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FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH



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

INTEGRITY AWARDS

MARCH 7, 2005

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

With President Al Hardstaff still away on vacation, President elect, Peter Harding stood in and called the meeting to order at 7.00am. David McKewon once again lead the troupes in the singing of O'Canada. Rick McLellan offered grace in his usual fine fashion.



Powell, our newest Rotarian, to hand out the plates for breakfast.

With breakfast over by 7.25 am, President elect Peter reminded everyone that the meetings on February 18th and 25th will be held at Rancher's Hall. Also

GUESTS & VISITORS

Barry Mah then took the podium and introduced fellow Rotarians Hans Tiedemann from Calgary South and Dan Holden from Chinook. The guests today included Ashid Bahal, our guest speaker; Lindsay Danielle, a guest of Harry Kim; Don Roang, a guest of Asha Paul; and Rick Castiglioni, a guest of Raju Paul.

President elect Peter reminded us all that this week is World Understanding Week as well it includes Valentines Day. He then asked Jamie

the Sarcee Club is holding its 7th annual Art Auction on May 6, 2005. Registration is open for the 100th anniversary celebration put on by the Rotary District 5360 which will be held at the Roundup Centre. Tickets are \$75.00 each. There is also an evening planned for "Under the Northern Lights" which will deal with Rotary in the North Country. Tickets are \$25.00 each and a CD will be available at \$10.00 each. This is of interest as Winnipeg was the home of the first Rotary Club outside of the US and this started Rotary International.

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FOR THE LOVE OF CHILDREN

Raju Paul introduced Ashid Bahl, the founder and president of the 25 year old "For The Love Of Children Society of Alberta." Ashid was born and raised in Kenya and came to Canada in 1974. Since that time he has helped over 25,000 children who were marginalized and homeless, abused and neglected and were high risk from life threatening illnesses. Ashid has traveled the world in his humanitarian efforts.

He is also the proud recipient of several awards: The Golden Jubilee Medal from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth; Induction into the Volunteer Wall of Fame of the Wild Rose Foundation; and the Immigrant of Distinction Award in 2004. Ashid just spent two weeks in the Tsunami affected areas of Sri Lanka where he was providing relief work to thou-



sands. This morning he is sharing his experience with us.

Ashid's trip to Sri Lanka was to deliver much needed aid, in the form of medical supplies and food supplements. He educated himself as to what was actually needed by the local people and found they needed water pumps, toilets, medical supplies for children and educational supplies. These he started giving to them. Ashid pointed out the magnitude of the destruction and that the need for

aid is not short lived. There are many long term needs that will need to be met. These include long term aid, like psychological aid, for people who have lost family members. There will be a need to build schools, hospitals and homes. Entire villages will

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MINUTE PEOPLE

John Radermacher is looking for promotion items for the “trinkets & trash or cash” project for the G. W. Skene program he is looking after.

Harry Kim advises he still need one more volunteer to assist with the passing out of sandwiches on February 23, 2005.

Barry Jarvis advises that the Calgary South Rotary Club is looking for billets on April 9th, 2005. Any help would be very much appreciated. Barry also said the application has been submitted for the Casino and he has all the volunteers in place.

Wynn Bjorgan presented a card, along with a cash donation for the new baby, to Jamie Powell. Jamie expressed his appreciation and thanks.

Bob Clark said that the “Group Study Exchange Teams” needs billets. This will be sometime in May for three or four days. He will advise the exact dates once he has them. He also reminded everyone of the “Neptune’s Nautical Nite” on Saturday night at 6.00 pm at the Salvation Army at Elbow & 68th Avenue S W. Tickets are \$30.00 per couple.

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HAPPY BUCKS:

Jamie Powell had a \$1 happy buck for the generosity of the gift.

Bill Hope had a \$1 sad buck for Jim Davis, who had to go to Edmonton.

David McKeown had a \$1 happy buck for a singing engagement.

Jeanette Pyle had \$2 happy bucks for Heritage Park getting the RCMP night on August 3rd and for the launching of the Antique program.

Wynne Bjorgan had \$1 happy buck because she has paid the last payment for her son’s university.

Peter Harding had \$2 happy bucks for the winner of the citizenship program and the fact they are sending two students to Ottawa.

Walter Zuk had \$1 happy buck for his trip to Vegas where he was not too successful.

Jim Hennessy had \$1 for Walter and offered him some advice.

