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..... THANK YOU !!!

Our speaker warmed up his audience with an amusing story about ethics in the legal profession, and advised that being a lawyer with the last name "Crooks" meant that he had to develop a good sense of humor.

He introduced the story of the Glenbow Ranch Park by noting the many legacies provided by the Harvie family; including such landmarks as Heritage Park and the Calgary Zoo. This family sold the land for the park to the Province and established the Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation to be responsible for developing the Park.



A little history sets the stage.

From 1899 to 1903, Glenbow was a Canadian Pacific Railway water stop on the mainline a short distance west of Calgary. By 1908, the Canadian Pacific Railway had established a small flag station at Glenbow, and in 1909 the Glenbow stone quarry began production of Paskapoo sandstone blocks used in the construction of Alberta's Legislature.

When closed in 1912, the quarry owner (Chester Rhodes de la Vergne) opened a brick plant in the valley to the west of Glenbow to provide these families with another source of income. With the start of World War One, the brickyards also shut down, and the population of Glenbow slowly declined, until the last residents moved away in 1927. The Glenbow Sheep and Horse Ranch was sold to Eric L. Harvie in 1933.

Glenbow Ranch was established as a Provincial Park in 2006 through the cooperation of the Harvie family and the Government of Alberta. The Harvie family agreed to sell the Alberta government 3,246 acres of the Glenbow Ranch for less than market value for park purposes, a size roughly equal to Fish Creek Provincial Park.

An independent appraisal placed the land value at about \$67 million. More recent land sales placed the estimated value of the land at about \$80 million. The government agreement reached included the purchase price of \$40 million along



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Meeting Minutes



March 27th, 2012

Scribe: Paul Gaudet

Dave Saunders was in the saddle today due to our President's holiday break, and he started our meeting promptly at 12:15. He welcomed everyone to Rotary and introduced "Oh Canada" and "Rotary Grace" with Betty doing her usual excellent job on the piano.

After lunch and fellowship, Dave opened the meeting with a request for a volunteer to take on the Sgt. at Arms role for today and alas there were no takers. Would this mean we'd save money (stay tuned for the answer)? He then got everyone smiling with a joke about ethics in golf and announced that Paul would be the scribe.

Jeff Evans introduced our visitors and guests today. Our meeting attendance totaled 61; with 4 guests, 1 visiting Rotarian, and 56 of our own members.

Dave called on Harry for our Sunshine Report and he advised that he was not aware of any updates on the health of the Club. He did ask for comments/updates from others and we were told that Harold Hanna's wife is not well and that Keith Hansen is undergoing tests.

We had two minutemen today; Garth Sabrish announced that the season's first parking event, the Horticultural Show, at Spruce Meadows was coming up shortly, April 14th and 15th and that he was circulating the sign up sheet starting today. This is a good season starting event to get involved with as the shifts are three hours only, and we are only using lots 7 and 8 which are all paved and painted. We count on our members to work these events if at all possible so we can raise funds to provide service to others. We appreciate your efforts.

Bob Montgomery then took the podium to pass out hockey pool winnings and when the scribe won the first \$20 prize, the other two winners' names went right "out the window". I think Bruce Bohnet was one of the winners?

Dave Saunders then took it on himself to act as Sgt at Arms in order to raise a few dollars for our account. Under the Good News section, our two winning curling teams, George Kimura's and Joe Hooper's teams, volunteered to make a donation and it is noted that Orion Taylor volunteered to beat George's donation as he didn't want to be beaten twice, firstly on the ice and then at our meeting. Good thinking Orion! George didn't take the bait and a bidding war was avoided. Joe Levy also made a donation as he just returned from a wonderful time in Hawaii, welcome back! Hank made a donation to highlight the fact that George Kimura was volunteering as an Asst. District Governor for the second year in a row. Well done George.

Our 50-50 winner was charter member Tom Sorenson. Based on how happy he was to win, it must have been a while since he last won!

Terry Green was called on to introduce our guest speaker, Andy Crooks, who is both a lawyer and Rotarian (Rotary Club of Calgary) who spoke on the Glenbow Ranch Park.

Dave Saunders thanked our speaker by presenting our "Add Your Light" certificate. Dave took the opportunity to speak of his recent visit to this wonderful Park and recommended that our members google "Glenbow Ranch Park" for additional information.

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with a \$27 million charitable donation tax receipt for the Harvie family.

This Park has had a Rotary connection since its initial planning as one of the first contacts made was to the Rotary Club of Cochrane, which, in turn, recommended that all the Clubs in the area work together to assist in the development of this major legacy project.

Park improvements completed to date include a 20 kilometer paved pathway (3 meters in width) running the length of the Park, washrooms, and interpretive signs outlining the history and nature of the Park. It contains many vistas, vast grasslands, forest, wildlife and an abundance of flowers. One of its unique features is a huge inventory of native fescue grasses. Fescue grasses don't die in the winter. Their roots reach down meters and are known to survive centuries under cover, only to come to life when conditions are right.

