

THE STANDARD



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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: April 18 @ 7p.m.

Where: Trish Radermacher's Home

Book: The Memory Keepers Daughter by Kim Edwards

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Meeting Highlights



Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park

Notes for meeting April 13, 2007

It was Friday the 13th and although I am not really superstitious I must say I drove to the meeting with a certain amount of trepidation, and my fingers crossed, looking out for black cats crossing the road or ladders appearing



Steve Hashman read out our long list of guests and visiting Rotarians

out of no where. Carefully winding my way through the construction zone least a pit suddenly open in front of me. What a relief when I finally made the sanctuary of the Heritage Park Gates and finally the security of the Gunn Dairy Barn and the collective of Rotary Members. President Wynne kicked off the meeting being no more scary than usual. David Mckeown was nowhere to be found but "luckily" Don Bell was in the crowd and lead us through O'Canada. Steve Hashman read out our long list of guests and visiting Rotarians and Raju was "lucky" to have most of them at his table. Or was he????

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Guest Speaker: DG Raju Paul

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Our guest speaker, Raju Paul

Our Guest Speaker - District Governor Raju Paul.

Max Patel had the honour of introducing DG Raju who gave us a little insight into the position of District 5360 Governor and the accomplishments he was proud of, so far, this past year. This job is not all parties and photo ops. As District Governor Raju put himself as the liaison between the 40 plus clubs of our district and Rotary International who shepherd 33,000 clubs in 530 Districts in 168 countries around the world. Raju is charged with representing us and getting our voice heard in this massive organization.

He must also coordinate the programs that are designated for the year by the presiding RI President. So what does that entail?

Just to get into the position of District Governor one has to have been an active Rotarian for 7 years and have a thorough knowledge of all aspects of Rotary. One must have served in various rolls in the club especially as President.

You have to have all your ducks in a row in your business and personal life for the 18 to 24 months ahead. Why that long? Well you have to take about 6 months of training as DG Elect, dedicate yourself for the 12 months you hold the position and expect to spend 6 months wrapping up everything when you're your done and out of the lime light.

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Meeting Highlights

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Betty presented 6 motions from Community Services

President Wynne proudly displayed the latest CEO Inc magazine with Jim Davis' picture smiling at us from near the centre fold area. "Bad luck" for Jim because this made Wynne jealous. Having not been a centre fold herself, that she'll admit, Wynne designated Jim the plate polisher de jour.

Motions:

This past week was the monthly Board of Directors meeting which generated a number of motions for spending money. Betty had the "good fortune" to present 6 of these for the club to consider and hopefully pass even though she limited questions and discussions to 10 words or less. "Lucky" for Betty they all passed. They were: (1). A donation from controlled funds \$3,000. to the Abilities Society to purchase tools. (2). A donation from controlled funds \$2,000. to Servants Anonymous for laminated floors and a new door for their safe house for abused women. (3). A donation from controlled funds \$1,500. to Calgary Association of Peer Support for Women to purchase DVDs and equipment for their safe house. (4) A donation from controlled funds \$5,000. to the Boys and Girls Nutritional Feeding Program (5). A donation from controlled funds \$4,000. to the Food Bank for the Birthday Box Program. (6). This one was not in the email information or meeting minutes and "unfortunately" I didn't record all the details. We are donating \$2,000. to sent 3 to 5 students somewhere.

Marion Barrett proposed a seventh motion to donate \$12,900. to GW Skene School to purchase 4 Smart Boards. Brian Humphreys explained the use and versatility of the high tech boards in the classroom. After a fair amount of discussion it turned out this motion was not "Lucky #7" and it was tabled for 30 days to allow Marion and her committee to bring back more information.



John presented a check for \$3000 to Karl Herzog of Motive Action

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Marion Barrett presented on behalf of the club a \$5,000. cheque to Betty Bailey and Maryanne Swain of James Short School

Guest Speaker: DG Raju Paul

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What do you do in your year? Just a small sampling of the activities are: The DG is required to visit everyone of your 40 plus clubs at least once and perhaps twice during your year as DG. To further the objectives of Rotary by providing leadership and supervision to all the clubs. To ensure continuity with in the district by working with past and incoming officers. Assist in club officer training through Pets and Assemblies. Organize new clubs, strengthen existing clubs, promote membership and support and promote the Rotary Foundation.

Planning and presiding over the District Conference. Communicating with all members through visits and the monthly newsletter

Being on top of everything that happens in the district and keeping Rotary International aware and up to date on everything.

Due to space constraints I have just recorded the tip of the iceberg of Raju's responsibilities. It has been a great year:

Raju is proud of our district's accomplishments during his tenure. Established a continuity committee so we have trained and experienced officers in place to ensure the district will perform well in years to come. We have training programs, PETS and ROTS, for all the new club officers preparing them for their duties. We have a district wide insurance policy in place again ensuring continuity and cost effectiveness and proper coverage for all our volunteers. Increased District wide communication through teleconferencing. Developed a District 5360 pin and expanded the District directory. Started a District 5360 Paul Harris Foundation consisting of Rotarians that donate \$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation each year. Brought accountability to the District budget and accordingly is redistributing excess funds held at the district level that are better served in the hands of the clubs. No year is without difficulties and this year our district was not able to increase the number of clubs and actually lost the club in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan. All in all a lot to be proud of. An amazing amount of work, time commitment and dedication by one man for the benefit of our club, our district, and humankind.

