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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 FRIENDSHIP
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

DON'T MISS !!

The Murder
Mystery
August 17
2006

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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Wynne called the meeting to order at 7:00 and once again Al Hardstaff provided technical assistance. David McKeown returned to lead the singing of our national anthem. Joan Bedard presented grace. Jeanette Pyle introduced the guest



Joan, Alec and Jeanette having a good

and visiting Rotarians. Raju Paul DGPP (District Governor Plate Passer) commandeered guests, visiting Rotarians and club members to the buffet where we discovered amongst other delicacies, giant shrimp.

Wynne reminded us that our success depends upon our ability to attract and retain quality members.

Guest Speaker: John Kirkwood

Dennis introduced guest speaker John Kirkwood. John and his guest spoke about the TOFTA Educational Trust. Orphans In Class is a project to educate financially disadvantaged children in Uganda and Kenya. Uganda has 7% of its adult population with HIV/AIDS. Demographically 50% of its population is under 16 years of age. Ongoing civil war for the past 20 years has displaced 2 million people. There are 2.2 million orphans as a result of AIDS, natural causes, accidents and the ongoing conflict.

John's dream is that the loss of a parent will not mean the loss of a child's education. Bill Boyd has said: "Today's world needs heroes not celebrities."



Annually 800 students need financial assistance. The trust can assist 180 secondary education students. The trust has sponsored 1,000 students since its inception. John shared some success stories and current needs. The Lords Mead Vocation College is a secondary school set up by the trust and supported by a local Rotary club. The students are

active in volunteer work in their community.

The current needs are: a) 4 classroom blocks - \$110,000 U.S., currently there are up to 70 students in a classroom b) additional dormitories - \$125,000 and c) a multi-purpose dining hall.

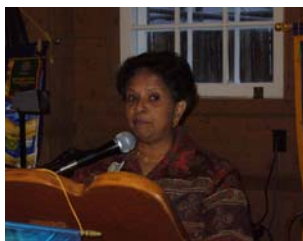
John concluded by asking: "Do you know a hero who just might be able to assist?" John was thanked by Bob Price.

Meeting Highlights:

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Al Black reminded everyone to order their Rotary shirts and Jackets



Asha Paul reminded us that the Murder Mystery is fast approaching



Joan Bedard announced that a Winefest signup will be circulated soon



Al Hardstaff continued to circulate the casino sign up sheet

Business Meeting

Wynne provided a proper introduction to Assistant Governor Tony Howard.

Wynne announced that Rotary International was awarded a 4 star rating for sound fiscal management in the U.S.

4 Way Test plaques are available for \$10 plus GST.

Minute People

Asha: all aboard for the Murder Mystery to be solved at Heritage Park on August 17. Someone will be killed (voting on the victim is not permitted).

Al Hardstaff continued to circulate the casino sign up sheet. The major duties of Banker, General Manager and Heading Off With Donna On An RV Adventure have all been filled, but volunteers are still needed for the other duties. We host the Deerfoot Casino on Tuesday and Wednesday October 10 and 11.

Haberdasher in Training Al Black set up a display of Rotary jackets and shirts which must be ordered prior to August 12th for delivery in three weeks.

Joan Bedard announced that a Winefest signup will be circulated soon.

Jeannette Pyle urged everyone to get their silent auction items in early. Cash will be accepted in lieu of other contributions.

Special Resolution

At the regularly scheduled club meeting on September 1, 2006, the following resolution will be presented to the members for their consideration and vote:

"I move to amend Article XVII Finances Section 2 of the Club Bylaws by deleting the requirement of an audit by a qualified public accountant and inserting the requirement of an Accounting Review by at least three (3) members each year of all the Club's financial transactions. This amendment to apply to the next financial statements to be prepared for the Club's fiscal year ended June 30, 2006."

The requirements to pass the above motion are:

1. A quorum of at least 1/3 of our membership physically in attendance for this meeting and
2. A vote in favor by at least 75% of those members in attendance.

Proxies are not permitted by our Club Bylaws, so all members are encouraged to attend the meeting on September 1, 2006, and cast their vote.



SUNSHINE REPORT



Sunshine report



Jim Hennessy announced birthdays for Al Black (16th), Walter Zuk (7th) and Marion Barrett (16th). Harry and Laura Kim's anniversary (11th); Max and Kapu Patel's anniversary (14th) and Walter Zuk's Rotary anniversary

(7th).

Jim recited a Ramblin Redneck Report.

Happy Bucks

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Joan Bedard had \$2 happy for her sister's birthday and still being the youngest sister. Dennis Tillotson had an enlightened \$2 with apologies to Beth that license renewal is not required for 2 years. Most males in the audience expressed shock and amazement that anyone would question a wife's better judgment. We trust that peace has descended on the Tillotson household. Asha Paul had \$2 happy that her daughter was coming to visit and for having Jeanette as a member of our club. Jacquie Brown had a \$1 happy for her anniversary that Jim forgot. To make amends Jim, as a member of the Canadian military, offered to make her single again. Jeannette Pyle had \$3 happy for her sister's birthday and major donations from the Palleson's and Big Rock Brewery to the Heritage Park Capital Campaign.

Jim Davis had several million liras (\$5 Canadian) for missing us as he was wined and dined in Italy by Exxon-Mobil and tied for 2nd as a world-class carrier. He also noted his mother's 93rd birthday and 68th anniversary.

Sheriff Jacquie Brown: You're BUSTED!



Jacquie Brown laid down the law to the following: (1) Peter Harding \$5 in absentia (left early on vacation) for disrespecting the guests by putting them to work. (2) Wynne for disrespecting the assistant governor. Also the district governor for disrespecting Wynne. (3) Everyone who has not bought a Murder Mystery ticket. (4) Surinder for a sewing machine that is not working. (5) Alec \$2 for suggesting Jacquie try decaf because she is

too uptight. (6) Jamie Powell for inappropriate dress as club secretary. (7) Jim Hennessy for forgetting her anniversary. (8) Al Hardstaff for disrespecting the president. (9) Hans Tiedemann who has attended as often as Jacquie and whose missing cheque has been found. (10) Barry Jarvis for taking on the casino manager role and then letting everyone else to do the work (\$5 or double or nothing). (11) Jim Davis because he can afford the fine. (12) Joan and Jeannette who sit together every week. (13) Wynne as president for failing to promote the Foundation Dinner on September 30. Raju announced that the Foundation Dinner will be held at the Danish Canadian Club.



50/50 JACK POT



With a pot of \$336 Wynne explained the rules. David McKeown wisely rubbed Harry Kim for luck when his ticket was selected, but foolishly selected the 8 of clubs.



New short-term peace program begins

By Joseph Derr
Rotary International News

A new Rotary-sponsored educational program reinforcing Rotary's longstanding commitment to cultivating peace and understanding began 3 July.

The inaugural class of [Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies](#) program started a three-month, English-language program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Offered by [The Rotary Foundation](#), the program is aimed at professionals, with a curriculum focused on the theory and practice of peace, professional mediation, and conflict resolution.

The [diverse group of 15 participants](#) from 10 countries work in fields directly related to actual conflict situations. Participants include mid-to-upper level government workers, nongovernmental organization officers, educators, military and law enforcement officers, lawyers, media professionals, and union leaders.

Giving policymakers tools to adapt to local contexts is an effective path to resolving conflict, says Yukiko Nishikawa, deputy director of the program.

"This program gives participants seeds with sufficient ideas and tools to deal with conflict, which they bring home, grow, and multiply in their own organization and country," she says.

Already the program is having an impact on participants such as Richelieu Allison from Liberia.

"In a short period of time, I have observed a transformation taking place not only within my head, but also with the rest of the participants," says Allison, a regional director for the West African Youth Network. "I plan to utilize the skills gained here to train young people at the community level to serve as agents for peace."

Zelie Pollon, a U.S. journalist, said the program is providing a lot of context for understanding current world events. "We [are gaining] tools to deconstruct conflict, look closely at its component parts — the actors, beliefs, and specific behaviors — and recommend plans for resolution," Pollon said.

The curriculum is unique in that it takes an interactive approach in which individuals' experience plays a critical role in contributing to theory and practice, according to Nishikawa. "Participants, as well as lecturers and facilitators, are considered agents of knowledge and skilled persons," she says.

The program has been enthusiastically supported by Thai Rotarians from throughout the country. Numerous Rotarians have gone out of their way to welcome the class, some driving for hours to pick up arriving participants at the airport or serving as counselors.



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Upcoming Events

- **August**— Murder Mystery (August 17)
- BBQ at Max (Date TBA)
- **September** - Wine Festival (September 28)
- **October**—Casino (Oct 10, & 11)