulls gave a whistle, And away they all thrashed like the final second of the rodeo.

But I heard Santa Jim Burns exclaim, as he rounded the final corner, looking back for his outriders, and then out of sight,

"I am running off to find the Ghost of Christmas Future Jim Fitzowich. He gave a toast to your partners, and I must hire him as my "from Santa letter" writer.

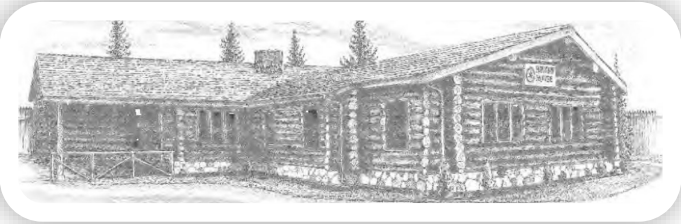
I leave you with the real Santa, as I am but a fill-in....Your Santa who is not a ghost of the past or the future, but who carries with him the real gifts and the spirit of the season in Christmas Present.

My wish to me while I dash away with my bulls, is to ignite my super power of finding gravel where this is no gravel....

My wish to all of you is filled with much love....

"Happy Christmas to you my wonderful Rotary family, and to all of you - and yours - a very good night!"





Coming Home for Christmas: Corinne Wilkinson: North Pole Greetings from Santa



CHRISTMAS W(RAP)

Decorate the house with lights at night, Snow's on the ground, snow white so bright

In the fireplace is the yule log, Beneath the mistletoe as we drink egg nog

The rhymes you hear are the rhymes of Darryl's, But each and every year we bust Christmas carols

Rhymes so loud and proud you hear it, It's Christmas time and we got the spirit

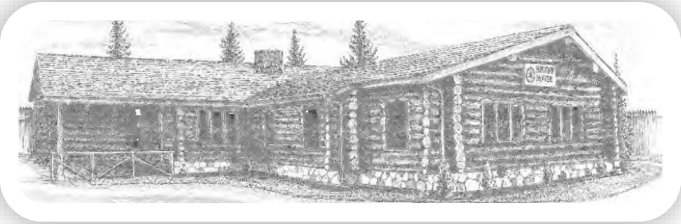
Jack Frost chillin', the trees are out? And that's what Christmas is all about

The time is now, the place is here, And the whole wide world is filled with cheer

My name's Santa C with the mic in my hand, And I'm chilling and coolin' just like a snowman

So open your eyes, lend us a ear, we want to say, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year





**SANTA "C" CAME HOME TO ROTARY FOR CHRISTMAS
ALL THE NAUGHTY AND NICE AND SUGAR AND SPICE ROTARY MEMBERS WERE REMEMBERED**





Coming Home for Christmas: Corinne Wilkinson:

Meet Mary and Dave: Our Performers this afternoon

Mary Boyes is a native Calgarian who has trained with the likes of Sheila Jordan and Jay Clayton. Her jazz vocals have taken her through nightclubs, restaurants and private functions in Alberta, Mexico and New York City. Any audience will appreciate her vocal ability and stage presence while she interprets Jazz Standards, Blues and Bossa Nova rhythms. She brings individuality and inspiration to each song.

David Hirschman relocated to Calgary from New York. He picked up the guitar after seeing the Beatles on Ed Sullivan and hasn't put it down since. His repertoire spans jazz, standards of the great American songbook classic rock, blues, R & B, classic country... Mentored by Bucky Pizzarelli he began playing the 7-string guitar in the mid 90's. He finds it to be the ideal instrument for accompanying vocalists and is especially happy to have found Mary whose voice is a great match for the timbre of the instrument



Concluding Remarks

Ok, a huge round of applause and thanks to our two musicians today Mary and Dave. What a very special treat! Thank you for joining us on this really special day for us, and making it even more special with your incredible talents.

I'd like to thank Santa who made a very long trek from the North Pole to join us. During his busiest time of the year. Santa we have a little gift for you as you ride your sleigh back to finish making all the toys. This Merry Christmas mug will help keep your tea warm as you ride off into the sky.

You all have a wonderful gift at your place setting – this is a Merry Christmas from Toby. Her home baked shortbread cookies! She was unable to join us today as she has been hosting family who she literally had to get to the airport right about now. Let's give her a round of thanks for baking for us all weekend.

I'd like to thank the culinary and serving team of our partner, the Calgary Stampede. We were so fortunate to hold our luncheon in our own House and enjoy a delicious meal. There's a whole team behind the scenes from Tan who got it organized, the culinary experts and our wonderful servers. Thank you!

