

Rotary Club of Winnipeg



ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

April 5, 2020

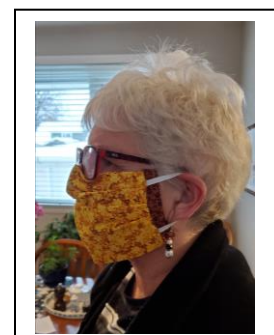
Editor's Note:

Impacts of COVID-19: At times I feel a lack of structure in my life as a result of COVID-19. Often I lose track of which day of the week it is. Before COVID-19, my life had three main anchors; Wednesday Rotary meetings, Fitness sessions on Monday, Wednesday & Friday, and a focus on Fundraising for RIBFEST 2020. At times I feel adrift now with no anchors; Rotary meetings have been cancelled, our Wellness Centre is closed, and you can't be asking people/businesses for Sponsorship & Donations when their businesses may be closed or suffering. The Newsletter has given me an alternative focus or some may say an obsession.

Our Political Leaders & Health Care Professionals: I am extremely impressed with both our Political leaders and our Health care professionals. We watch the Prime Minister's morning briefing every morning. I think our leaders, the P.M. and the Premiers are all doing a great job along with the Health care professionals who are supporting them with science-based research, analysis and recommendations. We try not to watch President Trump too much. This man is frightening to me, on a global scale.

New Activities:

- Nancy has started making face masks for our extended family.
- We watch a squirrel getting sunflower seeds out of our **squirrel-proof** feeder.
- We are trying to become dog groomers. Currently, all the dog groomers are closed. So I trimmed up our dogs legs because the long hair was getting all muddy last week. Now he looks like a sheep, with spindly looking legs.
- Nancy loves watching **Pluto** the talking dog on Facebook



Some Recent News before it becomes Old New:

COVID 19 NEWS:

Rotary Club of Thornbury Clarksburg COVID 19 Initiative:

Canadians helping out

CBC News Network's Suhana Mehachand spoke to John White (Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club) who has helped mobilize volunteers in a small Ontario town to keep the local supermarket running.



<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1720029251540>

Latest News

THORNBURY CLARKSBURG ROTARY COVID19 INITIATIVE

Sanitizing shopping carts and baskets at Thornbury Foodland, (Read full story in link below and watch a Facebook video)

<https://www.tcrotary.ca/news.cfm?newsid=13>

As the country battles COVID-19, some are looking back to another health crisis in living memory – Polio.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/closures-equipment-shortages-and-insights-from-canada-s-polio-invasion-1.5517204>

The link above also contains a link to a video on “A History of Polio in Canada”

Rick Mercer’s Rant on Social Isolation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbZRo4pw63g>

Did you see this one?

“Our cleaning lady just called and told us she will be working from home and will send us instructions on what to do.”

ROTARY & COVID 19:

Rotary's statement on COVID-19 and its impact on polio eradication efforts (March 30, 2020)

<https://www.rotary7080.org/Stories/rotary%E2%80%99s-statement-on-covid-19-and-its-impact-on-polio-eradication-efforts>

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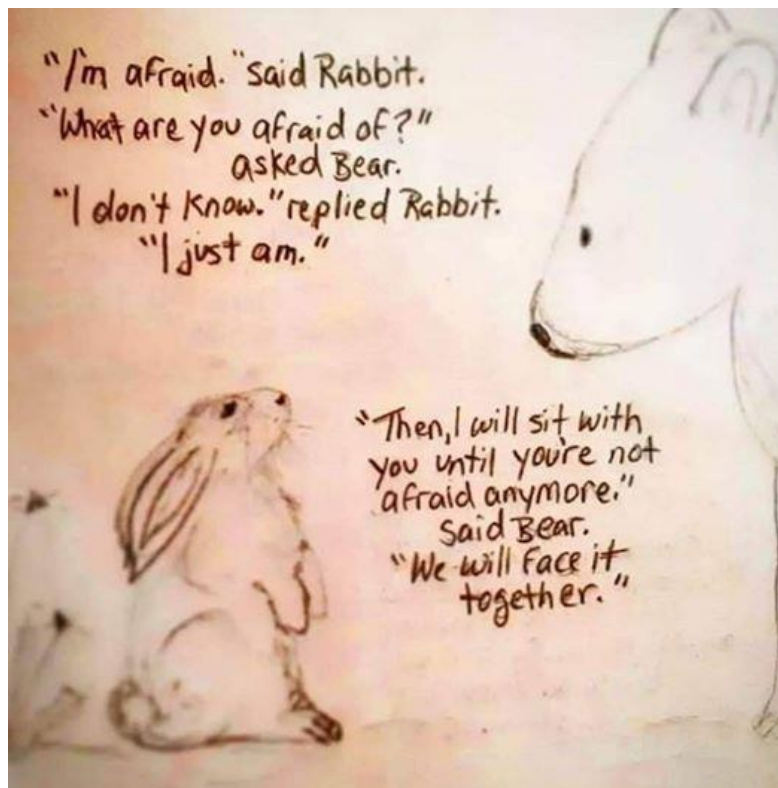
Best Coronavirus song parody:

<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/music/story/2020-04-01/coronavirus-song-parodies-go-viral>



Coronavirus Rhapsody:

<https://phoenixchoir.com/2020/04/coronavirus-rhapsody>



Letters and FP Comments:
Winnipeg Free Press, (April 3, 2020)
By Rob Tisdale



Re: *Facts Vital in battle to overcome COVID-19 apathy*
(March 31)

Jen Zoratti wrote a very telling column in today's issue of the FP.

I had been feeling quite proud of the Winnipeggers I had seen during the walks my wife and I have been doing since things started ramping up. We are both in our early 70's and in pretty good shape so we walk and I also jog every other day. Social distancing is working very well.

For kids and grandkids who all live close by, we face time. Food stores have the first hour for seniors only and that has worked really well at our local Safeway. Great people, great sterile technique, and I felt very comforted that all was going well.

Until Tuesday morning.

We needed to replenish our ground beef and chicken so since COSTCO also has special senior shopping from 8:00 am until 9:00 am I thought I would give it a try. When I slowed down on St. James street to pull in I decided to just keep going. The line up went all down the West side of the building and then all down the South side and for all I knew, back up the East side.

Were ALL of these people seniors? Who are they? It didn't take me long to apply a risk assessment. I am very concerned that the lineup was made up of a lot of returning snowbirds breaking their isolation restriction. They may have come from the US where up until last week "their" leader was saying this wasn't really a problem! "We need to be back at work by Easter"! They felt fine so they must be fine. Right?

Studying the line itself my impression was that "Social Distancing" was just a soft suggestion. I will not be going to Costco again until the Bombers are playing. Jen is spot on by identifying apathy as a major threat.

So for our groceries I went to my local Safeway where I was met at the door by a polite woman staffer who had just wiped down all the carts. There was a hand washing station with water, soap and paper towels right there so I could wash my hands on entering and exiting. I bought everything we needed. There were perhaps a dozen seniors in the store. It was a great experience considering what I had just witnessed.

We last bought our paper products at Costco in January and while we got back from a month away in Mexico in mid February it looks like we have enough TP until the end of April, Kleenex until mid summer and paper towels until June. I am not trying to be pious, just practical.

If covid-19 cannot find you, it dies and we live.

Canada's Chief Medical Officers put Women's leadership in the Spotlight:



<https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/women-chief-medical-officers-canada-1.5518974>

<https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/april-2020/canadas-chief-medical-officers-put-womens-leadership-in-spotlight/>

REGISTRATION now open for our One Day “virtual” Rotary District 5550 District Conference:

Please note that the District Conference is now for only one day, SATURDAY MAY 23rd and the cost is only \$50 each, except for STUDENTS registration is FREE. In addition, there is NO TRAVEL TIME and no overnight stay. So please make every effort to attend. I can tell you, the speakers are inspiring!

The link below will take you to registration, which is now up and running.

<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?eventid=a412a70f-38e9-4ff8-b775-9200c96721cc>

As DG Fred says, this is a great time to be part of Rotary.

District 5550 – Rotary Friendship Exchanges Update:

Friendship Exchanges for 2020 have been POSTPONED for Brazil, SW England & Australia

Just a quick note to let all District 5550 members know that all the District 5550 Friendship Exchanges for the year 2020 have been postponed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

For more details of Dates, Participants and Clubs please see the District 5550 website. <https://rotary5550.org/sitepage/rotary-friendship-exchange>

Yours in Rotary Friendship
Dave Bennet, District 5550 RFE Chair

Letters from District 5550 participants in last year's Friendship Exchange with Australia:

Murray and Donna Newton (Rotary Club of Neepawa)

I was just thinking that a year ago we were just finishing our Friendship Exchange in Australia and had just arrived home or were about to head home.

