

It's not possible to comment on the work being done by all our Club's committees, but I want to share some highlights. There is lots going on behind the scenes that doesn't involve me. We have strong committees and strong committee Chairs. These individuals keep our Club percolating, year over year, regardless of who is President. **Even though we are not meeting in person, we have a dynamic, active Club, and I am extremely proud to be its President.**

Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation ("CRCF") – I chose this as an area of focus during my year as President. In the period from July 1 to December 31, just over \$62,000 in gifts have been received, plus an additional payout from the Estate of Mario Stella; 9 new Rotarians have donated. Congratulations to Chair **Sherry Austin** and everyone on this committee.

Governance – a new committee created in the current year, banding together a number of previous committees. This committee has been working hard behind the scenes in various areas to ensure appropriate oversight of our Rotary Club. This is also the committee that produced our Club Rosters. Thank you to Chair **Michael Vandezande** and everyone on this committee.

Mario Stella Funds – a new committee created in the current year to recognize and distribute annual funds received by our Rotary Club from the legacy created by Mario Stella, at CRCF, on behalf of our Club. Chair **Myrna Dube-Thompson** and her committee are currently considering requests from various organizations, for funding, and we will hear more once their due diligence has been completed. I know we will be pleased with the efforts of this committee and the project or projects they recommend we support.

Programs – When I knew our meetings would be on ZOOM, I told Chair **Jim Fitzowich** that my year would live or die based on the quality of speakers his committee organized for us. (no pressure) Jim and his committee have truly "leaned in" and I am absolutely thrilled with the speakers and programs they have organized for us this year. Their hard work is one of the big reasons our Club Members keep ZOOMING in to attend our meetings.

Risk Management – another new committee this year, intended to proactively address our Club's potential risk exposure in numerous areas. The committee Chair is **David Young**. David is supported by committee members with varying areas of expertise, including common sense, Rotary wisdom and values, financial, legal, insurance, human resource, medical, and technology. They have had a few meetings, and I know this committee will be a tremendous resource for our Club and its Executive going forward.

ROSAIC – I put forward this concept during my inaugural speech. I suspect the timing is wrong for this initiative, given our limited ability to gather socially. I expect I need to concede this idea will fall under the category of "chasing unicorns". But who knows, someday, someone might pick it up and move it forward. I know the committee has had a couple of meetings. I appreciate everyone's efforts and their willingness to consider the concept.

Strategic Planning – our Club is in the third year of a 3-year strategic plan. This committee is moving forward at building a strategic plan for our Club which will provide vision and leadership for the next few years. Chair **Len Hamm** and **President Elect Craig Stokke** have both attended the District's webinar on strategic planning so are well positioned to lead the development and implementation of our Club's strategic plan.

I hope this brief conversation helps you feel the energy our Rotary Club is generating. If you do not feel connected or energized by current committees you are serving on, please let myself or President Elect Craig know. We will work with you to find a committee or committees where you can have **the opportunity to be your best self in Rotary.**

President Penny Leckie

Good afternoon Rotarians and Guests. Welcome to the January 14th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President for 2020/2021 – Penny Leckie

And, we have NHL hockey...Go Flames Go... Speaking of hockey, I am not sure if you know that I tried to buy a hockey rink once, but all my realtor would give me was a ballpark figure. Pretty tough kicking off a new season for the Flames if you are having a dry January...

Please rise for O Canada



Welcome: Welcome to visiting Rotarian **Saadat Keshavjee**, visiting from the West Club. Saadat was Chair of CRCF when I was Vice Chair, so very nice to see you again, Saadat. Also, welcome to **Darlene Switzer Foster**. As mentioned in last week's meeting, Darlene is working through the process of becoming a new Member of our Club. I have heard wonderful things about you, Darlene, from so many people. I hope we are able to meet in person soon.



