

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CHAS



My fellow Rotarians and Friends:

I shook hands with a stranger the other day and it just felt right. Why? Because we both commented on it right after it happened - had a chuckle and felt good about rekindling that small part of humanity in our lives. We had had a great chat and he was a good guy.

As we continue through the 8th? 9th? week of this "event" it seems we are on the road back to normal life. For all those who echo the, "things will never be normal again" rhetoric - let's just see what happens!

Good news continues to emanate from all over. Last week I mentioned Paris was alive again and this week all major sports teams are mere days away from announcing their respective plans to begin playing again. No more Netflix!!!!

Here in Alberta - Calgary particularly - we are also only a few days away from the wheels being pushed forward. My barber and Dentist (both of which I am in need of!) are first on my list to visit.

Of course, caution is still necessary but so nice to see common sense is not a lost trait! My whole point here is, especially for us here in Alberta the timing of the good news, coupled with the fairer weather makes for a supercharged Western attitude and spirit!

Today we also had some really good Rotary news. Our Club chose to recognize **Ron Prokosch's** tireless efforts with regard to our Youth Exchange Program by renaming a Scholarship in his honor. The ROTEX Youth Exchange Scholarship will now be known as **The Ronald Prokosch Youth Exchange Scholarship!**

Having been involved with YEX as a Chair and Counsellor, I've seen first hand the countless hours of time and effort Ron has put into this Program. He single handedly pumped life back into it when the program needed it most. I am very proud to have the honor of announcing this most deserved award.

There is also a most touching video that was developed by our own team of Jamie Moorhouse and Steve Mason. They were inspired by an idea born out of the thoughtfulness of several - but I single out **Bryan Walton, Dorothea Schaab and Walter Flores** for their special part in the idea for this tribute.

Here is the Link: <https://vimeo.com/420872583/456bb9c2f7>

Every student was doing this for no one else but Ron and that my friends - is Rotary!

Be well, all.

E. Chas. Filipski, Jr., President



The song “See You in September” keeps running through my mind for some reason.

During the scariest part of the COVID crisis, someone told me that Zinc could prevent me from catching the virus. So, I ordered a bottle. I have never opened it and noticed it in my cupboard the other day. I started reading about all the things Zinc can help with, and the words “erectile dysfunction” jumped out at me. I don’t know what a respiratory virus and erectile dysfunction have in common, but thankfully, I haven’t had to open the bottle for either... That said, I think I will keep it in my cupboard... Obviously it is powerful stuff.

Very excited about the response and feedback we are getting for next year’s committees. Love everyone’s enthusiasm and willingness to make it a great year.

Darren and I golfed on Sunday. The weather was beautiful. On the way to the course, Darren leaned in close and told me he had waited his whole life for a partner who could play golf. After the way I played, I am sure he thinks he is still waiting...



On Monday, I had the opportunity to ride my new horse, Whin, (named after the talking mare in the Chronicles of Narnia) out in the Foothills west of Longview. We drove by the OH Ranch, now owned by the Calgary Stampede. Also, we drove by the Stampede Ranch, previously owned by Guy Weadick. Someone has purchased the Stampede Ranch and is doing a substantial redevelopment. Fascinating to see. Most importantly, I had an incredible ride on Whin through fields that were full of crocuses. I grew up in Manitoba. Crocuses are the provincial flower of Manitoba and it fills me with joy anytime I see them. I have provided a couple of pictures for you. Annnndddd, what better way to wrap up the day than at the Longview Bar, now open to the general public, serving hotdogs and liquor on the patio. Best hotdog I had in ages.

So, now I am back at my desk, counting down the days to the end of personal tax season, praying the restaurants will open in Calgary by June 1st, so we can have a properly socially distanced tax party.

Now that I know the golfing, horseback riding and patio drinking seasons have begun, can’t wait to get the last tax return filed...

I hope everyone enjoyed today’s presentation for Waterton/Glacier Peace Park Assembly. Keeping my fingers crossed we will all be able to head to Glacier Park for September 18 – 20 and spend a fabulous weekend together. I promise to host a hospitality suite, and might even serve hotdogs...

