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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?

Meeting Highlights

The last meeting of August and, alas, perhaps the end of our summer as the cold rain clouds are expected to sweep in over the long weekend. Joan wasn't quite awake but did her usual admirable job of leading *Oh Canada* to start off the meeting.



Recent new member Jack Haman

Jack Haman, one of our new members, was given the opportunity to meet everyone as he presented each of them with a freshly polished plate.

President David reminded everyone of the Shelter Box Gala Evening fund raiser Sept 15th at Stage West. A further reminder of the event and where you can buy your tickets will be coming out in your email shortly. Stay tuned.



Guest Speaker: Our Guests

Guest speakers this week were actually our guests. Peter Harding called upon four of our usual guest to do a short classification presentation so we could get to know them better.

Thank you to Tony Howard, Hans Tiedemann, Wayne Brown and Jim Fitzowich for sharing a little of their lives with us.

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RETRACTION

A sentence that was included in an article that appeared in the October 26, 2007 issue of the Standard, which reported on a presentation by Amir Bhaloo, could be interpreted to have negative implications regarding Mr. Bhaloo. This remark was intended to be humorous and it was the intent of the author that it would be interpreted as such by members of the club. Unfortunately, the article has appeared under Amir Bhaloo's name as a result of undertaking a Google Search and could be misinterpreted by members of the public.

The Club apologizes to Mr. Bhaloo for any unintended consequences that this comment may have inadvertently generated.

Rotary International

"I am reminded of the effects of polio every day of my life," says Ramesh Ferris, who is cycling 7,200 kilometers (4,474 miles) across Canada to ensure that children worldwide are able to walk.

The 28-year-old polio survivor is riding a 27-speed handcycle on a journey that began in Victoria, British Columbia, on 12 April. He plans to arrive in Cape Spear, Newfoundland, in mid-October.

"Cycle to Walk is my way to prevent polio and give other polio survivors a chance to reach their full potential," said Ferris. He is promoting polio eradication at schools, Rotary, and other service clubs, health care providers, and government offices.

Among other highlights, Ferris has cycled through Fraser Canyon, the Canadian Rockies, and Jasper National Park, on the Terry Fox Courage Highway, and across the town of Sudbury's Bridge of Nations. He has stopped to address District 5550's annual conference, joined Sault Sainte Marie's Rotaryfest parade, and been honored by the Toronto Blue Jays on Cycle to Walk night, in front of more than 23,000 baseball fans.

On 12 August, Ferris met with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Ottawa. "Our visit today helps demonstrate that Canada will continue to be a global leader in the fight against history's greatest cause of disability," Ferris said.

A day earlier, Ferris was welcomed to the nation's capital by Liberal Party leader Stéphane Dion. "It's a wonderful initiative," Dion said of the global battle to end polio. "It requires a lot of courage and determination. Everything we are able to do, we will do."

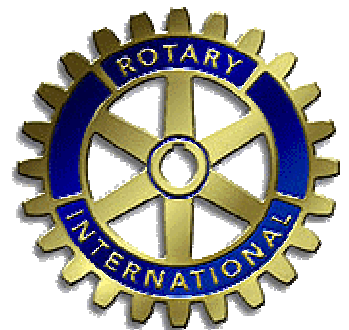
Personal battle

For his part in that battle, Ferris has had to draw deeply on his own determination many times. Born in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India, in 1979, he was stricken by polio at the age of six months. He was adopted by Canadian parents at age two and, following several surgeries and physical rehabilitation, learned to walk with crutches by age four. But polio also afflicted his lungs, and he contracted pneumonia nine times before his 11th birthday.

A visit to India in 2002 and seeing others suffering from polio inspired Ferris to found the Cycle to Walk Society, which raises money to fight polio and boosts public awareness of the disease. His goal in cycling across Canada is to raise C\$1 million (US\$955,082); as of 15 August, contributions had reached C\$279,148 (US\$266,609). Of the total, 75 percent will go to PolioPlus to immunize children in polio-endemic and at-risk countries, 20 percent to aid rehabilitation, and 5 percent to help educate Canadians about the disease and advocate their continued immunization.

"We are on the brink of making history," he said about the global effort to eradicate polio. "Let's get excited about making polio history, so that we can continue the work of ridding the world of other diseases."

To follow Ferris's journey, read his blog at www.cycletowalk.com.

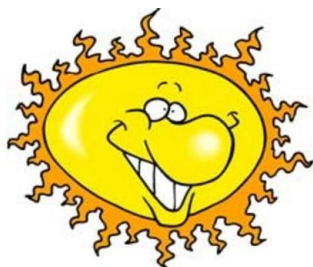


SUNSHINE REPORT

Sunshine Report

Jim asked anyone with a birthday or anniversary to stand and be recognized but got no takers.