Letter to Calgary Stampede: I want to provide clarification with respect to the letter that was written on behalf of our Rotary Club to Dana Peers of the Calgary Stampede, on the passing of Warren Connell. It was included in last week's Bulletin, and because I had signed it as Club President, readers were given the impression that I had written the letter. I received some compliments for writing a wonderful letter. It was my privilege to sign this letter as Club President, but the only thing I can take credit for, with respect to this letter, is having the wisdom to accept **Past President Sherry Austin's** offer to write the letter. I want everyone to know it was Sherry who wrote the beautiful letter, and she should be given the credit and compliments. I'm sorry this wasn't made clear in the Bulletin. On behalf of the Club, thank you Sherry.

Interact: **Kathy Demorest** stepped up and took on the role of "Club Champion" for the health fundraising initiative being done by some Interact Clubs in the city. We received information about this initiative at last week's meeting. Thank you to everyone who ordered a pin or made a donation to this cause. Kathy called me and told me we have overwhelmed them with our order, and they aren't able to accept any more orders. I think it's great that so many people ordered pins and supported this group, but the best part is the Interactors saw, first hand, the power of Rotary, and got a taste of the force we truly are.

Rotary Pitch Night: The University of Calgary Rotaract Club is having a "pitch" night. They did this last year. Individuals representing organizations made a "pitch" and the winning "pitch" received funds to be used for the organization they were "pitching" on behalf of. This year, it will be virtual and will be held on February 26, 2021. I will put the Rotaract President's contact info in the Bulletin if you are interested in participating. Even if you are not "pitching", I am sure it will be interesting to hear the "pitches". Danny Vera, UCalgary Rotaract Club Co-president E: oscar.vera@ucalgary.ca and Shirin Koukhanfar, UCalgary Rotaract Club Co-president E: shirin.koukhanfar@ucalgary.ca

Bulletin Editor: Glenn Potter Bulletin Photographer: Paul Brick

Health and Wellness: There is a new contact for Health and Wellness for January and February. Please contact **Dave Read** at: 403 921 5856 or 403 271 5856 or email: nread@telusplanet.net

Rudy Roberto provided an update that David Read had been in contact with **Roger Jarvis**, and in Roger's words, Roger is "feeling stronger and stronger everyday." Roger welcomes phone calls and is looking forward to joining meetings soon.

Sergeant at Arms: Jack Thompson informed us that he and Myrna were out in Invermere and doing well. Since no one is paying any money for hockey tickets he felt that his targets today would be all the hockey enthusiasts who have signed jerseys. As a consequence he asked everyone to contribute \$20 or more to the pot. Well over ten people responded and Jack raised over \$200. Congratulations everyone.



Completion of my mid-year update: Last week, I focused on our Club finances. I didn't have time to discuss all the other incredible things going on in this Club, so I am sneaking some time out of today's meeting. Again, I won't have time to properly speak to everything, so I have provided additional information in the Bulletin. I am only going to mention the 3 things I am most pleased about for the year, so far.

1. Reinstatement of the Songs and Stunts Committee: As I have said before, I threw one of our newer members, Deb Sands, to the wolves on this one, but I believed in her and she has proven to be a tough cookie, who, when given a task, gets it done. And hasn't this committee provided us with some fun? I know it was a struggle for Deb at first, but with the support of the members on her committee, and by reaching out to some other members, who stepped up, Deb has reached the point that she has asked me if she can Chair this committee again next year. It will be up to President Elect Craig, but in the meantime, can we show Deb, all the members on her committee, and everyone who has helped them, how much we appreciate all they have done for our Club this year?

2. My Big Hairy Audacious Goal: This is the piece I am most proud of, and which I believe has provided the greatest learning opportunity for our Rotary Club. Knowing we would have minimal funds available to invest in the community this year, I threw a dart, and said, I think we should still try to commit to \$10,000,000 in mental wellness projects. I proposed we do this with a designated fund that will track projects we are involved with.

Everyone on the committee showed up to see how I would pull a rabbit out of a hat, and we started our journey. At the first committee meeting, **Bob Brawn** understood the concept I was presenting and coined the phrase "facilitate". We can be a facilitator in the community by identifying need, conducting due diligence, endorsing projects, and using our network to assist in finding funding for the projects

It's my understanding that when **Greg Martin** was asked about what we were doing, he said, "We are just like Christopher Columbus. We are exploring, and we don't know where this will take us."

