



When Darren and I reconnected in September, 2019 he was working in the oil industry as a consultant. His work was based out of Pecos, Texas. He worked two weeks there, and he spent two weeks at home. Darren has worked his whole life in the oilfield and was very proud of the fact he finally had a stable position that allowed him to spend time with the people he cared about, and that allowed him to make plans for holidays and other events. He was also pleased to be working in a warm environment and in an economic environment that supported his industry.

We spent a week in San Antonio over Christmas, 2019, and I stayed while he worked his two week “hitch” at the end of December and early January. You could literally feel the energy and vibrancy in that oil rich region. We returned to Alberta for two weeks, Darren worked in Texas two weeks, and then we were off to Puerto Vallarta for a fabulous vacation.

We loved our accommodations, so bought a timeshare, thinking in the future, I could fly from Calgary, he could fly from Houston, and we could meet there. We anticipated a full schedule for 2020, so we booked our first vacation at the timeshare for this week. We were scheduled to arrive yesterday, February 3rd.

When Darren left for Texas in mid March, 2020, there were rumours the Canada/US border might close, and we understood he might have to stay longer than his two week “hitch” before he could return. We thought he might be away six weeks before the COVID crisis cleared up.

While Darren worked that “hitch” at the end of March, the border closed, he was informed his medical insurance would not cover him if he caught COVID, and things in our world started changing very quickly. I was concerned if he caught COVID, we would not be able to get to him. Darren has diabetes. I was worried if there were shortages of beds in hospitals and medical shortages, he might not receive proper care. There was tremendous uncertainty. As his “hitch” was wrapping up, Darren had to decide whether to stay put in Texas or to return home, and risk he might not be able to return to work. I remember telling Darren, “I think it’s just a time when everyone returns to home base and you figure it out from there.”

It was difficult for Darren, who has worked hard his whole life, and who has an intense work ethic, to tell his boss he was going home, and might need to take a leave of absence, until he could sort out his medical coverage. Darren arrived back in Calgary on April 3rd. I can’t describe the relief I felt when he walked through the doors of the Calgary airport.

Two days after Darren returned, the work in Texas shut down, more because of global oil prices than COVID. The Texas work remains dormant, and Darren didn’t work for 8 months. Instead, he had a unique and wonderful opportunity to spend time with his 13 year old daughter, Hailey, and we had special time together as a couple.

On December 2nd, Darren started a contract west of Fort St. John, BC. He was away two months. Darren arrived home on Friday, and he told me he had a short 5 day job in Lloydminster. My family lives in Lloydminster, and since Lloydminster is incorporated in Saskatchewan, things are a little more open.

Who could believe that on February 3, 2021, the day we were supposed to be flying to Puerto Vallarta, I would be excited about driving in an oilfield truck for a week’s vacation at the Holiday Inn in Lloydminster? But I am excited to be here. We will return home sometime next week, and Darren expects to leave on February 17th for another 50 – 60 day “hitch” in Fort St. John, BC.

Things are a little bit different than when we first met, but we are grateful we are all healthy, that Darren is working, and that we are together. We are excited about the future, no matter where it takes us, Puerto Vallarta, or Lloydminster.

President Penny Leckie



Good afternoon Rotarians and Guests. Welcome to the February 4th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President for 2020/2021 – **Penny Leckie**

I am coming to you live today, from a suite at the Holiday Inn in beautiful downtown Lloydminster. Darren has a 5 day well abandonment here, and when he offered me the chance at a week in Lloydminster in February with him, I jumped at the opportunity. Darren really knows how to impress a gal. All kidding aside, it's nice to have a bit of time together.



Today, our guest speaker is Dr. Ted Morton. Dr. Morton will be formally introduced later.

When I was growing up in Virden, Manitoba, Charlie and Mary Morton lived across the street. Each year, their grandson, Ted Morton, would come and stay for the summer. It is not the Dr. Ted Morton we will be hearing from today, but every time I hear about Dr. Ted Morton, my mind goes back in time to my little friend, Ted Morton.

Ted and I were the same age, and were very good friends 99% of the time, but every now and then we would end up in a full on spat. I remember one such spat. I don't know if he knocked my tooth out, or if I knocked his tooth out, but for what seemed like the rest of the afternoon, every mother, grandmother and child searched and raked our yard, looking for that elusive tooth.

