

# THE STANDARD



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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?



### Harry Hay's Breakfast

When: July 7-8

Where: Heritage Park

Need volunteers...

see Al Hardstaff

### Meeting Highlights

First meeting for the month of April, "Rotary Magazine Month".

March may have left like a lamb but there was certainly a roar coming from the Gunn Dairy Barn as the Heritage Park Rotary Club gathered for another fun meeting.

Peter Harding was surprised by President Asha's announcement that he would lead O'Canada and in his excited state started a few octaves too high. He apologizes to those members

with stretched voice chords who gallantly struggled to hit the high notes.

President Asha started off the meeting with a little story about the Wizard of Oz which had an interesting twist involving the living US Presidents. The resulting punch line of Carter asking for courage, Bush Sr asking for a heart, Bush Jr asking for a brain and Clinton asking where Dorothy was, kept everyone giggling as we lined up to receive our freshly polished plate for the breakfast buffet from Marion

### Guest Speaker: Brian Keating — Calgary Zoo



A wonderful presentation by Brian Keating about what the Calgary Zoo with assistance from one of the Rotary Clubs of Calgary, were doing in West Africa.

They have built a hippopotamus sanctuary that involves an entire community and has not only helped restore the hippo population in the area but also provided clean water wells, solar lighting, homes and a school for the local community who look after the hippos and farm in the area. This all has enabled the children to increase their education and they even have a soccer team for the boys and volleyball for the

girls.

Brian had some wonderful videos of the community, the students in school and at play in their new team uniforms and also some wonderful videos of his latest trip up the Zambezi River. To finish off he brought us back home with a video taken just outside the zoo of a family of beavers working away with some spring repairs to their lodge.

Nature is all around us. You don't have to travel across continents to experience it just go outdoors and look around. Great presentation Brian, thank you.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a seminar on spending which would be of interest to anyone in the International Service area. Contact Jacquie Brown for more information.

Wynne announced the Family Picnic is proceeding full speed ahead and will be held at Garry Gray's estate. A sign up sheet was passed around and if you missed it contact Wynne to confirm your attendance.

We received a beautiful plate/frame stand made of wood by the students of the Dominican Republic for whom we provided financial assistance to purchase wood working tools and equipment.

Al Hardstaff gave a happy buck for this but I thought it was also a good announcement.

We know everyone is checking the on line duty roster to ensure they are at their post for the allotted duty or are finding a replacement for the day. Al is also pleased that he is receiving advance notice from members who will be away on vacations and business trips so he can adjust future duty rosters accordingly. Thanks and keep up the good work.

### JOKE OF THE DAY

President Asha related a brief story from Raju's experience with the City of Calgary.

One day Raju noticed two workers moving along the boulevard, one digging a hole followed shortly thereafter by the other filling the hole in. After watching a dozen holes being dug and subsequently filled in Raju approached the men and asked the reason behind this. The men said simply their third partner, the tree planter, was off sick.

## SUNSHINE REPORT

### Sunshine Report



Congratulations to Helen Buchanan who celebrates her birthday on April 6<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to Donna and Barry Jarvis for their wedding anniversary on April 8<sup>th</sup>

For the sunshine story Bill related a story he heard about Jim and Josie. It seems after so many years of putting up with Jim, Josie had finally had enough. It was decided if the relationship were to survive they would need to seek counseling. Sitting before the marriage councilor Josie related her sad tale of years of neglect. Once she finished, the councilor came out from behind his desk and embraced Josie in a lengthy passionate kiss.

As Josie struggled to restrain her delight and regain her composure, the councilor looks at Jim and said "Jim that is what Josie is going to need at least three times a week. Do you think you can handle that?" Jim replied "Well, I can bring her here Mondays and Wednesdays but Friday's I golf."

## Happy Bucks



**Happy Bucks** were abundant including:

Garry Gray excited people were actually paying the 1/4ly invoices on time and he was proud that his brother was working on a water project with Rotary International where in his brothers company was contributing \$100,000. which was being matched by RI

Bill Hope was pleased that there was no smoke emanating from Garry's Springbank property.

Bob Clark slid a dollar in for the Flames back door slide in to the playoffs but hey! It's the pay-offs and anything can happen now.

Al Black, looking properly tanned, had enjoyed his holiday in the sunny south.

Jim Davis bragged about his numerous golf games in Palm Springs and also that the ECL charity event raised \$120,000 for the Children's Hospital. Great work!!

We well glad to hear Jacquie's announcement that her grandson, who had been ill, was bouncing back to health.

## Sheriff : You're BUSTED!



Brief and to the point Bob fined Wynne (that is a given) and then the entire group for being loud and rowdy after President Asha had rung the bell to start the meeting.

That pretty well filled up the pot with loonies and Bob exited the stage.



Marion Barrett, our wonderful buffet plate presenter, was also the winner of the 50/50 draw. As polished as the breakfast plates were, her presentation of the Four Way Test

was more brilliant yet.

Unfortunately she lost her shine as she drew the Ace of Spades and missed out on the \$257. jackpot.

## Korean Rotarians keep Mongolian eco-project blossoming

For five years, Korean Rotarians have been working to build a green spot on one of the driest places on earth. Concerned about the Gobi Desert sandstorms emanating from Mongolia, Korean Rotarians from 16 districts developed a unique project that has built a natural windbreak forest there. The forest, made up of hippophae trees and black currant bushes, reduces sand particles that can travel for hundreds of miles, causing health and environmental damage.

The Keep Mongolia Green got a recent boost with a US\$350,000 Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation for the latest phase of the project, in which Korean and Mongolian Rotarians teamed up with local residents to plant 52,000 trees in Choir, in Govisumber Province. Mongolian Rotary clubs, as well as Mongolian government and provincial agencies, also pitched in.



In addition, Korean Rotarians have begun construction of an eco-park in Choir, which will demonstrate the use of clean reusable energy, waste recycling, and the reclamation of land used for mining. Plans for the park include orchards, vegetable farms, and nurseries, and a permanent field station for ecological and biological research that will serve five Mongolian provinces.

Since the project began, Korean Rotarians and Rotaractors have planted some 220,000 trees and have contributed to the US\$1.03 million total cost of the project. The first phase of the Keep Mongolia Green project began in 2005, as a multidistrict Rotary Centennial Community Service Project.



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