Penny Leckie,
President Elect

Rotary



Club of Calgary at Stampede Park





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WATERTON GLACIER INTERNATIONAL PEACE PARK ASSEMBLY



President Chas welcomed Bill Gordon (President: WGIPPA), Maria Kliavkoff (Director: WGIPPA), Jeff Mow and Sal Rasheed.

Bill Gordon credited **Terry Allen** as the reason he was the current Canadian President of WGIPPA. He expressed the hope that the Peace Park Assembly would be in person as planned for September 18-20 in Montana. More information on this will be made after a meeting on July 8th to determine the Covid 19 restrictions.

Bill thanked our Club for once again taking a lead role in the planning for the event in Waterton in 2021. It has been led by our Club at least 3 times. He also thanked **Bryan Walton** for his leadership role as a Club and District representative.

Bill encouraged us to check their website on updates on the Assembly and to register:

www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org

Terry Allen reminded us of the history of Peace Park in last week's Bulletin. Our Club's involvement began in 1959 with active participation in the Assembly. Our Past President **George Adam** was instrumental in ensuring continuing participation since 1961. Terry welcomed everyone to this unique Assembly.

Bryan Walton introduced the two speakers:

Jeff Mow has been the Glacier National Park Superintendent since August 2013. His first visit to Glacier NP was in 1988 where he spent two weeks on the Red Bench Fire in the North Fork of the Flathead. Jeff is a graduate of Carleton College in Minnesota and attended the University of Michigan for graduate school in geology. Much of Jeff's 31 years with the National Park Service has been in Alaska where he began as a seasonal ranger at Glacier Bay National Park, served numerous assignments, and later in his career he served as the superintendent of Kenai Fjords National Park and acting superintendent at Denali National Park and Preserve. In 2001 served as the 12th Bevinetto Fellow in Washington DC before beginning his career as a superintendent at Florissant Fossil Beds NM. Jeff and his family live in Whitefish, Montana where they enjoy winter sports and a few off-season activities such as hiking and biking.

Sal Rasheed began his career at Parks Canada in 2001 as a Conservation Biologist for the Mountain Parks. Since that time he has taken on many assignment opportunities, most recently as the Associate Director of the Natural Resources Conservation Branch in Ottawa. Prior to that he was Resource Conservation Manager in Jasper as well as the Field Unit Superintendent in Jasper. Sal has acted as the Field Unit Superintendent in Waterton twice before coming on as the Superintendent in November of 2018 so is relatively familiar with the operations and situational landscape in Waterton. Sal was excited to be back in Waterton where he had his first graduate program field site in 1991. Prior to working for Parks Canada, Sal worked for eight years for both the Alberta and BC provincial governments in a project management capacity. Sal holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of Calgary. Sal has been with Parks Canada for 20 years now.

Glacier National Park Jeff Mow – Superintendent

National Park Service
Department of the Interior



Jeff Mow provided an overview of the Park pre-Covid 19. In the past few years visitation has grown significantly. This creates challenges for the wildlife and makes it challenging to manage. Although Glacier Park is in the top 10 parks for visitation it has a very compressed season (June, July and August).

The growth shows an interest in being outside and experiencing nature. It is vital we communicate with visitors to enhance their experience. We provide a dashboard to show the congestion in the park. July is very busy, August less so. We had had to close the gates a number of times due to the congestion.



The other noticeable change is who is coming to the park. It is a new selfie taking generation who often travel with only a cell phone and a water bottle. They are not prepared for wildlife and our calls to rescue have increased. More education of the public is required so they are prepared and safe in our park.

