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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 Rademacher's Home
Book: The Memory Keepers Daughter by Kim Edwards

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Meeting Highlights : Club's 8th Anniversary Celebration

The Standard – February 23, 2007 The 8th Anniversary and Oscars Edition



Fresh cement was unnecessary since our footprints were preserved in the freshly fallen snow (or was it just baking soda from the special effects department?) The atmosphere was full of magic



The Queen of our club Wynne Bjorgan tolled the bell at 7:01am

and bubbles as we counted down to the 8th annual anniversary of RCCHP. Realizing that she did not have us at hello, The Queen of our club Wynne Bjorgan tolled the bell to quell The Babel at 7:01 a.m., after two takes. Wynne eschewed the gold lamé, wearing a periwinkle blue and eggshell white ensemble with vest (and were those Jimmy Choo's on her feet)? She appeared ready for her close up Mr. Kim, and the meeting was underway. David McKeown was asked to play it again and delivered our national anthem as time continued to go by. Supporting cast member Jacquie Brown (were those Manola Blahnik's?) presented grace. Din looked marvelous as he opened the envelope to introduce the guests and visiting Rotarians. No seat fillers were needed since the Gunn Dairy Barn was SRO, with some of the members bringing their Dreamgirls (Susan Hope, Jackie Kinley, Ida Hardstaff and Josie Hennessy) to this black



100% Attendance award went to Bill Hope, Walter Zuk, Raju and Asha Paul and Jacquie Brown

tie event. Charter President Walter Zuk and his Happy Feet was honorary host of the buffet procession down the red carpet for our A-list guests and visiting Rotarians. We learned life is more than a box of chocolates at our amazing buffet, which included steak and a béarnaise sauce that was sublime, with a hint of cilantro. As

an inside joke there was no shrimp of any kind. To the names of: Bradley, Bobby, Wolfgang and Emeril we can now add Neil. During the meal a video homage of Rotary P.R. ads was broadcast to all in attendance and those with hot spot Internet links.

In Remembrance

Sympathy cards were circulated to note the passing of Steve Carter-Edwards' mother and Doug Kinley's mother.

The Supporting Cast

Fortunately with a fully operational microphone we did not hear the infamous line: "Hardstaff, we have a problem."

Gary Brown was out of uniform, although fortunately not to the extent of some celebrities. Our club participated in a family day Turkey dinner service at the Salvation Army, serving 1460 meals.

Martin Harvey in cerulean blue pinstripe shirt marketed the District Conference Discount available only until March. Get your tickets for only \$225.

Our club contributed \$500 to the pre-party Bonspiel of A-listers and hog-liners. Jim Hennessy in checkered shirt (and were those Bruno Maglis on his feet?) announced that with our signs on display we really worked that academy.



Meeting Highlights

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Brian (Versace) Humphrys reported on our Mardi Gras Adopt A Minefield Gala, which raised \$1,500. A pamphlet and pledge form was available at each table. Brian also announced that just like the golden statuettes presented for the lesser awards, a few unclaimed platters were left behind. The platters were promptly reunited with their rightful owners.

John Radermacher, sporting Sassoon sidewalls, reported that \$395 was taken to the Looney Store for prizes for the GW Skene Winter Carnival. \$394 was spent. 8,000 individual prizes will be awarded. Barry Jarvis contributed \$100 from his 50/50 win.

Josie Hennessy in tasteful attire not made from credit cards, swan feathers or requiring spirit gum, announced the upcoming Guess Who's Coming To Dinner. No more cancellations will be tolerated with the Grays away on a tropical adventure.

Bill Hope, with John Huston facial hair, announced that Integrity Award tickets were in the house.

Matinee attendee Peter Harding hyped the June 8 President's Dinner in the Rancher's Hall.

Perfect Attendance

District Governor Raju Paul – 17 years

Walter Zuk – 16 years

Asha Paul – 8 years

Bill Hope – 7 years

Jacque Brown – 4 years



100% Perfect Attendance holders, Bill Hope, Walter Zuk, Raju Paul, Asha Paul and Jacquie Brown

More Awards

District Governor Raju Paul explained the Paul Harris Fellow awarded to those contributing at least \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. There are now more than 4 million Paul Harris Fellows.

