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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

Quarterback David McKeown called the signals to bring our meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Peter Harding backed by the RCCHP color guard presented the Canadian national anthem. Ray Gosselin presented grace. Since behind every great district governor there is an equally impressive assistant, Tony Howard was handed the ball to buff the plates. Tony admirably handled the duties



Assistant DG Tony Howard demonstrating his versatility



The greeting committee without any trash talk. Business President David read a letter from Alexis Beddoe reporting on the success of the shelter box gala which scored a lot of points (\$41,000), which will pay for 5 touchdowns worth of shelter boxes, less one failed convert (34) or in B.C. Lions terms, 11 field goals plus a single point.

Harold Aitkenhead, with proposed classification Salvation Army has applied for membership in our club.

Minute People



Check page 5 for proposed bylaw revisions!

Guest Speaker: District Governor Mark Staratt

Din Peerani introduced guest speaker District Governor Mark Staratt, who is originally from the Maritimes. Mark obtained his B. Comm from the University of Alberta in 1996. As a teenager mark was exposed to rotary through RYLA and 4 way speech contests. In February 1997 Mark joined the Olympic club and was instrumental in the creation of the Crowchild club and was its first president. In July 2007 Mark returned to the Rocky Mountains to marry Jennifer. Mark and Jennifer expect their first child any minute now. Boiling water was on hand at the meeting while Jennifer rested comfortably at home.

Mark presented an inspiring speech about Rotary and our contributions to making the world a better place. Mark took notes at the Thursday night executive meeting and spoke about some of our club's projects such as: veterans, It's A Crime Not To Read and an international water project in India.

Mark reminded us that Rotarians have an impact on the fabric of our community. Mark recognized club members: Raju, Wynne and Jacque for going beyond our club, to serve at the district level.

Mark thanked us for being Rotarians and noted that as Rotary prospers, so do we. We should be thankful for the support of our families who allow us the opportunity to be of service.

Rotary International President D.K. Lee's motto is: Make Dreams Real. There is a focus on increasing Rotary membership, as well as addressing: literacy, clean water, health and hunger. 26,000 children die daily from preventable disease. Jacque Brown's child mortality committee has received \$20,000 from the district to make a difference.



DG Mark Staratt and our President David McKeown

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Meeting Highlights

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Doug Kinley and Bob Price
contemplate their deep
thoughts



Laurie Jacques played the equivalent of offence, defense and special teams with a three-part report. The Centennial club has a Christmas fundraiser called "Santa Calls", whereby parents or grand parents can order a call from Saint Nick. The elementary school of West Dover is seeking reading volunteers. Hans Wiesmer completed his 1007-kilometer walk through Spain for Polio. Hans completed 1.248 million walking steps or the length of more football fields than one can imagine.

Bob Clark came not to praise the Stamps (our Western Conference Finalists, poised to win the Grey Cup 38-28), but to make two reports:

The bylaw review is complete and the executive has voted in favor of 6 revisions to the existing by-laws. Details are contained below. At an upcoming meeting all club members will have the opportunity to discuss the proposed revisions and vote upon them. This is our club's first extensive bylaw review since our club was created almost 10 years ago.

John Radermacher coached us to continue our efforts on behalf of the veteran's food bank. Keep in mind that daily necessities are needed in addition to food donations. Trish commented that although significant donations have been made, we have done better in prior years.

Al Black took half a minute to cheerlead, thanking the club for its kettle cooperation. November is filled and there are only a few vacant shifts available in December. We will be at a new site this year close to the retail stores. Al Black and Doug Hood currently have no idea where they are going, but are confident that they will recognize it when they get there. It is difficult to argue with that game plan.

Speaker: DG Mark Staratt

The Rotary Foundation provides matching funds for projects and continues its focus on the eradication of Polio. Although polio has been reduced by 99% since the Rotary initiative, it remains endemic in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. \$100 million has been given by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, confident in the belief that Rotarians will match this amount.

Mark asked us to continue to give to the Rotary Foundation, whether it is \$100 per year or to become a Paul Harris fellow or a major donor or member of the bequest society.

We have much more to do and more money to raise. We need more hands to help. Mark looks toward the next generation, friends and colleagues, which will reenergize Rotary and bring new ideas to our organization.

President Lee will be in Calgary in February and will be inducting new Rotarians.

The District Conference will be held April 24 - 26th and promises to match the conference headed by Raju. The conference will offer speakers, entertainment and fellowship. There will be a focus on good storytellers that can captivate an audience, including 11-year-old Samantha Perry, past youth exchange participants and the editor of The Rotarian. Special pricing of \$199 for the weekend is only in effect until November 30th, although Norm Haines was granted one day's grace. There will be programs for spouses including artist Marilyn Kinsella, a Canmore chef and a microbrewery tour for non-Rotarians.

Mark concluded with a reminder to put the needs of others first to make the world a better place.

Jeannette thanked Mark for his presentation and for keeping club members on their best behavior.

Markham Sunrise Rotarian Norm Nopper passed along greeting from Steven Yu and a banner from his club.

David concluded with the advice of Ronald Reagan that the most dangerous words are: "I'm from the government and I'm here to help".

And with that the meeting concluded and members proceeded to prepare for a Western Final Celebration. GO STAMPS!!



SUNSHINE REPORT

Happy Bucks

Doug Hood reminded Ray of his anniversary a day late and then remarked upon Surinder's shortcomings.

Happy Bucks

Doug Kinley had \$2 that he visited the Grand Canyon with his 78-year-old mother.

Jeannette had \$4 to apologize for park entry/exit, but was proud to announce that Heritage Park retail stores are now open daily 10 – 6.

