



June 9, 2020

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June 2020 Theme: Rotary Fellowships Month

**Program Chair:
Stan Garchinski**

Date	Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Jun 16	SIMFC	John Hanlin	Bryan Tastad	Bryan Harvey	TBA	TBA	TBA
Jun 23	Boris Kishchuk	Randy Kutcher	Bryan Tastad	Bob MacGillivray	TBA	TBA	TBA
Jun 30	Peggy Clark	Michael Gramiak	Bryan Tastad	NA	<i>President's Party</i>	TBA	TBA

Announcements

- The club is meeting by video conference on Tuesdays at the regular time of 12 noon. If you have not been receiving the video conference invitations and would like to, please email [President Candace](#).
- Interest remains keen in our copyrighted 4 Way Test Song. The club executive will consult with Jim Gillis and Stan Garchinski on how much we should charge for use of the video.
- President Candace reported that our first Scavenger Hunt fundraiser will be held on Sunday, June 21. Candace has arranged prize sponsorships from Battleford Furniture, Taverna and Venice House. Click here to see the full [rules and regulations](#). The goal is to raise \$2,000-\$3,000 with virtually no overhead costs.
- President Elect Lorne Braithwaite announced that we will meet every two weeks over the summer, beginning July 7.

This Week's Program Highlights

Chair - Candace Odishaw

4 Way Test Song - Betty Ann Arscott

Greeter - We welcomed to the meeting:

- Guest speaker Alvin Law;
- DG Fred Wright;
- DGE Gailmarie Anderson.

Program - Alvin Law - Motivational Speaker

Stan Garchinski introduced Alvin Law, a motivational speaker originally from Yorkton and now based in Calgary. Alvin spoke to us from his family cabin at Crystal Lake near Yorkton. Alvin, who is an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Calgary East, said many very nice things about Rotary and the work that Rotarians do locally and around the world. Alvin shared some of his personal story which began in 1960 when he was born with no arms as a result of his mother being prescribed thalidomide during pregnancy. His birth mother gave Alvin up for adoption and he was taken in by foster parents Hilda and Jack Law, who were in their mid-50s at the time. With the support of these loving parents, Alvin overcame many obstacles and became well known in his city, province and around the world. As one example, Alvin became one of the top high school trombone players in the province thanks to caring teachers who devised a trombone stand that allowed him to play with his



feet. Today, his signature instrument used at his presentations are the drums. Alvin has spoken to thousands of groups over his career, inspiring many to strive to be givers not takers. Alvin said last impressions are more important than first impressions because that's how you will be remembered. Alvin wants to be remembered for his smile. Asit Sarkar thanked Alvin on behalf of the club.

Cheer Captain - Michael Gramiak donated happy dollars because he was so moved by Alvin Law's presentation and many others followed suit. Other happy/sad dollars included:

- Ed Pek for his 80th birthday!
- Massey Mizuno because his wife Vi is from Yorkton;
- Ravi Chibbar because his daughter is going to Toronto;
- Walt Pawlovich because his granddaughter is doing well after her surgery in Spain;
- Jim Gillis for being on TV playing his French horn in the rain;
- Betty Ann Arscott for finding a new hairdresser and because a tree has to be taken down in her yard;
- President Candace for getting a pedicure;
- Bryan Harvey because thalidomide, thankfully, is no longer prescribed for pregnant women but is used as an effective cancer drug.

Board and Executive

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President - Candace Odishaw
President-Elect - Lorne Braithwaite
Vice-President - Michael Gramiak
Past President - Stan Garchinski
Secretary - Jack Scott
Treasurer - Bob MacGillivray

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Membership - Betty Ann Arscott
Projects- Randy Kutcher
Rotary Foundation- Asit Sarkar
Community Grants - Lorne Braithwaite, Peggy Clark
New Generations - Michael Gramiak

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