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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?



2008 CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 26, 2008

RIVER SPIRIT GOLF CLUB

12 NOON

TEE TIME: 1:00 PM

Meeting Highlights

Something was cooking at the Heritage Park Rotary Club meeting this morning.

Firstly we were honored with the presence of several of the spouses of our members who we understand seldom get up this early even for a great breakfast. (Note the food reference)

Secondly our usually excellent breakfast buffet was stepped up to spectacular with colorful arrays of fruit, pastries, cheeses, yogurt and salmon. (another food reference)

Third there was a warm feeling of Spring in the air.

OK, I'm lying about the warm feeling of Spring, but two out of three ain't bad.

"Two out of Three Ain't Bad" song by Meatloaf - (bad attempt at another food reference)

So what surprise is being served up?? Oops! There's the bell, time to start the meeting.

After a rousing O'Canada and an excellent thought provoking blessing provided by Jeanette Pyle

Asha announced that Joe Klassen is taking over publishing the Standard for the remainder of this year. Brian Humphries has done a great job but unfortunately, he is reported to take a leave of absence from the club (not official). We look forward to Brian's



return and extend our thanks to Joe for stepping up to the plate(s), which is exactly what Joe did as Asha bestowed upon him the prestigious position of plate polisher de jour.

Asha announced she recently had occasion to talk with David Sevelrud's spouse who indicated that David would be interested in rejoining us at Heritage Park Rotary Club.

This is a good sign since the best way for a man to figure out what his future holds is for someone to ask his wife.

Asha also spoke with Roy Krake who will soon be back at the club. Roy is no doubt as confused at the late Spring as the rest of the creatures migrating from warm southern climates to the shock of snow and cold still gripping our fair city. When she asked Roy about his weather in the south he replied it was just like Norm Haines, 90 & sunny.

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Salvation Army Dinner – Saturday April 26, 2008 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at the Center of Hope.

A last minute event that Bob Sadler was scrambling to get people to sign up for. Thanks to the people who rose to the occasion.

Bob also had to come back to the club to increase the amount to cover the cost of this dinner. The original proposal was for \$1,000. however the Salvation Army has since revised the amount to \$1,500. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the members at the meeting.

Zuzana Carter Edwards and the Vocational Services committee proposed the following motions:

Motion 1.

For James Short Memorial School

The vocational service committee will provide \$4500.00 to be used for 2 portable library shelves and 1 display stand. This will replace their bent metal shelving along the back wall of the library with double sided, portable, natural colored wooden shelving with multi book holders per shelf. Cost is approximately \$2000.00. This case would hold special key books with pop ups and special features that are very popular with the students.

Motion 2.

For St. Joan of Arc Elementary/Junior High School

The vocational service committee has allocated \$2740.00 for the three programs listed below.

Part A.

That the vocational committee allocates \$180.00, for busing, to Women in Technology Program

The program is a Devry and IBM partnership to create an interactive opportunity for young girls to experience education in action. 30 professional women donated their time to mentor the Grade 7 and 8 St. Joan of Arc girls through a set of scientific and mathematic applications in Web site design and robotics construction. This is an excellent opportunity for the students to see women functioning in the corporate work place. The girls, through their interactions with the mentors, will have their eyes opened to the many exciting opportunities for employment available to women with science and math backgrounds.

Part B.

That the vocational committee allocates \$360.00, for busing ($\$180.00 \times 2 = \360.00), to Economics of Staying in School Program All grade 8 students at St. Joan of Arc School will be attending the Junior Achievement Economics of Staying in School Program at Mount Royal College on Friday, May 9/08. The Junior Achievement Program's main theme for 2008 is Pathways to Success and has a full day schedule of guest speakers, tours and events that promote the importance of education and planning for the future as students move on to high school. Sessions include Keys to Success, Employment and Independence as well as Personality Questionnaires, Occupations, Question and Answer Sessions as well as a tour of the Mount Royal College facility and Program offerings.

RESOLUTIONS



Meeting Highlights - Resolutions

Part C.

That the vocational committee allocates \$2200.00 to the Home Reading Programs for grades 1-6.

