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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



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In the Beginning

President Wynne strides to the podium and bangs the gong....almost in silence. It would seem the PA system is not ready for breakfast but the rest of us are. Dave McKeown is doing something really important so he doesn't



Betty Little... our official Greeter strides to the podium and introduced our guests

wiping them and presenting them to the hungry! LET BREAKFAST BEGIN.

lead the singing of O Canada....but long time Saaaaaargeant-Maaaaaajor Jim Hennessey does with gusto and with thumbs pointing down his pant legs. Al Hardstaff says Grace (Grace) and Betty Little....our official Greeter strides to podium (where the microphone is now working) and tells us we have visitors from Chinook and South Clubs. We're getting closer. Bob Sadler is named plate greeter (mindful of Vegreville) and begins the arduous task of lifting plates,

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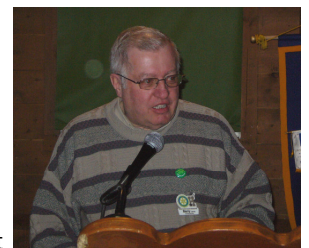


Our guest speaker, DG Raju Paul

The Speaker – District Governor Raju Paul

Raju is an absolutely dedicated District Governor and he certainly fills his role with distinction. On this day he will talk to us about Operation Eyesight Universal....at least he will when he can get his computer up and running. When that happy moment begins, Raju dazzles us with countless charts and statements about Operation Eyesight and Rotary's work with them in funding support in particular.

But the real story is that of Operation Eyesight and its connection with Rotary that began a long time ago. The dream of Operation Eyesight began with a Calgarians named Art Jenkins, a leader of a Baptist Church here in Calgary, who with friends began the principle of Operation Eyesight...to collect glasses to be used by those with problems of sight in Africa and India. It was a bold undertaking but somehow it stuck together and millions of pairs of glasses were gathered by members of Lions International to be sorted, boxed and shipped to clinics in the African continent and in the sub-continent of India.



Barry Jarvis introduced our DG, Raju Paul

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Meeting Highlights

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Marion Barrett talks about the program "It's a Crime no to Read"

Business

With urps in mind the Club turns to business. John Salt reminds members of the Sandwich Making Program at Haysboro. Bill Hope calls for support in matching funds to the Pincher Creek Club in the amount of \$2000 for a water project in Peru that will eventually cost \$36,000 thru Rotary International. Martin Harvey, Co-Chair of the District Conference tells us that more than 200 have now registered and that spouses will be needed to help in hosting at the Conference in Red Deer. 28 people will attend the Jubilation Theatre dinner event. And Marion Barrett talks about the program "It's a Crime not to Read". Whew!



Sheriff for the day, Gary Brown, deputized Norm Haines as his official assistant



Bill Hope calls for support in matching funds to the Pincher Creek Club in the amount of \$2000



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with low vision. A lot of the cause of blindness is unsafe water that is in abundance throughout the world. Cataracts, disease, blindness that comes from bad water.

Rotary provides enormous support that needs to continue. The Heritage Park Rotary Club provides \$15,900 that leads to 29,682 surgeries with totally matching dollars at \$657,000 US. CEDA provides matching funds as well. Charts...or no charts....the work of our Rotary Club in support of Operation Eyesight is very worthwhile. And Raju reminded us of the enormity of this project.

He was thanked by David McKeown.