The Park conducts tours and programs ... cowboy tours, bird watching tours and photography programs just to name a few. They also conduct a school program whereby two teachers and

a van visit area schools to teach archeology tied to the Park. They are working with Telus to utilize the latest in video technology, referred to as "QR" videos, which are presented using codes on the signs in the Park which bring up relevant videos when accessed using handheld devices.

Overall, the Park is a first class learning experience and is open to the public. They are expecting 75,000 visitors this year. They describe this development as an "urban" park, which may seem surprising given its rather rural location west of Calgary. It is



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Upcoming Events



Magazine Month

- April 3rd Mike Casey, President, Calgary Stampede
- April 10th Stephane Guevremont, Military Historian
- April 14th - 15th Parking for the Horticultural Show @ Spruce Meadows – sign-up sheet circulating at meetings
- April 17th Shawn Levoie, Alberta PGA
- April 24th New Generations / Youth Night – evening meeting

Promote RI Convention Month

- May 6th - 9th 103rd Rotary International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand
- May 8th Meeting at Fairview School
- May 15th Club Assembly
- May 19th President's Ball
- May 22nd Meeting replace by President's Ball evening
- May 25th - 27th District 5360 Conference, Radisson Hotel & Conference Centre, Canmore AB



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pointed out however that such a description depends on the time horizon used. For example, Fish Creek Park was a rural park when first developed, but look at it now.



The Foundation wishes to partner with Rotary as a valued brand and believe they can assist in developing our brand even further. In the future they anticipate upwards of 3-4 million visitors a year, each of which will see the role Rotary plays (through signs and videos) in the development and success of the Park, and hopefully leave with an urge to seek out Rotary as a way to improve their own environment and to promote wellness within their own community.

The Foundation is planning the first of what will be an annual event on September 15-16 of this year which will include a "Symphony in the Park" on the Saturday with an expected 1500 people in attendance. That evening there will be a Barbeque inside a large tent followed the next day by a running event. All these activities will be for fund raising purposes and the assistance of Rotary volunteers is considered essential to their overall success. We are being asked to consider assisting with parking on the site.



Volunteer Appreciation Night

On March 20th, Members got together at the Cheesecake Café on Macleod Trail to be recognized for their volunteer efforts for the Club, and also to join in celebration of the Club's 35th anniversary (March 14th, 2012).

The event committee of George Kimura, Anthony Tonkinson and Katherine Kaldestad are owed a vote of thanks for putting together a great evening of fellowship, good food, and recognition of the Club's history and work in the community and around the world.

After a delightful meal, pieces of the Anniversary Cake were served to all. Not everyone got a chance to see the cake before it was subdivided into delectable portions, so thanks, Kathryn, for providing us with a photo!



Arch Notice

As the publishers will be off on week long Easter egg hunt, there will no Arch published next week (April 10th). However there will be a double issue the following week, so forward your content as usual. Thanks!





THIS AND THAT

Mayonnaise Jar & Two Beers



When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 beers ...

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things---your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions---and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else---the small stuff.'

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.'

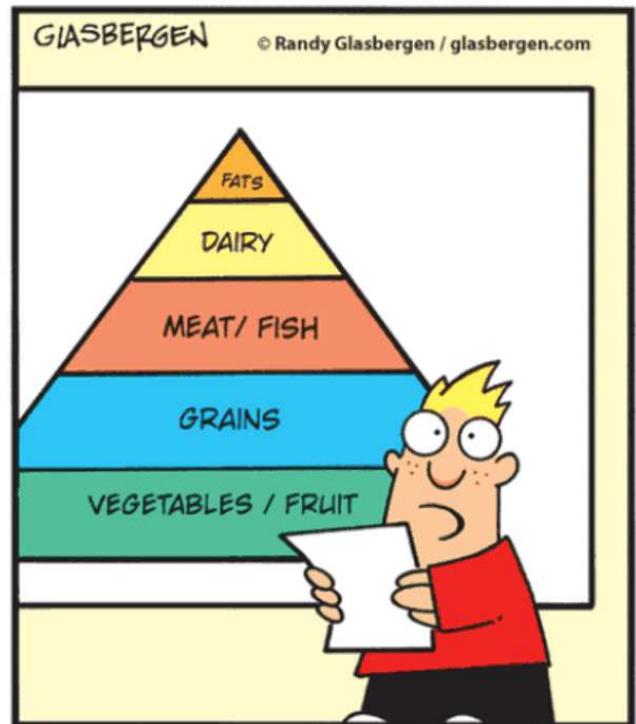
Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness ...

- Spend time with your children
- Spend time with your parents
- Visit with grandparents
- Take your spouse out to dinner
- Play another 18 holes of golf

There will always be time to clean the house, fix the disposal or deal with things from your job. Take care of the golf balls first--the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Beer represented. The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.'

The beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers with a friend.



"The first Food Pyramid was built in ancient Egypt by a Pharaoh who hated vegetables so much he buried them at the bottom."



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