Club charter president Walter Zuk inducted the new Paul Harris Fellows:

Wynne Bjorgan, Steven Hope, Doug Kinley, Joanne Davis (accepted by Jim Davis) and Lynn McKeown (accepted by David McKeown).



Paul Harris recipients, Doug Kinley, Steven Hope, Wynn Bjorgan, Joanne Davis (accepted by Jim Davis) and Lynn McKeown (accepted by David McKeown).

Toasts



A representative from each table was asked to distribute a tray of Mimosas (this year's Mojito). "Here's looking at you RCCHP, 8 years old and still looking marvelous!!"

The Nostalgic Days of Yesteryear

A video graphic history lesson was presented by Wynne. Who started our club? Walter Zuk, Al Black, Jim Davis, Dennis Tillotson and Al Hardstaff.

Who were the charter members? Raju Paul, Asha Paul, John Radermacher, Din Peerani, Barry Jarvis, Jeanette Pyle and Bill Hope.

Who scratched whose back?

When was the first provisional meeting? October 2, 1998

When was the first official meeting? February 23, 1999.

Who are our past presidents in order? Walter Zuk, Jim Davis, Raju Paul, Dennis Tillotson, Bill Hope, Al Hardstaff and Peter Harding.

The curtains closed with Wynne's quote: "Bronze is the symbol for an 8th anniversary, but we are pure gold."



SUNSHINE REPORT



Little Mr. Sunshine

Martin Harvey announced Rotary anniversaries on February 24th for Bob Clark, Bob Price and Brian Humphrys. Happy birthday was sung to our club.

Our club's answer to Borat then presented a post office story that showed no good deed goes unpunished. Stodgier members continued unmoved by humor of any type.

Happy Bucks



The Pursuit of Happyness

It was a close race, too tight to call, between recognition of RCCHP's 8th anniversary, the Mardi Gras Gala and the Salvation Army Dinner. (1) Al Hardstaff had \$8 happy for our anniversary and the wives in attendance. (2) Peter Harding had \$3 happy of the Salvation Army dinner, Mardi Gras and the buffet this morning. (3) Wynne presented the sequel to Peter's happiness with the same budget. (4) David McKeown plugged his off off off Broadway production of Oklahoma, playing to critical acclaim at his church. (5) Hans Tiedemann had \$1 happy for an upcoming trip to Germany and \$1 sad for missing us. (6) Bill Hope had \$5 thankful for Walter inviting him to join our club, Susan and Steven Hope joining him this morning, Brian organizing the Mardi Gras gala and us, just for being us. (7) District Governor Raju Paul had a happy \$1 for our club.

(8) Alec McDougall had \$5 happy for Gary Brown and the Family Day turkey dinner, although he expressed grave concern regarding a gravy overrun. Alec calculated the correct gravy coefficient to 10 decimal places to ensure that this remains an isolated incident. (9) 50/50 mogul Barry Jarvis calculated the anniversary coefficient and deposited a happy \$8 for our club. (10)

John Radermacher had \$1 happy for listening to us sing to the club and not to him for his birthday on February 24th. (Happy birthday John!) (11) Walter Zuk had happy bucks for the Mardi Gras Gala and our club. (12) Graham Drake had \$5 happy for the Mardi Gras Gala, Wynne's removal at the dinner and an opportunity to better Hans' club attendance in the coming weeks.

(13) Din Peerani had happy dollars for the club anniversary and being introduced to the club by Al. (14) Al Black had \$5 happy for our club. (15) Brian Humphrys had \$2 happy for the Mardi Gras Gala and donation of a bottle of wine. (16) Multiple past award winner Harry Kim donated \$1 per bottle of wine he won in the raffle (\$20).

Sheriff Jacquie Brown: You're BUSTED!



