

December was a little quieter on the club visit front, but we still had a great time visiting several clubs throughout the month.

December 1st – Adele and I had a lovely visit to the **St. Albert Rotary Club**. They meet at the St. Albert Food Bank so we had a little fun trying to find it to attend the meeting. What an amazing club this is! I have the joy and pleasure of pinning Rotarian **Cathy Heron** with her Major Donor pin. Congratulations Cathy and President **Doug Webster** for such a great job you're doing with the St. Albert Rotary Club.

December 4th - I attended the **Parkland After Dark Rotary Club's** meeting on December 4th. Unfortunately there are some conflicts so the attendance was small but great to connect with the club. Thanks to President **Nicole Mavridis** for taking on this important key role.

December 5th – We attended my home club's Christmas party at the University Club. This is always a lovely event to kick off the season.

December 7th – I visited the **Urban Spirits Rotary Club** at Teddy's Bar and Grill downtown. This is another one of our small but mighty clubs. They focused their efforts on youth programs, and we continued the



meeting with a robust discussion on future plans for the club. I was honoured to have Past District Governor Ingrid Neitsch attend this club visit. Congratulations to President **Maelle Toews** for her great leadership of this club

December 9th – We had so much fun at the St. Albert Rotary Club that we attended their Christmas party held at the St. Albert Legion. We got a chance to participate in their gift exchange, what a hoot!

December 11th – I had the pleasure of visiting the **Edmonton Rotary Club**, more commonly known as the downtown club, at noon on this day. We were fortunate to have a zoom presentation by urologist Adam Kinnaird, a fantastic report on the amazing scientific progress in identifying and treating prostate cancer. Had a great conversation with the board prior to the meeting and I believe they came away with some great ideas for the second half of the Rotary year. Thank you, President **Rod Karius** for leading this great club.

December 12th – While I've been to many of my home club (**Edmonton Riverview**) meetings, I'm not had a chance to my club presentation, and finally got on the schedule for December 12th. Congratulations to **Marg McCuaig-Boyd** who came to our club from Fairview and became our President just two years after joining our club.

December 18th – Unfortunately due to scheduling conflicts I didn't have a chance to travel to North Battleford to meet with the **Battlefords Rotary Club**. We did a zoom call, and it was great getting a

chance to meet these great Rotarians. Congratulations to President **Claudette McGuire** for leading this club.

December 20th – While not an official club visit, we had the pleasure of being invited to the **Glenora Rotary Club's "Breakfast at the Winspear"** event. What a fabulous gathering this was of Rotarians and guests! The Youth Orchestra of Northern Alberta, also known as YONA, was highlighted and we had the pleasure of listening to a violinist alumnus to showcase what a great program this is. We also had the pleasure of hearing Principal Harpist of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra **Nora Bumanis** with one of her proteges as they played Christmas carols on the harp. What a beautiful morning in preparation for Christmas. Thank you to President **Lori Schmidt** for the invitation.

That concluded our club visits for this calendar year. There is still a few more we need to meet as we roll into the new calendar year and the second half of the Rotary year. Watch for another update at the end of January.