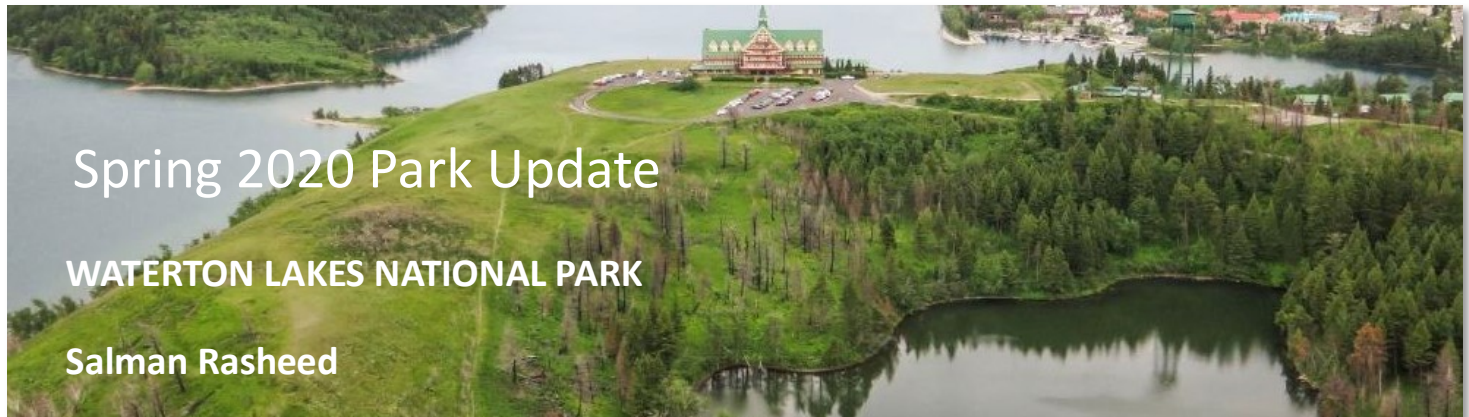
Post covid: Glacier Park is currently closed by the State of Montana. We are working with the State and the Tribes to plan the reopening. Montana has the lowest infection rate per capita in the US. The National Parks will be magnets when they reopen.

How to monitor and protect? Obviously the full range of services can't happen. What can be offered and what does visitation look like? Only 2 of the 12 campgrounds will be open this summer. Our other challenge remains as climate change with resulting wildfires.

It is an honour to work at the first International Peace Park. Thank you.

HERE IS THE LINK TO THE FULL PRESENTATION

[May 21 2020 - WGIPPA - Jeff Mow Presentation](#)



Spring 2020 Park Update

WATERTON LAKES NATIONAL PARK

Salman Rasheed



Parks
Canada

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Canada

Sal Rasheed expressed his theme as : the future will be the same but different. He noted how similar Waterton is to Glacier and he could echo many of the same issues as Jeff noted in his presentation.

The mandate for our park remains the same.

It is the 125th Anniversary this year and many events have been cancelled or cut back due to the pandemic. We are not sure how to commemorate this milestone.

Our visitation based on land base is also very high. We saw an 11% increase in visitation from 2018-2019. We have a vehicle monitoring system so we can track how many parking spaces are available.

The question now is how packed can we be in the future?

We can't easily predict whether we will have a flood of visitors or a few when we open up.

I want to highlight 2 more slides today. The first is the Management Planning slide. Please check our website for any input you wish to share.

The second one I'll leave you with is Resumption Planning Phase One

Thank you.

HERE IS THE LINK TO THE FULL PRESENTATION

[May 21 2020 - WGIPPA - Sal Rasheed Presentation](#)





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at Stampede Park

WATERTON GLACIER INTERNATIONAL PEACE PARK ASSEMBLY



President-Elect Penny Leckie thanked our speakers today:

Good afternoon Rotarians and Guests:

I want to thank Bill, Maria, Bryan and Terry for their involvement and commitment to the Waterton Glacier Peace Park Assembly. There are many Members of our Club who deserve recognition for their involvement in the past, as well. One of the objectives for my year as President of our Rotary Club is to revitalize our Club's participation in this important cross border gathering.

Having heard Jeff and Sal speak at past Peace Park Assemblies, for some time now, I have wanted these National Park Superintendents to speak to our Club, but I could never quite figure out travel logistics.

Because of ZOOM, we have been given the opportunity and the privilege to hear from both Jeff and Sal. On behalf of the Members of our Club, I want to thank you, gentlemen, for your presentations.

You have always provided informative sessions to the Peace Park Assembly, and that is true for today's session, as well. More importantly, I want to express gratitude and appreciation for your ongoing stewardship of one of the prettiest places on earth. We look forward to seeing you in Glacier in September.

