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FOUR WAY TEST

In all things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

UPCOMING EVENT

FUND-RAISING GALA

February 12, 2004



Stay tuned for details

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Al Hardstaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 sharp. Jim Hennessy led very well the singing of our national anthem. Joan Bedard presented grace. With a couple of guests arriving late the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests was deferred until after the meal. Steven Yu polished the plates.

John Orian introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests.

Rotarians: South—Jim Fitzowich, Brian Anderson, Hans Tiedemann; Chinook—Danny Holden; Centennial—Don Bell.

Guests: Jamie Powell, Josie Hennessy, Brian Morrison.

President Al invited the guests and visiting Rotarians to the buffet table.

HAPPY BUCKS

Hans Tiedemann had \$5 happy for a new grandson and the visit of his daughter from



Where's Max?

Germany.

Peter Harding had \$5 happy and a shopping list of reasons why he was happy, most of which related to alcohol, the incoming Rotary executive, more alcohol and his mother-in-law's upcoming visit.

Joan Bedard had \$3 happy for 269 new CMA's,

more time for Rotary and the completion of her Christmas shopping.

Bill Hope had \$1 sad for the passing of Pierre Berton and \$1 happy for a Bordeaux wine tasting.

John Radermacher had \$1 happy for those donating to keep the students warm.

Al Black had \$1 happy for how well the kettles are being run.

Al Hardstaff had \$2 for Josie Hennessy gracing our meeting.

Steven Yu had \$3 happy U.S. for finding respect in the U.S., his wife recovering from surgery, and for her surgeon.

CHALLENGE DAY



Din introduced Jim Davis.

Jim spoke about a life-changing event for 800 students and 100 adults. A series of Challenge Day Programs were held in November to address bullying. The sessions were designed to recognize peer support for the victims and provide the bullies with an opportunity to make amends.

A number of exercises included an ice-breaker and then the setting of a line down the middle of the room. Those in attendance crossed the line if they had experienced the described event and then looked back across the line. The described events included: physical and cultural discrimination, contemplation or knowing someone who committed suicide and having a family affected by drunk driving. The students as well as the adults participated and the number of participants affected by the events was shocking.



AL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



Next week's meeting (December 10th) will be our last meeting of this calendar year.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- December 17th - The RCC Heritage Park annual Christmas Party will be at Heritage Park's Ranchers Hall. The Party will replace our regularly scheduled meeting for the morning of the 17th.
- December 18th – Everyone is invited to a Christmas celebration at Rotary Challenger Park.
- March 7th – The Integrity Awards will be held at Stage West.
- April 9th – Rotary's Centennial will be celebrated in the Roundup Centre.
- May 20th – 22nd - The District Conference will be held in Banff.

CASINO

Our next casino will be April 25 & 26/05. The good news is this is a Monday and Tuesday so you don't have to worry about taking time away from your weekend activities.

CHALLENGE DAY

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What began as a day off for some students evolved into an unforgettable experience with public apologies being made and accepted.

Our club has donated \$5,000 to be a sponsor of these sessions. The primary cost is bringing facilitators from California.

The next round of sessions will occur in the New Year. Additional information is available at: www.challengeday.org

John Radermacher thanked Jim. A technological debate followed. ... See *'The Sheriff'*

INCOMING EXECUTIVE

Bill Hope presided over nominations from the floor for next year's executive. There were none. Congratulations to our incoming executive:

Vice-President – Asha Paul
 Secretary – Ernie Drew
 Service Directors
 Community – Doug Hood
 Vocational – Jim Hennessy
 International – Garry Brown
 Club – Max Patel and Harry Kim



50/50 DRAW



The plan seemed foolproof: with a significant pot up for grabs Martin Harvey selected Josie; Josie selected Martin and Martin selected the 5 of clubs.

SUNSHINE

Robert Drew paused to photograph himself and then announced upcoming birthdays: David McKeown on December 8th and Jim Davis on December 9th. Din was reminded of his upcoming anniversary.

Robert presented an out of this world joke that involved engineers, doctors and lawyers. Although not opposed to sending the engineer to Mars; Bob Clark presented a rebuttal.

OUR WEBSITE

Many people have commented on how nice our website looks. We can do much more with it. If you have a story to tell about a project your team is working on, or an interesting news item you would like to share, feel free to add it to the site. We also have lots of space for photo journals of your events and projects.

Directors especially, see how you can publicize your initiatives.