As a professional accountant, I think it was my first lesson in the concept of materiality. I vividly remember thinking that I didn't think all the work and kafuffle that was going on in our yard was worth what the tooth fairy was going to bring for the tooth. Given I was thinking that way, I suppose it likely was Ted's tooth we were looking for.

My other distinct memory of Ted is he is the person I was with when we watched man walk on the moon for the first time. His grandparents took us for a picnic that afternoon, and I remember rushing home to see the moon walk.

I don't know whatever came of my friend, Ted Morton, but I still remember him fondly, and think of him whenever they talk about the first time man walked on the moon.

With that, can you please rise for O Canada.

Bulletin Editor: Sandy Dougall

Photographer: Chad Hason

Health and Wellness: We keep saying that the little packages the social committee are delivering are a great way to stay connected.

It was through that process we learned **Ellen Smith** had spent some time in the hospital with pain in her extremities. She is doing better now.

Roger Jarvis is now driving

We learned that **Pat Farn** broker her leg skiing at Lake Louise and it may take some time to heal.



Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park

Bylaws Update re Alberta Societies' Act



Submitted by Sherry Austin

Chair, Constitution, Bylaws, and Governance Committee

This report refers to Bylaw requirements from Service Alberta regarding our Rotary Club. It must be emphasized that this is not a new review of our Bylaws and no sections of the Bylaws have been opened. This is simply an update based upon Service Alberta Societies Act requirements.

For background information, a comprehensive review of our Bylaws was initiated in 2017/18 under the leadership of then President Bill LeClair and continued through 2018/19 under then President Ron Prokosch and concluded in 2019/20 during then President Chas' year. This work is an extension of that done during these past three years and thus, the Constitution, Bylaws, and Governance Committee from that time period was reconstituted and completed the work they conducted on behalf of our Club – **Sherry Austin, Larry Stein, Terry Allen and Bill LeClair**.

It is important to commend Larry, Bill and Terry for their excellent work in bringing this matter to a successful conclusion. They have expended much time and effort in this regard. Bill's legal searches and analytic skills, Larry's work as scribe and analyst, and Terry's knowledge of the past and his analytic skills were invaluable to sort through a decades long Registry trail.

On March 3, 2020, our Rotary Club ratified the Board approved Bylaws that had undergone revision during the three year period by over 95%. As per the Societies Act, these Bylaws were then forwarded to 'Corporate Registry, Service Alberta' to update our file and for official registration. Our Bylaws were first registered with the Society in 1994 and, to our knowledge, we have never received any feedback in the intervening years.

However, that all changed on December 2, 2020 whereby we received a letter from the Registry stating that to register our new set of Bylaws, we had to use the terminology and process contained in the Societies' Act. Rotary International wording was no longer sufficient. This has happened to other clubs as well.

Please refer to the email received at 2:00 pm today with all of the attached documents. Highlighted in yellow are the sections we must include in our Bylaws to satisfy Alberta Registry and the Societies' Act.

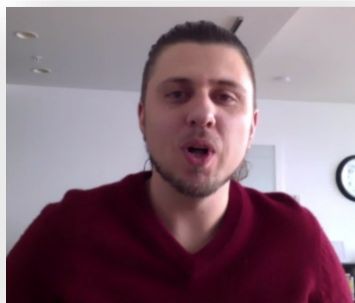
We must be registered to continue our fundraising activities. Thus, it is imperative that our membership vote on these revised Bylaws by means of a 'Special Resolution' as outlined by Secretary Larry having recently received Board approval. There are no Club decisions to be made; these changes are mandated.

Secretary Larry Stein will serve as Scrutineer.



Songs and Stunts: Deb Sands: Deb kicked off the Quartermaster song with her Rotarian version and **Kathy Demorest** followed with an impressive zoom background and virtual sunglasses! **Jim Hutchens** chipped in and **Corinne Wilkinson** gave us a short ditty. **Sandy Dougall** mucked one up and things closed with **Glenn Potter's** original version of the song.

I think some members could have given us a more colorful version that number. Deb and committee—well done.



Sergeant-At-Arms: Rudy Ruberto was our SoA today and commented on Brett's brother (or sister) being a special guest at last week's meeting.

Betting on the Super Bowl this week... \$1.00.

Betting on Gamestop \$5.00. Betting on the Hedge Funds \$10.00.

Good job Rudy.

Joe Connolly introduced Dr. Ted Morton. Ted Morton is currently an Executive Fellow at The School of Public Policy and a *professor emeritus* in Political Science at the University of Calgary, where he taught from 1981 to 2017. Ted was the MLA for Foot-hills-Rocky View from 2004-2012. During this time, he served as Minister of Energy (2011-12); Minister of Finance (2010); and Minister of Sustainable Resources Development (2006-2009).