Art was so proud of what had been done. He would become a Paul Harris Fellow, acknowledged for his work in helping restore eyesight to tens of thousands. At camps in Africa, Operation Eyesight Teams would work with hundreds who would gather for help with failing eyesight or no eyesight at all. As a Calgary businessman and leader, Art made sure that Operation Eyesight kept to its mission with its world headquarters right here in our City. Rotary became involved in supporting the cost of restoring eyesight to thousands, in the same geographical areas of the world. But now, glasses are not collected by OEU. Instead, the organization works hard to gain support funding to undertake surgeries that will restore sight. It is a program endorsed by Rotary International and certainly by every Rotary Club in District 5360, including the Rotary Club of Heritage Park. All the stats in the world can't bring alive passion for sight. But somehow, knowing that every five seconds a person goes blind and a child goes blind every minute, stirs us to action. Imagine....45 million blind people and 135 million

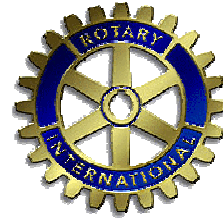


David McKeown thanked Raju for his presentation

SUNSHINE REPORT



Happy Bucks



Martin Harvey notes that it is the one year Rotary anniversary for Suzanna and that Din and Raju are having birthdays. Heppy Birfday....sang us all. And then Martin told us about a priest and a nun and Psalm 129. It captured our hearts! And our alleged minds.

All of us learned that Garry Gray's wife will have surgery in the coming week with all our hopes for full recovery. John Radermacher, Bill Hope, Raju, Betty, Jim Hennessey all had reasons for Happy Bucks. The worst was Suzanna who told us (none of us being a bit jealous) that the same day...in the afternoon she and hubbie were going on a cruise.

Sheriff Gary Brown: You're BUSTED!



Gary is an outstanding Sheriff. But on this day he appointed a deputy-sheriff and without question....he was as useful as paint on the garage floor. Can't remember all of the fines but there were quite a number and it was clear that the Sheriff had quietly been watching out for Kriminals. And got a bunch.



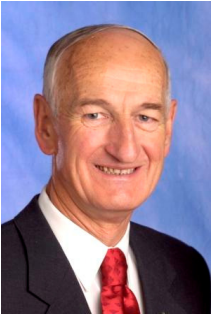
50/50 JACK POT



Jacquie Brown presented the bowl to frequent guest Hans Tiedemann to draw a ticket that belonged to Al Hardstaff. The ticket didn't win much..... oops...anything!



Bill's MESSAGES



April 2007
The Rotarian

Dear fellow Rotarians,

The word *environment* conveys different things to each of us. One person might think of green forests, oceans, and mountains, another of grassy plains and wildlife. When we consider environmental challenges, we may think of recycling or energy conservation, industrial waste, or climate change. We tend to think of issues that are much larger than ourselves as individuals, and they can seem very abstract at times.

But for each of us, our environment is literally what surrounds us: the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land we walk on. Our environment is our house, our yard, our street. It is our community, our country, and our planet. The cleanliness of water hundreds of miles away can affect what comes out of our tap. The cleanliness of the air in a distant city can and does affect what goes into our lungs. And what comes out of our cars, chimneys, and power plants affects not just our own families, but families around the world for generations to come.

Environmental concerns are both intensely local and completely global. A garbage-filled stream has the most impact on those who rely on it for drinking water, but it also damages an entire ecosystem. A heavily polluted city hurts the health of its own inhabitants as well as those hundreds of miles downwind. As we learn and understand more about the course of climate change, we become more acutely aware that there are no local decisions. Everything we do touches others.

When we consider what we are willing to do and what we are willing to change to address an environmental problem, we must remember that our decisions never concern only us.

One of the lessons of Rotary is that one person can make a difference. We see this in our clubs and our districts, and particularly through PolioPlus. When we work on small projects that help only a few people, it can be hard to step back and see how we really are changing the world. It can be difficult to see how recycling a newspaper or a plastic container, walking instead of driving, or using less water can really bring a better and healthier tomorrow. But if many people make them together, those small changes will make an enormous difference to our children and grandchildren.

As Rotarians, we know very well that these small changes - these private, individual choices - can add up to something tremendous. The decisions we make may seem small, but they are nothing of the kind. I ask all of you to remember that, because you are leaders in your communities, and you have chosen to help *Lead the Way* to a better future. In the matter of environmental responsibility, as in all others, we must first lead by example by making the choices that will bring us a healthier tomorrow.

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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)