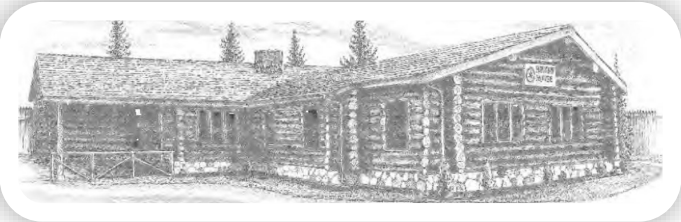
A special shout out to two of our own Santa's. Santa Al as I mentioned, looking after all our toys, and Santa GR who had his own sleigh, helping us round up things from point A, to point B, to point C. Thank you Santa GR for the pick-ups and the deliveries! We couldn't have done it without you.

And last, but never least – could I please have the social committee stand? I'd like to thank them for the ideas, the work, the creativity, the willingness to take on any task, and their holiday spirit that made today possible. Thank you. You will see more of them as we plot more fun and frolic in 2022.

This concludes our holiday tradition, thank you for coming "Home for Christmas" and have a wonderful holiday season. For those of you heading to warmer climates, safe travels, we know you are looking so forward to being back in your summer homes and do soak up the sun for those of us who love to play in the snow. Safe travels.

To all of us – Merry Christmas.

LINK TO PHOTO ALBUM OF PICTURES FROM TODAY: Please note that some pictures are sideways
<https://rotarycs.org/PhotoAlbums/december-9-2021-christmas-luncheon>



CLUB NEWS:



HEALTH AND WELLNESS: The Health and Wellness contact for December 2021 is **Brenda McKinley**. Her email is: b-mckinley@hotmail.com and her phone number is: 403-870-4292.

- **Roger Jarvis:** was released from hospital yesterday. He is recovering from a heart attack last week. Roger had a heart procedure and sounds good but has to take things easy for some time.
- **Jim Hutchens:** broke 6 ribs and is at home recovering
- **Tony Ng:** suffered a stroke on November 30th.

CALGARY FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY: Corinne Wilkinson

I had a number of people ask me if we had an opportunity at the Food Bank. I secured a shift for **7 people on Friday Dec 17th from 8:00 am to 10:00 am which involves sorting food at:** 5000 11 St SE, Calgary, AB T2H 2Y5

CALGARY
FOOD BANK

I NEED 5 MORE VOLUNTEERS (Ken Farn and Corinne are confirmed) to help sort food. Shifts are extremely small per current health protocols. Anyone interested can email call me at: corinne@whitehathospitality.com or: (403) 471-2101

MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENTS: Submitted by Penny Leckie

MEMBERSHIP
INFO

Various committees in RCCSP have created documents that include great ideas, suggestions and recommendations of how to increase membership, enhance member experience and improve membership retention. What we haven't done well is share this information with the committees that can actually implement these changes.

We're asking members to search computers and records for these documents and forward them. **Penny Leckie** has graciously volunteered one of her employees; Kristie Panfili to be the "point person" who will gather the information received and merge the various documents into a single PDF that can be shared with members of our membership committees. Once the committees have all the suggestions in one document, it will be easy for them to review the documents and see what ideas they would like to implement. Kristie's email address is: kristle.panfili@taxtherapist.ca

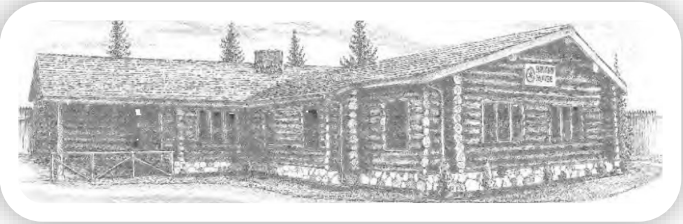


Next Week's Meeting: President-Elect Jim Fitzowich will be chairing the meeting on December 16th at ROTARY HOUSE:

Speaker: Bryce Starlight: Tsuu T'ina Economic Development



Rotary
Club of Calgary at Stampede Park



2022 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS



Houston, which calls itself “the city with no limits,” reflects the limitless impact of our work in Rotary. Create change within yourself, your community, and the world. Join your family, friends, and fellow Rotary members and explore what’s possible at the Rotary International Convention.

No matter who you are or where you’re from, you’re bound to find inspiration throughout the convention. It’s an experience unlike any other Rotary event, and it will renew your commitment to service and leadership. Make new friends and connect with old ones while exploring the diverse city of Houston or the House of Friendship. Make global connections that ignite local action at all the convention events.

Don’t miss your chance to Discover New Horizons and join us in Houston, Texas, USA, June 4th to 8th 2022.

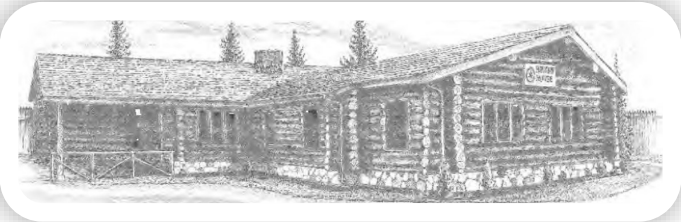
If you can’t attend in person, a virtual convention option offers the opportunity to participate in events and share in the convention experience with your friends, family, club members, and community.

Register now and save :

To receive early registration savings register by December 15th at convention.rotary.org

ARE YOU GOING TO HOUSTON?

Several members of our club have already registered. If you are going please let **Don Taylor or Murray Flegel** know. At previous conventions members of the club have frequently come together for some social activities and Don or Murray ensure that you are kept up to date on such activities. Kathyann is also keeping a list.



**BRACKO BROTHERS FURNITURE FUNDRAISER
for Partners**

Dianne and I delivered some goods for the competition tree at **Bracko Brothers Furniture located at: 5711 Blackfoot Trail SE** on the afternoon of December 8th. This is what we found (see photo to the right).

Apparently the Rotary Partners Christmas Tree ran out of room once already and they had to move all of the Rotary donations into storage and it is full again. It looks like things are going very well. Keep up the good work.

Submitted by: Dianne and Bev Ostermann



**THE BRACKO BROTHERS FURNITURE FUNDRAISER
for Partners ... Continues ...**

Rhonda Yaskowich:

"I woke this morning (December 10th) to find this note and picture in my mailbox from **Diane and Bev Ostermann**. This is just amazing!!! Definitely "Rotarians in the Making"

Thank you Bev, Dianne, Noel and Holland on behalf of everyone !!!

Rhonda,

We thought this might be of interest to you. For several years our grandchildren, Noel (15) and Holland (12), have had a Christmas tradition of buying and delivering two shopping carts of food to the Food Bank.

This year they decided to support the Partners in their Christmas Tree Contest by delivering their food items to Bracko Brothers instead of directly to the Food Bank, in the hopes that this will help win you the prize, while still supporting the Food Bank. We hope it works.

Dianne and Bev Ostermann



Bulletin Committee Note:

Kelsey Claeys-Ostermann would be so proud of her children.

Her light is shining brightly through Noel and Holland.

R.I.P.



It is not what you leave to your children that matters, but what you leave in them.

Shannon L. Alder



PARTNERS in PRINT



These past months have been busy times for the Partners. At our fall Luncheon we did a Tribute to the Partners who had passed away during our Covid shutdown. Those Partners have done so much for this Group and we were pleased to honour them.

With Covid restrictions lifted we are now back to relative normal with all of our Activities, Clubs and functions. **The Book Club** is thriving with everyone wanting to gather together. **The Hiking Club** has been on the trails making a mile! **Lunch Bunch** have been exploring new restaurants and I look forward to hearing their reviews at the end of the year! The market is up and **The Investment Club** is doing well.

Our most exciting thing happening right now is the **Christmas Tree Competition at Bracko Brothers Furniture** located at: 5711 Blackfoot Trail SE. Thank you all for your contributions. If you haven't made it down to the store yet please make sure to do so before December 31st. Your donations of non-perishable food items will help put us in the "Winner's Circle" but the big winner would be The Calgary Food Bank!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Rhonda Yaskowich, President
Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park



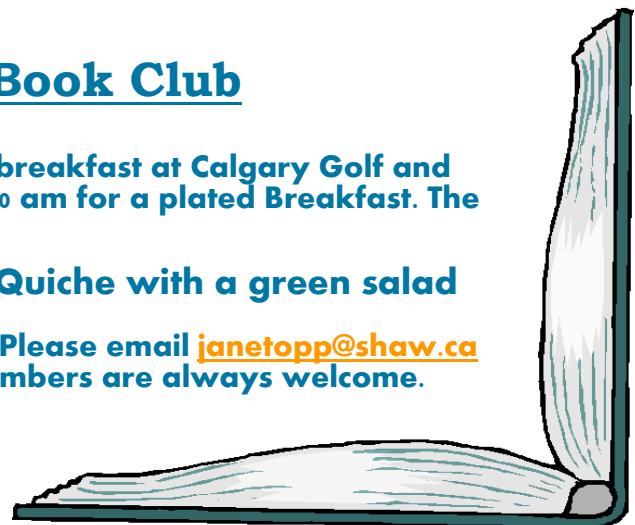
Rotary Partners Book Club

Come and celebrate the season with a special breakfast at Calgary Golf and Country Club on December 13, 2021. Arrive at: 9:30 am for a plated Breakfast. The cost is \$16.00

Menu: Ham and Caramelized onion Quiche with a green salad

We will discuss the books that you have read. Please email janetopp@shaw.ca by December 9th. See You on the 13th! New members are always welcome.

