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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

At 5:15 a.m., it looked like just another pre-dawn day and it was already warm. The Global guys say it will be 30C by late afternoon. Us Rotarians would gather at the Gunn Barn for another morning filled with zest and fun. There are lots of members and guests this morning at our meeting. For me... the only task will be doing the Sunshine Report and then just simply relaxing...until Peter Harding... with a fresh haircut



Hans proudly ensuring our clean plates

says...SAAAY Norm. I have to leave very soon to go to the airport to Toronto. Do you think you could sorta sketch out the Standard? "[#!#@*^](#)"...sez Iso here is the Standard. Duh!

The Eggs are great. The bacon crisp...the sausage good...the fruit ...excellent. So that is the Standard.... give er take. David McKeown is acting as President this morning. Wait a minute. He was supposed to be President from July 1 on but this is his first official meeting. Huh? Peter Harding (on his way to Toronto)



Guest Speaker: Hans Wiesner

Walter Zuk introduces our speaker.... Hans Wiesner from RC of Red Deer East. Hans has a BA Sc from the University of Waterloo. He worked mainly in the petrochemical industry. Hans joined rotary in 2000 and retired in 2006. After retiring he decided to walk the Camino de Santiago for the challenge and personal spiritual reasons. He considers this 866 Km walk one of the best things he has done in his life. Now another walk.... a 1000 km Walk to Beat Polio in Spain this October and he has thus far raised \$20,000 in support of Polio Plus and the requirement to see Rotary raise \$100 million to

match \$100 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Hans delivers a passionate and personal speech about his upcoming walk and teaches us things we didn't already know.

His upcoming walk will take 5 and a half weeks, beginning October 6th. He talks to us about the route and its challenges and



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Meeting Highlights

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belches forth O Canada; Peter Pallesen leads us in Grace. Guests are introduced. Jan Wier of England presents us with his Club banner. Alexis of Shelter Box reminds us of the gala on September 15th in support of Shelter Box. Oh the food is good.



Proud Father Bill Hope
and Daughter Katie

At every one of our meetings there is something special that just jogs us and this morning is not different. Indeed. Katie Hope...Bill and Susan's daughter is a beautiful young lady and she is attending St. Mary's University in Nova Scotia. She tells us about a student led program that offers hope to students from darker places of our world by providing scholarships and other important support. Her story is compelling. At the end of it Bill comes to the Podium to speak about something and he begins only as Bill can...with enthusiasm and stops.... he is quivering with emotion. He and Susan are going to present their daughter with a Paul Harris fellowship. But the words of love are hushed in the emotion of the moment. None of us profess to every having seen Bill like this and it is a huge moment for us all. A parent's love filled with tears of gratitude that their daughter can do so much. And while we cheered Katie.... we also cheered Susan and Bill. They reminded us there can be no greater love than that for family and our world. Good stuff Susan and Bill...and of course Katie.



Speaker: Hans Wiesner

visiting Santiago de Compostela, the third holy city of our world...the other two being Rome and Jerusalem. Santiago is St. James in Spanish and the route is a memorial to the life of the Apostle St. James. A Cathedral covers the silver casket of St. James.

Hans does a wonderful presentation in support of his cause. He is enthusiastically supported by his wife Lolita...his wife of 35 years.

A post note – we're supposed to be outta the Park at 8:20 a.m. So the Park puts its passenger train on the crossing so it can take on water and the lineup is lovely...simply lovely. But the train looks good!



SUNSHINE REPORT

Sunshine Report

Jacquie and Wayne Brown are celebrating their anniversary. And so are Laura and Harry Kim. Bob Price is celebrating a birthday and so is Walter Zuk. Cheers to all.

But hang on...here is a hugely surprising birthday today.... Joan Beleck. She is our Heritage Park server and we love her. She is really one of us and today she is 75. She gets out of bed at 4:30 to make sure we can have a great breakfast and she simply cares for us. Happy Birthday is sung from us to her.... with love.



Whatzisname

Happy Bucks



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and there are all kinds of them.

Just to include a few.... Max Patel told us his son was married last weekend and it was a great wedding. He put in a \$20. bill.

