



It Takes “A Voice” – Are You Using Your “Voice”



As Canadians, we are recognized globally for our extreme politeness. As Canadian Rotarians, read “extremely polite Rotarians”, we are quick to give time in service and to give financial resources to matters where we identify a need. We are not as quick to be verbal or to make noise about areas of concern. We are reluctant to risk being perceived as controversial, or to risk being considered impolite and/or disrespectful of others. We are concerned about potentially offending someone. In reality, we are reluctant to risk.

Recently, I have become more and more aware of the concept of being “A Voice” for a cause or for change. The August 16, 2016 Odyssey magazine stated in an article, “Having a Voice Means Having the Ability to Conquer the World.” Real change requires more than money and volunteer hours, it requires someone to lead, who is prepared to be “A Voice” for the cause. Consider the risk taken by President Elect Craig Stokke, as he became “A Voice” to have the Rotary International Conference in Calgary in 2025. We are all extremely proud of Craig and this accomplishment. It took “A Voice” to make this happen, and we all know, when 2025 arrives, that because of Craig’s “Voice”, Rotary will make a tremendous impact on the City of Calgary, and the City of Calgary will make a tremendous impact on Rotary. Thank you, Craig, for taking this risk, for leading, and for being the “Voice.”

You likely won’t recall when Ted Morton spoke to our Rotary Club, I thanked him for being “A Voice” for Western Canada. I have heard Senator Doug Black speak publicly about many of his concerns. Doug speaks as “A Voice” for Western Canada and for the good of Canada, as a whole. Danielle Smith is another person I consider to be “A Voice”. Danielle speaks plainly about what she perceives to be common sense. When Gary Mar spoke to our Club last fall, I acknowledged his efforts for representing Western Canadian interests. Judge John Reilly spoke to our Club, and it was obvious he is “A Voice” for the changes he believes should be implemented in our justice system. Whether you agree with these individuals or not, we need to give them credit for believing in something, for being passionate about it, for being committed to it, and for being willing to go out on a limb and be “A Voice” for what they believe in. We need more “Voices” in Canada.

Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Malala Yousafzai said “When the whole world is silent, one voice becomes powerful.” Being “A Voice” doesn’t require you to be loud, disruptive, or impolite. Rather, being “A Voice” means you have values, beliefs and objectives you are proud of. It means you are willing to share them with others, in the hopes of accomplishing them. Use your “Voice”.

Speak your mind, even if your voice shakes. Be “A Voice”, not an echo. Don’t follow the herd, rather, let your voice be heard...What am I going to be “A Voice” for? Stay tuned, and Buckle Up... As author Dianne Hardy says, “It only takes one voice, at the right pitch, to start an avalanche. I see an avalanche coming...Buckle Up.

President Penny Leckie

Good afternoon Rotarians and Guests. Welcome to the March 25th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President for 2020/2021 – **Penny Leckie**

“Stuck on you sung” by **Past President Murray Flegel** and Bailey and the Boys! Everyone was rocking to the song!!

<https://vimeo.com/479659188>



That was **Past President Murray Flegel with his band Bailey & The Boys**. Today is Songs and Stunts Day in our Rotary Club. And speaking of music, born on this date are two great musicians, Aretha Franklin and Elton John.

I have no musical talent, and I have always been envious of those who do. Jazz musician, Louis Armstrong, said “Music is life itself”, and he also said, “If you have to ask what Jazz is, you’ll never know.” We have lots going on today, so let’s carry on with another song. Please rise for O Canada.

Guests: I want to start our meeting by acknowledging our **DG, Mary Turner**, who will speak to us later. DG Mary, please say hello and tell us what your favourite song is. DG Mary Turner’s favorite songs: It’s a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong and Celebrate by Cool and the Gang

Mary, we were hoping you would wear your ugly green shirt that we sent you as a gift last fall. No guts, no glory, girl... or, Mary, you look fabulous in that ugly green shirt. I happen to have mine handy, as well, so let me join you in that incredible fashion statement you are making. Great to see **Tommy Low today** – you are looking well!

Let’s say hello to Pat Neuman. Pat is moving back to Calgary at the end of April, after retiring as CEO, President and Chairman of the Board of Welcome Wagon Ltd. She is a Past President of the downtown Toronto Rotary Club, is just finishing a term as AG, and served on the main committee for the Rotary International Conference when it was in Toronto. Pat is looking for a new Rotary home, so we want to make her feel welcome. Pat, please say hello and tell us what your favourite song is. Pat’s favorite songs: Staying Alive by the Bee Gees and Born to be Wild by Steppenwolf. Welcome to all our guests. We hope you enjoy the meeting.



Pat Neuman

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Health and Wellness: please contact **Rudy Ruberto** at 403 919 0908 or email: rudyruberto@gmail.com

Keith Davis: at home recovering after spending a week in the hospital.

Larry Koper: moving into AgeCare, Skypointe. Larry will have to isolate for 2 weeks when he arrives before he can have visitors. His long term memory is still great, but short term memory is not. Donna Koper is scheduled for foot surgery April 9th and will be off her feet recovering for at least 3 weeks.

Peter Penner turns 96 on April 7th. It would mean a lot to Peter and Justina to receive birthday cards from Rotarians c/o 420, 905 Prominence Way SW Calgary AB T3H 2B4 Phone: 587-392-2899. Justina's email: justina.penner315@gmail.com. Please note; Peter has been moved to the Agape Hospice and can receive up to four visitors per day

Casino: Lynn Grant has organized volunteers for casino shifts on April 1st and 2nd. Unfortunately, casinos are not yet open. However, Lynn and I have both received an email from AGLC asking us to standby and be prepared to volunteer in the event the casinos open next week. I know this is contrary to what you are hearing in the news for the last couple of days, but if you have volunteered, please don’t make other plans, until we hear further.

I want to say thank you and express gratitude on behalf of our Club to **Past Presidents Bruce MacDonald and Murray Flegel**. They have been negotiating with Calgary Stampede and presented the new Dream Home/Lotteries contract to our Board meeting this month. All things being equal, the new contract is more generous than the previous contract, and it is for three years. The Board gave it unanimous approval and I signed it on Tuesday evening. It was just in the nick of time, because Chairman of our Dream Home Committee, **Jim Bladon** is here to tell us more about what’s already happening.

Dream Home Update: Jim Bladon: Good afternoon President Penny, DG Mary, Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Guests. Greetings on behalf of your 2021 Rotary Dream Home / Stampede Millions 50-50 Committee. It's hard to believe that it is only 105 days to the 2021 Calgary Stampede!

As you likely saw in last week's bulletin, the 2021 Stampede Lotteries site is now up and running. Big shout out to **Dana Hunter** (who looks after the Advanced Ticket Campaign - ATC) and her team at Stampede Lotteries; **Chad Hason** and his Marketing Team...and all the remaining Stampede Lotteries volunteers see: calgarystampedelotteries.ca for details...you chance at winning \$2.2M in prizes



This years theme: Great...Greater...Greatest

- ◆ Great...Great Prizes!
 - ** Greater...Greater chance of winning!
 - *** Greatest...Greatest prize of all is giving back to the community!

VIP - runs to April 14/21...General public announcement and mailer thereafter

3 ticket offerings:

- ◆ Great (50 for \$50...25 Dream Home; 25 Kinsmen Million Prizes)
 - ** Greater (150 for \$100...75 Dream Home; 75 Kinsmen Million Prizes)
 - *** Greatest (300 for \$150...150 Dream Home; 150 Kinsmen Million Prizes)

2021 Rotary Dream Home Prize: Valued at \$1,109,939 (Biggest and most valuable home ever...2,490 SF home built by Homes by Avi (25 years of partnership with Homes by Avi) located in Livingston NW - corner lot). You get the home and \$100K in cash!!

Rebranded: Stampede Million 50-50 (current jackpot is \$400K....this prize pot can grow to \$1M). The Stampede Million 50/50 is back and it could be our greatest cash prize ever!! Tickets are (1 for \$10; 5 for \$25; 25 for \$50; 50 for \$75)

Calgary Stampede 2021 - The actual on Park event and related details are still, unfortunately, up in the air. Stampede working with Federal and Provincial governments, AHS and related parties to ensure that the event is the *safest possible* More details should be available mid April 2021...

Be excited. Be prepared...and Be ready...for the greatest year ever for Rotary, Kinsmen, the Stampede...and most importantly - our Charity partners! Thanks again for all your positive energy and support. Keep you posted...and here's to an amazing Calgary Stampede 2021. Be safe and remain strong out there. Cheers.

Also at the March Board meeting, the Directors approved a policy with respect to lifetime memberships in our Club, as provided for in our Bylaws. **President Elect Craig Stokke** is going to tell us about this policy. Craig has some assistance in developing this policy. Thank you to everyone involved



Life Long Membership Policy: Craig Stokke

I wanted to highlight and clarify a couple of acknowledgements that our Club offers to non-members and former members of our Club.

The first acknowledgement is an Honorary Membership. As stated in our Club bylaws, our Club has the option to bestow an Honorary Membership on a person who has never been a member of this or any other Rotary Club and has distinguished themselves by furthering Rotary ideals and are considered friends of Rotary, or this Club, for their support of Rotary's causes. Honorary Memberships are for a minimum term of one year. Each year, the board has the option to re-affirm the Honorary Membership for another year, if they want, or they can let it pass.

The second acknowledgement is Life-Long Membership. Our club bylaws allow the Board to bestow a Life-Long Membership to a person who is a former member of this Rotary Club, with a minimum of twenty-five years of service in Rotary, who has provided a profound contribution to this Club, has demonstrated permanent support for Rotary causes, and has resigned from this Club for personal reasons beyond their control.

Within this past year, there have been former members who have been nominated for Life-Long Membership. But at that time, there was a great deal of confusion as to what exactly it meant to be a Life-Long Member. So the Board has recently clarified, and ratified, a written policy explaining what a Life-Long Member is, and more importantly, what it's intent is. For a bit of background, the Board felt that the Club needed a way to recognize long-time Club members who distinguished themselves while being a member of our Club, but who left the Club on good terms, for reasons that were not necessarily their own: failing health, failing health of a family member, moving away from the city, those types of things.

We want long-time Rotarians to know we appreciate their past contributions and we want them to feel welcome to attend Club events as a guest (if their health allows it, or they are able to come back to our city for a visit). We want these former members to feel they are still a part of our Rotary family - even though they've resigned from active Club membership.

What a Life-Long Member is not: a Life-Long Member is NOTHING MORE than a way to keep resigned members (who have made significant contributions to our Club) connected to the Club for the remainder of their life. That's it. Nothing more. It is NOT an award. It is NOT intended to go back in time and recognize the Clayton Carols or Gardie Shaws or other prominent past members. It is ONLY an invitation for long-term former members to stay connected with us after their "retirement" from our Club. Their name does not go up on the wall. When they de cease, the recognition ceases.

Neither Honorary Members nor Life-Long Members have any rights of membership. They are not members of our Club - so there are no dues payable by us to RI or the district, and there are no expectations from the Club for Honorary Members or Life-Long Members to contribute to Club fundraising or other activities.