President Chas added his thanks to both speakers as well

Rotary Pledge of Peace: *In the name of God, we will not take up arms against each other. We will work for peace, maintain liberty, strive for freedom and demand equal opportunities for all mankind. May the long existing peace between our two nations stimulate other peoples to follow this example. We thank thee O' God.*



Waterton-Glacier
International Peace Park Association
Established June 18, 1932 | www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org



September 18th – 20th – East Glacier, Montana

Hopefully we will be able to enjoy more opportunities to meet and socialize. The Peace Park, this year is being organized jointly by the Rotarians from Districts 5390 and 5080. More information on registration, accommodation and the program should be available in early July, assuming many of the present restrictions on gatherings are eased.



President Chas with a background of Waterton Glacier International Peace Park ("WGIPP") welcomed all to the Zoom meeting of May 21, 2020. He extended a special welcome to Bill Gordon (Canadian President of WGIPP), Maria Kliavkoff (Director of WGIPP), Jeff Mow (Superintendent of Glacier National Park), Sal Rasheed, Superintendent of Waterton National Park), Marilyn Balfour (Inductee) Dave Leslie and Bill Kauffman. Lisa Fernandes provided us with a rousing version of our national anthem. Such a pleasure to hear her.

Well done Lisa!

President Chas hoped everyone had a nice Victoria Day celebration. It was good to see people outside walking, children laughing as the City opened up a bit to welcome the beautiful weather. Contact **Larry Stein** for any trivia on Victoria Day. President Chas also gave a shout out to expats who will be celebrating Memorial Day on Monday(25) to honour all those who served in the armed services and have passed.

Bulletin Editor - Carol Graham

SAIT Thank you: Past President Terry Allen introduced a video sent to our Club by SAIT as a thank you for scholarships provided to SAIT students.

<https://assets.thankview.com/videos-processed/final-5eb34532b099d-29555885.mp4>

Quarantini Time: John Fitzsimmons fully garbed in personal protective equipment reminded the Club of the evening "meeting" next Thursday. Wear your cowboy hats and new haircuts. See the poster in the bulletin for more details.

Tribute to Past President Ron Prokosch: President Chas advised that Ron was experiencing serious health struggles and fellow Rotarians Bryan Walton, Dorothea Schaab, Walter Flores, Jamie Moorhouse and Steve Mason have prepared two tributes to Ron.

The first was a video of well wishes from former YEX students which was sent to Ron during the meeting today.

The second is a result of a unanimous motion of the Board to create the Ronald Prokosch Youth Exchange Scholarship.

Thanks from all of us to Bryan, Dorothea, Walter, Jamie and Steve for your caring and work on both tributes.

Ron was participating in the Zoom meeting and expressed his gratitude to the Club for this.

Here is the Link: <https://vimeo.com/420872583/456bb9c2f7>

CLUB NEWS

Induction of Marilynn Balfour

Marilyn Balfour was introduced by Wendy Giuffre:

Marilynn and I have been friends since we met over 10 years ago. We hit it off immediately after our first lunch together. Having a lot in common yet very different people makes our friendship special and never dull. Marilynn and I met while she was working for another HR firm here in Calgary where I consulted along with her on a company initiative. Once she decided to ease up on her full-time work commitments, I was thrilled to have her join my organization. Marilynn's professional background includes a BA in Psychology from U of C where after graduating she worked in a counselling capacity. She then went on to work with 3 different consulting firms where she focused on career coaching and change management. For 12 years, she was involved in all major downsizings primarily in the petroleum sector managing many large projects. In 1998 she joined the BOWEN Group where she created business models for 2 divisions and led the groups to capture a niche market. In 2014 she established her own company Career Management Inc. where she provides career coaching and HR Generalist support to a number of small to midsize companies. Her professional path has crossed with a couple of Rotarians in this club – Calgary is a small business community.