Jacquie Brown put in a bunch. She was delirious. She had the cheque from Wild Rose in matching dollars for the Puerto Vallarta Project for \$12,500. Hooray.

A number of happy bucks to salute Barry Jarvis who left our Club today to move to BC. He is retiring there. May the pine beetle get ya. Barry has been a stalwart member of our Club.



Sheriff Asha Paul: You're BUSTED!



There was always a feeling that Barry was the toughest, meanest Sherriff we could

get, until today that is. Asha Paul was our Sherriff...oh my! Tough? Mean? Women first? Yup. Harry Kim is fined for hurting his backing getting in and out of his new car. Din is fined for looking undressed. The fines are copious and devious. For example...question to ladies...what do you call the tourist tower downtown? Yea! The Calgary Tower roars the ladies. To the men.... how many cubic yards of concrete did it take to build the tower? All the men paid a buck and that is the way it went all morning. It was suggested the Sherriff be lynched.



50/50 JACK POT



Lolita Wiesner, Past President of the Red Deer East Club and wife of our speaker today draws the lucky ticket but doesn't win the draw. It was at \$757 today.



Two-and-a-half-year-old Harvey Parry of Edmonton, England, is learning to walk on prosthetic legs he received during a visit to New York.

The trip was made possible partially by the generosity of Rotary clubs on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

The Rotary Club of Edmonton, England, along with the Rotary clubs of Bethpage-Plainview and Hicksville-Jericho in New York, USA, have helped offset some of the family's travel expenses while Harvey undergoes therapy at [A Step Ahead Prosthetics and Orthotics](#) in Hicksville, where he is learning to take his first steps.

Fight for life

At 15 months, Harvey contracted meningococcal, the deadlier bacteria form of [meningitis](#). Resulting [septicemia](#), or blood poisoning, forced doctors to amputate both of his legs above the knees and three fingers on his right hand.

In England, public health care does not pay to fit children under the age of five with a full-length prosthesis. Instead they are equipped with hard plastic discs which fit over the remains of the limb. Children learn to scoot around on their stubs until they grow old enough for full legs.

Worried their son would lose valuable development time waiting for full-length legs, Carol and Jonathan Parry decided to seek out the help of A Step Ahead, known worldwide as a leader and innovator in prosthetic design.

"Bilateral movement takes a lot of strength, balance, and coordination," said Phil Kreuter, a physical therapist who works with A Step Ahead. "The sooner we can get them, the sooner they learn a more normal gait."

Still, the move was not without risk. Turning to private care meant Harvey's therapy would not be covered by public aid when he returned to England. Carol Parry began a year-long fundraising campaign to raise money. The family's plight caught the attention of their florist, David Fuller, a member of the Edmonton Rotary club.

"They were invited to one of our meetings, when it was decided to help them as much as possible," recalls Dennis Perkins, club secretary.

The Edmonton club initially raised £1,300 (US\$2,500) at a garden party at Fullers' home. The club then gave Harvey a 15-pound Easter egg, which captured local media attention, and the club's Christmas float stopped at the Parry home for Father Christmas to deliver toys the club had bought Harvey, again making the evening news.



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Travel expenses

Virgin Airlines flew the family over for free, and the Marriott Residence Inn-Plainview offered reduced rates. The Edmonton club put in a call to Hicksville-Jericho and Bethpage-Plainview, and Rotarians in those two clubs contributed more than \$800 and various gift certificates.

"We just had to do something, they are right in our backyard," said George Hannau, past president of the Bethpage-Plainview club.

The family plans on staying in New York through the middle of August. Already, they face a \$12,000 bill for rental car and lodging. When they get back home, Parry says she will have to immediately begin fundraising for a return trip to continue Harvey's therapy.

"Right now, we're broke. We've used up all our funds," Parry said. "I'm a little scared. But I know what we have to do. My son is walking, and he is happy. And that's what is important to me."

Parry is full of praise for Rotary.

"Before this, I did not know that much about the organization," she said. "I can honestly say they have saved our lives. They have been so supportive."

Visit the Parry [Web site](#) to see media coverage of their story and fundraising information.