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*Who goes there?
Before the guests!!!*

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 EVENTS

**ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY
HERITAGE PARK
7TH ANNUAL WINE FESTIVAL
&
SILENT AUCTION**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2005
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

STAMPEDE EDITION



Resplendent in western attire, President Peter Harding was quick off the draw to bring his first meeting as president to order at 6:59.59 a.m. And we're off!! David McKeown, led a rip roaring rootin' tootin' rendition of our national anthem. Max Patel presented grace. Brian Morrison gave a Howdy to the visiting Rotarians and guests. Guests were stampeded to the buffet by past president Al Hardstaff. A bounty of strawberries did not excuse the absence of mini donuts.



Out with the old, in with the new



BUSINESS ROUND UP



Sensitive to those who had been stampeding all week, President Peter timidly tinkled the bell to end the fellowship.

Jim Hennessy made a decent proposal: that vocational service commits \$6,000 of this year's budget to literacy at G.W. Skene. The master plan is to accumulate sufficient funds and obtain a Rotary International matching grant to meet a goal of \$27,000.00. The proposal was graciously accepted.

Bob Sadler is recovering from surgery and is on a leave of absence until August 31. We wish him a speedy recovery.

John Orian has left our club to focus on his business. We wish him well and will leave a light on in the barn.



Past president Al confirmed the old adage that "If you build it, they will come", when he presented the club with a banner from Rotary Oswego, Illinois, who meet in a cornfield. Club members, in particular Alec, were all ears to learn more about this club.

Alec reported that a gaggle of 5 Rotarians volunteered for the Burnco marathon. He vowed next year to provide club members with more notice.

Walter reminded club members of our upcoming September 29th Wine Festival. Get your prizes in to Harry or Max or face the music.

Barry Jarvis took a minute to remind us that he and Donna annually go on vacation in their motor home. Barry also mentioned that our next club casino would be held in the first quarter of

MINUTE PEOPLE POSSE



2007. Since Barry has become the master of casino organization and most of the work must be done during the time of his scheduled vacation he needs a volunteer to manage the casino or go on vacation with Donna.

Max advised that a club services survey would be circulated next week. Let club services know what changes you would like to see.

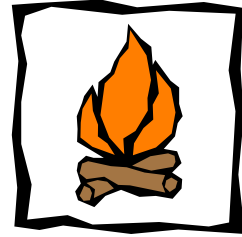


How soon they forget....

AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

Jim Hennessy reported on Rotary anniversaries for Bob Cove, Max Patel, Bob Sadler and Steven Yu. Upcoming wedding anniversaries for Bob and Shirley Clark, Rick McLellan and Lynn Gilroy and Jim and Josie Hennessy (39th) were announced.

Jim presented a scientific lecture on the element governmentium, explaining the morons and peons of its molecular structure. Those who applauded Jim's presentation were advised to reconsider the implications.



MIDWAY FUN



ennis had \$1 happy for the Chicago convention and time spent with Al and Ida Hardstaff.

Barry Jarvis had \$2 happy for this visiting daughter and new granddaughter.

Walter had \$1 happy for breakfast with Harry rather than running a marathon.

Wynne had \$1 happy for Dale's contact lenses, which allow him to see clearly now.

Steven Yu had \$1 sad, blaming his alarm for missing the Burnco marathon.

David McKeown had \$1 sad for the luddites unable to open his latest round of invoices. Those who rely on hot mail particularly vexed David.

Bill Hope had \$2 happy for golf with Jim Hennessy and Wynne's chairing of two meeting and \$1 sad that the printing business could secure better hotel rates than the travel business.

Past president Al had \$5 happy for completing his year as president, new president Peter and a great week with Dennis and Beth Tillotson.

President Peter had \$5 happy for the Chicago convention, Elaine's attendance at our meeting, the marathon, being president and passing his Certified Financial Planner course.

STEP RIGHT UP AND TRY YOUR LUCK



Wynne conducted the draw, with David McKeown eventually admitting to having the winning ticket. Seven of spades was a loser.



8 SECONDS (OR MORE) OF SHEER TERROR



Past president Al emerged with both guns blazing:

Exhibiting an exceptional memory, but the urgency of an NHL negotiator, Al fined Past Past President Bill Hope for distractions caused on the morning of Al's inaugural meeting (July, 2004).



David McKeown for dissing Barry Jarvis so early in the new year.

President Peter for standing up past president Al and the sacred file transfer ceremony. Peter was being served by a bevy of bodacious Budweiser beverage babes while Al missed out on lunch with Walter. Al was particularly peeved because when he told Walter he was unavailable, Walter shrewdly advised that lunch was on him. President Peter happily paid a fine of \$3, one dollar for each babe in his bevy.