So how does someone get nominated? Active Club members can nominate an Honorary Member or Life-Long Member by making a written submission to the Board along with their reasons for the nomination. Typically, in order to be considered for Life-Long Membership, the Board has determined that a nomination must be submitted within one year of the former member's resignation from the Club. Now, having said that, the Board realizes that there are former members who may meet this criteria, and would likely have been nominated for Life-Long Membership had such a category existed at the time of their resignation. So, the Board has approved a one-time allowance (until June 30, 2021) to consider nominations of former members who are still living, and had resigned from our Club outside of the one-year requirement that is now in place.

The Board has recently created a new policy to clarify the intent of Like-Long Memberships and we will include a copy of that policy in the bulletin this week.

And if you would like to nominate a Honorary Member or a Life-Long Member please read the policy and reach out to one of the Directors.

Purpose

The purpose of this Life-Long Membership Policy is to clarify the current Life-Long Membership bylaw (7.3.3) and to assist the Club in understanding the objectives of Life-Long Membership status within the Club.

Intent

A Life-Long Membership is not intended to be an award. Nor is it intended to recognize former Club members for specific accomplishments they made to our Club. The intent of a Life-Long Membership is to keep distinguished, long-time members of our Club connected to this Rotary Club for the remainder of their life, should they be required to resign from the Club, regrettably, for reasons such as health or relocation. It is not intended to provide prestige over Active Members as the Club considers the highest level of Club affiliation to be that of an Active Member.

Eligibility

The Board may bestow a Life-Long Membership upon a person who is a former member in good standing of this Rotary Club with a minimum of twenty-five (25) years service in Rotary, who has provided a sustained and profound contribution to this Club, who has demonstrated permanent support for Rotary causes and who has resigned from this Club for personal reasons beyond their control within the previous twelve (12) months. In an exceptional circumstance, the Board may bestow a Life-Long Membership to any former member who does not meet the minimum twenty-five (25) years service in Rotary but meets all other criteria.

At the time this Policy was established, the Board recognized that there may be former members of our Rotary Club who would have qualified for consideration of Life-Long Membership, had Life-Long Membership been an option at the time the former member resigned from our Club. The Board agreed that a provision should be made, on a one-time basis, to nominate former members of our Rotary Club who resigned from the Club beyond the twelve (12) month provision. This provision will expire on June 30, 2021.

Board Action

The name of the candidate, together with reasons for the nomination, shall be submitted in writing by a member of this Club to the Club Secretary who will present the nomination to the Board of Directors for consideration of eligibility. If the candidate is deemed eligible, the name of the candidate will be published in the Club Bulletin. Written objections to the nomination may be provided to the Club Secretary from any Member of the Club within ten (10) days following publication of the name in the Bulletin. After the ten (10) day period has passed, the Board of Directors will make the final decision. Unless there is a negative recommendation, the proposed Life-Long Member will thereafter be considered elected unless there are more than two (2) negative votes cast by the Members of the Board. Should the Board of Directors not be familiar with the individual being nominated or their contributions to this Club, the Past Presidents may be sought for their input prior to the vote.

Rights and Privileges

Life-Long members of the Club shall be exempt from the payment of admission fees and Club dues, shall have no vote in Club business and shall not be eligible to hold any office. Such members shall not hold classifications, shall not be required to fund raise, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the privileges of the Club. A Life-Long membership in this Club does not automatically confer rights and privileges in any other Club.

Removal of Life-Long Membership

Life-Long Membership will cease upon the death of the former member. Additionally, the Board may remove the designation for good cause at any time.

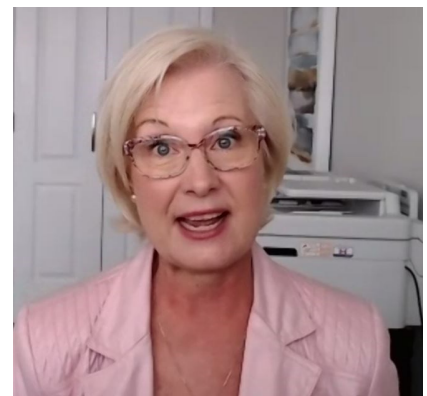
President Penny: – thanks to Craig and his committee for a great amount of work it took to clarify all of this and the Board appreciates you all.

Deb Sands is Chair of our Songs and Stunts Committee. What do you have for us this month, Deb?

Songs and Stunts **Deb Sands**

Today we're playing a game I like to call "The Last Rotarian Standing". So, what I'd like you to do is, in a few minutes, everyone stands up. I am going to read out a list of statements, if one applies to you, please sit down. And the prize is Frank the Easter Pig.

And of course, we must all remember the first law of the Four Way Test. Is it the truth? The "Last Rotarian Standing" is the winner and there are two in case there is a tie!



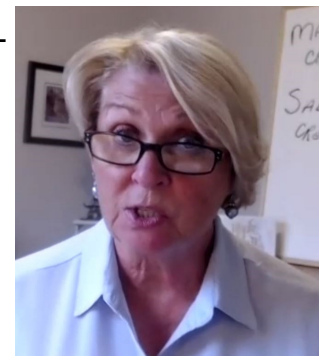
OK! Everyone please STAND and listen closely! STARTING NOW.....

If you are wearing white socks, please sit down
If there is a T in your middle name, please sit down.
If you've put your summer tires on, please sit down
If you had eggs for breakfast this morning, please sit down
If you had a turtle as a pet when you were a kid, please sit down
If you crunch ice in your cold drinks, please sit down
If your father's middle name is your grandmother's last name, please sit down
If you drink your coffee black, please sit down
If you were born on a Monday, please sit down
If you don't know the day of the week on which you were born, please sit down
If you have ever ordered liver and onions in a restaurant, please sit down
If you "raided a garden" when you were a kid, please sit down
If you grew up within 2 kilometers of the ocean, please sit down
If you wear your watch on your right wrist, please sit down
If you have "astigmatism", please sit down
If you had to look up the word "astigmatism" please sit down
If you are eating your lunch, by all means, PLEASE sit down.
If you play a woodwind instrument, please sit down.
If you sipped a grade in school, please sit down
If you know how to roller skate, please sit down

Carol Rosdubutko and **Luanne Whitmarsh** were the only ones left standing and they won the game!!

Now, to tell us how we can have more fun in the Club, Chair of our New Members' Event, **Sharyl Madigan**.

New Members Event: Sharyl Madigan: Our team got together to create a fundraiser to support the Club's expenses and Christine Martin came up with the 'old wild west' theme and that we will be on zoom! Everyone please come to the event 15 minutes prior to the event for instructions. We will be broken out into random rooms but if you are coming with a guest we can accommodate that. Clues will come on one team member's phone. At the April 15 meeting we will show how to download the application on your phone. The games are with live actors and facilitators. You can buy clues and it is real fun! Facilitators will be in each room. Purchase a ticket and bring a date! There will be a draw for wine – and tickets are available now! We would appreciate your support!



Communications Committee: The Marketing and Communications Committee was an initiative led by **Past President Chas Filipski** during his year as President. The Committee, led by Chair **Dilan Perera**, have been working very hard this year. They are going to give us an update. Chas, please go ahead.

Chas Filipski: What you are about to hear is a quick summary of where the committee stands and the progress we have made so far! The Committee has spent a huge number of hours working towards the best way to present our Club

Marketing & Communications: Corinne Wilkinson

Corinne Wilkinson: Good afternoon District Governor Mary, President Penny.....and my fellow Rotarians, I am pleased to be speaking briefly today with an update from your Marketing and Communications Committee.

Today's presentation has been summarized from the full Power Point presentation which you will find on the club's website in the member section under documents. I understand Kathyann will also be providing a link directly to the documents in the bulletin.

I will leave you to read the history on your own and jump right into the current and future work of our committee and also explain our role.

This committee is a resource to the Board and committees in all things communications. This includes things such as the proper logo to use, consistent messaging, engaging photographs, storytelling, and assisting with signage that our recipient organizations would like approved. We welcome questions from all committees and will do our best to help, and to provide advice that you can continue to do the great work you each do.

Our Board has approved the 2020 – 2023 Marketing/Communications Plan and that is our committee's main focus now – implementation of that plan. This full plan can also be found on the club's website.

I can share that considerable effort is going into revamping the home page of our club's website and highlighting stories of how people are being impacted locally and around the world with the funds that our club is able to provide. Our website continues to be an excellent communication tool *within* our membership, but we are working hard to also take on a more *outward* looking focus. By outward I mean the public – we want to share with external audiences the incredible positive impact our club, and all of you, including the amazing work of our Rotary Partners, are having on our local and global communities of people in need.

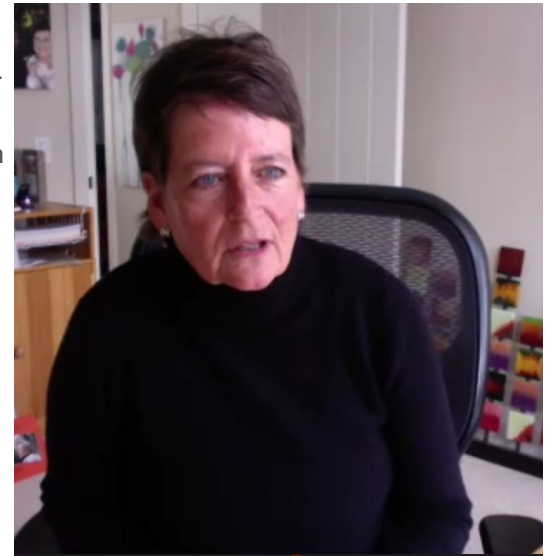
Our current emphasis is on gathering stories about your committee's work. Collecting photographs and testimonials from recipient charities and turning them into short "hero" stories that we can share with the public of *your* incredible commitment to making an impact.

On the power point, you will also find the club's mission and vision statements and a new statement we have created called a Positioning Statement. In communications lingo, a positioning statement is sometimes referred to as the elevator speech. If you had to describe our club and/or why you joined, this might help form the basis of your answer. A positioning statement is also formally used by communications and graphic design experts, and webmasters. In essence - it helps paint a picture of who our club is, and what we are all about. Let me read it for you – close your eyes and think about these words:

The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park is engaging and welcoming. We generously contribute to our communities locally and internationally. We enjoy time spent together socially and in service, in an atmosphere of goodwill. As community leaders we proudly embrace Calgary's entrepreneurial spirit and western values to make a positive impact in the lives of people in need.

This statement also offers a two-pronged approach to attracting new members. First, it might help explain why you joined our club. We each have our own story of personal experiences as a member. Sharing your experience of membership and the value Rotary gives back to you is an essential element in recruiting new members. Experiences that attracted you to our club will likely be the same things that will attract a new member.

And second is the use of this positioning statement on our website. Our site is our consistent and engaging message for the public of who we are and what we do in the community. Encouraging interested candidates for membership to peruse our website gives them insight to the difference our club is making. It can encourage them to consider Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as the club to join, and to volunteer their time and talent in the community.



New work by our committee was also the development of value statements. These are considered as the values of the club – they help communicate both internally and externally our “character” and what we stand for.