Jim related a story of a fellow on a business flight sitting by himself when a beautiful, shapely woman with long blonde hair came down the aisle and to his delight took the seat next to his. After leaving the ground he took advantage of the situation and to start a conversation asked her if the flight was business or pleasure. She said it was business as she was flying to do a lecture to her Nymphomaniac Convention in Boston. Not believing his luck he pressed on with more questions about her role. She said besides enjoying sex she was a sociologist who studied sexual habits and lectured to debunk some widely accepted myths. For instance that the most well endowed men are not really African but actually North American Indians, the French are not really the most romantic as that is really the realm of the Jewish culture, and finally the people with the most sexual stamina were found to be the so called American redneck of west Texas area.



Finally she stopped and said "That is enough about me, how about you?" "What is your name?" The fellow thought quickly and replied "Tonto Silverstein, but my friends call me Bubba."

Happy Bucks

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Wow, everyone had something to be happy about so I may have missed a few but here is what I have:

Jacquie Brown has a new exchange student from Switzerland and a new job in Strathmore which is almost as far away.

Tony Howard attended his Central High School reunion and I expect found some of his alma mater that had less hair than he does.

Bill Hope happy his daughter is back from Halifax with his VISA card

Jack Haman happy his wife is back from her trip to instruct him on his daily routine

Jeanette says her husband is happy she is back from the annual gift show having spent less than \$1,000.

Joan is happy her dog is recovering from surgery but hates fighting with him each morning to get his boxer shorts on. Maybe it's because he is a Dalmatian not a Boxer.

Walter kicked in buck to see if Jamie could be allowed to sing Oh Canada.

Joe Klassen had a trip to the Okanogan and visited 50 wineries. Joe was really happy!

Asha seconded Walter's motion for Jamie to sing Oh Canada



50/50 JACK POT



Joe Klassen was the holder of the lucky ticket on a pot of \$880.

Joe rattled off the Rotary 4 Way Test but fell short by not drawing the Joker but helped the cause by eliminating one more card from the deck. Time to start buying those arms lengths of tickets.



Sheriff Bob Clark: You're BUSTED!

Sheriff – Bob Clark did a little late night thinking while perusing the show times in the paper and thought how our members matched up fairly well to the prominent stars of the current silver screen extravaganzas and that my friends will cost you as you will see below:



Summer movies are a welcome diversion until hockey starts.

When your character is introduced buck up.

Our Sex and the City divas Marian, Asha, Betty, Zuzana and Doris

You decide which character is which.

You need a Mr. Big character – Peter Harding.

Indiana Jones – an experienced adventurer looking nifty in a fedora – crack the whip for Tony Howard.. With young sidekick Jamie Powell

Boasting perfect attendance for more years than I have been alive – our Iron Man Al Black.

All alone in cyber world cleaning up after us – our Wall-E – Billy Hope.

When you think monkey business you think of our Space Chimps – Doug Hood and Jim Hennessey.

Still struttin' and rockin' into their golden years just like Mike and Keith Shine a Light on Walter and Dennis.

Pussycats until they change into a sheriff our Incredible Hulks – Brian Humphreys and Martin Harvey.

A reluctant superhero that makes sure every meeting runs smoothly – our Hancock – Al Hardstaff.

A purveyor of medicinal herbs on our Pineapple Express – Joe Klassen



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Sunlight Water Purification Program Uganda

Hoping to catch the 3:10 To Yuma because it is a movie about trains – Bob Sadler

From The Chronicles of Narnia – our prince of the wardrobe – Din Peerani

Not so secret agents - Agent 86 – Jim Fitzowich and agent 99 Dorothea

Just like the women of ABBA, our club's dancing queens - the Bedard sisters – Jeanette and Joan

The trio I would most like to see karaoke ABBA tunes: Jim Davis, Jack Haman and Doug Kinley

If he heard even the quietest who he would investigate to determine if there were potential new Rotarians – our answer to Horton – Raju, that's who

Unusual Step Brothers – Max Patel and Hans Tiedemann

Our clubs answer to Scully and Mulder – they want you to believe – Jacquie and Wayne Brown

And of course the Dark Knight – it would be easy to select one of the boys who want to drive a bat mobile, but the club can use the money – John Radermacher, Laurie Jacques, the owner of the Kim-mobile – Harry, in absentia and Bob Price

Finally our true Dark Knight is Club President David McKeown who has to put up with all of you jokers every week.