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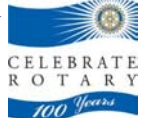
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Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park

ROTARY DISTRICT 5360

JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS 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

NEPTUNE'S NAUTICAL NITE

February 12, 2005

See page 3 for details

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Al Hardstaff called the first meeting of 2005 to order on a frosty morning. David McKeown led the singing of our national anthem. Barry Mah presented grace. Dennis introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests, but omitted Josie Hennessy the first time around. Wynne polished the plates.

Happy Bucks

Walter had \$1 happy for the Christmas party.

Peter Harding had \$1 optimistic for the new stampede of 2005.

Bill Hope had \$2 happy for his daughter going to St. Mary's College.

Jim Hennessy \$1 happy for Josie's attendance.

David had \$1 happy for those who paid their invoice and \$1 sad for those who had not.



Garry Gray had \$2 wishing for cold weather, but having his family in attendance. Ray had \$1 happy for the visit of Cathy and her father.

Martin had \$1 happy for their exchange student from Brisbane.

Bob Clark had \$2 happy for the reunion of Sydney Crosby and his jersey and Michael Feterik with his box making business full time.

Din had \$1 happy because the cold weather is good for business.

Sheriff

Dennis ran for cover when sheriff Barry Jarvis strode to the podium to lay down the law:



CLASSIFICATION TALK

Al Hardstaff introduced Wynne for her classification talk.

Presenting her classification for the second time, Wynne asked questions of her audience. She is the middle child of 10 children. A series of job transfers led to 3 children. Recognizing the connection Wynne vowed not to accept or allow Dale to accept another transfer.

Wynne shocked us all by admitting that her favorite Disney character is goofy, something to keep in mind if you ever need a gift idea for Wynne. Several of our members got into the spirit of this character throughout Wynne's



presentation.

Wynne dispelled the common misconception that she is an exhibitionist preferring the term exhibitor' coordinator. Wynne can handle all your needs from installation, design, display storage and freight, all while ensuring your beer cooler is adequately stocked.

Wynne joined Rotary to make business connections, but ended up making friends.

Wynne used low-tech flip charts and photographs for our president's benefit. Wynne was thanked by Al

AL'S NOTES



G.W. Skene sent our club a thank you letter.

President Al reported on the monthly Presidents' meeting. We require a raffle license to continue our 50/50. The crow child club is now meeting at St. David's United Church in Brentwood. Calgary Crowchild has available a Rotary Centennial mug (\$10).

A club assembly and new member inductions will be held next week.

A cabaret will be held tomorrow for tsunami relief.

PODIUM DASH

Ray Gosselin circulated a sign up sheet for sandwich making at the Haysboro community centre on Saturday January 29 at 10 am.



Al Black announced a Salvation Army presentation on Jan. 15. Al also obtained enough volunteers for 3 kettle shifts on Jan. 15 at the home show.

Barry Jarvis requested a volunteer for count room supervisor. This will involve two late nights April 25 and 26.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ray Gosselin also made 3 motions, which were passed:

1. \$1500 to rock solid foundation of the Calgary police to prevent bullying
2. \$700 for the 5th annual Easter dinner at Victory Church
3. \$3000 to Calgary hospice for the annual trip to William Watson Lodge for terminal cancer patients provided they provide us with a budget.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

With the assistance of Garry Gray, Bob Clark presented a Paul Harris fellow to Rob Gray.



50/50 DRAW

In a case of duplicity, Jim Davis ran the raffle with two different colored tickets, the first ticket went unclaimed; Cathy Baxter asked for a seconder (Ray) to give the four-way test, which he got at least half right. Cathy of course selected a deuce.



SUNSHINE

Robert Drew noted it was too cold for marriage, so no anniversaries. Alec's birthday is Jan. 16th. Robert joke examined the President's intellect.



CELEBRATE ROTARY

April 9, 2005

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



ROTARY & RELIGION (EXCERPTS FROM THE PEN)

Rotary Clubs are faced with Religion, Political, or Social Holidays. Should we hold meetings during religious holidays? Should we meet on election day? Should we allow programs about religions? Do political speakers deserve equal time? Can we invite a Rabbi or a Priest, a Nun to join our club? Will news about one country offend another?

Historically, we may have followed the "better to ask forgiveness than be denied permission" rule, but in today's politically correct environment, forgiveness may not be forthcoming. Today, our world is more diverse, clubs now have members who follow varied religious beliefs or have no religious beliefs who may be offended by programs contrary to their values.

Historically, Rotary is non-political, but in today's world political correctness is powerful.

