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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: June 20

Where: Wives will be contacted
with location and time

Book: Annie Freeman's Fabulous
Traveling Funeral by Kris Radish

Meeting Highlights



Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park

May 18, 2007

RCCHP club members met at their first off-site meeting since I have been a member. Fellowship reverberated throughout the Salvation Army gymnasium and Wynne called the meeting to order a little after 07h:



President Wynne called the meeting to order at the Salvation Army gymnasium

00, through the gales of laughter. The crowd was a little more fractious than before, I guess the excitement of being away from Heritage Park was noticeable as booming voices echoed off the concrete block walls.

David McKeown led the crowd to an echoing rendition of "O Canada". The acoustics made the crowd of some 30 odd people sound like a rowdy mob of patriotic hockey fans. John Radermacher said grace to a group that was truly thankful.

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Dr. John Rook, CEO of Salvation Army Community and Residential Services

Dr John Rook, started by thanking RCCHP for the "Integrity Award" it was one of the most humbling experiences in his life. The gymnasium that we have gathered in was used as a sleeping area when 'The Brick' closed in April.

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Dr. John Rook, thanked RCCHP for the Integrity Award

Meeting Highlights

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Staffs at Salvation Army, Center of Hope

Harry Kim was "The Greeter" and introduced guests and visiting Rotarians: (1) John Rook – Guest Speaker (2) DD Coutts – guest of Gary Brown (3) Rizalyn Reyes – guest of Gary Brown (4) Val Redner – guest of Gary Brown (5) Rizwan Nathod – guest of Gary Brown (6) Heather Hankins-Bruce – guest of Gary Brown (7) Angie Price – guest of Bob Price (8) Gail McDougall – Calgary South (9) Wayne Brown – Millennium

Roy Drake was appointed as Breakfast Greeter because he had his lunch with Wynne and requested more jobs.

Minute People:

(1) Jacquie Brown – looking for volunteers to work at the registration desk on Friday May 25, 2007 at the 2007 District Conference.

(2) Ray Gosselin – is looking for volunteers on June 15 – 17, to work at the William Watson Lodge.

Alec McDougall – The RCCHP is still has spots available to anyone looking to golf on June 26, 2007. We have around 20 teams registered and 4-5 corporate sponsors.



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"This floor that we are eating on was once covered with sleeping mats".

The Centre of Hope facility contains approximately 117, 000 square feet and is estimated value of approximately \$24 million. Originally this gym was a full gymnasium, which was cut in half to house The Employment Resource Centre.



The facility has family tracing resources, also contains a full church (East Village Community Church), Laundromat and houses an independent pharmacy (not affiliated with the Salvation Army). The 'Mother Theresa' dining hall was the result of donations from a catholic individual who wanted to honour Mother Theresa's memory. The dining hall has a full service kitchen, where meal passes can be purchased for \$10.00, which provides breakfast lunch and dinner or individuals can eat for free at the designated times.

The University of Calgary is conducting active participatory research program "What is Home". The research targets homeless women and its goals are to understand and to better meet their needs as well as to foster an environment to honour and respect women. The facility has 8 floors and an underground parking lot. The lower floors consist of 'Emergency Rooms', which provides free shelter for 30 days to the general male population, 4 or 8 persons per room and 'Transitional Rooms', which provides free shelter to the general male population, 1 person per room, and helps acclimatize individuals from life in the 'Emergency Rooms' to living alone. **Continued on Page 4**



Gary Brown introduced, our speaker and our host, Dr. John Rook



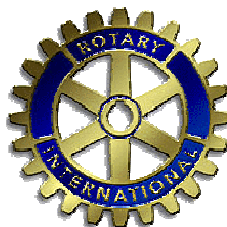
Roy Krake was appointed as the "Breakfast Greeter"



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SUNSHINE REPORT

Sunshine Report



Smiling Dr. Jim Hennessy was in splendid form this morning and he boisterously announced the following birthdays, Rotary anniversaries and wedding anniversaries:

