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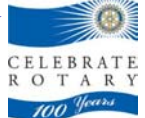
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Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park

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 and all his rowdy friends kicked off the first meeting of 2005 with the usual boisterous enthusiasm. It has been almost a month since we were together but there was a good turn out despite the cold and snowy weather, a tribute to the fact we are a hearty dedicated group. The rafters echoed with the strains of O'Canada and Gary Brown, always at the ready, stepped up at the last minute for the blessing. For some reason Raju stood up either to stretch or ask a question and it was enough to get President Al's attention and Raju became the first plate duster for the New Year.

Visiting Rotarians: Downtown: Keith Brooke

Chinook: Bart Dailley

Guests: Roslyne Buchanan and Bob Loan-Berry guests of Raju Paul; Don Roang guest of Dr Asha Paul; Stan Fisher, Linda



Pinney and Chris Alis guests of the club.

Breakfast was the culinary delight we remembered from last year and I think it is good that some things do not change with the passing of time. Our

thanks to Joan and Neal for looking after us for the past year and to all God's creatures who either participate in or sacrifice for this wonderful weekly meal.



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CHRYSLIS

Chrysalis, An Alberta Society for Citizens with Disabilities gave us an update on what they have been working on and thanked us for all of our involvement and donations to date. They are launching a major project to promote active living and physical fitness among individuals with disabilities and wish to enlist our partnership in it. The project information will probably be reviewed by the Community Service committee.



BITS & BITES

Bill Hope is keeping us up to date on the Integrity awards dinner. Mark your new calendars or update your palm pilots so you'll be there on March 7/05 at Stage West.

The time etc will be on your ticket which you should purchase in advance.

Contact Bill Hope for all the fine details and to purchase your tickets.

Barry Jarvis has confirmed the rumor that we are having another casino April 25 & 26/05. and now he is back he'll be getting all the paper work in order. Make sure you have filled out your volunteer information sheet and get it to him ASAP. Also if you have family and friends that want to volunteer they need to complete a form as well. The more the merrier.



TSUNAMI RELIEF

Raju is raising funds to ship a container of 550 wheelchairs to the areas affected by the recent tsunami. He will be looking for individual donations which he will work his magic on in conjunction with clubs in India. Raju will be in contact with us shortly.

Gary Brown tells us that Calgary came through at the last minute and made their 2004 Kettle campaign a solid success. They aren't retiring the kettle yet though because of the extra disaster relief needed for the tsunami areas. The kettles will be stationed at the up coming Calgary Home Show on the weekend of Jan 15/05. Al Black will be coordinating the kettle schedule so if you can spare a few hours let him know.

PS: The kettles will be inside!!!

AL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 100th anniversary of Rotary is being celebrated in Calgary at the Round Up Centre on April 9, 2005 and Barry Jarvis, fresh from his trip through the USA, has volunteered to be our club rep for this event.

January 21/05 will be our club assembly so come on out and find out about the inner workings of our club and what the plans are for the rest of this Rotary year.

There are a number of Rotary Fellowship groups being organized in our district such as a bridge group and dentistry group. If you are interested in learning to play bridge or do bridge work, here is a good place to meet some soul mates. President Al may have more information on this and other fellowship opportunities.

Steve Rickard is scheduling the annual Rotary District assembly for Sept this year and not including it in the annual convention being held in Banff in May 05. More information to follow on this.

Calgary West is having their Valentine's Day Strawberry Short Cake fund raiser on Feb 14th which is, coincidentally, the same day as Valentine's Day. A huge slice of home made strawberry short cake is only \$5.00 and with a minimum order they will even deliver them. We will have all pretty well given up on our New Years diet resolutions by then so go for it and help Calgary West raise some money.

Calgary North is having a silent auction and dinner but no details yet. Hopefully they won't be silent for long and we'll let you know when that is.

50/50 DRAW

Up for grabs was over \$250. and, believe it or not, the first ticket drawn was not claimed by anyone. It pays to stay 'til the end of the meeting. Martin Harvey was the winner on the second attempt but even though he slowly drew the card chanting "*Harry Kim, Harry Kim*", the mojo wasn't working and the joker remains unexposed



SUNSHINE

Martin Harvey tells us no one is getting any older this year, at least not so far, and it appears that it has historically been too cold to conduct weddings at this time of year since there are no anniversaries to announce either. He did provide an excellent example on how to save money during 2005. For more details on this ask Martin or a certain group of three engineers.