The landscape of mental wellness is huge, so we needed guidance on where we might start. We leveraged our existing relationship with Dr. Frank MacMaster.

This is where our first learning occurred. When we told Dr. MacMaster we didn't have any money for a project, he told us that our brand is much more valuable than our money. He said that he got more leverage out of telling people Rotary supported a project, than he did out of the funds we gave him. I don't think any of us had realized until that point, how valuable our brand was.

If we would have had a normal year, we would never have had the opportunity to learn this.

As everyone knows, mental illness is not traditionally talked about, and is often stigmatized. Dr. MacMaster told us that if Rotary lent its credibility and brand to mental illness projects, it would lead to societal change. Imagine having the opportunity to be part of societal change.

This week, **Bill LeClair** and I had a call with a representative of the Calgary Health Foundation. Again, he reiterated how much power the Rotary brand carries. In the conversation, we told him about Dr. MacMaster saying we could be part of societal change. As we were ending the call, we made a joke about trying to do something big with no money, and I'm paraphrasing, but he said, "It takes more than money to create societal change. It also requires influence, and that's what Rotary brings to the table."

These are very important lessons for our Club and for our Members. If nothing further comes of my Big Hairy Audacious Goal, hearing the comments from these two men has already made it an incredible journey. I wanted to make sure each of you has the benefit of hearing what these men said about Rotary.

We did have a committee meeting last night, and I am still throwing darts. I am incredibly excited and rejuvenated with the potential and the opportunity for us, but we are still Christopher Columbus, and are still exploring.

I want to thank everyone who has gotten on this boat with me. Thank you for being open to something new, for believing in me, for supporting me and for creating the opportunity for me to test the waters in this area. In particular, I want to thank **Chair Bill LeClair**. Thank you for being curious with me.

3. Collaboration for Connection: The thing we hear over and over in these times is the importance of staying connected with one another, and how hard that is to do. I am very proud of the overall collaboration of the following committees: Bulletin, Photography, Technology, Health and Wellness, Social, Sergeant at Arms and Membership Mentoring. These committees have played a role in what I am calling “the connection collaboration”. Through this collaborative effort, our Members continue to feel connected to one another, continue to feel our Club’s fellowship, and want to continue to be actively involved in our Rotary Club.

In the past, when people used to visit Rotary House, they would often comment there was something unique about the energy in the room, and how positive it felt to be there. With the extra hard work of these committees, the positive energy from Rotary House is being spread to our Members, we are staying connected, and we are getting through these strange times together, as a Club.

I have learned that **Glenn and Jeanette Richardson** have contributed funds so our social committee can create a small parcel for distribution each month, similar to the Hannukah and Christmas parcels, and connect with Members. I’ve also heard Jeanette wants to help do up the packages.

Let’s express our gratitude to these special people for keeping us connected. That concludes the verbal part of my mid year update. Check out today’s Bulletin to find out more under “President’s Message”.

Guest Speaker: Judge John Reilly—Bad Law

John Fitzsimmons provided an introduction to **Judge John Reilly** whom he had met this last summer during a bocce game followed by a campfire.

Judge Reilly was born in Calgary in 1946. He obtained his BA in 1968; and LLB in 1969 at the University of Alberta, Edmonton. He practiced law from 1970 to 1977 and his most prominent client was Paul Cinna (The Hijacker of Air Canada Flight 812). John Reilly was appointed Provincial Court Judge on June 21, 1977 (he was the youngest person ever appointed to that position).

On June 26, 1997 he ordered the investigation of political corruption on Stoney Indian Reserve at Morley. He received the Integrity Award from The Rotary Club of Cochrane in 2000 and the Integrity Award from The Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial in 2002. John became a member of the Canmore Rotary Club of Canmore in 2004. He resigned his judicial appointment in 2011.

Published Books:

2010: Bad Medicine
2014: Bad Judgment
2019: Bad Law



I thank you all for this opportunity speak, and I thank **John Fitzsimmons and John Fitzowich** for inviting me. I actually don’t know if they want me to acknowledge them. I think they were worried that I might say things that would offend people, and they wanted to be able to disassociate themselves from me.

