

THE STANDARD

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY HERITAGE PARK



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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 FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Meeting Highlights

Another beautiful winter morning at Heritage Park. President David managed to get the meeting going over the usual boisterous crowd and designated Harold Aitkenhead to the position of Buffet Breakfast Greeter so we could all congratulate him on becoming a new member of our club.

Minute People

Rotary Clubs of Calgary Foundation

Peter Harding reminded everyone that we need their cheques soon if they are planning to contribute to the Rotary Clubs of Calgary Foundation.

Christmas Party – Dec 12, 2008



Harold Aitkenhead, our newest member

Peter reminded everyone about the party and advised that he will advise the names of Rotarians that each person attending will bring a gift for. That is they are to purchase a new toy that they think that person would like or reminds them of that person. Wrap it up and put their name on it

so they can open it. Then the gifts will be gathered and taken to Toy Mountain.

Bill Hope – Rotary International. Bill needs donations in by next week to get funds in to RI by year end.

He has a couple of Paul Harris awards available on a



Check page 4 for nominees

Guest Speaker: Steve Rickard

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Steve gave us some back ground information on Micro Credit and a call to action to join in a very successful battle to raise the livelihoods, education and self esteem of millions of people around the world by giving them a method to support themselves and their families.

Facts”

26,000 children around the world die every day

1 billion people live on less than \$1. per day.

Aristotle says – the result of poverty is crime and revolt

Of the 130 million borrowers of small business loans granted to date, 97% have been repaid as agreed.

85% are loans to women.



Steve Rickard

Meeting Highlights

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matching basis.

Ray Gosslin – Chrysalis. Ray presented a cheque in the amount of \$3,000 from our club to Linda of Chrysalis to help with equipment purchases for the center.

New Member Induction:

After having our last two Salvation Army members sent to Kingston, Ontario for unknown reasons, President David proudly inducted Harold Aitkenhead as a new member to our club. Harold's classification is Salvation Army Officer.

Harold has been with the Salvation Army for 37 years and is married to Christine

Garry Gray quickly grabbed Harold to serve on his Community Service committee.

Club By Law Revisions. Bob made the motion that the by-law revisions proposed and published in previous Standards be passed.

After some discussion the question was called and the vote was 23 in favor and none opposed.

Lord Beaver Brook Interact Club. Helen Buchanan is looking for volunteers to help the kids with volunteer work at the Salvation Army and Samaritans Purse. She will send out a list of dates, events and locations.

Veterans Food Bank – John Radermacher. John will be collecting food for the next two weeks and then delivering it to the Veterans Food Bank. He says he could use toiletries and laundry stuff.

Wynne announced the listing of the people standing for the new executive and called for nominations from the floor. The formal election will be held at our AGM Dec 5, 2008

Jacque Brown provided a brief update and picture of Hans Wiesner on his 1000 kilometer walk to raise money to defeat polio.



Speaker: Steve Rickard

Targets

By 2015 Rotary wants to reduce the number of poverty stricken people by 50%

Eliminate poverty totally by 2025

As Gandhi said – Be the change you want to happen

Steve is the Rotary International Micro Credit World Chair so want to get involved or donate contact Steve Rickard.

President David closed the meeting with the quote:

Things do not just happen, they are made to happen.



Have a great week in Rotary.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Happy Bucks

Two birthdays announced – Betty Little and Norm Haines.

Norm provided some excellent old person humor that makes one think twice about getting over the hill.

We were all happy to hear that Asha and Raju were safe from the attacks in India.

Jacque was \$10 happy about her trip to Mexico and the converts she brought back.

Bob Clark was \$11. happy that Calgary won the Grey Cup and Raju and Asha were safe.

Jim Hennessy was happy that Garry Gray was taking over Community Service.

Graham was happy he spent time ringing Salvation Army Kettle bells,

Joe Klassen was happy to hear his friend was returning safe from his trip to Thailand.

John Radermacher was happy to have spent 4 hours on the kettles with Jack Hama

Al Hardstaff happy with the location of the kettles and the assistance from Heritage Park

Bill Hope was sad that the price of gas is down after he put his motor home away for the winter.