Zuzana Carter-Edwards had a happy \$1 for her next cruise.

Bob Clark had \$1 happy to be invited to the Flames game by the leader of the Leaf Nation, Brian Humphreys.

Dennis Tillotson had \$1 happy from his allowance for Guess Who's Coming To Dinner at Radermacher stadium.

Surinder had \$1 happy for completing consecutive meetings.

David McKeown had \$1 happy for his son's film Rock Paper Scissors A Geek Tragedy to be presented at the Plaza Theatre on Saturday night, with a flattering article in Friday's Calgary Herald.



Sheriff Zuzana Carter-Edwards: You're BUSTED!

RCCHP's answer to Halle Berry, bond girl Zuzana Carter-Edwards asked a series of 007 trivia questions:

Aided by "Nopper, Norm Nopper", the first question was successfully answered and those sitting at table number one experienced a Quantum of Solace.

Other tables were not as fortunate answering the number of bond films (21), who James Bond married (Diana Rigg), who was a bond girl twice (Maud Adams) and Q's real name and title (General Something or Other with the title Quartermaster). Members at tables who answered incorrectly were shot.

Oops, correction: members at tables answering incorrectly paid a dollar fine.

50/50 JACK POT



Mark Rowe passed the tickets to Mark Staratt, who threw long to Dennis Tillotson. Dennis took the four-way test to the house, but fumbled his card selection. \$1265 is rolled over to next week's big game.



Cameras rolled as 19-year-old Nicole Dryburgh and her family stepped off their flight from London and embarked on a one-of-a-kind tour of New York City, led by some of the city's savviest tour guides: New York Rotarians. Members of the Rotary Club of the Bronx, New York, USA, greeted the British teen, who had battled a rare form of cancer since the age of 11 and lost her eyesight and much of her hearing.

A BBC news team tagged along to [document the trip](#), which included tours of sites like the Statue of Liberty and the Bronx Zoo, shopping, and a luncheon with the Rotary Club of Staten Island, New York, USA.

"I was really pleased how Rotarians pitched in," said Taylor Eskew, president of the Rotary Club of the Bronx. "Nicole is full of spunk and energy. Everyone felt admiration for her and saw her as an inspiration."

Rotarians volunteered to drive the Dryburghs between sites and arranged custom tours of places like the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which opened its doors early to give Nicole a tactile and olfactory tour of the Egyptian art collection. The Bronx Zoo "pulled out all the stops" and let Nicole touch and hold exotic animals like a sloth and an armadillo, said Eskew.

Making it happen

The week-long vacation was organized by Tony Betts, secretary of the Rotary Club of Redbridge, England, who first learned of Nicole's dream to visit New York during the 2008 Rotary Young Citizen Awards ceremony, sponsored by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) in conjunction with BBC News 24. Nicole was honored for her exceptional fundraising work.

"I just thought to myself, I'm going to make that happen," said Betts. "But I didn't have a clue how I was going to do it."

Betts reached out to other Rotarians at home and abroad. With help from Eric Storberg, then governor-elect of District 7230 (New York, USA), and Robert Mintz, manager of Corporate Relations and Global Travel at Rotary International, Betts secured complimentary airline tickets from British Airways and free accommodations at the Time Hotel in New York.



Allan Jagger, president of RIBI, encouraged districts to contribute to the trip, eventually raising enough to give the Dryburghs £600 spending money and an airline ticket for Nicole's brother, Lee. The rest of the money was donated to a charity of Nicole's choosing, the [Teenage Cancer Trust](#).

The BBC news story about Nicole's trip aired on 19 July, 2008.

"I never expected it to turn out like this," said Betts of the media attention. "All I wanted was to give the family a holiday of a lifetime and [for Nicole] to achieve one of her dreams."



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Nov 21 2008	Gareth Morgen	Calgary Prostate Centre
Dec 5 2008	Richard Walker	World Skills 2009
Dec 12 2008	Christmas Party	No meeting
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Dec 19 2008	Laurie Jacques	Classification
Dec 26 2008	Boxing Day	No Meeting
Jan 2 2009	New Year	No Meeting
Jan 9 2009	Ken McKenzie	WestJet
Jan 16 2009	Rick Hansen	Calgary Police Service
Jan 23 2009	Gary Webster	Inglewood Wetlands Project
Jan 30 2009	Janelle Murray	Engineers Without Borders
Feb 6 2009	TBA	Classification
Feb 19 2009	10th Anniversary Gala Celebration	

Proposed Bylaw Revisions

A copy of our current bylaws is posted on our website. The executive has approved the following proposed bylaw revisions:

1. Article VI Section 1 Attendance: The proposed revision is to change the meeting attendance requirement from the current 60% to be consistent with Rotary International requirements, which are currently 50% of meetings.
2. Article X Section 2 Directors and Officers: the proposed revision is to expand the executive to 11 members in order to include the directors of public relations and foundation.
3. Article XI Section 1 Election of Directors and Officers: the proposed revision is to require annual election of the directors of public relations and foundation.
4. Article XIII Section 5 Meetings: The proposed revision is to change the meeting attendance requirement from the current 60% to be consistent with Rotary International requirements.
5. Article XIV Method of Voting: the proposed revision is to permit email voting by the executive when there is an urgent matter, as determined by the President.

Article X section 5(b) Directors and Officers: the proposed revision is to clarify that the Vice-President will become the President-Elect and ultimately the President.

These matters will be discussed and voted upon at our regularly scheduled meeting on **November 28, 2008. Members must attend in person to be entitled to vote.**