Home Reading Program

A home reading program is essential to the reading success of every child. Research indicates that proficiency and enjoyment in reading takes practice, practice and more practice! Every classroom needs to be equipped with a variety of leveled fiction and nonfiction books. Students participate in this program by selecting a different book each day at their reading level to take home and share with their family. Parents of young readers are often at a loss regarding selecting reading materials at an appropriate level. Having a well balanced home reading program available in the classroom supports them in their efforts to be successfully involved in their child's educational journey. This connection between home and school is necessary for children to develop a positive attitude towards reading.

Motion 3.

For Motive Action the vocational service committee has allocated \$3000.00 to rebuilding the air compressor.

Motive-Action operates an aging 16 hp. air compressor that provides the compressed air which powers the equipment and tools that are used by the students in the shop. The tooling and equipment which rely on the compressed air include impact guns, drills, and grinders in the mechanics shop. Our body shop also relies on air to power its sanders, grinders, sand blaster paint spray guns. The air compressor will be approaching the end of its expected service life soon and we plan to rebuild or replace it within the next few months.

Helen Buchanan has arranged for our Lord Beaverbrook High School Interact Club to undertake an adopt a room program at the Salvation Army Center of Hope on Saturday May 3/08. Several students will be spending the day painting and decorating and they are looking for Rotarian help with this project. Good for the students, good for the Salvation Army and their clients, good for you. Contact Helen if you want to get involved.

SUNSHINE REPORT—Surinder Khanna

No one was celebrating a special day but Surinder did have a great joke involving a priest, leprechaun and golf.

Seems a fellow was golfing in Ireland one day and as luck would have it he hooked the ball in to the woods.

He found his ball but also a leprechaun lying unconscious with an obvious bump on his head. The fellow roused the leprechaun and helped him recover. The leprechaun said "Well you caught me fair and square so I'll grant you three wishes," The fellow said that was not necessary and that he was just glad he was OK and he left. The leprechaun was shocked by this good will and thought "I will grant him the three wishes I always wanted. A great golf game, unending wealth and great sex life.



A year passes and the same fellow is on the same tee box and sure if he doesn't hit a hook in to the same trees. Again he found his ball and there was the same leprechaun. The leprechaun said "I made the ball hook in to these trees so I could ask you how your year has been. How is your golf game?" The fellow replied "Fantastic! I am usually below par and now get invited to special tournaments all over the world" The leprechaun asked "How is the money issue?" The fellow replied "No worries at all. Every time I put my hand in my pocket I find a roll of hundred dollar bills" Finally the leprechaun asked "So, how's the sex life?" The fellow got very embarrassed and shuffling his feet said maybe once or twice a week. The leprechaun was shocked at this modest sexual activity. "How come!" he queried?

The fellow replied "Well, that is pretty good for a Catholic Priest in a small Parish."



Maybe it was the scrumptious breakfast or the camaraderie in the room but there were a lot of happy people today. Everyone who brought their spouse and had any sense of self preservation offered up a happy buck for their better half being in attendance. Doug Kinley as even smarter and paid a buck to leave his lady in bed. Garry Gray enjoyed spectacular snowmobiling, Graham Drake was happy the Canadians were still in the playoffs and also that his son was coming home for a visit. Asha always happy to spend time with her grandchildren and Bob Clark with a sad buck that the Flames got smoked and he had to attend an opera this week. Go Stamps Go!!

Harry Kim handled the draw this week for \$338.00. Dennis Tillotson was the lucky ticket holder and rhymed off the 4 Way Test flawlessly. Unfortunately Dennis was no match for the house or the deft shuffling of Harry and the Joker eluded him.

Sheriff Betty Little: You're BUSTED!



For a nice girl she can be nasty sometimes.

Betty nailed everyone not attending the Family Carnival, everyone who listened to CKUA but did not donate to their Spring fund raiser, anyone working for the oil industry, and anyone who had filled up with gas this week (like they had an extra buck), She singled out John Radermacher for not greeting her properly and Surrinder for a bad joke. Not sure if she felt he insulted priests or leprechauns.

Joke of the Day—Asha Paul

A young girl takes her fiancé to meet her parents over dinner. After dinner the father asks the young fellow to join him for a brief conversation. The father asks the lad what his future plans are. The young man replies "I am a scholar of the Bible".

