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JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH



THE NEW YEAR EDITION

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



and Father Time Peter Harding rang the bell, but did not drop the ball, when he called the first meeting of the New Year to order at 7:00:00.

Old acquaintances had not forgot the singing of our national anthem led by



bandleader David McKeown. Gary Brown presented grace.

After a dramatic pause, Raju Paul greeted the visiting Rotarians and guests. World travelers Wynne Bjorgan and Barry Jarvis were welcomed home.

After eliminating David McKeown as sheriff, Betty made a smooth plate passing transition to David. Everyone was impressed by a feast including salmon and caviar and for the first meal anywhere in recent memory, contained neither turkey nor stuffing. There was much rejoicing.

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Betty Little introduced our guest speaker Judge John Riley.

His honor introduced us to the complex subject of native justice. Judge Riley is uniquely qualified to discuss the subject, having initiated an investigation of the Stoney Reserve in 1997. Judge Riley provided a thoughtful and emotional presentation, which focused on three principles:

1. World View: Judge Riley provided historical background on the ancient culture maintained by our first nations people; recognizing their relationship with nature and each other. This collective focus was a means of survival in a harsh environment. Their view was to fix a problem using restorative justice to maintain the relationship. Traditionally children did not receive corporal punishment. This view is contrary to the European view of punishing an incorrect choice as a deterrent to future harmful behavior.

NATIVE JUSTICE



2. Same is not equal: natives were forced to convert to the European culture with devastating consequences. Reserves currently have violence, murder and suicide rates, which dramatically exceed rates off of the reserves. Judge Riley used an analogy for a justice system in which one system does not fit all just as a clothing store with only one size will fit very few. Our government is now reluctant to become involved to help promote solutions since our first nations are self-governing. Judge Riley noted that native self-governance was based upon an imposed inherently flawed system ruled by an autocratic chief and perpetuated by nepotism.

3. What is justice? Judge Riley sees this as improving as a result of: recognition of aboriginal solutions to problems, restorative justice and development of a peacemaker process.

Asha Paul thanked Judge Riley. To unanimous agreement, Dennis Tillotson suggested our speaker return for a further discussion of this complex topic.



NEWSMAKERS

President Peter planned to recognize the efforts of chef Neil, but decided to do it later in the meeting.

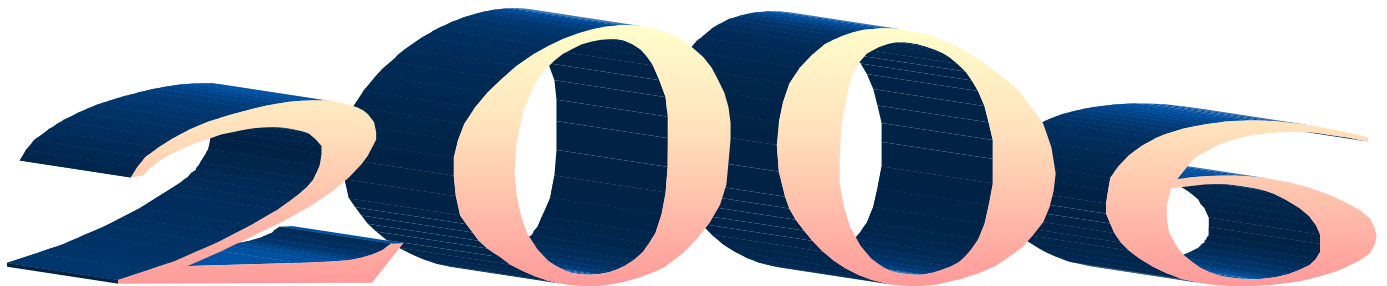
A 50/50 presentation was made with Ray Gosselin being handed a cheque that had allegedly been in the mail, in the amount of \$173.90. In other news the RCMP have launched an investigation into the unusual amount of the cheque. Peter blamed the previous administration. David refused comment.

The Integrity Awards will be held at Stage West on March 6th. Tickets are \$40 each and will be available starting next week.

