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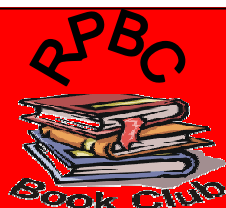
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FOUR WAY TEST

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?



Rotary Partner's Book Club

When: TBA

Where: TBA

Meeting Highlights



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THE BEGINNING

President Wynn tried...oh she tried...to gain the attention of the members and guests of our meeting of December 8th. But – 'Tis the Season to be jolly....falling off a log...la la la! Please shuddup you lads and lassies...blah blah blah



blah and then! David McKeown brought us all to rigid space with leading of O Canada. O it was wonderful! This would be one of those meetings where prattle never ceased. There were a bunch of guests as usual like Tony Howard so welcome to all of them! Then the announcements would begin.

It seemed like the Board had a meeting earlier in the week and UN type resolutions would come at us fast and furious like: Continued on page 2

Guest Speaker: Heather Douglas

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in business together

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After becoming numb with speeches, the primary speaker of the day was introduced by Martin Harvey. Heather Douglas, President and CEO of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce came to the podium to look at employment issues in Calgary and Alberta and in 20 minutes made it clear that we were going to have trouble for a very long time.

Our super hot economy was agitated with the retirement of baby boomers that would escalate sharply in the next three years.

In her comments it was clear that no one had considered this issue would be in front of us nor just how bad it would get. "There was no plan and there is not now a plan. By 2010 we will be short 400 thousand workers in Alberta and a lot of that in Calgary."

Meeting Highlights

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Bill Hope would ask for support for the Shuttle Box Program



1. Betty would ask for approval to give \$500 to the Teddy Bear Drive which meant the Metropolitan Rotaract Club would buy a television with our name on it at the Children's Hospital!
2. Marion would ask approval for \$3,000 in funding to the Motive Action Trainers Foundation. James Short School to receive \$500 for programming materials.
3. Bill Hope would ask for support for the Shuttle Box Program and if a member put up \$500 for a Paul Harris Fellowship...the Club would match.
4. Garry Gray speaking for International Service would speak about a water well project in Tanzania at \$10,000. They would work for matching funds but if they weren't there, the Club would consider doing the whole thing.
5. It looked like there would be \$40,000 in funds from the October Casino and \$25,000 in surplus funding and all of that needed to be looked at.
6. Peter Harding, oozing with charm presented a list of those who would serve on the Board beginning July with one or two holes. His list will appear elsewhere in this issue.
7. Steve Ashman presented an idea on Theme Boxes.
8. Brian Humphrys talked about another facet of International Service.
9. Unbelievably, Alex McDougal began to sell the Rotary Club of Heritage Park Golf Tournament to be held on June 26th.
10. The piece de resistance would be Martin Harvey talking about membership and all that it means by law...snore! Don't forget your makeups! Marion said she did hers every morning.

Alex McDougal began to sell the Rotary Club of Heritage Park Golf Tournament



Brian Humphrys talked about another facet of International Service

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

There won't be a meeting next week. Instead...we will come together for our Annual Christmas Party at Ranchers' Hall on December 15th. Our next meeting will be January 5/07.

Guest Speaker: Heather Douglas

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As she presented fact-based information she made it clear that values have and will continue to change with new work force rules emerging. 43% of jobs grow right here in Canada and in Alberta while the work force is declining. Work place changes like the hours per week, vacations, lifestyle are very much part of the work scene.

"With 400,000 new jobs on the horizon there will be a need for 300,000 new workers. We don't have them and there is not in place a plan to get it done. There are world issues as well that impacts our ability to attract workers. This is a monster issue that we don't have a handle on."

The Club members were taken with the speech and its content.

SUNSHINE REPORT



Sunshine report

Doug Hood reported the fire at Hooter's North was under control!

Jim Hennessey read out a list of birthdays. One outstanding member did not have his birthday announced!

2007-08 Executive

President - Asha Paul

President Elect - David McKeown

Vice President - Martin Harvey

Secretary - Harry Kim

Treasurer - Garry Gray (2nd year)

Club Administration - ??

Sergeant at Arms - ???

Membership - Alec McDougall

Public Relations - Norm Haines

Service Projects - Peter Harding

Community Service - Betty Little

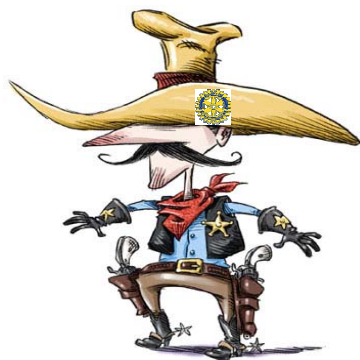
Vocational Service - Zuzana Carter-Edwards

International Service - Jacquie Brown

Foundation - Bill Hope

Standard Editor - Brian Humphrys

Sheriff Dave McKewon: You're BUSTED!



THE SHERRIFF

Dave "Slimeball" McKeown. Boy, he was tough. A buck if you didn't bring food for the food bank drive. A buck for showing up at the meeting. A buck if you didn't have on your name tag.

50/50 JACK POT



The 50/50 pot continues to grow.



U.S. official, nonprofit chief call for more polio support

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga
Rotary International News



Two U.S. leaders are urging more public and private commitment and support for polio eradication.

Paula J. Dobriansky, undersecretary of state for democracy and global affairs, and Timothy E. Wirth, president of the United Nations Foundation, made the call in an editorial they coauthored in the *Washington Times*.

"It is time for the international community to finish the job of eradicating polio," they said in the piece, which appeared in the 23 November edition of the Washington, D.C., paper. "To do that requires strengthened commitment, enhanced cooperation and community involvement."

Dobriansky and Wirth noted that in the United States, government and private organizations have already greatly contributed to efforts that have made the world 99 percent polio-free. For example, the UN Foundation, other nonprofit organizations, and individuals have joined the growing number of supporters of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. U.S. government backing includes total contributions of more than \$1.2 billion since the initiative's launch.

"The United States is working through the G-8 and other forums to ensure the support of world leaders and address the \$50 million funding gap this year, and the even bigger projected shortfall for 2007-2008," they said.

In their account of the initiative's 18-year history of remarkable success, the authors acknowledged Rotary's unflagging support. "Rotary International has continued its key role, and has provided hundreds of millions of dollars," they said.

According to Dobriansky and Wirth, international cooperation, as well as a higher level of participation by communities and governments in polio-endemic countries, will be vital in finally getting rid of the disease. Now, only Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan are still polio-endemic.

"Local political and religious figures have a crucial role to play in disseminating helpful information, dispelling myths and instilling confidence in communities regarding immunization," they observed. "National and world leaders, both secular and religious, must reach out to the communities affected by polio and urge local leaders to support vaccination efforts."



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Upcoming Events

- **November** —Joint Meeting with FishCreek Park Club (Nov 3)
- **December** - Christmas Party @ Rancher's Hall (Dec 15)

No Meetings Dec 22 and Dec 29

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign