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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

FOUR WAY TEST

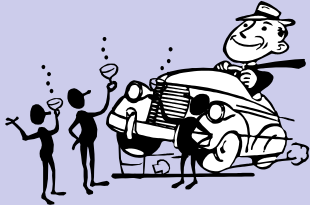
In all things we think, say or do

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 brought the unruly masses to order at 7:02 a.m. David McKeown, accompanied by Joan Bedard, and the rest, sang our national anthem. Jamie Powell presented a rhyming grace. John Orian introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests.

Rotarians: Calgary South—Jim Fitzowich, Michael Zacharki, Hans Tiedemann and Jim Burns; Calgary Downtown—Laurie Jacques **Guests:** Wynne's guest Megan Passmore and guest speaker Amir Bhaloo.

Guests and those who brought guests were invited to the buffet first. Alarmed by the number of Rotarians in attendance Barry Jarvis imposed a 7-item limit to ensure that his day started with a proper breakfast, before he passed the plates.

Many in attendance commented favorably upon the Starbucks quality coffee being served.

Happy Bucks

Garry Gray had \$2 happy for Jim Davis

becoming Alberta Motor Association president and for a successful 6-beer golf committee meeting. Garry reported that a bar tab sponsor is urgently needed

Jim Hennessy had \$1 sad for having to leave the golf meeting early at 9:00, which was by his count already a 6-beer meeting.

Bill Hope had \$10 happy left over from the beer tab and a \$5 happy tip for taking passengers to the bus.

Rick McLellan had \$1 happy for missing the 6-beer meeting.

Ernie Drew had \$5 happy for completing the cycling tour.

Jim Fitzowich had \$2 happy for now being able to concentrate on golf after being busy buying companies.

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THE TAXMAN COMETH

Walter introduced Amir Bhaloo, a former Canada Revenue Agency ("CRA") auditor and previous guest of Raju. Amir began with a customary Saskatchewan joke that was well received. Amir proceeded to outline the organization of Canada revenue Agency. It was noted with pride that 85% of disputes are resolved by the appeal division without having to litigate. (Reporter's note: fortunately the remaining 15% can proceed to litigation to keep lawyers and accountants in business.)

The audit division is by far the largest division with 700 of the 1,100 employees in the Harry Hayes Building. Sam-

ples are taken annually from all returns filed. Based upon Ernie's question Amir noted that if a company is audited this could lead to the audit of its major shareholders.

Fairness in the system is part of the legislation and is administered by the appeals division, which can waive interest and penalties when warranted.

Amir noted that valuation issues can arise with respect to tax shelters.

John Radermacher thanked Amir.



AL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no morning meeting on June 3 due to President Al and his guest attending the President's dinner. Tickets are still available.

President Al reminded us to mark our calendars for Winefest 2005 on September 29.

All current and incoming members of the executive are invited to the next executive meeting on June 7 at 6:00 at Heritage Park and the anticipated after party at the Point and Feather.

A reminder that Curley Galbraith will celebrate his birthday on June 6th. A card was circulated. Curley calls 530 people per year with birthday greetings.

A warning was issued that Wynne will chair the June 17th and 24th meetings.

PODIUM DASH

Ernie Drew advised that he has Beethoven in the Badlands directions.

Betty advised all members to dig deep in response to her e-mail groveling for golf gifts or face a phone call from Garry Gray.

Ernie Drew completed his 15th golden triangle cycling tour over the May long weekend, leading three generations of Drews across the finish line. 380 cyclists participated.

A revised three-way test was recited by Peter Harding:

- Will it be fun?
- Will it hurt?
- Will anyone find out?



DISTRICT CONFERENCE REPORT

President Al reported that there were approximately 300 attendees who enjoyed a great program with excellent speakers. The Rotary International representative came from Myrtle Beach South Carolina to attend his 70th District Conference and was amazed to see a frozen lake.

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

Jim Hennessy announced the following birthdays: Al Hardstaff May 18th, Bill Hope May 22nd and Gary Brown May 26th, anniversaries: Raju and Asha May 24th, John and Trish Radermacher May 30th and Rotary anniversaries on May 26th for Helen Buchanan and Dennis Tillotson. Jim delivered a news release that the rise of Al Ge Bra and its instruments of math instruction have rekindled the president's worst childhood fears and left him puzzled.

50/50 DRAW

The ticket selection was audited by Canada Revenue Agency. Cardsharp Din Peerani shuffled the deck and for once Alec McDougall was a king, not a joker.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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Peter Harding had \$10 happy for the district convention, the sun, golfing, his son, golfing with his son in the sun and going golfing for the next week.

Sheriff

Treasurer David McKeown rose to balance the books and threaten full disclosure of:

Everyone who failed to pay his or her fees by April 30th

Everyone who has still not paid his or her fees.

