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Meeting Highlights

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Jim Hennessy read the poem “A Soldier Died Today” and then instituted two minutes of silence before introducing Major Robert Herold.

Major Herold introduced us to the hostile and sometimes beautiful country of Afghanistan where life expectancy is 42.9 years and only 36% of men are literate. Invaders are met with 30 total kilometers of railway as part of the planned but limited infrastructure, sand storms sending talcum like sand into all forms of equipment and machinery while the sun blazes down at 70C and shade provides a break at 55C. Only Alexander the Great has so far been successful in conquering this savage land.

Opium is profitable for all but at a horrendous cost. A proposal by John Ralston Saul suggests we purchase the opium for medical use or destruction.
**Announcements:** After consulting her maps Wynne brought us back to order.

The corps of volunteers to complete an accounting review of the club finances will consist of: Jamie Powell, Bob Sadler and Peter Harding. Wynne completed some medical reconnaissance and reported that Jacquie Brown is now up and around following some complications. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope she rejoins us soon. Bill Hope provided advance notice of the Northern Lights Breakfast on June 17th in Salt Lake City as part of the Rotary Convention. Since our executive travels on its stomach, Al Hardstaff was put on k.p. until sandwiches are provided for future executive meeting. A sandwich less executive meeting was held on November 7th. Unless skeletons are uncovered by the intelligence team investigating Steve Hashman and Graham Drake are scheduled for club induction on December 1 at 0:700. Reminiscent of a late night talk show host or Vegas lounge act, Wynne ventured into the audience with her microphone for an impromptu classification from Steve Hashman. Steve is a family man and an independent telecom consultant anxious to serve in our club. Graham is in Agricultural Equipment Retail and is a Rotarian relocation from the Stettler club. Garry Gray reported that a motion is pending to allocate 50% of the October 2006 casino funds (approximately $40,000) to a special project. A committee will be formed to present a project for consideration and approval by both the executive and the club members that is consistent with the guidelines of the Rotary Club of Heritage Park and the Alberta Gaming and Lottery Commission. Please provide feedback and suggested projects to Garry by December 1st.

David McKeown gave the inaugural report of the fundraising committee. The RCCHP FC consists of: David, Zuzana, Jim Hennessy and Ray Gosselin. Recommendations included: Wine Festival: Hold the event in the Wainwright Hotel serving hors d’oeuvres and dessert only with no dinner. Keep the ticket price the same at least for the first year. The venue unfortunately does not allow for a band. Hold the event in the second half of November with the Wine Festival Committee to remain intact, but with a commanding officer change to the president-elect. No changes were recommended to the golf tournament or casinos. Murder Mystery to be retained as a social event priced at a break-even level.

Hays Breakfast proceeds to be contributed to the Rotary Foundation to meet our $100 U.S. per member per year commitment. All members will be encouraged to get out of bed and serve alcohol at the crack of dawn in proper Stampede tradition.

A calendar of events for the club will be developed and maintained including all fundraising, social and sweat equity events. (please see page 4 for more details)

**Minute People**

Marko from the Downtown Club gave his personal invitation to a New Year’s Eve Gala at the Hyatt Regency Hotel with a Dr. Zhivago theme and the musical styling’s of Johnny Bagpipes (with their unique interpretation of Lara’s Theme) and the Eric Friedenburg Band. Entertainment for all, with proceeds to support international water projects of COST. Tickets are $200 per person and information is available at www.icegala.com

Peter Harding spoke about the Rotary Foundation. Individual donations are combined and used by clubs for ambassadorial scholarships, 3H grants and other international projects. Rotarians are encouraged to donate $100 U.S. per year enroute to Paul Harris recognition at $1,000.00. The Annual Fund spends the money while the Permanent Fund has $100 million invested, some of the income used to supplement the Annual Fund. The objective is to have $1 billion in the Permanent Fund by 2025. Securities can be gifted as an effective tax planning opportunity. Planned giving makes it simple for Rotarians to simply make a pledge and die.

Doug Hood announced that the Rotary Curling Bonspiel would be held February 22 – 25 in Calgary. 48 teams would be ideal.

Wynne adjourned our meeting.

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Canada is participating in the NATO military operation to assist the government to create a safe environment and is operating under U.N. Security Council directives and at the invitation of the Afghan government. Kandahar is one of the most difficult challenges in a land that is ruled by tribalism in a province that spawned the Taliban.

Challenges include: 1. diverse anti-government elements, 2. disputes over land and other resources, 3. unemployment, 4. corruption and crime, 5. institutional incapacity with no basis for taxation or a civil service, 6. tribalism and 7. unreasonable expectations on all sides. The goals remain: 1. security, 2. governance, rule of law and human rights and, 3. economic and social development because jobs and the education of women hurt terrorists.

To date the success rate is good in the north and west, with the south remaining a problem. Major Herold warned us that this is not peacekeeping. Jim Davis thanked Major Herold for his presentation. Our thoughts are with our brave men and women accepting an almost insurmountable challenge.
**Sunshine report**

Once Doug had commandeered the lectern he refused to relinquish control and continued with the sunshine report reminding Ray of his anniversary on November 12th.

Doug then delivered an outrageous story of female aging, but with in his words: “tact”. In lieu of flowers, a curling team will compete in Doug’s memory. Men would do well to remember.

**Happy Bucks**

Al Black had $2 happy that with Garry Gray’s riding in like the cavalry, Peter Harding would have a kettle buddy and the schedule would be complete.

Peter Harding had $1 sad that his car was in the shop, although fortunately this time not as a result of a surprise campaign of shock and awe by teenage girls, but $1 happy for the logistical technician and the signs directing us to Rancher’s Hall this morning.

Garry Gray had $1 happy that snowmobiling season is once again upon us.

Jamie Powell had $1 happy for Al Hardstaff.

Bob Clark fumbled a $1 in support of the Stampededers.

**Bill Hope : You’re BUSTED!**

Bill Hope led us through a game of Remembrance Trivia. 27% of the answers given were incorrect, spectators provided 38% of all answers, while only 13% of correct answers were given by those who are left handed.

**50/50 Jack Pot**

Bob Sadler selected David McKeown’s ticket, but David selected a card as red as the poppies.
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO RCCHP EXECUTIVE
November 7, 2006

Wine Festival

Hold the event at the Wainwright Hotel

- Serve only hors-d’oeuvres and dessert (no meal)
- No band
- Keep ticket price the same (at least for the first year)

Hold the event in the second half of November

The Wine Festival Committee to be headed by the President – Elect and the Vice President (as co-chairs). The members of the committee should remain the same, with minimal changes each year (like the Golf Committee). The committee should be formed immediately following the election of the new Executive.

Golf Tournament

No changes are recommended.

Casinos

No changes are recommended

Murder Mystery

Retain as a social event and set the price to break even.

Hays Breakfast

Contribute the equivalent of $100.00US per member to the Rotary Foundation from the proceeds received for this event. Encourage all members to participate.

Calendar of Events

The Fundraising Committee be given the task of developing and maintaining a Calendar of Events for the Club. This would include all fundraising events, social events and “sweat equity” events.

Please email your comments to David McKeown at dmckeown@union-securities.com.

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park
Upcoming Events

- **November** — Joint Meeting with FishCreek Park Club (Nov 3)
- **December** - Christmas Party @ Rancher’s Hall (Dec 15)

No Meetings Dec 22 and Dec 29

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign