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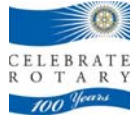
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ROTARY DISTRICT 5360

APRIL IS CENTENNIAL SERVICE ABOVE SELF VOLUNTEER MONTH



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

FOUR WAY TEST

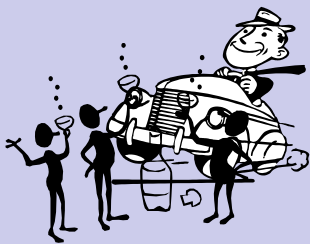
In all things we think, say or do

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.



President Al Hardstaff sounded the bell promptly at 7:00am and invited David McKewon to lead the members and guests in a the singing of our national anthem. Jamie Powell offered grace.

After attempting to introduce the fellow Rotarians who were in attendance, Greeter Joan Bedard asked each member to introduce the guest's) they invited to the meeting.



Guests: Dawn Baker—GSE Team.

Visiting Rotarians: Centennial—Arvid Leinan; Calgary South—Dave Marchant and Hans Tiedemann; Calgary West—DGE Steve Rickard; Red Deer East—Neil Swensrude—GSE Team Leader.

President Al invited the guests and visiting Rotarians to the buffet table. PP Dennis Tilotson ensured that everyone was served with a clean warm plate.

Happy Bucks:

President Al is proud of the new directional signs that guided us all to the Barn this morning.

Wynne is proud of her son who recently graduated with an Economics degree.

DGE Steve Rickard thanked all the volunteers who donated time at the Pet and Sets.

John Orian is happy that his two sons finished their first year University.

Peter Harding was delighted at how well run the Casino was.

Jamie Powell is relieved that his daughter Olivia has slept through the night for TWO WEEKS now.

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GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE



Peter Harding introduced this week's guests, Neil Swensrude and Dawn Baker. Neil and Dawn visited our Club on behalf of the recently completed Group Study Exchange (GSE) program sponsored by our District 5360. Members may remember back late last

year when Dave Marchant from Calgary South attended one of our meetings scouting for team leaders and team members for the GSE.

This year's GSE visited District 3830 in Manila, Philippines and

were hosted by fellow Rotarians and their families. The Group was lead by Neil Swensrude from the Rotary club of Red Deer East. His team comprised of Dawn, an occupational therapist, Roni-Lil, a corporate IT placement executive, Lorraine, a social worker, and Candice, another social worker. They encountered a very busy itinerary and attended a number of Rotary meetings. They also visited a number of Rotary initiatives including food programs, a shelter for women and children, a community outreach livelihood program, a water supply program, a student scholarship program, Operation Smile, and even a Miss Rotary fundraiser.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Jarvis presented a brief update on last week's Casino and thanked the many volunteers who donated their time. Barry announced that the club earned \$18,000 on Monday and \$13,000 on Tuesday; however, the pooled earnings are closer to \$70,000. Barry gave special thanks to Peter Harding who acted as lead banker on both days and Asha who acted as lead counter. The club will be looking into applying to raise funds through the new Douglasdale casino in the future.

Walter Zuk also offered thanks to the volunteers at the casino, including partners Ida Hardstaff and Elaine Harding. Special thanks to Betty was also extended as she volunteered to stay late as Count Room Manager. Walter went on to thank the volunteers who donated time to the Pets and Sets last week-end. They include Asha Paul, Rick McLellan, Martin Harvey, Max Patel, Surinder Khanna and Garry Gray. Garry did a superlative job as the overall Manager.

Wynne requested a volunteer to help the Interact Club help the Salvation Army this Saturday. President Al volunteered for the noon to 3 pm shift.

Robert Drew announced that Club Services has reserved twenty tickets to the upcoming Beethoven in the Badlands concert in Drumheller on Saturday, May 28, 2005. Tickets are \$39 for adults, \$29 for seniors, and \$19 for children. Bus transportation is being offered at \$35 per person through the CPO. The bus would leave Calgary at 11am and return around

6:30pm. A sign up list was circulated during the meeting.

Dave Marchant has an interesting fundraising idea. He is accepting pledges and looking for riders to join him on a bicycle ride from Calgary to Invermere. All the money raised by a Club, remains in the Club.

Dave Marchant also announced that he is looking for a team leader and team members for next year's Group Study Exchange to Brazil. Information is available through Dave and he can be contacted through the Rotary Club of Calgary South.

On behalf of Ray Gosselin, Doug Hood announced an upcoming fundraising event for Project 118. Many of us may remember that Project 118 is a program to help young women get their lives back on track. The fundraiser is being held at the Currie Barracks on May 5th. Cocktails will be served and items auctioned off. Five complimentary tickets are available to Club members. Contact Ray for further information.

Doug Hood also requested volunteers to help the Intercare Southwood Care Centre with its Day at the Zoo program. Volunteers are needed to help wheelchair bound seniors enjoy their time at the zoo. The Day at the Zoo is being held June 6th between 9:30am and 12:30pm. A sign up form was passed around at this week's meeting.

ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY HERITAGE PARK SEVENTH ANNUAL WINE FESTIVAL & SILENT AUCTION

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2005
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY HERITAGE PARK 3RD ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 9, 2005

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

SUNSHINE

Robert Drew delivered today's Sunshine Report.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Wynne and Dale Bjorgan—May 1

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY
Peter Harding—1999.



50/50 DRAW

Garry Gray asked one of our visiting Rotarians to select this week's qualifying ticket. Bob Cove's ticket was selected but even after passing the Four Way Test, he was unable to find the joker in the deck. Better luck next time, Bob.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.