We are definitely proud of Raju and Asha and look forward to celebrating Raju's successful year as District Governor of Rotary District 5360 at the District 5360 Conference.

Thank you Raju, for a job well done.



John thanked Raju for a job well done.

SUNSHINE REPORT



Sunshine Report
No Report this
week

Happy Bucks

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Garry Gray was happy about the wonderful evening the club enjoyed at Jubilations Dinner Theatre and thanked Doug Kinley for a job well done. Doug Kinley had a hopeful buck that Peter and Elaine Harding's performance on stage that evening was on video somewhere. Martin Harvey had a great time in England and said the weather was warmer there than in the South of Spain. Jamie was happy to be back from vacation and still having a buck. John Radermacher was happy the democratic process was alive and well at RCCHP. Jeanette was \$20 happy she was a year older and that her husband had bought her a new black convertible to celebrate.

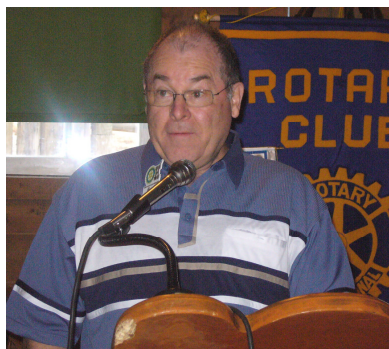
Bob Clarke had a livid buck that the Flames had lost their playoff opener.

Alec McDougal was pleased he has two exchange students this year and is wanting the club to get the students out and about when ever possible.

Don Bell was just happy to be here. Jacquie Brown had a great week of sales and celebrated that will 6 scholarships for the students in Mexico.

Barry Jarvis celebrated his 40th wedding anniversary with a visit from his daughter and son-in-law from New York.

Sheriff Al Hardstaff: You're BUSTED!



Sheriff

The seasoned veteran Al Hardstaff dipped into our pockets this morning. Wynne asked him to be quick which cost her a loonie because Al sets his own pace.

Raju was charged for hogging all the guests at his and assessed a loonie per guest.

Alec was taught not to taunt, Bob Clark still paying for the Flames' loss, and anyone not wearing a Rotary pin or their name badge. Actually, Al was pretty brief; "lucky us".



50/50 JACK POT



Talk about good luck!! With the pot at over \$200. Alex McDougal was first up with the winning ticket and sadly drew the 7 of Hearts. But wait, we had two people with the winning number ending in 393. Our guest, John Price, through the miracle of a new role of tickets, also had a red ticket with the last numbers of 393. It gets even better! This called for a reshuffle so Alex put the 7 of Hearts back in the deck, the cards were shuffled, John Price draws the card and guess what it was!! The 7 of Hearts! Well, I guess that wasn't very lucky for John but lets see David Copperfield match that one. Luck kind of went down hill from there as Alec didn't pull the joker on his second try either. Lucky for the rest of us though as the pot grows for next week.

Presentations:

John Radermacher presented, on behalf of the club, a \$3,000. cheque to Karl Herzog of Motive Action to purchase new tools for their automotive training programs. Karl says the program has changed since we first got involve with them and while they still work with troubled youth to provide training and a career path, they are now seeing more immigrants and helping these new Canadians become productive and contributing citizens.

Marion Barrett presented on behalf of the club a \$5,000. cheque to Betty Bailey and Maryanne Swain of James Short School to purchase musical instruments and library books. James Short is a school of 370 students most of whom are ESL ranging from early development, pre grade 1, to grade 3

The children love the music program and are looking forward to putting on their first concert with the new instruments.

Up Coming events:

- (1) May 18, 2007 RCCHP will have their meeting offsite at the Salvation Army Centre of Hope followed by a tour of the facility.
- (2) June 29/07 RCCHP regular meeting re-scheduled to our annual golf tournament Tuesday June 26/07 at the McKenzie Meadows Golf Course.
- (3) June 8/07 Rotary Club of Calgary West celebrates their 40th Anniversary.
- (4) May 11/07 Rotary Club of Calgary Sarcee are having their annual Art Auction fund raiser.

Rotary Museum - Raju is looking for a few good people, 3 actually, to help organize the museum. The official opening of the Rotary Museum will be June 4/07 and we are "fortunate" to have RI President 2007-2008, Wilf Wilkinson, attending our opening ceremonies.

RCCHP Golf Tournament

Alec McDougal reminded us that the golf season is soon upon us and our golf tournament fund raiser is just a few months away, June 26/07 at McKenzie Meadows.

He still has a variety of sponsorship opportunities available and is looking for more teams. Don't be "unlucky" and miss out on your chance to get involved.

District Conference - Red Deer - May 25 to 27, 2007

Asha Paul says she has 9 volunteers already for the Rotary House of Friendship on the Saturday of the conference. Anyone one else wanting to volunteer is welcome to contact Asha, the more the merrier.

Wynne wrapped up with her thought that "As one can each do a little but as a group we can accomplish great things".

Have a great week in Rotary.



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Upcoming Events

- **April** Jubilation Theatre: April 11
- **May** District Conference in Red Deer (May 25—27)
- **June** RCCHP Golf Tournament (June 26)
- **July** Harry Hay's Breakfast (July 7-8)
- **November** RCCHP Wine Festival (Nov 1)
- **December** RCCHP Christmas Party (Dec 21)