In 1998, he was one of two Albertans elected as an Alberta-Senator-in waiting. In 2001, he was the Director of Policy and Research for the Office of the Official Opposition (Reform Alliance Party) in the Canadian House of Commons. He has written and edited six books, two of which have won book prizes (Alberta Writers' Guild and Donner Foundation). In 1995 Ted was awarded the Bora Laskin Fellowship in Human Rights.

In 2001 Ted was recognized in MacLean's Guide to Canadian Universities as one of 20 most popular professors at University of Calgary. From 2013-2017 he was Senior Fellow, Energy and Environment, at the Manning Foundation. In 2018 he received the Canadian Taxpayers' Federation Tax-Fighter Award.



Dr. Ted Morton: Following a thanks for Joe Connelly's fine intro, Ted said that after all the fun we were having today he hated to be a wet blanket and bring some gloom to the meeting but he hoped that he could maybe lighten things up a bit as he went through his presentation.

Ted's talk was based on his last book "Moment of Truth, How to Think about Alberta's Future". The book is edited by Ted Morton, Jack Mintz and Tom Flanagan. He let us know to be sure to read his Chapter.... Number 3.

At the outset he summarized the four conclusions of the Book

- ◇ If Quebec had been treated like Alberta they would have separated long ago.
- ◇ If Alberta had the opportunity they would never agree to Confederation after the last 30 years.
- ◇ Efforts by Politicians. They have worked hard but to no avail.
- ◇ Alberta must challenge the Status Quo.... They do not endorse separation but explore something in between.

He took us through each of the above points and to dig further, this Book is now recommended reading. We have included the full meeting link here: <https://youtu.be/xfbCNDbjFGU>



Jim Fitzowich thanked Dr. Morton. Jim mentioned that he was a follower of Ted Morton's articles and books. He has been thinking about the Box we are in and thought that this Book went a long way to hopefully laying out a path that will be helpful going forward.

Penny Leckie: Dr. Morton, in appreciation of your participation in our meeting today, our Rotary Club has donated \$100 to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. This donation will be placed with other endowed funds, and the income earned on the endowed funds will come back to our Rotary Club each year to be invested in the community. It is the gift that keeps on giving.

Next week's meeting is our Valentine's Day Celebration

- ◇ Please invite your special someone
- ◇ Dress to show your Valentine's Day spirit,
- ◇ You don't need a special someone to attend. We are also celebrating "Gal –entine's Day" and "Pal –entine's Day".
- ◇ Let's get together, celebrate our Rotary Fellowship, our Friendship, and Chocolate... PS. Chocolate is a clue..."



I know the social committee has a fun meeting planned for us. So here is a comment that creates a bridge between my childhood memories of this week and next week's Valentine's Day celebration.

"Chocolate is the first luxury we experience. It has so many things wrapped up in it; Deliciousness in the moment, childhood memories, and that grin-inducing feeling of getting a reward for being good."

And a couple more just to send you off with a smile...

- ◆ "If you carry your childhood with you, you never become older."
- ◆ "Remember, it's never too late to have a happy childhood."

So, this week, reminisce on some happy memories, even if they aren't from your childhood, and when you get up in the morning, why not think, "Today, I am going to make a wonderful memory".

Have a great week everyone



NEW MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Please be advised that **Darlene Switzer-Foster** has been proposed for active membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Stan Cichon** and Seconded by **Roger Jarvis** with a proposed Classification of **Administrative Trustee Philanthropy**.

Darlene Switzer-Foster's membership has been approved by the Board of Directors on the basis of the recommendation of the Membership, Qualifications & Classifications Committee subject to completion of a formal application and communication of her name and proposed classification to the membership.

If any Member objects to **Darlene Switzer-Foster** joining our Club or to her proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, Larry Stein at larry.stein@shaw.ca prior to February 11th, 2021

INTERACT HEALTH CAMPAIGN PINS



Thank you to any member of our Club that contributed and for supporting The Interact for Health campaign!

With your generosity they were able to donate approximately \$1500.00 to both the **Foothills Hospital** for COVID-19 relief as well as to the **End Polio Now** campaign!

Thank you,

Kathy Demorest,
Champion for Interact Pin Campaign

DID YOU KNOW?