CELEBRATE ROTARY

April 9, 2005
Rotary's 100 Birthday Celebration
at the Round-Up Centre.



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RAFFLE

Bob Clark conducted the Paul Harris raffle in front of the crowd so there was no question on his honest. The winner?? "Asha Paul!!" Congratulations to Asha and to Bob Clark and his committee on an excellent idea for a fund raiser.

Bob's committee is looking into involvement in the tsunami relief issue. Feb 12th is another day to put in your new calendar for what sounds like a wonderful fellowship social event. Bob tells us there will be fun, food, costumes, and all sorts of exciting things going on for only \$30. per couple. The event is in support of clean water projects they have on the go. He will no doubt provide us with weekly enticing tidbits to ensure we are all anxious to attend.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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Happy Bucks:

Either not too many people were happy today or they had just received their Christmas VISA bill and didn't have a buck. However;

John Radermacher is happy because he and Trish are heading to warmer climates deep in the heart of Texas for a week.

Garry Gray is happy because there is lots of snow and his heart is yearning to be snowmobiling through it.

Asha is happy because her son is giving his heart away and getting married this Saturday.

The Sheriff (who has no heart at all)

Harry Kim went easy on us for the first meeting but picked off a couple of Rotarians late for their duties. Alex, Joan and Ray found it hard to get up on a chilly day and shake off those frozen cobwebs early in the year. Walter and Wynne got fined I think because they were causing a commotion (that's a surprise?) when President Al rang the bell. Then Walter got caught again sneaking up for seconds. The mass fines were for those who had not taken their Christmas tree down (unless you are Ukrainian) and those who have not yet contributed to tsunami relief (unless you were going to donate to Raju's project).

President Al called the meeting a wrap and wished fellowship and safe driving as we headed back in to the gray cold morning, each looking forward to the warmth of next weeks gathering.

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.



A TIME TO HEAL

Dear Friends,

So many of you have written to me in the aftermath of the Tsunami, asking for more information, and offering to help in anyway you can. I can only tell you, that now I am sure of one thing. Hell exists. It exists in parts of the coastal regions of South India. It exists on desolate beaches that were once pristine and beautiful, in watery wastelands that were once lush coconut groves, in heaps of rubble that were once bustling villages, most of them inhabited by cheerful fisher folk. I know it exists because I have seen the horror of it all, with my own eyes. I have heard the terror trembling in the broken voices of survivors, narrating experiences that no human being should be made to go through.

I have seen...

... hundreds of boats crushed like aluminum cans , lying on beaches resembling burial grounds. A ghost town where the only movement is that of scavengers, raking up bloated corpses. A forklift scooping up scores of bodies, to send them tumbling into a common grave. Two flagstaffs standing mute sentinels to a wreckage that was a magnificent temple. Coconut palms flattened like reeds. Motorbikes stranded on treetops. Bodies, bodies...and more bodies...lying covered by sand, half hidden by boulders, swept under debris, dangling from branches.

I have heard...

...of how the sea receded like the Biblical parting of the waves. To come roaring back with malevolent fury. Of giant tidal waves over four stories tall, crushing and killing in a merciless swoop. Of a town where there are no children to be seen, because most

of them have been swept away, and the few that remain are orphans huddling in crowded shelters. Of an entire team of young boys playing a cricket match on the sands, suddenly disappearing under a wall of water. Of the spectre of epidemics looming over the distraught survivors...

I believe...

...that everyone who has been spared such a Fate is honour-bound to reach out with a helping hand. Because this is the worst calamity that has ever befallen mankind. Our government and our people are making valiant efforts to rebuild and rehabilitate You too, can be part of the healing process. In fact, your support is essential. For Rotarians especially, participation is a means of upholding the internationality of the Rotary Movement. I am confident you will provide a ray of hope to hundreds of thousands of lives plunged into darkness. For I believe in "Man's humanity to Man". I believe in the spirit of compassion and giving, that will be salvation, not just of the victims of the Tsunami, but of Mankind itself.

With warm regards

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