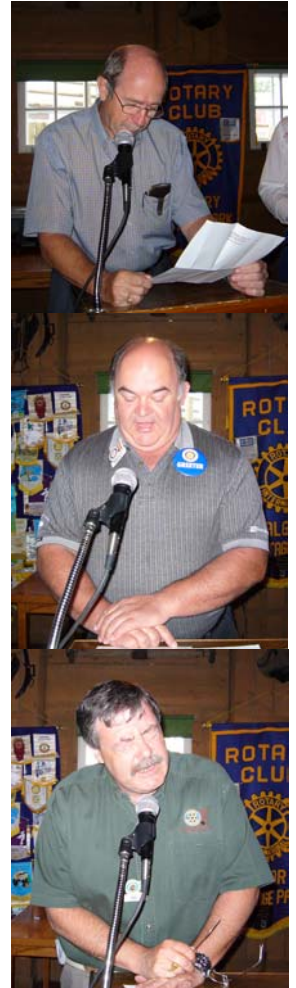
Walter was fined the value of the lunch he would have bought Al. Walter paused to calculate tax and tip before depositing a loonie, advising the potholder to keep the change.

Dennis was cited \$1 for his driving through Wisconsin.

Jim Hennessy was fined for showing up the other directors with his proposal.

Max Patel and Peter Harding will never again wear their hats during the national anthem.

Barry Mah will never again be late.



FROM LOSER TO LUGER

Bill Hope introduced guest speaker Jeff Christie who sought to create luge fans of us all. The Olympic sport of luge began in Innsbruck in 1964. Internationally there are 14 tracks, including the one on Calgary. Jeff has been a member of our Olympic team and hopes to compete again at the upcoming Winter Olympics.

Seizing upon the laissez faire atmosphere of the Stampede, Jeff displayed his naked sled. Jeff explained how to steer, but advised that to be competitive you steer as little as possible. Like operating in a Stampede saloon, you must get off to a fast start because everyone uses the same line.

Jeff rockets down 1 – 1.5 kilometer luge tracks at 140 kilometers per hour. Training is year round with weights and yoga, but April 1 is the official start of luge season.

Jeff has created his own website and receives government support.

Barry Jarvis thanked Jeff.



Before riding off into the sunrise President Peter advised one and all to have fun out there.

Twin Zone Success Story (From The Zone 22 Newsletter by PDG Chris Offer)

Partners in Vision is a centennial project between Zone 22 and Zones 5 and 6A. The project is to provide the gift of sight for 100,000 people in the Indian subcontinent. The project was conceived in 2003 in coordination with the RI directors from our two Zones. As Zone 22 coordinator for the project, DGE Raju Paul (5360) soon realized that this massive undertaking costing over 2.2 million US dollars needed other partners.

Operation Eyesight Universal (OEU) is an organization based in Calgary, Canada providing sight restoration surgeries in the Indian subcontinent since 1965. This innovative NGO added its support both financial and professional to accomplish the goal of 100,000 sight restoration surgeries.

The key people in this massive undertaking have been the President of OEU, Pat Ferguson, Raju Paul (Twin Zone Coordinator from Zone 22) and project coordinator for Zones 5 and 6A PDG, Manjit Sawhney. This two year program will have lasting impact on the outcome in the lives of the people and communities throughout India.

A set of criteria was developed for selecting the hospitals where the surgeries are to be performed. The surgeries are at no cost to the patients. The physicians and an administrator attend a two-day orientation workshop at LV Prasad Eye Institute in Hyderabad, India which is world renowned for its standard of excellence and model of comprehensive sustainable eye care.

The Orientation program covers:

- Operating room procedures
- Selection of patients
- Surgical standards

- Post operative follow up
- Compilation of data and
- Monitoring of results

A number of matching grants to maximize the contribution from the Rotary Foundation have been organized. This was the first time hospitals were screened, selected and required to undergo an Orientation program to receive the Rotary funding, a fundamental deviation from the norm.

- Two major MGs were approved in Dec 2004 which covered 48,600 surgeries for a total cost of \$1,065,000.00 US.
- Operation Eyesight provided 50% (\$533,000.00) of the total funding matching every dollar raised by Rotary Clubs and Districts and the TRF contribution.
- Three other MGs were approved in June 2005 to fund an additional 16,400 surgeries for a total cost of \$367,000.00 US. Operation Eyesight added 50% (\$184,000.00) of the funding.

Funds are required for the last phase of 35,000 surgeries costing about \$800,000.00 US. OE will provide \$400,000.00 and \$200 to \$300 thousand in funds are required from Clubs and Districts to finish this.

In summary, this is not a project about doing just 100,000 surgeries; it is about:

- Making a difference in the lives of those people by providing sustainable eyesight and
- Progression of the surgeons and the hospitals towards optimal eye care practice.

Congratulations and Thank You to all involved in this major health care initiative!

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