Marilynn has two grown sons and four of the cutest grandchildren in the world who she spends as much time as she can with – taking them on adventures of all sorts – never afraid to get her hands dirty. She loves to have fun and tends to be the most accident-prone person I know...falling out of trees while harvesting pussy willows, getting her ear caught in her car door and the various coffee-spill incidents. Her mission in life is to have a positive impact on the lives of people she touches. Marilynn's kind and comedic approach to life's challenges and her unyielding loyalty will make her a fabulous Rotarian and a great friend.

Induction by Past President Sherry Austin

Marilynn, you are making history today in our Club and it is just your first official day! This is the first time we have ever inducted a new member online and you are the first new member to join us during this planetary pandemic. While the tiny but mighty COVID-19 virus is changing the way we live right now, it is not changing the courage and tenaciousness of Rotarians.

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad. Our guiding principles have been the foundation of our values: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. There are many Rotary Clubs in Calgary and the surrounding areas and they all serve their communities in diverse and significant ways.

CLUB NEWS

Our motto: Service Above Self

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 100 years, Rotary members have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects around the globe. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end. We are very close to eradicating polio on the planet.

Rotary throughout our City and surrounding area has also completed numerous projects for our local community that involve working with youth, seniors, schools, the homeless, persons with disabilities, and others in need. Buildings have been erected, facilities renovated, parks built, and essential equipment supplied all over our City. You will see many products of Rotary generosity such as the Rotary/Flames Hospice, the park outside Ronald MacDonald House at the Children's Hospital, MRI machines for our hospitals, Southern Alberta Urology Centre, playgrounds for the disabled, Project neuro-arm, Rotary/Mattamy Greenway, bursaries and youth leadership facilities at Stampede Park, and scholarship programs to help kids finish high school and then succeed in postsecondary and so very many more.

For our guests:

We are you; we come from all walks of life. But most importantly, we are all volunteers. Rotarians donate their time and resources to help create a better, healthier and stronger community for you.

Our Club expectations:

Attendance is very important to our Club as we believe that meeting together builds bonds of fellowship that will help us to fundraise for our charities and volunteer in our community.

To create fellowship, when we are back in Rotary House, I encourage you to have lunch at a different table every week so that we can get to know you and you can learn about us. During this time of physical distancing, our members are just a phone call or a Zoom meeting away.

Involvement in a variety of committees will allow you to learn more about our Club and allow us to use your considerable expertise.

You will see that we support one another in good times and we will have your back in times of challenge.

Marilynn, while we are in the middle of a pandemic and may seem far away from one another, please know the spirits of your new Rotary friends are shining through in unison to welcome you into our Club.

We look forward to you enriching our lives as I hope we will enrich yours.

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

Marilyn thanked both Wendy and Sherry and said she was thrilled to be part of our Club.

President Chas added his welcome.



QUARANTINA FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL

MAY 28TH AT 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

*Join us as we ZOOM into your living room for fun and games.
Bring your own Beverage and Snacks!!*

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88999383230?pwd=QVRQRERtVYitGdXRxemlWbG5BZVpmdz09>