So; I should be clear that the opinions I express are mine and are not endorsed by either of them or the club. I want to apologize in advance to anyone who is offended by anything that I say. I will try and curtail my comments but I do think that if I don’t generate a little conversation I’m wasting my time and yours.

I will talk about my view of the Justice system and how it has changed as a result of my efforts to learn about indigenous people.

I acknowledge that I am in Treaty 7 territory, and the original occupiers of the land were the Nations of the Blackfoot Confederacy, the Stoney Nakoda, the Tsuu T’ina, and the Metis. I thank them for the opportunity to be here.

Some people object to that acknowledgment. I think it’s a good thing to reflect on how we got here. When I say “we”, I refer to non-indigenous people which I’m guessing includes everyone in this club. We got here because of the treaties that our predecessors made with the indigenous people, and we are all “Treaty People”.

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I should tell you a bit about myself. I am an honorary member of the Kainai Nation of the Blackfoot Confederacy. My Blackfoot name is "Ninaipooyi", which means Chief Speaker.

The Kainai gave me that name in appreciation of my efforts to apply the law to indigenous people in a culturally sensitive manner.



I had the distinction of being the youngest person ever appointed to the Provincial Court of Alberta and I sat as a judge for 33 years. The only really significant thing about that distinction is that I was a judge long enough to become completely disillusioned by the system.

When I was appointed in 1977, I was a disciple of deterrence. I thought punishing crime was a good thing. I thought it would reduce crime, give closure to victims, and make our society a better place in which to live. I thought the system was good. It leveled the playing field for the rich and the poor. It protected everyone from the possibility of wrongful punishment.

One of the things I learned, that totally changed my thinking, was that indigenous people saw wrongdoing as ignorance in need of teaching or illness in need of healing as opposed to the Eurocentric view that wrongdoing required punishment.

I have come to the conclusion that punishment is just wrong. I should explain that I see a difference between punishment and consequences. Fines for speeding are not punishments those are consequences. Imprisonment for traffic offences is punishment and that's wrong.

I see the imprisonment of Jaskirit Singh Sidhu as a horrible example of the stupidity of the Criminal Justice System. If you don't recognize that name he was the driver of the tractor trailer that collided with the bus carrying the Humboldt Bronco's hockey team. That accident killed 16 people and injured 13 more, but what good does it do to send the driver to jail for 8 years?

He was an ordinary man. He was learning an occupation that would allow him to earn a living. He wanted to pay for his wife to study to become a dental hygienist. He was inexperienced, and he was distracted by the tarp, that covered his load, coming loose. He blew a stop sign and the consequences were unspeakably horrendous, but what good does it do to lock him up for 8 years.

According to the John Howard Society it will cost about \$115,000 a year to keep them in a federal penitentiary, so if he is paroled after serving the mandatory 2/3 of his sentence the cost to the Canadian tax payer will be about a half a million dollars.

The total cost of justice in Canada is about 20 billion dollars a year and 5 billion of that is prisons.

There are some people who need to be in prison because they are dangerous. There are homicidal psychopaths and others that are dangerous, and they have to be restrained for the protection of the public. They make up somewhere between 1 and 2% of the prison population.

The rest are there because it is our culture to punish wrongdoing.

My efforts to understand indigenous justice has convinced me that punishment was not part of their culture.

They used restorative justice for all charges including murder. In the famous case of Crow Dog killing Spotted Tail, both Brulé Sioux, the tribal process ordered Crow Dog to pay Spotted Tail's family compensation in the form of ponies and blankets and money.

The territorial government charged Crow Dog with murder, tried him, and sentenced him to be hanged.

In the U.S. there was a law that said that where the tribal government had dealt with an offense, an accused could not be tried again in the territorial court. Crow Dog appealed his conviction and it was set aside on that basis. The U.S. government subsequently passed The Major Crimes Act which required all murders to be dealt with in the U.S. courts.

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Wayne Ducheneaux , president of the National Congress of American Indians made this comment in 1968:

Before all this came about we had our own method of dealing with law-breakers and in settling disputes between members. That all changed when Crow Dog killed Spotted Tail. Of course, our method of dealing with that was Crow Dog should take care of Spotted Tail's family, and if he didn't do that we would banish him from the tribe. But that was considered too barbaric, and we should hang him like civilized people do, so they passed the Major Crimes Act that said we don't know how to handle murderers and they were going to show us.