While there is a longer definition of each value in the full presentation, I will share the seven values the Committee and the Board believe help characterize our club. See if these words resonate with you as well: **leadership, integrity, friendship, welcoming, relationship, sustainability, passionate generosity.**

Here are the results we believe will come from all of this work:

- ◆ Design and launch a new club website
- ◆ Strive for a higher level of internal and external engagement and awareness
- ◆ Increase fundraising from *outside* our membership
- ◆ Membership retention and welcoming new members
- ◆ Evaluate a social media program
- ◆ Build on our Calgary Stampede Foundation partnership
- ◆ Develop strong media relations to promote our club’s accomplishments and future goals

And finally - here is what we need *your* help with:

- ◆ Ask our committee for advice and/or support when preparing communications and/or marketing materials for your committee – we are here to help
- ◆ Send us stories and photos of your committee’s work that we can promote your impact on the website and future social media channels. We have received some wonderful stories and photos from our grant committees and World Service committee. They are so beautiful and heartwarming - and that is exactly what we want to share – with all of you, *and* with the public. I have been a member for about 8 years and there are stories and photos and projects going on that I had no idea about until I started working with this committee. I am willing to guess you might find the same.
- ◆ Invite family, friends and colleagues to attend our club meetings and ask them to consider becoming a member of Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park
- ◆ Identify charitable organizations, locally and globally, that could benefit from our club’s financial and human resources – let’s expand our reach of passionately helping people in need. That is what all of us do so well and believe in whole-heartedly. Do you know a charity that could benefit by our club? I bet you do.
- ◆ I am taking a few minutes to share what has literally been hundreds of hours of work, which is why I encourage you to read through today’s full presentation, and the full three-year marketing and communications plan - both posted on the club’s website.

Thank you on behalf of our tiny but mighty Marketing and Communications Committee proudly being served by: **Dilan Perera, Chair, Chas Filipski, Steve Mason, Ted Stack, Bryan Targett and Corinne Wilkinson**

Thanks President Penny and all of you for the time to provide this update today on behalf of our committee members.

President Penny: Corinne, on behalf of us, I want to express gratitude and appreciation. It’s my understanding you have singlehandedly developed and presented all of the presentations for this committee. You have done an incredible job. Thank you for all you are doing for this committee and for our Club as a whole.

And while I am expressing gratitude to Corinne, anyone who has had a birthday this Rotary year, knows that Corinne is hustling and doing a great job of sending out birthday wishes on behalf of the Club. Well, Corinne’s birthday is this Sunday, March 28th. Who is going to send Corinne birthday wishes? The answer is, We all are. Corinne, you do so much for our Club, so have a great birthday on Sunday. Everyone, pick up the phone and call Corinne, or send her an email or text on Sunday.

Murray has given us two songs to play today. Originally, I was going to wait to the end and say, “play us all home, Murray”, like Tommy Hunter or Don Messer, or someone like that used to say on their weekly tv show. But I know everyone likes to chat at the end, and I thought we could probably use a bit of a break at this point in the meeting, so let’s get up out of our seats like it’s the fifth inning at a ball game, and let’s do some stretches and dance around to Murray and his band with their next song.

Music from Bailey & The Boys. Reason to Stay: <https://vimeo.com/479667725>

Murray Flegel’s guitar story: Bought a new guitar from London England as it was a 5 year wait in North America! The guitar is the same one used by the Beatles and Tom Petty – it is a Rickenbacker and it has 12 strings.



Today is kinda like going to church. A little bit of a sermon, break it up with a hymn or two...

Okay, now, we have everyone revved up, and ready to hear from our DG Mary Turner. **Craig Stokke**, can you please introduce our District Governor?

Mary Turner was born in Toronto, and raised in a small rural community north of the city. She moved to Edmonton, Alberta in 1982 to attend the University of Alberta obtaining a degree in Recreation Administration and returned to the University in 2001 to complete her Bachelor of Education degree.

Mary and her husband created the Wild Rose Medical Centre, in Olds in 1994, and continue to manage the 17 Family Physicians and staff that work there. In 2019 the Wild Rose Medical Centre was recognized by the Alberta College of Family Physicians as the Outstanding Family Practice of the Year. Up until a year ago Mary taught at the local Middle school as a substitute teacher. Mary and her Rotarian husband Steve have been married for 33 years, have two children and just became a grandma on July 21st with an early arrival of a little boy, William Fitzgerald Turner.

She joined the Rotary Club of Olds in November 2008 after being asked by a colleague at work. Mary served as Club President in 2013- 2014 under the RI President Ron Burton. She has been an Assistant Governor and served on the District Board as a Director at Large. Mary and Steve have hosted three Long Term Exchange students and have attended three International conventions, (Sydney, Toronto and Hamburg).

DG Mary Turner: Thank you its an honor to be with you again!

DG Turner:

A few things to update you on:

I have visited all Rotary and Rotaract Clubs and now I am doing round 2. I am really enjoying it. As I made the visits the one thing that is clear is that our rhythm has changed as we cannot gather for meals or service – BUT, the innovation and energy that all clubs is astounding.



- DG Feb newsletter had a story about a little person who made a mistake and had a bad day. Sometimes things don’t go as planned. But the support of the rest of the group showed and that person felt the support. As Rotarians we need to remember that the things we say and do can make us or others feel alienated and as Rotarians we need to help everyone feel happy and good.
- Rotary magazine from February had an article about polio virus, please read it. Gene Best from Scotland noting the Culture of our Clubs. Take a look at our own Club culture so that we are always warm and supportive. She says this quote “Let’s get curious before we get furious”!!
- I have spent time with all incoming DG’s and here is an exercise we can all do. Close your eyes – what is a perfect Rotary Club and think about it’s future. Those ideas should be shared and be done so in a warm and inclusive manner. We have been given a gift. What will our Rotary Club look like when the restrictions are lifted – what will we do? What will we create? Let go? Do more of?
- Paul Harris said: This is a changing world and we must change with it – the story of Rotary will be changed again and again.

President Penny and the incoming Board: take the time to think about what we have done, where we are going in the future. The District has worked on our strategic plan, focused on mental health and more to come. Shout out to **Jamie Moorhouse** for all of his help with the monthly DG videos!!!

Webinar Rotary 101 overview of Rotary is geared towards new Rotarians or people thinking of joining. Information is on the District website.