Meeting ID: 889 9938 3230

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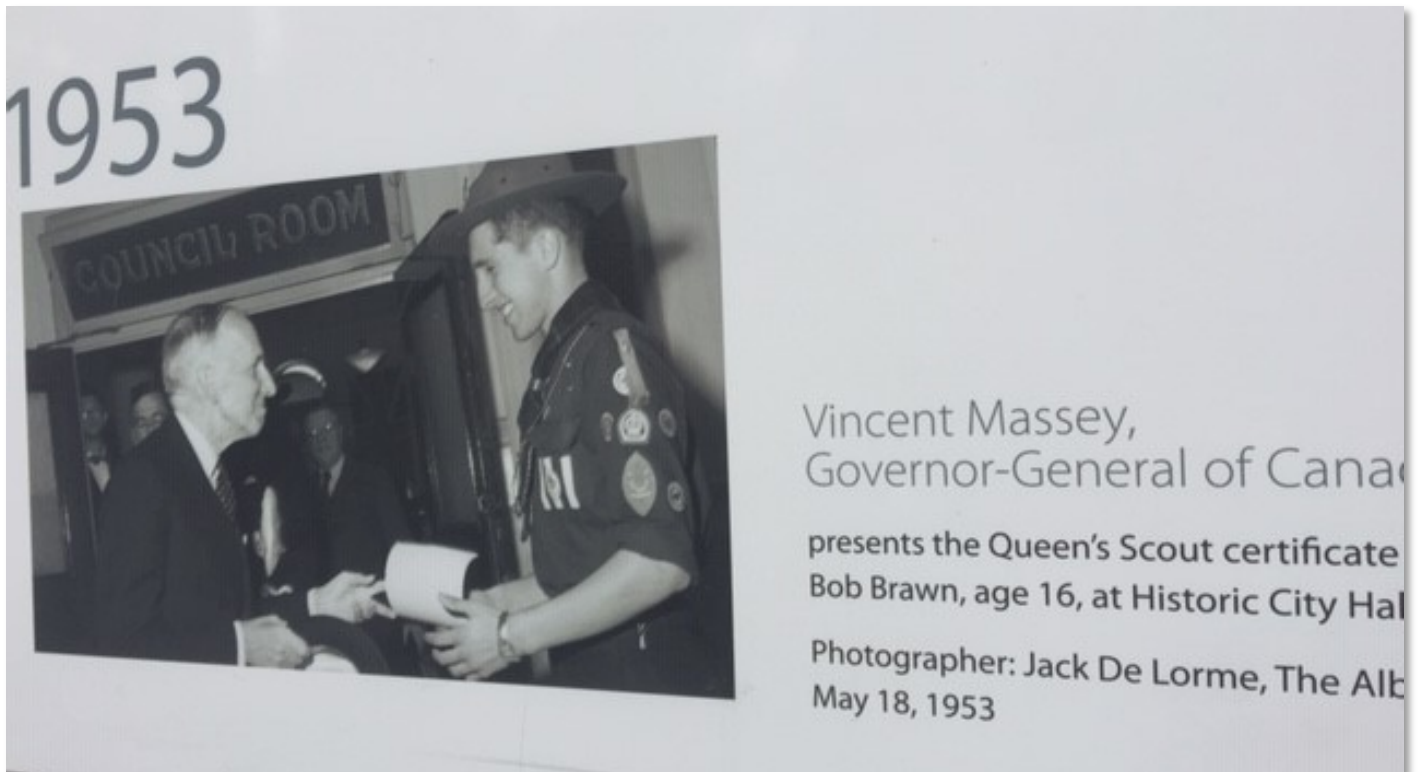
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Here is a picture of Bob Brawn getting an award from Governor General Vincent Massey when he was 16 years old

It is on the fence surrounding the old city hall which is completing Renovations and is now being removed.

SUBMITTED BY: DON TAYLOR





President Chas met up with Christine Kyte to help deliver food to Rotarians and Friends.

Thank you to everyone that has taken time out to assist, prep and deliver.



HOME COOKED COMFORT FOOD

NO-CONTACT DELIVERY FOR FRIDAY, MAY 29

THIS WEEK'S MENU:

**1L CREAMY TOMATO SOUP (4 PORTIONS)
CHICKEN & BLACK BEAN ENCHILADAS
(2-3 PORTIONS)
SMALL RUSTIC BREAD LOAF
\$25 PER ORDER**

**Please place orders by email
or phone before
Tuesday, May 26**

email: info@reflectivecatering.com
phone: 403-831-4498



President Chas asked for quotes, music and thoughts. We have created a music playlist for the RCCSP Club: [Quarantina With Friends Playlist](#)

Walter Flores: Please find a link to a daily report issued by Deutsche Bank. It is a comprehensive daily report tracking everything COVID-19. If you wish to receive this on a daily basis, contact Walter Flores and he will add you to a mailing list: Walter (403) 471 9604

https://www.dbresearch.com/PROD/RPS_EN-PROD/PROD0000000000507648.pdf

Dorothea Schaab provided this funny link: The Beatles Parody – I Gotta Wash My Hands

<https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=fdiYOOyTbJM&feature=share>

Stan Cichon provided this interesting Link: Lou Holtz Inspirational Speech (I Was Born With a Silver Spoon in my Mouth):

<https://youtu.be/0wMmcoPTmAs>



Can We Uninstall 2020
And Install It Again?
This Version Has A
VIRUS ⚠️

AFTER CORONA IS OVER



When the drugs wear off and you realize
you're not a space smuggler traveling
across the universe with a Wookie



THE SAME BOILING WATER
THAT SOFTENS THE POTATO
HARDENS THE EGG.
IT'S ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE
MADE OF, NOT THE
CIRCUMSTANCES.