- Jane Topp and Maureen Hutchens -





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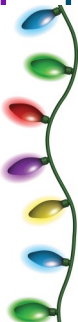


THE COLOURS OF CHRISTMAS



A great day was spent celebrating with Partners at our "Colours of Christmas". A special tribute was paid to **Denise Macleod** as she received her second Past Presidents Pin. We enjoyed having **President Craig, Teresa Stokke** and **Past President Chas** join us as well as **Kathyann Reginato, Sharon Gibson, Monica Stack, Shirley Clisdell, Debra Price-Simmon, Glenda Stein, Rosanne & Shalene Yaskowich**. Our fund raising efforts continued and everyone was very generous. The 50/50 draw was won by **Sharon Allen**. We extend a special thank you to **Pat Burns** and **Maureen Hutchens** for donating their knitting of neck warmers and dish cloths for sale. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile fund raiser!!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS





THE HIKING CLUB GOES SNOWSHOEING

We chose Stoney Lookout on Mount Norquay to snowshoe with nine keeners. It was a winter wonderland with the snow falling on the trees and us. It was magical. We had lunch on the trail but the temperatures were dropping, so we headed back down the trail in time to avoid the incoming storm.

Photography: Donna Jakubec and Pat Farn





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Calendar of Events



**DECEMBER 16th: ROTARY HOUSE: Bryce Starlight
Tsuu T'ina Economic Development**

Registration Link:

<https://rotarycs.org/event/dec-16-rccsp-luncheon--bryce-starlight/>



**DECEMBER 23rd: ROTARY HOUSE:
Cleven Awards and Christmas Social**
Registration Link:

<https://rotarycs.org/event/dec23-rccsp-lunch--cleven-and-christmas-social/>

CLEVEN AWARDS



**DECEMBER 30th: NO MEETING
Happy New Year**



**JANUARY 6th: ROTARY HOUSE:
President's State of the Union Address**

STATE OF THE UNION

**JANUARY 13th: ROTARY HOUSE:
To Be Announced**



**JANUARY 20th: ROTARY HOUSE
Burns Day Celebration**



**JANUARY 27th: ROTARY HOUSE
Debra Yedlin: Calgary Chamber**



**FEBRUARY 3rd: ROTARY HOUSE
To Be Announced**



**FEBRUARY 10th: ROTARY HOUSE
Valentine's Day Luncheon**



**FEBRUARY 17th: ROTARY HOUSE
To Be Announced**



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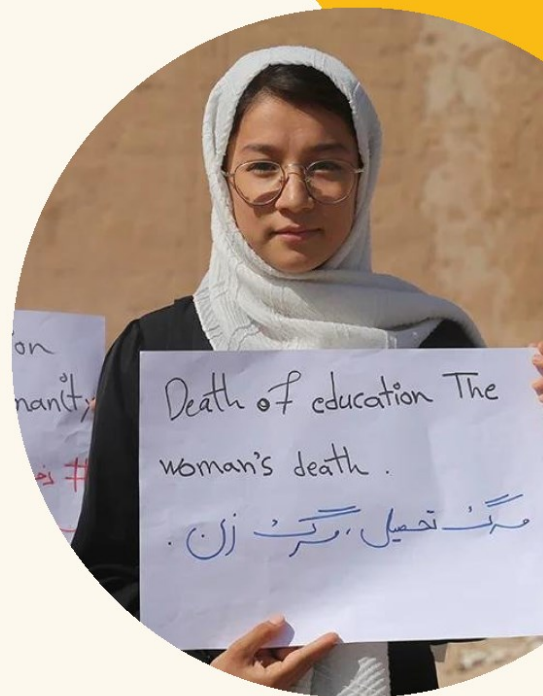
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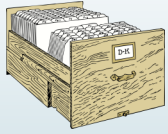
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DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS: DOCUMENT AND MATERIAL RETENTION



Please begin having discussions with all Committee Chairs about the importance of keeping digital documentation of all committee “works” that are currently going on.

Please keep **digital** copies of your committee information so that we will continue to engage with the technology that we just spent the last year and half learning how to do during the pandemic

The Archives Committee are in the process of digitizing all of our Club Documents, Minutes, Financial Statements and any other relevant information for referential and historical purposes.

We also want to continue this policy moving forward so that we will have collective information moving forward. Please contact Secretary Luanne Whitmarsh, Kathyann Reginato or a member of the Archives Committee if you require any further clarification on how to do this.

Thank you

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