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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

FOUR WAY TEST

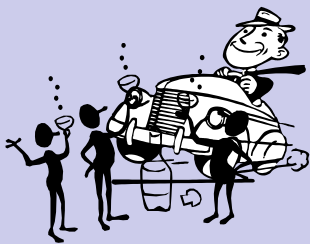
In all things we think, say or do

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

PRESIDENT'S SOCIAL

June 3, 2005.



The bell rang at 7.00 AM as President Al Hardstaff called the meeting to order. Once again David McKeown led the troupes in the singing of our National Anthem. Helen Buchanan gave us a great singing version of grace. Gary Brown, our greeter of the day, introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians.

Visitors: Calgary Club – John Boyd and Keith Brooke; South – Jim Fitzowich and Hans Tiedemann; Centennial – John White; Medicine Hat Club – Sandy MacKay.

Guests: Susan Hope and Barry Erskine, our guest speaker. Peter Pallesen was the designated host for breakfast.

Happy Bucks:

David McKeown - \$1 for all being well after surgery some two and one half weeks ago.

\$1 for thanking Bob Clark for filling in for him while he was away.

\$1 for old Jim Hennessy, who forgot an appointment.

Garry Gray – \$1 for President Al and the great job he has done.

Jeanette Pyle - \$2 for a great holiday.

Bill Hope - \$2 for Susan being here and for Betty who drank his beer.

John Radermacher- \$2 one sad dollar for missing three meetings and on happy dollar for where he was.

Al Black - \$1 happy to be back.

Sheriff:

Everyone was fined who did not have Pins & Badges on and who came in their cars rather than ride a bike. Joan was also fined for being late.



A SALAD IN A BASKET

Bill Hope introduced Barry Erskine, the Ward 11 Alderman and the host on QR radio's Let's Talk Gardening.

Barry gave us a great presentation on gardening with some very useful information on how to properly manage your yard to keep it in the best shape possible. He had some very interesting displays on such items as the Potato Tower, the Advanced



Raised Bed for Vegetable Garden, the Tubby Tomatoes Setup, the Salad in a Basket, the Solar Hose Heater, and the Basic Pruning Cuts. All in all it was a very interesting presentation and one that affects all of us.

Alec McDougall thanked Barry Erskine for the informative presentation.

AL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Centennial Club is planning a tour of the Inglewood Wildlands on June 13, 2005. Everyone is invited to learn how an old refinery site has been turned into a wetland and wildlife site.
2. The Group Study Exchange who went to the Philippines in January are available to speak to the Rotary Clubs about their venture. District 5360 is hosting an incoming GSE Team during May. They are asking for families to host the team members during their stay.
3. President Al handed out copies of "Rotary World", a publication from Rotary International. It outlines what Rotary International is doing world wide.
4. President Al thanked all those who participated in the classification talks last Friday.
5. The golf tournament on June 9th and Doug Hood informed us they still need Hole Sponsors.
6. Al met with Jim Powell of Heritage Park to let him know the club is interested in partnering with Heritage Park on various issues and to discuss the progress on the museum.
7. Wynn Bjorgan brought a Display Unit to hold pictures of club activities which will be displayed at the district conference. Al asked that everyone bring pictures to mount on the display.
8. The Sarcee Club Art Auction is on May 6.
9. The President's Social is on June 3. Bill Hope asked the members to email confirmation of attendance at the President's Social.
10. President Al said he received a thank you note from the Victory Church for our participation in Feed the Hungry program.
11. The RI president may be at the Integrity Awards evening on March 7, 2006 .

MINUTE MEN

Garry Gray – reminded us that the golf tournament on June 9th still needs sponsors and also gifts for the teams. Each team gets a gift and need four items for each team.

Barry Jarvis – reminded us that the Casino is this Monday & Tuesday and gave a list of those who are working and asked everyone to be on time.

Helen Buchanan – advised us that the Interact Club can use help in painting a room on April 30.

Peter Pallesen – Presented a banner he received from a club in Northern Spain.



WEDDING BELLS



SUNSHINE

Doug Hood did an adlib sunshine report and told a joke.



50/50 DRAW

Joan Bedard had guest speaker Barry Erskine draw Hans Tiedermann's ticket. After giving the four way test, Hans drew the Ace of Diamonds.



ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS

A Rotary Community Corps (RCC) is a group of non-Rotarian men and women who share Rotarians' commitment to service. Under the guidance of a sponsoring Rotary club, dedicated RCC members put their own skills to work to improve the quality of life in their communities.

The purpose of the RCC program is to:

- ... Promote grassroots self-help projects;
- ... Develop local leadership abilities;
- ... Maximize local resources; and
- ... Use appropriate cost-efficient technology.



A community takes charge of its destiny

The Rotary Club of West Ottawa, Canada, set out to help low-income residents in that city facing problems including physical and substance abuse. The club and the RCC it sponsors have implemented initiatives including a food pantry, after school programs for kids, anger management classes for teens, an English as a second language (ESL) course, a second language (ESL) course, a crafts club, free hair cuts, playground policing, area clean-ups, and neighbourhood watch. The RCC meets in a trailer procured and fitted with funds from the club, a Community Assistance Project Grant from The Rotary Foundation, and private and corporate donations.

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Start planning now for your club's contribution to Rotary's momentous birthday gift of service to communities worldwide

To highlight the volunteer spirit at the core of Rotary service, April 2005 has been designated Centennial Service Above Self Volunteer Month. Join this massive worldwide effort by encouraging each club member to volunteer at least 10 hours of personal time in service to others in April.

Clubs should identify meaningful volunteer opportunities in the community in which members can participate during April 2005, with a focus on meeting community needs, lending vocational expertise, or assisting a community abroad.

At the end of the month, clubs are asked to report the number of volunteer hours contributed by their

members via the Member Access section of the Rotary International Web site.

The total number of volunteer hours reported by all clubs will be announced at the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago, 18-22 June.

For more information or to share your club's volunteer success story, please contact the RI Programs Division,

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE
BANFF, ALBERTA
May 20-22, 2005





PROGRESS ON POLIO

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

To help realize its vision for a better world, The Rotary Foundation instituted the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative. Any Rotarian who contributes US\$100 or more each year to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund becomes a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. These funds help Rotarians from around the world work together to find innovative solutions to complex problems faced by people in remote villages and large cities.

Through volunteerism and generous philanthropy, Every Rotarian, Every Year helps Rotary and its Foundation meet new challenges and countless opportunities for service in its second century.

Progress on Polio

On 12 April, Rotarians joined with representatives from the global health community and governments and members of the public to mark the 50th anniversary of the declaration of Dr. Jonas Salk's vaccine as safe and effective.

The previous day, RI President Glenn Estess Sr. attended the opening of a polio exhibition at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the anniversary. The exhibition, "Whatever Happened to Polio?" tells the story of the impact of polio on the United States and how medical science and popular support channelled through the non-profit organization March of Dimes triumphed over the dreaded disease.

"As a child, I remember seeing the swimming pools closed and reading in the papers about hospitals filled with children who had been robbed of the simple gift of walking, or encased in iron lungs," said Estess. "Salk's achievement freed millions of families from this daily fear. Yet, many in the developed world don't realize that this preventable

disease still threatens children today. "

The Salk vaccine, together with the oral polio vaccine developed later by Dr. Albert Sabin, opened the door to an organized, scientific assault on this paralyzing and sometimes fatal disease. As a result, polio quickly vanished from the developed world.

Speaking at the opening of the Smithsonian exhibition, Estess remarked that because polio has been eradicated in most parts of the world, there is talk in some quarters that the disease is too small a threat to warrant any further financial support.

"Would it be better to use our resources to fight diseases that cause more suffering now?" he asked. "Not if it means opening up the possibility of going back to where we were 50 years ago. Now is the time, more than ever, to make sure that the wild poliovirus can never make a comeback. And that means eliminating it forever."

When Rotary launched the PolioPlus program in 1985, polio infected an estimated 350,000 children in 125 countries, annually. Today, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, led by Rotary and its partners at the World Health Organization, US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF, has reduced polio cases worldwide by 99 percent with 1,263 cases reported in 2004.

Today, there are six polio-endemic countries—Nigeria, India, Pakistan, Niger, Afghanistan, and Egypt—and six countries where transmission has been re-established—

Sudan, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Chad, Burkina Faso, and Mali.

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