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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



The Standard
March 16, 2007 The Saint Patrick's Edition

From beads to buttons to bowties everyone was Irish for a day and oh what a glorious morning it was. Club President Wynne Bjorgan called us to order at 14:00 GMT by ringing the bell rather than banging a shegh-



Walter Zuk sporting his St. Patrick's Bow Tie

lalie. Opting not to dance a merry jig, baritone David McKeown simply led the singing of our national anthem. Marian Barrett presented grace. Martin Harvey made the guests and visiting Rotarians feel like family. Military man Jim Hennessey led the buffet procession to ensure no fisticuffs. There was neither green eggs nor ham and the coffee was strong and black, but not Irish.

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Our guest speaker, Graham Drake

Barry Jarvis introduced Graham Drake.

Graham and his wife Holly are English Quebecors, originally from Montreal. Graham grew up with the threat of separation. He originally planned to be a forestry engineer (perhaps to be able to merrily frolic with the forest folk), but became an agricultural engineer.

Graham graduated in 1982 and began his career with John Deere. Hired for being bilingual amongst his other talents, he followed the traditional path from Stony Creek to Saskatoon to Regina to Swift Current to Montreal to Grimsby to Lloydminster to Stettler to Coronation to Calgary. Along the way Graham went from service to sales to credit to ownership of his first farm equipment dealership in 1992 in Lloydminster. 1996 saw expansion into Stettler and Coronation. Eventually Graham took his company public to raise capital on the TSX Venture Exchange under the name Cervis Corporation (pronounced Service and Latin for deer). Graham now has 10 John Deere dealerships and 5 Bobcat JVC. In 2003 the corporation became an income trust and the morning after Halloween 2006 presumably different corporate organizations were considered.

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Meeting Highlights

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Business

Wynne interrupted the chin wag to get down to business.

Book your rooms early for the 75th Peach Park at Waterton September 7 – 9.

Doug Kinley needs to confirm the numbers for Jubilations Theatre on April 11th. The cost is \$82.57 per couple or \$41.28 for a single person. Walter quickly did the math and ordered two single tickets.

Jim Hennessey reluctantly admitted that the club curlers won the B event.

Challenger Park will host an event in September. Details to be announced.

Martin Harvey boasted that 175 people are already registered for the district conference with 32 from our club. A volunteer sign up sheet is being circulated. Partners were advised that they have been bestowed upon the honor of hosting the Friendship Room, where friends may share a wee pint or two.

Wynne made everyone's day a little brighter by reminding us that at 198 calories a pint Guinness is less filling than skim milk or orange juice (Graham and Holly were last seen calculating, within two standard deviations, the correct number of pints to fulfill the USDA recommended caloric intake for adults. Non-engineering types simply headed for the nearest bar. Cheers.)



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Graham and his dear Holly took all of their engineering courses together and married a week after final

exams. Holly was able to pursue her passion for teaching, obtaining her B.Ed in 2002 from Red Deer College (note the consistent deer theme in their lives). She then taught a diverse range of courses in Stettler to a diverse group of students, including two of her own. She taught them well because Graham and Holly's children are a statistically significant percentage of the student body at Charlton University (where the K stands for Quality). Eldest daughter is in journalism, middle daughter is in environmental engineering and youngest son is in aerospace engineering (which really is rocket science).

Graham became a Rotarian while in Lloydminster as a result of his partner being a member. Rotary is an important part of life in Stettler where 45 out of a population of 5,000 are Rotarians

(you do the math, or allow Graham to do it for you). Graham has been actively involved with the youth exchange and has opened his home to students from abroad. He is affectionately known as the displacement officer. Graham became a club president after 3 years and is currently on the district youth exchange committee with Bill Hope.

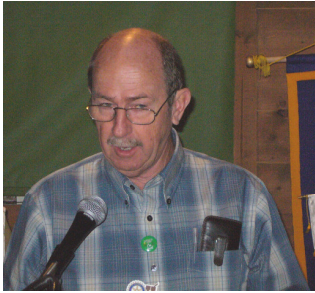
Graham enjoys the outdoors, piano for his personal pleasure and has a passion for golf.

Jim Davis thanked Graham.



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SUNSHINE REPORT



Jim Hennessey announced Rotary Anniversaries for Doug Hood and Betty Little.

Jim then advised it is not appropriate for a grown man to hide under the bed, because that is the first place a wise lassie will look.

Happy Bucks



Walter had \$1 happy to bid us adios while he leaves on a Mexican adventure.

John Radermacher: adios.

Al Black: aloha.

Jim Burns: adios.

Jeannette: aloha, which meant hello after her Ha-

waiian cruise (\$5 U.S.)

Bill Hope: oops for leaving early and not thanking the speaker last week.

Jamie was concerned that he left his festive bow tie in his other vehicle or perhaps leprechauns had swiped it.

Sheriff Joe Klassen: You're BUSTED!



No eyes were smiling when Joe Klassen rushed to the podium to fine the following fools and folks full of the blarney: (1) Wynne for moving a man from the seat beside his wife. (2) Group fine for all those tricked into the Heritage Park dead end. The leprechauns were hard at work this morning. (3) 4 way test stumbler: Graham Drake. (4) Marian for taking two vacations (aloha and adios?). (5) Doug Kinley wearing someone else's name tag was told that although he is one of our newer members he should know his own name by now. (6) Barry Jarvis for bringing a giant motor home from B.C.



50/50 JACK POT



Graham Drake's lucky charm Holly had her ticket selected. With the assistance of a magical coin Graham delivered the 4-way test. Unfortunately there was no pot of gold at the end of this rainbow.



Bill's MESSAGES

Dear fellow Rotarians,

I'm writing to all of you to clarify some recent press reports that mischaracterized a recent meeting hosted by Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization, as a debate on whether to continue the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

I, along with past RI President James Lacy and Trustee Robert Scott, attended this meeting at which we heard Dr. Chan speak powerfully in support of polio eradication. In her opening remarks, she stated that anything other than eradication was unacceptable. She also let it be known that a different way of doing business was required in order to achieve a polio-free world.

To that end, high-level representatives from governments, donors and international agencies, endorsed a final plan with clear milestones over the next 24-months.

These major stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment as the overwhelming financial and human benefits of eradication were presented and supported by an independent Harvard study, which indicated that the economic benefits to the United States alone will exceed US\$180 billion this century with the total cost of eradication estimated at US\$5 billion. All agreed to improve the quality of vaccination campaigns in the four endemic countries (Afghanistan, India, Pakistan and Nigeria), and to mobilize the necessary funds to complete polio eradication.

What does all this mean for Rotary? We promised the children of the world that they would grow up in a world without polio, and that their children would not have to face the threat of this crippling and potentially fatal disease. If we are to fulfill that promise, we need to stay focused until there is no more wild polio virus.

We know that the only way to protect every child from polio is to eradicate it completely. The strategies and tools are known, and health experts agree that the challenges to stopping the spread of polio can be met. Since Rotary was the first organization to have the vision of a polio-free world, we need to sustain our commitment to creating a world with one less threat for every child.

W.B. (Bill) Boyd
President, Rotary International



RI President William B. Boyd, CDC Director Julie Louise Gerberding, MD, MPH, UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Kul Gautam, and WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan. Photo courtesy of WHO



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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)