The father questions him on how he plans to pay for the engagement ring and starting our life with his daughter, the bride to be? The young man replied "I will study the Bible and pray and God will provide."

The father asked "How will you afford to purchase a house for your new family?" The young man replied "I will pray and study the Bible and God will provide."

The father asked how the lad would finance his children and see to their education?

Again the young fellow stated "Studying the Bible and praying will result in God providing what is needed."

The father returned to the dining room where his wife inquired how the conversation went. The father said "Good and bad". "The bad part is; the fellow has no assets, no income, no job nor ambition". "The good part is; he thinks I'm God"



Asha introduced Mrs. Sara Synu John, President of the India Canada Association of Calgary.



Synu presented our club with a cheque in the amount of \$10,000 to be used on a matching grant water project in Rajasthan, a Province in North Western India that is very arid. Our club and Rotary International will be involved with a club in India, arranged through our friend PRID Sushil Gupta, to ensure proper use of the funds and timely completion of the project.



Guest Speaker:

For those of you who missed this presentation I am sorry. I found it difficult to take notes as I was laughing so much. A well known food connoisseur, columnist and food writer for several magazines plus the author of several great books on where to dine in and around Calgary. John is himself a chef and teaches cooking classes through out Calgary.

After the meeting everyone lined up to purchase and autographed copy of his latest "Cheap eats in Calgary" book of which he donates 20% to the Canadian Mental Health Association



A few points from John's presentation:

Outs for 2008 - broccoli and anything you can buy at Coop

Ins for 2008 - multi color salts and flavored salts

Fried Coca Cola is disgusting.

For the conservationists, if you eat locusts, be careful as the legs get stuck in your teeth.

Panda gruel served at the Calgary zoo is not great, especially when burnt.

The difference between rice pudding and risotto pudding is about \$8. per serving

At tapas bars you spend less on food but more on liquor.

Save your plastic drinking straws for the Smithsonian as they are being replaced by new and improved "paper straws"

Someone has invented an 8 hour tea light so your flame doesn't go out half way through your romantic dinner.

For you allergy sufferers there is now ice cream made from sweet potatoes, organic pretzels, pastas made from navy beans.

Japan has developed a beer made from Saskatchewan field peas to reduce the price being driven up by the high price of barley.

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Vegetarians maybe healthy but they are cheap when they go out to eat.

If you see on a menu that something is poached in EV00, that is not an exotic new fluid, it is simply Extra Virgin Olive Oil. But the restaurant will probably over charge you anyway.

When asked his favorite restaurant John replied that if he was allowed one last meal on this earth it would be at the Crazy Weed Kitchen in Canmore. That is quite an endorsement.



Graham Drake almost didn't present John with our "Gift of Sight" certificate in thanks for his talk because at the last minute John bragged that his family once owned an Alice Chalmers tractor dealership. Graham reminded John that there are two kinds of farmers; those that owned John Deere tractors and those that "wished" they owned John Deere tractors.

Asha's last story was about an American tourist that constantly asked the waiter in a restaurant to turn the air conditioner up as she was too hot and later to turn it down as she was too cold only to request a few minutes later that it be turned up again as she was uncomfortably hot. Each time the waiter graciously affirmed he would attend to her requests. When another guest questioned why the waiter was so congenial in complying with the demands he replied, "It is no problem, you see, we do not have an air conditioner."



Nest week our guest speaker will be a fighter pilot from the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

Thought for the week:

OUR CLUB'S 3-H PROJECT IN UTTARANCHAL INDIA

Progress at Uttaranchal: The project started in December and went through some teething problems. We have planted about 9500 Fruit and Nut trees in the first phase. Unfortunately in the very first year we ran in to a bad year. Against a normal rainfall of 213 mm in winters there was just 13 mm of rain. However, fortunately about 85 % of the plants survived. This, we were informed, was due to the high quality of the saplings we used. Fortunately in April, we have been having good rains and the survival may become higher.

Planting exotic vegetables: We are in the process of planting exotic vegetables. Farmers land and other issues are in place and shortly this to will begin.

Resource Centre: The resource centre has been identified and process to begin work there will begin soon. Self Help Groups have been formed and this is being encouraged and we hope to begin Micro Credits soon.

We may be a little behind schedule but hopefully we shall catch up with time and keep you posted of the progress.

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