With many wonderful memories of our trip, I am so thankful that we did it last year. Think how differently it would have ended this year, or more likely not have happened.

I hope this note finds you all well and coping with our situation as best we can. Here in Neepawa there are no cases of COVID 19 that I am aware of. All restaurants are shut down or take out only, but most other businesses are open in some capacity. It is a good time to live on a farm, as it is easy to remain relatively isolated, but have many things to keep us busy.

Cheers,
Murray & Donna Newton

Wayne and Joyce Claggett (Rotary Club of Melfort)

Hello all. Yes, we are so glad our trip of a lifetime was last year - we've been reminiscing a lot this last while especially since we are confined to home these days. It was a wonderful time last year with wonderful people.

We are staying well and keeping busy. We are currently hosting one of Melfort's 2 exchange students - Henrique is from Brazil and has been living with us since the end

of December- both of Melfort's students have decided to stay in Melfort to finish their exchange- our other student Fanny is from Belgium - their families and our club felt they were safer here rather than trying to get home. Fanny spent the last two weeks with us but has now moved to her last host family.

Everything in Melfort is basically shut down except for grocery stores, pharmacies and gas stations. There are no cases here in Melfort and area.

Take care everyone.

LINKS:

Discussions on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons at the 2019 UNGA First Committee

Since the date (December 30, 2020) of this article, now 36 states have ratified the Ban Treaty. 50 needed to bring it into effect.

Thanks, David Newman.

<https://www.wagingpeace.org/discussions-on-the-treaty-on-the-prohibition-of-nuclear-weapons-at-the-2019-unga-first-committee/>

Ideas & Activities for Families During the COVID 19 Pandemic From Kids for Peace. Thanks, Brenda Newman

<https://files.constantcontact.com/e262fa9b001/0c2ca534-7f7d-425f-a4fd-cd4a04c38991.pdf>

More on Humberto Dantes and his Rotary Roots:

The Natal Rotary Club and my family.

We (Humberto & Enisa) are from Natal, a coastal city in the Northeast of Brazil. The **Natal Rotary Club** was founded in 1936 and it was recognized by Rotary International in the same year. It has been part of my family history before I was born.

My great-uncle **Omar O'Grady**, the first president, was the son of Alexander James O'Grady, a Canadian immigrant. He was my grandfather's brother-in-law. My grandfather **Ozorio Dantas**, my father **Edgard Dantas** and my



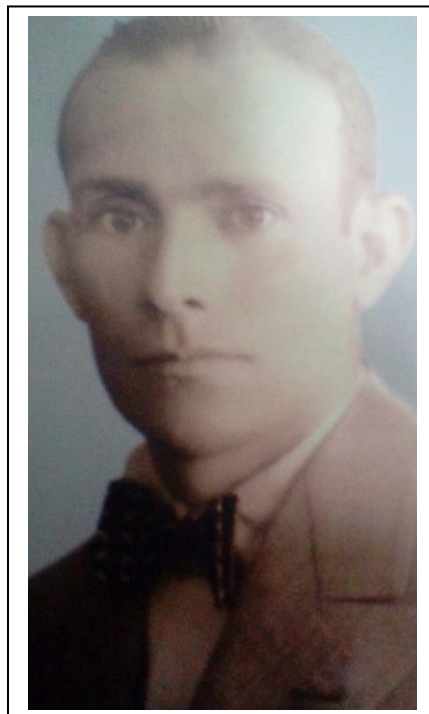
brother **Henrique Dantas** were former presidents too. I also have a sister who is a Rotary member.

I myself participated in the **Natal Rotaract Club** before I started my university in Maine, USA and my international experience as a musician on ocean cruise lines.

At the left, is my dad **Edgard Dantas** (President 1976-1977) and at his side is my grandfather **Ozorio Dantas** (President 1965-1966) during the visit of **Ernesto Imbasahy**, President of Rotary International.



Below is a picture of **Omar Grant O'Grady**, the first president (1936), of the **Rotary Club of Natal, Brazil**.



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