As we pass through May, I reflect on how my life has looked over the last few months. Due to self-isolation and social distancing, I was able to complete a few projects that have been on my "to-do" list since we moved in over a year ago and spend invaluable time with our daughters, son-in-law and our sweet granddaughter who self-isolated with us. Even though I miss my quiet days, I am thankful that we were able to have family with us.

My current Executive is getting ready to wind-up and I am going to miss very much having a final dinner to celebrate a successful year and thank them for their amazing support. We instead will hold a zoom meeting, raise a glass and look forward to the upcoming year.

I am looking forward to warm weather, green grass and the beautiful gardens that will start popping up. May you all stay happy, healthy and safe until we can all meet in person again.

Virtual hugs to you all!

Denise MacLeod
Rotary Partners President



Rotary Partners' Book Club News

Our Book Club has continued with zest despite the COVID-19. We have had two meetings on Zoom so far. The first held on April 27th with Lorna Hamm presenting the book, "Where the Crawdads Sing". We had a lively discussion led by Lorna and we agreed it was a very interesting book. Fourteen members joined in on the Zoom meeting.

Our second Zoom meeting was on May 11th. Twelve members joined us for the second meeting and we all talked about books we had read. I sent out the list of recommended books to all members. We are going to have our third Zoom meeting on June 15th at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome.

Denise sets up the meetings so if you'd like to join us email her at: dmacleod@moneyadvisor.ca

Jane Topp





**Do You have T-Shirts you
don't wear?**

**We Need them for Mask
Straps!**



[Maskmakersyyc.com](https://www.facebook.com/maskmakersyyc) is a growing group of hundreds of volunteers across Calgary who have already made thousands of masks - over 13,000. You can find them on FaceBook.

They still have 4,000 masks on the wait list and that too is growing. I know some of our own Rotarians and partners have also been making hundreds of masks and we are all SO appreciative!

However, as you have likely heard, the elastic is in extreme short supply so the people at [Maskmakersyyc.com](https://www.facebook.com/maskmakersyyc) are now cutting up t-shirts to make soft straps that attach to the face portion to tie around the head now in place of elastic.

If you have access to t-shirts, new or used (Fisherman's Personal Care Cleaners is donating all cleaning) either in small quantities or larger quantities and you are willing to part with them, please contact Corinne Wilkinson at **403.471.2101** or: corinne@whitehathospitality.com

I am helping to gather t-shirts and deliver them to the volunteers who are busy sewing. The front of the masks are ready but we have no fabric for the straps. Any and all t-shirts are MOST WELCOME!

To our Rotary team who is also busy sewing (Lynn and Karen Grant, Kelly Brittain, etc), if you need t-shirts as well, let me know and I'll get some of the donations to you too.

Corinne Wilkinson
White Hat Hospitality



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
WE WILL CONTINUE TO UPDATE YOU AS THINGS EVOLVE		
May 28	ZOOM MEETING: Carlota Figueres: YEX Presentation	ONLINE MEETING
June 4	ZOOM MEETING: Kaylee Quinney: YEX Presentation	ONLINE MEETING
June 11	ZOOM MEETING: Bob Brawn: Rotary Profile	ONLINE MEETING
June 18	ZOOM MEETING: Annual Charity Day Presentations	ONLINE MEETING
June 25	ZOOM MEETING: Changing of the Guard & WCS Presentation	ONLINE MEETING
July 2	ZOOM MEETING: Dominion Day Celebration	ONLINE MEETING
July 9	ZOOM MEETING: Stampede Spirit: Celebration of Cowgirls	ONLINE MEETING
July 16	ZOOM MEETING: President's Inaugural Address	ONLINE MEETING
July 23	ZOOM MEETING: Foodbank Update Presentation	ONLINE MEETING
July 31	TBA	

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