SHERIFF:

Jeanette Pyle was the sheriff of the day. Jeanette advised that Jamie Powell was exempt from fines today. Since it was her job to protect “the weaker sex” there would also be no fines for the female Rotarians. She then proceeded to fine all males wearing Pins and Badges. Carrying this further, she fined all males who arrived at the morning’s meeting on time. Barry Mah and Alex McDougall were fined for being late for their duties. Dennis Tillotson was fined for the technical problems encountered this morning.



CELEBRATE ROTARY

April 9, 2005

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

CASINO April 25 & 26, 2005

50/50 DRAW

Alex McDougall read out the lucky ticket number. Doug Hood had the lucky ticket, and after reciting the 4 way test perfectly, did not draw the joker. Better luck next time.



SUNSHINE

Martin Harvey reported that Ray Gosselin has a birthday on February 16th. Martin then gave us a humorous exchange that took place between an airline pilot and the Tower. It made one think of what really goes on between the tower and pilots. It was very good and brought a lot of laughter.

FOR THE LOVE OF CHILDREN



have to be relocated. He pointed out it is so important to send the supplies on a timely basis and that is when needed so that items like food are consumed right away and not left to rot. Ashid pointed out the dire need for water pumps to clean out the

wells which are contaminated with sea water. There is a need for chlorine pills to purify water, mosquito nets, and vaccines to control cholera, yellow fever and typhoid. Ashid delivered much-needed medical supplies in a hospital in Tangalla. The fishing industry requires new boats and equipment but there is a myth that since the ocean contains bodies, the fish might consume the bodies and therefore the fish are unsuitable for consumption and it is morally wrong to do so. Many of the people are still in shock and suffering from chronic mental distress. Many of the bodies were buried in mass graves without identification which adds to the grief.



ended his presentation by stating the ongoing needs warrant our continued support.

Wynn Bjorgan thanked Ashid for the informative presentation and wished him continued success in his organization. He was presented with the Gift of Sight certificate.

After the immediate aid of food and clothing and shelter, there will be a need to provide psychological services to millions who have lost their family members. Those who were of middle class now have to beg for the basic essentials. There is a major culture shock. Ashid



PARTNER'S CORNER

Shirley Davis-Clark graciously hosted the meeting on Jan 12, 2005.

The group decided to contribute Tooties at each meeting for the Veterans' Food Bank.

The next meeting will be on March 16, 2005 and the book selection is

Under The Tuscan Sun

by Frances Mayes.

Hope to see you all then, Beth & Ida



Peter & the Pan handler

INTEGRITY AWARDS

Bill Hope announced Robert Shiell as our clubs recipient of the Integrity Award. The Awards will be held on March 7th at Stage West. Bill asked if anyone had any comments or objections to having Robert being the recipient of the award. No one had any objections. Tickets for the event are \$40.00 and program sponsorships are available at \$150.00.



THE HEART OF ROTARY

All humanitarian movements are born to meet a great need. To be successful, they must have a clear sense of mission and how to accomplish it. In the estimation of Albert Schweitzer, French Nobel Peace Prize winner, physician and Rotarian, voluntary movements like Rotary International are essential to human development and dignity.

“If we had nothing but the great political associations we would have hardly any hope of coming through the great adventure (of world events) in which we now find ourselves.” Dr. Schweitzer wrote in *THE ROTARIAN* magazine of 1960. “I have lived through this great concern for the future of humanity with my friend Einstein, whom I knew for many years, and I know how much he, too, was waiting for a great movement. And now this great movement has come in your association, Rotary and in others...”

Just what is Rotary and it's mission? A good working definition, authored by the Board of Directors of Rotary International, is: “Rotary is an organisation of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.”

Rotary embraces some 1.2 million men and women in

more than 27,00 Rotary clubs in 150 countries and 34 geographical regions. It's diversity parallels the United Nations, with which it has a rich tradition of cooperative service. Rotarians live, work and serve in communities as varied as urban Tokyo, Japan; the plains of Nebraska, USA; cosmopolitan Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; the highlands of Scotland; tropical Nigeria and transcontinental Istanbul, Turkey. Yet all are united in the commitment to carry out Rotary's motto, “Service Above Self.”

Rotary brings together people of all races, religious faiths and political beliefs in a friendly impartial and democratic atmosphere. This bond of fellowship is the springboard for serving others, providing fulfillment to Rotarians in their personal professional and community lives. As Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore wrote, “I slept and dreamed that life was happiness. I awoke and saw that life was service. I served and learned in service happiness is found.”

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