Doug Hood had a remembrance buck for his mother who passed away recently

Dennis T happy for ringing bells with David McKeown.



Sheriff Wynne Bjorgan You're BUSTED!

Not a good thing when Wynne steps up to the podium. She nailed the boys at her table for talking and getting her in trouble. She is quite capable of doing both of those things herself.

Got Bob Clarke for losing control

President David for comparing our Standard to the Herald (We are way better)

Jim for giving her a hard time in the lounge

Garry Gray for grabbing Harold – recruiting too early

Joe for second helpings (worth every bite)

Dennis for picking on President David – this is different how?

Graham Drake for not winning the 50/50 – that is salt in the wound.



50/50 JACK POT



Graham Drake was up to bat with only 10 cards and \$1,350 up for grabs.

He had a good handle on the Four Way Test but the joker slipped through his fingers. He did get a good cheer from the crowd for his efforts at eliminating another card from the deck.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park will take place on Friday, December 5, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. in Gunn's Dairy Barn at Heritage Park. The following are the main agenda items:

1. Annual Financial Statements as at June 30, 2008
2. Election of the 2009-2010 Executive

ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY HERITAGE PARK

2009 – 2010 EXECUTIVE

NOMINATIONS

(as at November 24, 2008)

President	Martin Harvey	President – Elect	Bob Clark
Vice – President *	Garry Gray	Secretary (2 year term)*	Bill Hope
Treasurer	Bob Sadler	Club Service *	Laurie Jacques
Community Service *	Harry Kim	International Service *	Jamie Powell
Vocational Service *	Doris Kutrowski	R. I. Foundation * (1)	Graham Drake
Public Image * (1)	Norm Haines		

* to be elected

(1) Assuming approval of the proposed changes to the club's by-laws



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

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

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Executive Director
Anar Dharshi - Assistant - E.D.

WORKSHOP OR SOCIAL?

The Park has a 1500 square foot room to accommodate meetings, classes, and other events. A subsidy may be available for qualifying non-profit groups serving the disability community. Catering services (Safari Hut) are also available. For bookings, please call Anar at 250-2707 or email info@challengerpark.com. Check out our website for all our affordable rates.



Message from the Board Chair and Executive Director

We are now winding down from our 2008 operating year.

We have had some delays on finishing construction this summer but we are positioned to complete all the work in the spring of 2009. The only remaining work to do is laying the sod in the track and field events area/around the track, applying the synthetic surface to the various runways and minor landscaping.

Again this year we continued to move in a positive direction regarding our three (3) broad strategic priority areas. Below are some key successes in each area to date:

Facility Utilization

▪ In our first nine (9) months of the year we had nearly 45,000 person usages at the Park and we should exceed our year end target (our target was 50,000).

Financial Sustainability

▪ We estimate that we

will achieve all our projected allocations to our reserves (i.e. \$92,000 to our operating reserve).

▪ Operations will generate enough surplus cash to finish our capital project on a debt free basis.

▪ Our 3rd annual charity golf tournament raised \$60,000+ (our target was \$55,000).

Community Involvement

▪ Our Everyone Can Play Fund, to date, has supported 17 disability groups.

▪ 45+ organizations have used the Park to date this year.

On the horizon, we continue to explore partnering with another organization in bringing about a 2nd fund raising event. We also are, in the extreme preliminary stages of, investigating expanding the Park to accommodate even more facilities. Stay tuned!

We are working diligently to build upon our suc-

cesses, prudently managing our resources but yet continue to look for ways to make the Park an even more successful destination facility for ALL Calgarians.

We want to always thank: our members, the Board and staff, volunteers, our founding partners, the City of Calgary, our event sponsors and participants, our donors and contractors for their encouragement and support.

We are a place "Where Everyone Can Play".



See you at the Park!

Donald C. Ross C.A.
Chair



Jim Zackowski
Executive Director



Take a virtual tour of our facility on our website

We wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Check out our website www.challengerpark.com



View photos from our events