I think it is important to reflect on the origins of the two systems.

The Restorative system of indigenous people came from a need to preserve the integrity of their communities. They saw wrongdoing as a breach of relationship and their objective was to repair the relationship.

The Eurocentric idea of wrongdoing requiring punishment probably goes back to the creation story in the Bible. God punishes Adam and Eve for eating the forbidden fruit.

I personally do not believe that story. I think it is just a story that was made up by tribal elders for the purpose of controlling the people. They could say look what happened to Eve. She just took a bite of that Apple. Think what's going to happen do you if you don't obey the rules.

Canada's legal system is largely inherited from the English.

In law school we learned that English law goes back to 1066 when William the Conqueror came to England. We learned this as if it was a really good thing. A system that has a thousand years of history must be good.

But that thousand years of history of the white justice system included centuries of some of the most horrible inhumanity that you can imagine. It included centuries in which the legal system was accusing women of being witches, torturing them until they confessed and then burning them alive.

For most of those centuries the people believed that the king ruled by Divine Right. That meant that his law was God's law and anyone who broke the law was offending God.

For most of that time there was very little respect for the common people. The people who counted were the nobility; the king, and the earls and dukes and knights. The ordinary people, the serfs, were just their property.

If a couple of serfs got into a fight and one chopped the other's arm off, the important thing was not that the injured man suffered the loss of his arm, it was that the wrongdoer has damaged his owner's property.

Any legal proceeding in relation to that offense would not be to console or compensate the injured party, it would be to assess a proper penalty for the breach of the king's piece.

We no longer talk about the King's Peace, or offending God, or committing sin, but we talk about **"the law"**, and it is pretty much the same thing. When a charge is laid, the most important consideration is that **A LAW** has been broken. **The Law** is the **Golden Calf, The Sacred Cow**, that we appease by human sacrifice

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The eight years given to Jaskirit Singh Sidhu is an example of human sacrifice on the altar of deterrence to appease that Golden Calf.

People who break the law must be punished because they have broken **the law**, not because the punishment is going to do any good.

I would like to have see the matter of Jaskirit Singh Sidhu dealt with by a **Community Justice Conference**. I dealt with a few matters in this way and it was amazing to me what results were realized from them.

I would have invited all the survivors of the crash, all of the relatives of the deceased, Jaskirit and his family, representatives of the company he was working for, and representatives of the Governments of Saskatchewan and Alberta. (There has been a law suit filed on behalf of some of the victims that names Saskatchewan and Alberta as defendants so they should be in attendance at the Community Justice Conference)

I took a course in facilitating these community justice conferences, and I learned this process.

There would be three rounds.

In the first everyone would talk about how they felt at the time and what they were thinking at the time. This would start with Jaskirit. What was he thinking and feeling at the time? His is family, and everyone in the room would be given an opportunity to answer those questions..

In the second round everyone would answer the question: "How do you feel about it now?"

The third round would answer the question: "What can we do to repair the damage done?".

Obviously nothing to be done to bring back the people that died, or to heal the permanent injuries, but the conversation itself might make huge steps towards closure for all those involved.

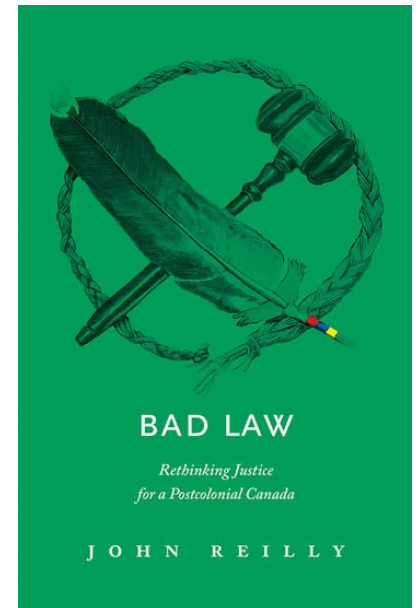
I presided over a conference at Morley which involved the RCMP and a number of Stoney people. There had been a funeral of a man who had been murdered and many of the mourners had gone to the Chiniki Restaurant following the funeral. In the circumstances there was a lot of emotion involved. An altercation occurred and the police were called. They arrested a woman who was causing a disturbance and were removing her from the place when her grandparents intervened. The grandmother tried to hit one of the policemen with her cane and slipped on the ice and sustained a minor injury. The grandfather then struck one of the police officers and they were both arrested and removed in a police vehicle.