- ⇒ The new 2020/21 Rosters should have been received by everybody. If you have not received yours, please let us know.
- ⇒ For anyone who is interested, the current 2020/21 Member Handbook is now posted on the Club website in Member Area - Organization - Documents.
- ⇒ People who laugh a lot are healthier than those who don't.
- ⇒ SMILE: It is the ultimate anti-depressant.

Submitted by: **Bev Ostermann**





HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!!

Celebrate the Year of the Ox - known for honesty, diligence, dependability, strength, and determination.

Then think of our dear Larry Kwong as you enjoy this gift in his memory. Larry gathered us annually to share in his Chinese New Year celebration. Hockey (and the NHL) was one of his many accomplishments and passions. You won't get Larry's NHL card, but think of him as you read the player you do get. Enjoy Larry's traditional red envelope and "money to anchor the year".



There were great conversations, re-acquaintances, lots of laughter, distant hugs, and many miles encountered! Thank you for the gift of your time when we rang your doorbells, came to your businesses and met you in parking lots.

The feeling of connection that occurs when we are face to face cannot be replaced with technology (although we are extremely grateful for our technology!). Please know how thankful we are to EVERYONE for making the door to door gift campaigns such a success.

From those that donated, shopped, packaged, drove, answered the door and gave of your time, I am reminded that there is no other club that can compare to The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park!

We look forward to seeing you again very soon. Valentine's is just around the corner!

Please email Kathy Demorest at: kathyllynne@shaw.ca if you would like to help with delivering our Valentine campaign gift packs.

President Penny is seen here receiving her gift bag by a parking lot visit



Submitted by your Social Events & Celebration Team



A wonderful Chinese New Year Package was delivered containing: Lucky Red Envelope with Lucky Chocolate Loonie enclosed, Larry Kwong Memorial info card (see picture of this here, a Fortune Cookie and Traditional Chinese Candies to everyone. Here are **Brenda McKinley, Glenn and Orma Potter and George and Pat Deegan** with their gift bags.

Hello Rotarians!



the University of Calgary Rotaract Club is hosting a Pitch Night event via Zoom on Friday February 26 from 6-7pm.

Presenters will give a short (5 minute) presentation on the organization / charity that they are passionate about.

The audience members will choose their favourite, and the first prize winner will receive a monetary prize to be given as a donation for the organization/charity that they presented on.

Your Club has sponsored this and we want as many Rotarians to attend as possible! If you would like to attend, please fill out this short Google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMjjo_VFQDOeqcyjWD6CleUfABFOhWgNhANNBTgrpzvIFPAow/viewform

If you have any questions about our event, please do not hesitate to ask me

Best,
Danny Vera, UCalgary Rotaract co-president
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Riverbend Atrium One
Suite 120, 200 Rivercrest Drive SE
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Supreme Windows Amateur Charity Golf Classic Golf

167 DAYS TO GO

2021 has finally arrived & things are looking up. With the development and distribution of a vaccine underway, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Hope is in the air!

The Supreme Windows Amateur Golf Classic is only 174 days away. The Tournament Team is planning a 20th Anniversary Celebration of our success over the years and making sure this year's event is one to remember.

As always the tournament promises a great day of golf at the beautiful Cottonwood Golf & Country Club and a fun day while supporting a great cause. Tee-off is at 9:00 am and the day will start with a delicious breakfast and a shotgun golf start, The Peloton Million Dollar Hole in One Competition at 2:00 pm, a 50/50 draw, and a banquet and a fabulous live auction to finish out the day. Stay tuned for updates as the day and Celebration details develop.

New this year:

- Updated Website www.stayinschool.ca
- Online Registration
- Online Auction in addition to Event Live Auction

Sponsorship

Becoming a sponsor provides you with a fantastic opportunity to promote your business to the 144+ golfers who attend the tournament, to the Volunteers, Rotarians and beyond through our website and this year's Online Auction. Your company will receive additional promotional benefits as you are recognized as a sponsor in all our pre and post-tournament advertising. You can promote your business while giving back to the community through this very worthwhile cause. Bronze level and higher will be recognized in newspaper thank-you ads after the tournament. Remember, your support could completely change the outcome for a young person. As part of the sponsorship package, you will receive complimentary registration(s) based on the level of sponsorship. Contact: Brett Albers: Brett.Albers@nbpcd.com

Register to Play

The registration fee for individual golfers is \$400. Foursomes are \$1,600. Golfing fees include green fees, cart rentals, breakfast and banquet dinner, Live auction and more:

A Chance to Compete in our unique Million Dollar Hole in One Competition

Hole in One Prizes

Team Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th place teams

Proximity, Skill, Hole Prizes: such as Men's Long Drive, Women's Long Drive, Longest Putt, Closest to the Pin, Ball in Sand

Donate

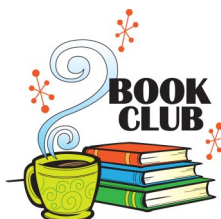
Do you want to support the tournament but can't come? Consider making a donation and receive a charitable tax receipt. Donations of items that will appeal to our golfers in our auction or as golf prizes (groups of four) are also appreciated.

To donate items for on-line and Live auction Contact: Janet Matthews: janrickmatthews@gmail.com

We are again extremely fortunate to have our Title Sponsor Supreme Windows once again lending their support to our charity golf tournament.

Supreme Windows has been the Title Sponsor of the Stay in School Golf Tournament for 20 years. In that time we have seen young, excited, fresh faced Grade six students inducted into the scholarship program and proudly watched as they graduated from high school, went on to enter and finish their post-secondary education of choice and then successfully begin their careers as contributing, confident members of our community. The program truly is about changing lives and fulfilling dreams. As a corporate sponsor of this amazing event, I can't think of a better way to support the community in which we live work and play. I challenge everyone to achieving the goal of raising \$200,000 in this year's tournament in support of our kids".

Anne McKenna, Supreme Windows



Rotary Partner's Book Club Zoom Meeting

Our next Zoom meeting will be on **February 8th**. We will be Zooming at 9:30 am. Please email Maureen Hutchens at: m.hutch@hotmail.com by February 6th and she will send out the link to invite you. Please be ready to share a book or two with us. We miss you and hope you are staying safe.

Submitted by: Jane Topp and Maureen Hutchens

2021 PARTNER'S PRESIDENT MESSAGE

We are through the first month of this "New Year" and I find myself thinking of the plans for the Spring (yes, I have looked outside) and the ability to celebrate with my family and friends.

Then I remind myself to be patient. It's a journey and it's going to take time. All of us are feeling the frustration of being inside and the need to socialize however we can. We all cannot wait for the smiles, hugs, laughter and friendship that comes with being around anyone that is Rotary.

Keep connected. Reach out. A phone call, text or email does a lot for the happiness of the heart.

Missing you all!

Please join the Thursday meeting next week for Valentine's Day so we can all have a visit



HAVE:
Patience with
yourself
Patience with
others
Patience with
circumstances



Denise MacLeod, Partners President

Traits February borns are known for

- They are authentic. **February** borns are honest and known for being one of a kind
- They are authentic. self-confident and positive in their decisions
- They are very mysterious
- They are innovative
- They are unique
- They are determined
- They are loyal
- They are generous

Happy Birthday
Rotarians & Partners !

Phil Jackson	Feb 7
Terri Filipski (Chas)	Feb 10
Walter Flores	Feb 11
Bill Sumner	Feb 12
Murray Flegel	Feb 13
Roger Jarvis	Feb 13
Kourtney Tonkinson (Spencer)	Feb 13
Nicole Castle (Kendall)	Feb 18
Ben Steblecki	Feb 19
Bev Osterman	Feb 20
Amy Giang	Feb 23
Blake Pelham	Feb 27
John Shield	Feb 27

"If only the world was as trusting as the beautiful and delicate chickadee"

Photo taken by Corinne at Carburn Park



Happy February
Birthdays

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

**Feb 11th: Annual Valentines Day
Luncheon with Partners & Friends**



Feb 18th Legacy Project Update: Stampede Foundation

Feb 22nd RCCSP Board Meeting: 5:30 pm

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 DG Mary Turner Visit and RCCSP
Communications Strategy**

Apr 1st Virgil Lowe: Telus Agriculture

Apr 8th TBA

Apr 15th Large Grants Presentation

Apr 22nd New Member Celebration

Apr 29th Rotary Profile: Jim Burns

May 6th Annual St. Mary's 4 Way Test

May 13th TBA

May 20th Annual Stay In School Luncheon



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WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS



zoom

- **A link will be sent out every Monday or Tuesday**
- **There is a reminder an hour before the meeting and 10 minutes before the meeting**
- **You can share the link with friends and Partners**
- **Save the link and join us at Noon On THURSDAYS**
- **This meeting is recorded**
- **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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