Everyone planning to attend the President's Social, but not yet registered.

Everyone planning to golf, but not yet registered.



Everyone who has played more than three rounds of golf this year because they have had too much practice before the tournament.

Recognizing that President Al gets less respect than Rodney Dangerfield, David fined Walter and Betty for conducting business in front of Al while he tried to obtain order.

Dennis Tillotson was fined for suggesting president Al use his little dinger.

Everyone who left his or her cell phone on during the meeting, since the ring could interrupt the meeting. Wynne, who admitted to having a vibrator, asked if the fine applied to her and was fined for providing too much information.

President Al adjourned the meeting.

PARTNER'S NEWS

BOOK CLUB

The first meeting in the fall is on the September 21 at Jessie Zuk's home.

The book selected is

'We are all the Same'
by Jim Wooten.

The second meeting is November 23 at Trish Rademacher's.

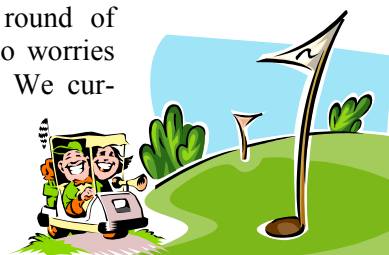
The book for that date is

'The Shadow of the Wind'
by Carlos Ruiz Zafon.

There will a reminder in the Standard later in the summer.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

"Good Looking" Doug Hood asked everyone to submit his or her golf registrations. Doug reported that an important golf committee meeting/kegger was held Thursday night. The committee progressed from initial worry over the number of registrations to another round of beers to some concern over the number of registrations to another round of beers to satisfaction with the number of registrations to another round of beers to outright glee over the number of registrations to another round of beers to an inability to remember why they were meeting in the first place to another round of beers and no worries whatsoever. We currently have 92 golfers registered.





THANKS ROTARY FOR FIGHTING POLIO

Submitted by Jim Hennessy

It is a most remarkable case of serendipity. In 1979, members of Rotary clubs, a staple of small town life, were collecting donations for famine relief.

Among the pledges were offers of childhood vaccines. Several countries, including Canada, offered polio vaccine in addition to food aid. A Rotary member in the Philippines, where polio was rampant, asked that the vaccine be put to good use. He rallied fellow Rotarians, and lobbied government and international health organizations; soon, six million Filipino children were vaccinated.

Rotary clubs in five other nations followed suit, and thus was born one of the most successful public-health initiatives in history.

Twenty years ago, in 1985, Rotary International vowed to wipe out polio. The first contributor to the PolioPlus program was Canada, which cut a \$1.2-million cheque, and has remained a steadfast supporter ever since.

More than \$3-billion (U.S.) has been invested in polio eradication, but the contributions of Rotary members themselves have put government to shame. Rotary clubs have directly contributed more than \$600-million -- more than any other organization, except the U.S. government.

Yet money is only a small part of Rotary's contribution. Powerful groups are involved in this campaign, including the World Health Organization, Unicef and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but Rotarians have proven themselves to be the heart and soul of eradication efforts, the human face of an unprecedented global public-health campaign.

Volunteers have also been the boots on the ground -- the men and women doing the grunt work of distribution, logistics and social mobilization in 122 countries with national immunization days.

In Canada, polio vaccine is part of routine childhood immunizations. We know Rotary clubs because they have built innumerable parks, staged countless blood drives and awarded myriad scholarships to

needy students.

Every day, somewhere in the world, these civic-minded volunteers are making an even more important contribution to their community -- the global community. Just last week, Dr. Robert Scott of Cobourg, Ont., was in Egypt participating in the annual immunization campaign. The retired coroner, who has used his holidays and spent his own money to do the same in Nigeria, Pakistan and India, has also proven himself a formidable fundraiser for PolioPlus.

Dr. Scott is far from alone. Since the eradication effort began, more than one million Rotary members have actively participated, vaccinating more than two billion children against a disease once known as the Great Crippler.

In 1988, more than 350,000 cases of polio were recorded worldwide. By 2001, that number had plummeted to 483 cases -- tantalizingly close to eradication. But the final chapter has proven frustrating and maddening.

The number of infections crept back up to 1,185 in 2004, largely due to a fierce anti-vaccine campaign in the Nigerian state of Kano (where radical clerics charged that U.S. officials had laced the vaccine with drugs to render African girls infertile), and the subsequent spread to 16 previously polio-free countries.

Still, officials have not given up hope that transmission of the poliomyelitis virus can be arrested by the end of this year.

Eradication of polio, though it was not achieved in 2000 as initially planned, and may not come in 2005, the secondary target, will be achieved sooner rather than later. Rotarians, stubborn lot that they are, will see to it.

Victory over polio will be a tremendous benefit to children around the globe.

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