The indignities to the elders were a huge problem. Their son, who had a degree of influence on the reserve, vowed to sue the RCMP for their handling of the situation and said there would never again be any cooperation between the reserve and the police.

I convened the conference in the board room at the Provincial Building inn Cochrane. I had the policemen on my right and the elders on my left and everyone involved at the restaurant sat in the inner circle. Everyone else in attendance stood in the outer circle. We did the first round. The young police officers spoke about their fears being in the restaurant with so many Indians and that they just wanted to get the woman who was causing the disturbance out of the place.

After the first round, the son who was causing the problem, but who was not part of the inner circle asked if he could say something. I had real misgivings about what he might say, but I allowed him to speak.

He said that having heard the comments he thought the police had done the best they could in the circumstances and he was going to call off his lawyers. The police officers apologized to the elders and peace was restored.



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I believe that if a similar process were used with Jaskirit, the consensus would not require him to go to prison. They might not even require him to forfeit his license, but they might require further training before he drove again. After his experience, he might become the best driver in the country, because he would realize first hand the dangers of a moments inattention or distraction.

I am an idealist who would like to see huge change in our system. If punishment were taken out of the equation and we could get to solutions for problems it would make huge differences.

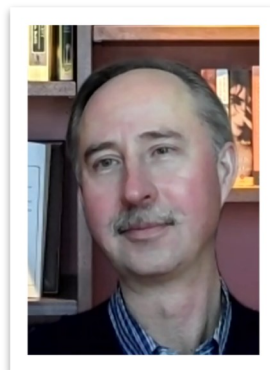
All of our protections are designed to prevent wrongful punishment. If we didn't have punishments, we could dispense with many of the expensive processes of the current system and it would save billions of dollars and allow people who make mistakes to continue to live otherwise productive lives.

If I have accomplished anything today, the next time there is a sentencing in the news, perhaps a few of you will ask yourselves "What good will it do?"

The meeting was opened up to a Q&A Session and there were more questions than time available so please feel free to view the meeting link for more information.

Jim Fitzowich thanked Judge Reilly for presenting us with a very controversial and thought provoking talk about Restorative Justice. His information about the justice system of indigenous peoples as compared with our traditional punitive legal system will provide many interesting conversations amongst our members.

President Penny: Mr. Reilly, in appreciation of your participation in our meeting today, our Rotary Club has donated \$100 to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. These funds are invested in an endowment fund. Our Rotary Club uses the income earned on these funds to support organizations within our community. Gifts to CRCF are the gifts that keep on giving.



NEXT WEEK: Our Speaker will be Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health for Alberta. It should be informative and thought provoking. I hope you will join us.

So, back to hockey...

Do you know why hockey rinks have round corners?

Because if it was 90 degrees, the ice would melt.

Here's one for all you fellas still playing hockey. What do you call a hockey team full of old people?

The Jerry Hat Tricks.



And finally, if you are having a dry January, and do want to celebrate the start of the Flames season, why not think "Dry" martini, or Sauvignon Blanc? That's a pretty "dry" wine.

Go Flames Go.

Have a great week everyone.



DID YOU KNOW?

- ⇒ 2020 Club Financial Statements are now available on the RCCSP website at: www.rotarycs.org
Go to: Member Area; Organization; Documents
- ⇒ There are 4 named Rotary Parks in Calgary
 1. Rotary Challenger Park
 2. Rotary Park 617 - 1 Street NE
 3. Rotary Off leash Park 117 - 4 Ave NE
 4. Rotary Park Fish Creek.