Rotary By-laws prohibit clubs from supporting political candi-

dates or parties, and taking part in religious services or showing preference in any religious beliefs. Even prayers or invocations opening meetings have been critically reviewed and discussed. How can we address this?

All programs should be informative and educational, not suggestive or opinionated!

All concepts should be equally addressed—balanced and fairly presented.

Perspective should be kept distant, as an observer, not participative, competitive or partial.

Data should answer questions, not develop conclusions.

Opposing ideas should get equal time and exposure.

Summaries should be reviews rather than editorials.

In Rotary data should supercede culture and faith.

Remember to be fair to all concerned.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Continued from page 1.

Dennis a couple of bucks to start for bad behavior towards the sheriff

Peter Harding because his bank lost 25000 head of cattle.

Walter – just because.

Bob Cove for harassment.

Garry Gary for wishing the cold weather upon us.

Wynne \$2 for being a masochist.

Jim Davis \$1 for being late and \$1 for running an illegal gaming operation.

Dennis for being late. Max for ratting out Dennis,

The three members in the financial services industry who are entering their harvest season.

Jim Hennessy for not having a friend to bring.

Steven for being late.

Wynne for a quiet interruption.

The meeting was adjourned.

FUND-RAISING COSTUME PARTY

Neptune's Nautical Nite

(For the love of clear running water.)

On

Saturday, February 12, 2005

at

Salvation Army Glenmore Temple

921 - 68 Avenue SW



\$30 per couple (Buys one water filter)

Water Bar Opens at 5:00 p.m.

Potluck Dinner at 6:00 p.m.



LETTERS FROM SRI LANKA BY DAVID SCHNELL

David Schnell is a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar studying in Sri Lanka who joined the Rotaract Club of Katugastota. Over the course of two weeks, David sent several letters describing his experiences in Sri Lanka. One is included below.

3 January 2005

This [Rotaract club of Katugastota] has put me in absolute awe at the work they are doing. If anyone has ever been in doubt of the strength of a determined set of youth, they would be put to shame by the awesome efforts of the Rotaract club that I belong to here. They have sent relief trucks to affected areas several times a day and their organization is leading the efforts done by the Red Cross here. They are the heart to the relief effort in the eastern areas most affected by the recent tsunami.

Sri Lanka, the island formerly known as Serendib or the country of good fortune and luck, currently faces a battle for the survival of thousands. It is a country that is in dire need of assistance.

Most foreigners might believe that the worst has already passed. I, for one, know that this is far from the truth. Though the eastern and southeastern coasts were hit particularly hard, the worst damage has yet to be inflicted. Because of the monsoon season, these areas are currently faced with flash flooding that will threaten the lives of the one million refugees driven from their homes.

Makeshift refugee camps have been set up all over the island yet these camps can't possibly cope with the number of people flooding these areas everyday. In the city of Batticaloa alone, an estimated 285,000 people have been displaced. There are some refugee camps of over 10,000 people where people share six bathrooms and water is as valuable as gold. Fifteen percent of those displaced are infants. In visiting one refugee camp half the size of a basketball court, [I saw] 75 families who were un-

able to sit and were all starving and thirsty. In time and without assistance, these people will face disease that may possibly be insurmountable.

Sri Lanka concomitantly faces both a short-term humanitarian disaster and long-term collapse. Not only have the tourism and fishing industries been destroyed, but the waters that were seen receding by several kilometers into the ocean before the tsunami hit also swallowed up one to two kilometers worth of farmlands inland after the tsunami. In Ampara, a major city in the East of Sri Lanka that lies twenty kilometers from the ocean, the tsunami rode the river coming from the sea utterly annihilating this entire city, leaving in its wake the worst death toll in all of Sri Lanka.

Particularly revealing of the long-term reconstruction, 20 schools in this city alone have been destroyed and an untold number of elementary school students killed. All coastal bridges that line the eastern and southern coasts have collapsed and a 20-mile section of the railroad along the southern coast now lies in ruins.

As family members to missing relatives begin to flood the affected areas and as rain continues, the relief effort has indeed been crippled. These roads are currently close to impossible to reach hastily. The only way to reach some areas as quickly as possible is by helicopter. Despite all these obstacles, the Sri Lankan people have rallied — despite both ethnic and religious differences — to the need of the entire country. Most impressive of all operations has been not by the government or NGOs [nongovernmental organizations] but the youth of this country. Not only have my fellow students here been quick to provide assistance, but the Rotaract club that I belong to here has led operations for the Sri Lankan Red Cross in sending relief supplies to the stricken areas.

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