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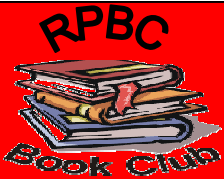
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FOUR WAY TEST

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

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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Interesting start to the meeting this morning. Al had forgotten the flags at home from our meeting in the Canmore Opera house the previous week so when it came to signing O'Canada we all faced North East in the general direction of Al Hardstaff's house in hopes of some



patriotic connection to the flags situated in his garage.

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Operation Round Table (OPR) Results



Round Table Committee discussion.

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to discussing the results of the recent club survey and Garry Gray and his committee did a great job of gathering, analyzing and presenting some of the ideas they are considering or investigating to keep our club vibrant and growing.

OPR RESULTS

Garry Gray presented the results of the Operation Round table survey. There were 14 surveys turned in (32% of the club). This information will give a good indication but is not necessarily a consensus. Individual comments are listed and multiple comments were flagged by the number of people whose feedback was common.

SUMMARY REVIEW

Fund Raising

- (1) The Wine Festival comments indicate that we either need to change the format or find something else. (6)
- (2) The Golf Tournament is also being questioned whether it is a good fit for our club. (3)
- (3) Harry Hays was questioned by 3 members.
- (4) The message came through from the questionnaire that a Fund Raising Committee should be formed. This committee would review our financial fund raising goals, fundraisers, resources and timing, reporting back to the Executive and Club.

Meeting Highlights:

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Announcements from President Wynne

New Member!! Joe Klassen has made application to join our merry group. We expect to induct Joe with full pomp and ceremony in two weeks. Welcome Joe. On a sadder note we have had a couple of resignations from the club.

Barry Ma and Grant McPhee have to focus more on career but leave us in good stead with hopes of returning when they are able to dedicate the time. We also have three members on leave of absence. Barry Jarvis, Surrinder Khanna and Mike Fuller will be away for a few months. We'll miss them and look forward to their return. Rotary Club of Calgary West will be changing their meeting location from Rotary House to the Stampede Agricultural Centre Blue Room on the second floor.

Operation Round Table Results

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2. **Community Service**
 - Lots of good comments here for the committee's consideration. It was very apparent that the Road Clean-up be dropped.
3. **International Services**
 - Good comments for the committee's consideration. India projects and Polio Plus to be reviewed.
4. **Vocational Services**
 - Good information for the committee. RYLA and RYPEN was not for everyone and club members want to know their money is being spent effectively here.
5. **Club Services**
 - Most of the replies (6) said only one event every 2 months rather than 1 every month. Good indication that more "Classifications" are requested and suggestions for the committee are included.
6. **Fund Raising**
 - There seemed to be a split on whether left over funds should be turned back to the committee or to the Central Account. Recommend this go eventually back to the club for a Motion.
7. **Membership**
 - Quality not quantity and around 50 – 55 people.
8. **International**
 - Not much feedback here except a little less India.
9. **Club Public Relations (Media)**
 - Membership Orientation and Media came through as insufficient, where everything else seemed okay.
10. **Rotary Information**
 - Members felt that more "firesides" for new members were required and that New Directors need more orientation and direction.
11. **Club Assemblies**
 - There is a consensus here for 2 – 4 per year, perhaps 3 is best?
12. **Comments**
 - Lots of individual comments that would not carry a lot of weight, but probably warrant review and consideration.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Happy Bucks

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Only Betty, Bill Hope and Peter Harding were happy this week



Sunshine report

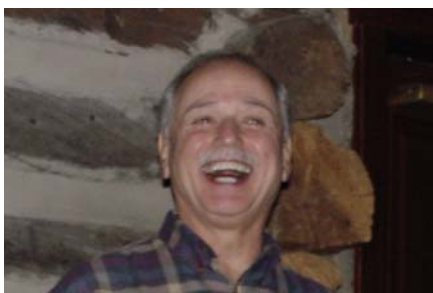
Martin Harvey advised there were no birthdays, no Rotary or Wedding anniversaries.



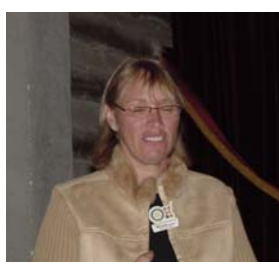
Sheriff Walter Zuk: You're BUSTED!

With no one throwing in Happy Bucks, Walter Zuk took that as a sign we were waiting for him to dig the dollars from our pockets.

Walter tagged Wynne for signing with her hands in her pockets, Ray for being late, Mike Fuller just in case because he is going to be away and Alec for being generally rude.



50/50 JACK POT



President Wynne dipped her hand in the ticket bowl and drew her own ticket??? It was a yellow one and many members protested by waving their arm length of red tickets Wynne did make up for it by perfectly reciting the 4 Way Test and not drawing the Joker.

That cash pot is getting pretty large!!

Remember the Taliban, and stay the course... Submitted by Jim Hennessy

(GLOBE AND MAIL, 2006.10.10, page: A15 , LEWIS MACKENZIE)

LEWIS MacKENZIE "Do you support Canadian troops serving in Afghanistan?" asks a typical Canadian poll. The response comes in with 50-plus per cent responding "No!" and those of us who support the soldiers and the mission get even more frustrated. If none of the professional polling firms are prepared to ask the less misleading and more relevant questions, then let me give it a try. "Do you support letting the Taliban return to power in Afghanistan?" If your answer is Yes, please go on to the next questions. "Do you support beheading teachers in front of their class if they permit even one girl to attend?" "Do you support denying all Afghan women the right to visit a doctor, as there are no female doctors permitted by the Taliban and male doctors are not allowed to inspect female patients?" "Do you support the government's right to execute women by blowing out their brains in front of thousands of cheering onlookers in a football stadium because the victims were seen in the company of men other than their husbands?" "Do you support the actions of a suicide bomber who, just before he blows himself up beside elderly Muslims waiting to obtain papers for a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to Mecca, picks up a child and presses her against his explosive vest before detonating himself?" I assume most Canadians would answer No to these questions -- which means they probably don't remember the history of the Taliban regime before the United Nations-authorized intervention that followed 9/11. Or they are prepared to remove Canadian troops from the conflict and let others do the dirty work and, yes, to "cut and run." Speaking of doing the dirty work, the very survival of NATO -- as the most capable multinational military alliance in the world and a potential force for good as the UN stumbles from one security crisis to another, leaving a string of apologies in its wake -- is at stake in Afghanistan. All too many countries have decided not to show up, while some who have dared to send contingents have added caveats regarding the employment of their troops by the NATO commander. Restrictions such as "no night operations" and "no combat" make a joke of the NATO article that states that an attack against one member is an attack against all. The after-action report once the Afghan mission is over will not be kind to the alliance in general and many of its members in particular. Canada will not be included in the criticism. Has anyone noticed that the category of Canadians expected to be critical of the mission and call for our troops to come home is by far the most supportive? The most compelling and convincing support for the Afghan mission has come from the families of the killed and seriously injured soldiers. Consider how much more dangerous the world would be if we had done nothing after 9/11 and joined the pathetic chorus that said it was all our fault. Al-Qaeda would be freely operating in Afghanistan, Sudan, Somalia, Indonesia and God knows how many other countries. Transnational terrorism would be much better financed, and sleeper cells would be under little scrutiny even in Canada. With a free rein to proceed, ingenious attacks on us, the infidels, would make 9/11 seem like a pinprick. Hyperbole? I wish -- it's reality. Retired major-general Lewis MacKenzie was the first commander of United Nations peacekeeping forces in Sarajevo.



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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 (Dec 15)