The District conference will be on Sat May 1 as a virtual event. It's going to be a great opportunity to join and the theme is 'Navigating a new world'. A celebration of life will still be at the convention.

Thank you, Penny, for your leadership and keeping the Club organized and for your leadership; it is very appreciated for this Club and the District. Plus, thank you to all the many other members of RCCSP who are showing impact at home and around the world.

DisCon 2021	The Roadmap	The Way Forward
<i>Navigating A New World</i>	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion →	DR "BOWTIE" JENKINS
Engage with Thought-Provoking Speakers	Youth and the Future of Rotary →	Inclusion Boot Camp: This is not your typical Diversity, Equity and Inclusion talk. Come ready to be inspired and motivated! Come ready to work!
Connect with Youth & Rotarians in a vibrant gathering of all ages	Mental Health in a Covid World →	YOUTH PANEL The Future is YOUth: Revolutionizing Rotary through youth inclusion; combating obstacles, bridging the gap, and shifting the conversation of youth engagement within Rotary.
Participate in Fun Fellowship Opportunities	The Way We Navigate Our Rotary Journey →	KAREN GALLAGHER-BURT Resetting the World with Wellness: Explore our shared mental health experience during the pandemic; learn the role wellness plays in our lives, consider how to support ourselves and others, and discuss the vaccine for mental health.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Table Discussions • Games and More... 		CHRISTINA HASSAN & VALARIE WAFER The Power of Rotary: Our real-life examples of how Rotary has inspired the way we live, work, and serve as we navigate our own new worlds.
Generate New Ideas + Create a "Spark"		

Thank you from Don Taylor:

Mary, it was a pleasure having you speak with us today, for the second time this year. That is almost unheard of. We are all in crazy times and you and your team have been creative to find new ways of reaching out and helping clubs solve their issues, whether it be membership, communications, multitudes of webinars, Zoom meetings, Rotary Learning. It is all important and you have been exceedingly busy holding it all together while planning new initiatives.

In fact, I can't remember when the District Team has a higher profile with members, all in the name of teamwork and effectiveness and coming out of the pandemic even stronger than we went into it.

I want to thank you for your visit to us. And finally, the District financially supported a project we implemented in Kenya and without this support the project could not have happened. Jamie, over to you

Kenya Video: <https://vimeo.com/527991171/8a71710dc1>

From **President Penny**: DG Mary, you have done a tremendous job of leading our District this year, and even though I have only met you briefly at last year's leadership training, I know intuitively you are a special person. Darren's Father lives in Olds, so we spend quite a bit of time there. When things open up a bit, I am going to reach out and connect with you. Maybe we can go to a Western bar in our ugly green shirts and sing karaoke... I should start practicing your favourite song.

You went to university with Past President Sherry Austin. Sherry owns an ugly green shirt, too. Maybe she could come with us. The three of us could be like Gladys Knight and the Pips or the Supremes... ROAD TRIP...

All kidding aside, DG Mary, thank you for attending our meeting today and for all the good work you are doing in our Rotary District. We appreciate you "showing up" for all of us, and we hope you have a successful District Conference.

We didn't have a Sergeant at Arms today, but I want to talk to Murray Flegel. When I was chatting with Murray the other night, he was telling me about an investment he has made towards his next career. Murray, why don't you tell everyone about it.

I saw pictures of the new guitar, and they will be in today's Bulletin. I think it is great you are following your passion and having so much fun, but I am going to fine you \$20 for not growing up.

Then, I am going to pay \$20 because I am jealous.

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING:

For next week, here's what's up:

Our own **Hugh Delaney and Keith Davis** have put together a program to celebrate 100 years of broadcasting in Calgary. The grapevine is alive and well, and I am hearing the bootlegger, cowboy and scallywag stories from the wild west have nothing on the broadcast industry. I can't wait to see what they have put together for us.

Also, next week, we will be meeting on April 1st, which is April Fools' Day. Be prepared. It's the Thursday before Good Friday, so if you want to wear your Easter bonnet, or bunny costume, go for it...

I've got a couple of quotes about music, from some non-musicians:

Confucius said, "Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without."

Napoleon Bonaparte said, "Music is what tells us that the human race is greater than we realize."

Wishing all of you a musical week.



MEETING LINK TODAY: <https://youtu.be/Zvka0JNoMHE>

STORY AFTER THE MEETING:

Bill Leclair has his own sweater story.... When he was with Teri at a family wedding in Regina, the house was terribly hot and Teri's dad went on the deck and took off his shirt. When Bill saw this he got 6 more men to take off their shirts and wait for Teri's mom to come and see – and when she did she was gobsmacked to see 7 men shirtless and no one got in trouble! That Bill – always in the mix of things!!



If you haven't already received your Easter Gift Pack at your door, it is on its way! We are grateful to have the opportunity to visit with you face to face, we are feeling more connected after just a few minutes of your time! We know you'll enjoy the lovely bloom & scent of the Hyacinth included in this gift pack. Incredible thanks to **Dan Dunlop** for sponsoring these beautiful purple and yellow plants that were subsidized by **GARDEN RETREAT!** Extraordinary gratitude goes out to **Glen Richardson** for all the wonderful goodies that were included with your Hyacinth for your Easter Gift Pack. Thanks also to our members that take the time to deliver your gifts to your door so that they can have an opportunity to say "Hello, How are You?" in person! We are so proud to provide our "Door to Door Fellowship Campaign" at NO COST TO THE CLUB! Each campaign has been sponsored by our generous members, and we have been so fortunate to have local small businesses step up to support our efforts to stay connected with you. Let's show them our support in return. Thanks to everyone that makes these campaigns possible!



Here are some shots of your Easter Drivers at work

Your Social Events Team!



Edition #3



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park

THE PARTY LINE



A News Bulletin your Member Mentoring Committee

Join us next
**Tuesday, March
30th, at 4:00 PM**
for an hour of fun.
**Share a cocktail
with your friends
and get the latest
news. Bring
your own drink
or snacks.**

It's Cocktail Time!

Party Line get-together #3 will be a virtual cocktail party. Join your Rotary friends for stories, jokes, a nibble or two and an hour of relaxation. Don't let Covid restrictions get you down—there's still lots of fun out there if you know where to look. The RCCSP Mentoring Committee invites you and your partners and friends to join your moderator, **Toby Oswald-Felker**, for a great time. We have had great turnouts for our first two Party Line events—be sure not to miss out!

Not Sure How to Join a Zoom Call?

Our bi-weekly online Party Line meetings are on ZOOM. All you need is the ZOOM app on your computer or tablet and you're set to go. We will provide the sign-in to all members, and then all you have to do is click on it. Presto! You will immediately become a member of The Party Line. It works exactly as joining our on-line, weekly Rotary meetings, except the sign-in address is different.

This is no different than getting together with a group of friends for a cup of coffee at a café, or chatting over the back fence.

Rules for The Party Line:

- *No dress code is in effect. Pyjamas, jeans and housecoats are acceptable.*
- *Stories are perfectly acceptable, especially if they are mostly (partly) true.*
- *Jokes are welcomed, particularly if you know how to tell one.*

How Does the RCCSP Party Line Work?

Twice each month a one-hour party line will be open on ZOOM, hosted by the Member Mentoring Committee. It's just like attending a regular Rotary meeting, without any agenda, songs, anthem, etc. A topic may be suggested by the moderator, or it can simply be a free-wheeling 'gab fest'. The online link to join the online Cocktail Party will be send out to all members on Monday, so mark your calendars now to join us at 4 PM on Tuesday.

NEW MEMBER EVENT: MURDER MYSTERY

TICKETS
ON SALE NOW!



The New Member Celebration Committee invite you to join us as we host a Murder Mystery Night via ZOOM on the evening of April 22nd, 2021 from 6:45 pm to 9:00 pm.

- ★ As we go about trying to solve the mystery of 'who amongst us is the murderer' our goal is to introduce and engage our new members and have a lot of fun
- ★ Western-themed costumes are encouraged and might even earn you a 'clue'



COST: \$150. per individual game link (includes Wine and Cheese Gift Bag)
\$100. per individual game link (DOES NOT include Wine and Cheese Gift Bag)
\$ 50. for one additional partner (your date!!)
\$ 75. for an additional Wine and Cheese Gift Bag



Additional fees during the night for clues, hints, bids, etc.

Tickets are now available from **Azeem Virjee and Darlene Whitmore**

CONTACT Azeem Virjee:

azeem.virjee@wprivate.ca

CONTACT: Darlene Whitmore:

darwhitmore1@yahoo.ca

- ★ Purchase a game link for yourself and your partner, plus consider buying links for business associates, friends and family so they can all join the 'hunt'.
- ★ Make up a team and see if you can win the title of 'Private Eyes'!!
- ★ And if that isn't enough fun you can enter to win a case of wine or bid on our Treasure Chest Silent Auction items for even more



Please be generous when our callers reach out to you. Our Club has not had a fun(d) raiser in more than a year but that doesn't mean we don't need your financial support to keep our Administration going strong.

If you can't make it, please consider making a donation to help the Club with its administrative costs.

Check out these links: 1:39 - [HERE](#) or 0:53 - [HERE](#) to get a taste of the game. See you all on April 22!!

FANTASTIC NEWS for the Rotary Dream Home/50-50 Team and all RCCSP Rotarians ...

As some of you may know, Stampede Lotteries (SL) have been waiting for the full package of Licenses, etc from AGLC.

As of March 16th Stampede Lotteries were still awaiting word from AGLC, but with the luck of the Irish smiling down on us... Stampede Lotteries received the formal approvals for the 2021 Stampede Lotteries yesterday morning and started selling this year's Lottery tickets online. YES!!!

So...yesterday we were in a holding pattern...**Today we are full speed ahead!**

In keeping with our annual online tradition, we have had a couple of technical glitches, but everything is now open and sales have begun.

Remember...

Great Charities, Greater Proceeds, Greatest Impact!

<https://calgarystampedelotteries.ca/>

First: PRIZE PAGES – this link takes you to the prize carousel

<https://calgarystampedelotteries.ca/prizes/>

Second: Charity/History page. Stampede Lotteries did a great job in getting a few quotes from the Presidents of the Rotary and Kinsmen clubs to include in this year's piece. Since we are celebrating the 70th anniversary you will see more on the relationship in that section.

<https://calgarystampedelotteries.ca/charities/>

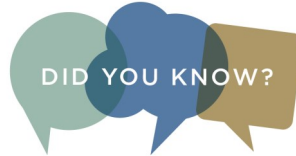
Please take a look at all the sections – let me know if you have any questions. More details to follow regarding the new and improved "50-50", and the 2021 Calgary Stampede event and what it will "potentially" look like.



Make it a great day - Be safe and remain strong - Cheers.

Jim Bladon, Chair
2021 Rotary Dream Home/50-50

Please note that the Board of Directors has received **Shellie Marshall's** resignation with regret



Some Winston Churchill quotes that have some relevance to our current circumstances in fighting the pandemic.

- ◇ *One ought never to turn one's back on a threatened danger and try to run away from it. If you do that, you will double the danger. But if you meet it promptly and without flinching, you will reduce the danger by half. Never run away from anything. Never!*
- ◇ *Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.*
- ◇ *Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the hard may be; for without victory there is no survival.*
- ◇ *Never, never, never believe any war will be smooth and easy, or that anyone who embarks on the strange voyage can measure the tides and hurricanes he will encounter*

Submitted by: Bev Ostermann



COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERING



Volunteers are required for each of the following shifts at **Community Kitchens** at: **3751 - 21 Street NE** to support the Good Food Box program.