Norm Haines stood at attention for the pinning ceremony welcoming him as a member of our club. Welcome Norm!

Bon vivant Max Patel continued to respect his resolution of holding at least one club social event per month. An evening of fine Italian cuisine, just like mamma used to make, will be held on Thursday January 26 at Il Giardino. An expression of interest list was circulated. The evening will proceed with a minimum of twenty diners.

Chef Neil's culinary efforts were celebrated and honored.



NEW YEAR FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

Community Service Director Doug Hood made the following motions:

To donate \$5,000 to Project 118 Calgary Youth Ranch, contingent upon the organization successfully raising other funds to restart the project. This organization helps high-risk teenage girls and has suffered unexpected financial setbacks. The motion was carried

To donate \$2,500 to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund. Among other uses the funds will be utilized for a food bank for eligible veterans. The motion was carried.

CELEBRATIONS



Jamie Powell toasted Al Hardstaff's hard work with a happy buck.

Asha Paul toasted her daughter passing the California bar and announced she will be a grandmother in 2006.

Helen Buchanan toasted an upcoming stork visit to her home in 2006.



Barry Jarvis toasted his return home and contributed his last \$2.

Wynne toasted her return home and deposited \$1 (\$0.97 Aus).

Bill Hope toasted his daughter's visit from Halifax.

Surinder Khanna toasted Bonnie's attendance.



Raju toasted the latest Partners in Vision contribution, which will bring the total number of surgeries to 97,750.

Bob Clark toasted teamwork, heart and a Sutter behind the bench in team Canada's gold medal win.

Max Patel toasted his return home.

Gary Brown toasted a kettle record totaling \$680,000.00.

Norm Haines toasted the moving experience of participating in the kettle campaign for the first time and the generosity of Calgarians.



Al Hardstaff toasted the generosity of the Foothills Street Rod Association for donating \$50,000 over the last 10 years to Agape Hospice.



THE MORNING AFTER

Sheriff Barry Jarvis threw cold water on the celebrations. The crowd held its collective breath in anticipation of the revelation of the first person to be fined in the New Year:



At 7:42:18 MST with the exception of the two members who had emailed Barry while on vacation ("Our loan rates are embarrassing low" and "Let medical science ensure you do not miss the party"), a \$2 fine was levied on all members who failed to email Barry while he was away on vacation.

The Standard Publisher Asha Paul was fined \$1 for her role in gaps in delivery of The Standard. True culprit Alec McDougall has fled the jurisdiction and remains at large, but has been recently sighted at a Starbucks in Scottsdale.

In a related story Raju Paul paid Asha's fine and was himself fined for the time gap in announcing the guests and visiting Rotarians.

Peter Harding was fined for a footwear fashion faux pas, although Peter claimed that hiking boots are the new Bruno Magli shoes for 2006. Only time and trend watchers will determine who is correct.

Max Patel was fined for not washing his vehicle this millennium.

Al Hardstaff was held guilty by association when his strong-arm committee (Ida) left Barry a voice mail to pay up the \$75.00 Barry owed before he left town. Barry assured Al that his cheque was in the mail prior to the phone call.

Steven Yu was fined for starting the New Year at 7:03 a.m. MST.

Next week will be a club assembly in which the executive will provide a financial midyear review and share their New Year's resolutions.

Peter left us with the thought: "It is alright to drink like a fish, provided you drink what a fish drinks". Light bulbs went off too late for many in attendance.

As the revelers spilled out into the early morning darkness they were heard to exclaim "wasn't that a party" after a meeting so far destined to be on everyone's top ten lists for 2006.



SHADES OF CHRISTMAS



FINANCIAL CLEAN SLATE

Dreams of financial security danced in Joan Bedard's head as she vied for a pot rumored to exceed \$0.50. Joan chose the 4 of diamonds and resolved to select more wisely in the future.



NOISEMAKER

Popping up again like yet another bowl game, Doug Hood presented the Sunshine report. Members were not surprised to hear that no one is getting any older.



Doug then used us as a focus group to generate a marketing slogan for a unique medical partnership.

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