Call John Orian (236-4090) or Bill Hope if you need help in adding something to our site.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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After a dramatic pause Dennis Tillotson revealed himself as the sheriff and then the real drama began: Al Hardstaff for insulting a guest.

Steven Yu for acting like a politician, putting in only \$3 happy, but saying 4 things.

Jim Hennessy for cutting Josie loose to fend for herself at our meeting and also not putting in a happy \$1 for her attendance.

Hans Tiedemann for being late.

Recognizing that time was short Dennis began fining groups of Rotarians.

All those who do not read the Standard every week.

The Bedard sisters who should be separated. Jeanette was fined \$2 for leaving early.

In light of the cancellation of the guest speaker, Jim Davis stepped forward, but lacked the necessary technology. Fined as a result were: Jim Davis, Ernie Drew, Robert Drew and Max Patel.

Wynne for saying, "you guys are a pain in the ass" while in the buffet line.

A weather quiz was conducted. Incorrect answers were supplied by: John Orian, Harry Kim, Peter Harding, Jim Hennessy and Betty Little.

When Brian Morrison out of politeness proceeded to the buffet with the rest of his table, several Rotarians were in danger of being fined for preceding a guest. Brian's sponsor Al Hardstaff was fined for failing to advise Brian of proper protocol.

CELEBRATE ROTARY

April 9, 2005

**Rotary's 100 Birthday Celebration
at the Round-Up Centre.**

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ernie and Robert Drew are busily organizing our Christmas party for December 17th in Rancher's Hall. Cocktails at 6:30 with a turkey buffet dinner at 7:15. Ray Gosselin's musical troupe will provide live music. Wine and three (3) food baskets have been graciously donated by Heritage Park. Come one come all. A sign up sheet was circulated.

MINUTE PEOPLE

John Radermacher reported that 10 jackets had been donated so far. Sizes sought are for students up to grade 8. Cash donations are welcome. John and Jim Hennessy will use cash donations to purchase other necessary winter apparel for the students.



Bill Hope handed out casino application forms for completion. Please complete the forms and mark April 25 and 26, 2005 on your calendars.

Al Black thanked us for our warm hearts in manning the kettles, but predicted cold weather this weekend. Bundle up!

There he is!

Just teasing.

Max you do a great job for us every week. Thank you for always being there well ahead of the everybody else.

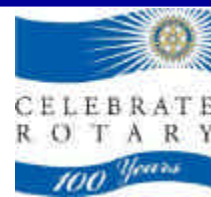




ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

CHICAGO, USA

JUNE 2005



Register Now

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

When Ahmed A. Saada traveled to Ohio from his home in Alexandria, Egypt, as part of **The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE)** program, in 1991, he made an earnest attempt to learn some of the quirks of American culture. When his hosts took him to a Major League Baseball game, for example, he watched how the fans behaved and then tried to imitate them. "I couldn't follow the game," recalls Saada. "Everyone would get excited and start shouting, and I would stand up and shout with them, even though I didn't know what was going on."

Attending a baseball game was just one of many diverse experiences Saada would have as part of the GSE in America's heartland. His experience with the program, which offers vocational and cultural exchange opportunities for professionals between the ages of 25 and 40, gave him a taste of American culture. It also had a profound impact on his career as physician, leading him to study at one of the country's most prestigious medical schools.

"It was a turning point in my professional career," says Saada, now an ear, nose, and throat surgeon at Alexandria University Hospital.

From Egypt to Ohio

It all happened by chance. A Rotarian in the Alexandria club asked Saada, a young member of the Rotaract Club of Alexandria at the time, if he'd be interested in applying for a spot on

the GSE team. Saada was in his residency at the University of Alexandria Medical School, specializing in otology (treatment of the ear).

To get permission to leave for a month, he had to persuade his superiors that his trip would offer something practical, such as visits to hospitals and networking opportunities with doctors in his field. When he learned about an otology seminar at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor that he could attend after the exchange, that sealed the deal. Saada set off for the United States with a five-member GSE team that included two doctors, two engineers, and a banker. Past District Governor Mohamed Abdel Aziz led the team, and the seasoned Rotarian's commitment to the program's goals left a lasting impression on the young men.

"I can still remember the words that he kept telling us over and over: 'Remember that you are ambassadors of goodwill,' " recalls Saada.

In Ohio, Saada stayed in five different cities with different host families. "It was a positive experience to live at their houses and get to know these people, rather than living at hotels," he says. "Staying at their homes gave me a chance to be very close to them. I got to see how they lived and how they treated people."

This story is on the Rotary International website. Go to:
<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/features/news02.html>

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