Walter Zuk enjoyed running a recent marathon with Steve Rickard.

Din Peerani enjoyed the company of his fellow volunteers at this week's Casino. He was also delighted to see Joe J. at today's meeting.

Bill Hope offered an Amazed Buck as the Casino float balanced! **David McKeown** thanked those who have paid their invoices and warned those who haven't.

Joan Bedard felt that Barry Jarvis did an excellent job organizing the volunteers for this week's Casino.

Sheriff:

The one we fear the most, Sheriff Bob Clark. When Sheriff Bob starts off by saying that the fundraising bar has been raised with the success of the Casino, we know we're in trouble.

Anyone who did not volunteer for a Casino shift was fined \$1.

With the toss of a coin, Walter Z. was fined \$20. (Walter paid his fine with a smile on his face).

Wynne was fined out of tradition.

All those who have retired from their careers but who actually continued to work last month, or visited an RV lot, were fined \$1.

Anyone who missed their Duty Roster shift in April was fined \$1.

Max, as the enabler, was fined \$1.

Anyone who filed their income tax returns and who is expecting a refund was fined \$1.

Anyone who has filed their income tax return and submitted payment early was also fined \$1.



GSE TEAM

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One particular program that was of interest to the GSE was a program that a local Rotarians have funded to relocate families from slums into modest newly constructed homes. Each home is constructed for an amazing \$2500. The GSE donated that amount so that another family could enjoy the comfort and safety of their own home.



One of the many highlights the group encountered was enjoying a dinner with the Queen of Shoes, Imelda Marcos.

Next years GSE is off to Brazil. Team leaders and team members are now being sought. If you are interested, please feel free to contact Dave Marchant from Calgary South.

Dennis Tillotson thanked Neil and Dawn for their informative presentation and invited Dawn to consider joining our Club as a future Rotarian.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MICROCREDIT

Since 1959, the United Nations has designated International Years to draw attention to major issues and encourage action to address global concerns. The UN has designated this year as the international year of Microcredit. Microcredit is the extension of small loans to entrepreneurs too poor to qualify for traditional bank loans.

Rotary has been involved in microcredit lending for years and has proven it can be an effective measure in the ongoing struggle against poverty.

Click below to find out more about the International Year of Microcredit, and to see if your club or district might receive recognition for work achieved.

www.yearofmicrocredit.org



DISTRICT CONFERENCE
BANFF, ALBERTA
May 20-22, 2005





WOMEN IN ROTARY

PUBLISHED BY POPULAR DEMAND

For more than eight decades Rotary was an exclusive male club. Even when crossing the millionth mark, the admission was only for 'male adult persons.'

Rotary was formed in 1905 and women did not have voting rights till 1928.

As early as 1916, the Rotary club of Dublin wrote to the International Association of Rotary Clubs (later called Rotary International.), regarding admitting women into the club. The answer of the Board of Directors was "unadvisable".

In 1964, the Rotary Club of Lavinia Ceylon, asked for an enactment to admit women into Rotary at the council on legislation (COL) meeting but it was withdrawn at the insistence of the delegates. A US Rotary Club brought it up again in 1972 to no avail. One delegate spoke out "What would your wife say if you told her that you were going to a committee meeting at night with women members of Rotary?"

From 1977 onwards it was a lively item in the council of legislation agenda. Several clubs from USA, Sweden and India raised the issue but did not succeed.

In 1977, the Rotary club of Duarte went ahead and admitted three members into their club. The RI Directors board withdrew the charter of the club. When attempts to redress at the Tokyo convention did not succeed, the club moved the Superior Court of the State of California to restore their charter.

In 1980 the proposal to remove the "men only provision" returned to the COL. 11 Rotary clubs in Sweden Switzerland and India; and two districts in the US sponsored the enactment. Even the RI director's board co sponsored it. After a three-hour debate it was defeated 60 to 40.

Rotarians in the US and abroad organized in a group called AWARE (Accept Women As Rotary Equals). In 1983, the Superior Court of California ruled against the club.

The RC of Duarte went to the California Court of Appeals.

Before the decision of this court was pronounced, the COL met again in 1986.

In 1984 the US Supreme Court ruled that Jaycees couldn't deny membership to women. The RI President promptly issued a statement that Rotary was different and so the ban on women continued.

On March 17, 1986 the appeals court reversed the lower courts judgment. But, it did not end there. The RI board went to the US Supreme Court. By this time RI had spent \$200,000 on litigation. Women in the mean time were advancing unchecked into male bastions. From piloting to policing they did perfectly well.

One PDG said thus:

"It is with great anguish that we hear of some people who seem intent on destroying our beloved Rotary – because destroy it they certainly will if they succeed in forcing upon the majority of Rotarians a change they do not want, a change that would rob them of the male only fellowship and camaraderie they have been enjoying around the world for so many years. It would indeed be a sad day for Rotary. Let us pray that such a day never arrives."

On March 30, 1987 the US Supreme court upheld the appeal court's decision. The Rotary club of Duarte was reinstated with 10 women Rotarians. The RI board issued a policy statement that in the US; women could be admitted to Rotary if they are otherwise qualified.

In 1988 RI board recognized that the laws in Canada prohibit discrimination based on gender and RI allowed admission of women in Canada.

On July 1, 1989 the COL opened the doors of Rotary to the women of the world.

Rotary, which was all male altruism all the way, now could approach all its programs from a women's point of view also.

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