SUBMITTED BY: BULLETIN CHAIR, BEV OSTERMANN

Quotes

Judge John Reilly spoke to us today of our need to have "power" over people and that can lead to punishment.

This is a favourite quote of mine written by Sri Chinmoy

*World peace can be achieved
When, in each person,
The power of love
Replaces the love of power.*

- Sri Chinmoy

SUBMITTED BY: Guest Editor Corinne Wilkinson

SUBMITTED BY BRYAN WALTON



Rotary

District 5080



Peacebuilding Conference

Today for Tomorrow

06 February 2021, 09:00—12:00 (Pacific)

Via ZOOM

Objectives and Agenda

- ♦ Open a conversation about the 8 Pillars of Positive Peace.
- ♦ Define steps to transform D5080 Clubs into Action-Oriented Peacebuilding Clubs.
- ♦ Set the stage to transform D5080 into a Peacebuilding District.



OPENING KEYNOTE

Patricia Shafer
Executive Director,
NewGen Peacebuilders,
Rotary Peace Activator



CLOSING KEYNOTE

Al Jubitz
Co-Founder, Rotary
Action Group for Peace



Register for the Conference at <https://tinyurl.com/D5080Peacebuilding>

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

January Baby Fun Facts

January Babies Have a Fiery Birthstone: While their birth month is all things snow and ice, January babies' birthstone, the garnet, is a deep, fiery red. This stone is said to symbolize friendship and trust (two traits that hopefully your baby will inherit, too!).

January Babies' Horoscope Sign Is Capricorn or Aquarius If your baby is born before January 20th they'll be a Capricorn, a sign thought to be hard-working, ambitious, and practical. January babies who make their debut January 20th or later will fall under Aquarius, a sign believed to be intelligent, quirky, and independent.

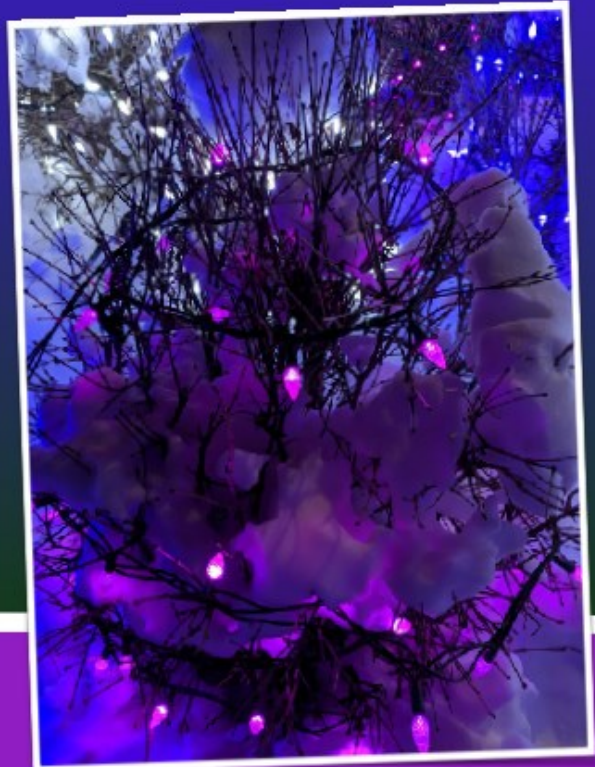
January Babies Are Pretty Chill: The weather of their birth month isn't the only thing that's cool! Babies born in winter months are less irritable than people born in other seasons, according to [a European study](#).

Happy Birthday !

Don Whalen (spouse of Dana Hunter)	Jan 2
John Fellows	Jan 4
Penny Leckie	Jan 4
Bryan Walton	Jan 7
Tom Jezersek	Jan 9
Dilan Perera	Jan 16
Christine Martin	Jan 23
Imma Dike-Shittu	Jan 24
Sherry Austin	Jan 30
Clive Pringle	Jan 30

*"While the snow came quickly,
so did the beauty"*

Photo taken by Corinne at Calgary Zoolights



Happy January Birthdays

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

Jan 21st Minister of Health: 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

President	Penny Leckie
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Past President	Chas Filipski
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