(1) Gary Brown – birthday (2) Bill Hope – birthday (3) Helen Buchanan – Rotary anniversary (4) Asha and Raju Paul – wedding anniversary

Joke for the week: Doug was sitting alone at a bar enjoying a drink. When along walks in this long legged blond. “Hi my name is Wynne” she says as she mounts the stool beside Doug. Wynne orders a drink, “Barkeep – Whiskey, por favor”. Enjoying their drinks Doug and Wynne chat while watching TV. The news highlights comes on, showing a man on the ledge of the Calgary Tower. “I think he’s going to jump” states Doug. “I don’t think he’ll do it” replies Wynne. Doug suggests a friendly wager – 20 bucks. Bravely Doug slaps a crisp 20 dollar bill on the bar. Wynne follows shortly thereafter. The news continues and finally comes to the man on the ledge; the scene ends tragically as the man plunges to his death. Doug turns to Wynne and tells her he can’t take her money because he saw this news clip earlier and knew the man would fall to his death. Wynne says, “No a bet is a bet”. “I saw the same clip and I didn’t think he would do it again”.

Happy Bucks

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(1) John Radermacher, \$1 for being thankful for all that we have.

(2) Bob Price, \$2 for his wife Angie accompanying him this morning and for this Salvation Army facility.

(3) Joan Bedard, \$2 for 550 accountants and for this facility.

(4) Jacquie Brown, \$2 for the Salvation Army and all the good they do in the world.

(5) Jim Hennessy, \$1 for the stand-up comedy routine he did with Bill Cosby.

(6) Al Black, \$6 for his new grandson.

(7) Gary Brown, \$1 for everyone attending this morning.

(8) Wynne, \$1 for the new dentist.



Sheriff Peter Harding: You're BUSTED!



Sheriff Peter “Don’t Mess with the Best” Harding

To everyone’s surprise Marion Barrett was named but not fined for behaving like a mother. In a true Agatha Christie like twist, Harry Kim, Jamie Powell and Max Patel were instead each fined a \$1 for their giddy school-girl behaviour, which brought Marian’s maternal instincts to the forefront. (1) Jacquie Brown was fined \$1 for cutting off the sheriff on the way to the coffee urn. (2) Gary Brown? (3) Wynne was fined for all those dumb blonde jokes. (4) Harry Kim was fined for his constant bellyaching that all he had nothing to do but sit around and wait in Calgary until it was time for him to go up to Fernie. (5) Peter Harding fined himself a dollar because on the way to the buffet, Roy handed him what appeared to be the last breakfast plate. Turning around, Peter scanned the remaining breakfast queue and saw Brian Humphrys’ sad puppy dog eyes staring back at him, “So I took the plate anyway” Peter jokingly stated.



The middle floors consist of an 'Addiction Program' which is funded by the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC), provides counselors and a pilot program that allows jail sentences to be served at the Centre of Hope for non-violent drug related crimes. A 'Diversion Program' which provides services to the mentally challenged and also houses the senior male population due to health issues.

Women and families are provided free shelter for 30 days on the 7th floor. Dr Rook said that during our tour we would notice the feminine touch on this floor, this was part of the "What is Home" research project. Staff offices are located on the 8th floor.

In closing Dr. Rook mentioned that the word hospital can be found in the word hospitable, and also that the Bible makes the first reference to providing to those in need - Genesis 18.

Genesis 18 (King James Version)

Genesis 18

¹And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

²And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and, when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

³And said, My LORD, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

⁴Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

⁵And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes upon the hearth.

⁷And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.

⁸And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Upcoming Events

- **May** District Conference in Red Deer (May 25—27)
- **June** RCCHP Golf Tournament (June 26)
Rotary Partner's Book Club—June 20
- **July** Harry Hay's Breakfast (July 7-8)
- **November** RCCHP Wine Festival (Nov 1)
- **December** RCCHP Christmas Party (Dec 21)