The shifts are from 1 pm to 4 pm approximately. Volunteers 18 and older are eligible to volunteer.

Two more volunteers are required for shifts on:

- Wednesday, March 31 1 to 4 pm**
- Wednesday April 14 1 to 4 pm**
- Wednesday, April 28 1 to 4 pm**
- Wednesday May 12 1 to 4 pm**

Evening shifts starting at 5 pm will be available starting May 31.

CONTACT **Dorothea Schaab**: 403 660 6232 or email: schaabd@gmail.com to confirm availability



The Rotary Partners Book Club News: Author Genevieve Graham Speaks

We had a wonderful entertaining speaker on March 22 by Zoom from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

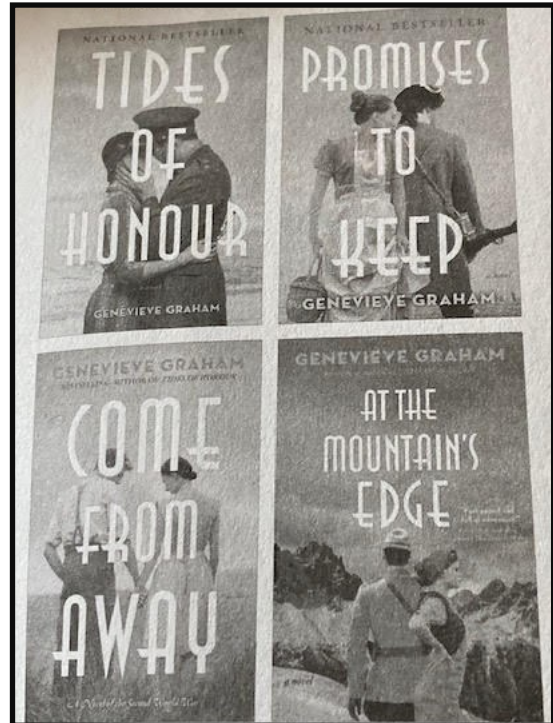
Jeanette King arranged for us to engage with author Genevieve Graham in this very personal way.

Genevieve Graham is a Best Selling Historical Fiction author. Her tales of Canadian History are researched carefully and are woven into stories of love and adventure.

Our club members were able to hear about Genevieve's writing process, the research she completes and the connections she feels about her characters. Her work is truly a labour of love about Canadian History.

It was a really enjoyable meeting.

Submitted by: **Jane Topp**



GENEVIEVE GRAHAM is the bestselling author of *Tides of Honour*, *Promises to Keep*, *Come from Away*, and *At the Mountain's Edge*. She is passionate about breathing life back into history through tales of love and adventure. She lives near Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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<https://www.stayinschool.ca/>



In a year of so many "firsts" - here's a really good one!

The Stay in School Golf Tournament is hosting its first-ever online auction with the July 22 tourney. If there's something we've all learned to do it is shop online and support local. There's nothing more local than supporting our deserving, young children from Calgary in their dreams - their dream for an education and desire to make a difference in the world.

The auction will be "live" for bidding July 12 - 22 however you can check what we have on offer now! Go to <https://www.stayinschool.ca/> and click on "Auction" at the top. Items will be added as we receive them!



Stay in School Online Auction



Do you want to be a part of history?

Donate to our club's first ever online auction for the Stay in School Golf Tournament

No donation is too small. There's no limit to how many items we receive. Contact Janet, Roselyn or Corinne to donate. Collecting items now!



PISCES

Those born from March 1st to March 20th are members of the **Pisces** sign. One born under the **Pisces** sign, can be recognized for their optimistic ambition and determination. For those who were born from March 21st to March 31st, they are members of the **Aries** sign.



ARIES


March babies are optimistic and happy

Compared to **babies** born in winter months, who tend to be more susceptible to depression and seasonal affective disorders, the arrival of warmer weather and blooming flowers seem to be reflected in the temperaments of **March** kiddos

*Happy Birthday
 Rotarians & Partners !*

Karen Grant	Mar 2
Barbara Cichon	Mar 6
Hans Tiedemann	Mar 12
Allan Johnson	Mar 14
Shellie Marshall	Mar 16
David Read	Mar 17
Bonar Irving	Mar 19
Neill Magee	Mar 19
Norm Devitt	Mar 22
Len Hamm	Mar 24
Corinne Wilkinson	Mar 28
Joe Connelly	Mar 31
Tony Fisher	Mar 31

"The snow comes to life"
 Photo taken by Corinne near Carburn Park



*Happy March
 Birthdays*

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING:

Apr 1st Keith Davis/Hugh Delaney

100 Years of Broadcasting

Apr 1st CASINO—tentative

Apr 2nd CASINO—tentative

Apr 8th Virgil Lowe: Telus Agriculture

Apr 15th Mario Stella Grant Presentation

Apr 22nd New Member Celebration

Apr 29th Rotary Profile: Jim Burns

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

May 13th Ray Price, CEO: Sunterra

May 20th Annual Stay In School Luncheon

May 27th Annual Dream Home Kickoff

June 3rd World Community Service Presentation

June 10th U of C Veterinary School Presentation

June 17th Annual Charity Day Presentation

June 24th Changing of the Guard

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CONTACT

For the months of March and April please contact Rudy Ruberto at: 403 919 0908 or email: rudyruberto@gmail.com

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Mobile App



Your key to connect to your club on the go!

Password protected, just like your website, the ClubRunner Mobile App consists of 3 main modules:

- Member Directory
- Latest Stories Feed
- Rotary Club Locator

WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS

- **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**