The Devil Wears Prada

Critic Jacquie Brown asked the following: "Do you feel lucky?" (1) Gary Brown \$2 for supplying poor directions and limiting the event to 10 volunteers. (2) Walter Zuk for conducting real estate conversations at the meeting. (3) Alec McDougall for threatening to throw gravy at the volunteers. (4) Brian Humphrys for a lack of patience with Alec. (5) Al Black for not being able to count to 12 fast enough. (6) Wynne for refusing to talk to the press. (7) Everyone not yet registered for the conference. (8) Raju for leaving us leaderless for 3 weeks. (9) Stunt driver Norm Haines \$0.25 for each kilometer over the speed limit on the drive to Red Deer. (10) Bill Hope for failing to push "send". (11) Barry Jarvis for showing no respect to the president. (12) Jim Hennessy for telling rather than asking Josie to attend out meeting. (13) (editorial note: it was a missed opportunity not to fine those members who think they don't need no stinking badges)

50/50 JACK POT



The First Award

Approaching the one-hour mark, Barry Jarvis received a giant cheque and a photo op.

A Fistful of Dollars

With a pot of \$39 in cash (which Walter quipped is more valuable than \$900 by cheque) the crowd went silent. Perennial bridesmaid Alec McDougall had his ticket chosen, but with the luck of Scorsese failed to find the joker (this report was prerecorded).



In New Orleans, Rotarians chart ways to address calamities

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga

Rotary International News (February 9, 2007)

A disaster response workshop in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, attracted more than 200 participants, many of them Rotarians with experience in providing emergency relief and rebuilding communities in distress. Senior Rotary leaders, including RI President William B. Boyd and RI President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, also attended.

The 11-13 January event was aimed at discussing best practices, strategies, and management skills that Rotarian volunteers can apply to increase their effectiveness in responding to disasters.

"The workshop showed us that we need to coordinate, cooperate, and communicate among ourselves and other organizations wishing to respond in a disaster," explained RI Director Donald L. Mebus, who convened the workshop with RI Directors Barry Rassin and Robert Stuart Jr. Donald Chauvin, who chaired the workshop, said the event was a great opportunity to share experiences and create more awareness about the different ways Rotarians can help when disaster strikes. He was governor of District 6200 (Louisiana) when much of the Gulf Coast, including New Orleans, was heavily damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. "We wanted to elicit an opinion on what Rotary's role should be in the event of a disaster and how to measure our response," Chauvin said. Seven facilitators, including several past district governors with disaster response experience, led discussions during breakout sessions. Topics included defining Rotary's role, planning and preparing, working with other organizations, communicating and publicizing, harnessing the Rotary network, and utilizing district and club foundations. The facilitators assembled a panel of experts to help answer audience questions and comment on participants' suggestions for addressing disasters. "It was important to hear what our diverse audience had to say about relief aid provided through Rotary," Chauvin said.

Tom Henderson, a member of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, England, and founder of the emergency relief organization ShelterBox, said the workshop provided a great networking opportunity and was very well organized.

"I know from my conversations that many district governors and other Rotary officers greatly benefited from the conference and were going back to their respective districts and areas to reflect and plan for potential disaster relief," he noted. One such leader is Richard McCombe, governor-elect of District 7020, which spans 10 countries and geographical areas, including the Bahamas and U.S. Virgin Islands. "Our plan is to have a disaster relief plan in place by the end of Rotary year 2007-08, which takes into account all the learned lessons from the workshop," he explained.

After the event, participants toured New Orleans neighborhoods and other Gulf Coast areas in Louisiana and Mississippi that haven't yet recovered from the hurricanes.

"The tour proved to be a sobering moment for all as they witnessed miles and miles of total devastation," noted Chauvin. "The reality of what had happened on August 29, 2005, began to sink in as a vivid picture of what a disaster in their hometowns might look like."



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Upcoming Events

- **February** - Mardi Gras "Adopt a Minefield" hosted by the International Service Committee on February 20.
- **May** - District Conference in Red Deer (May 25—27)
- **June** - RCCHP Golf Tournament (June 26)