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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

A cold raining morning at the park and the Gunn Dairy Barn was very cold and damp inside. No doubt because Heritage Park is devoted to the old days when heat was a luxury.

After O Canada, the blessing and the introduction of our always welcome guests, President Martin volunteered Jim Davis, attired in his Harley Davidson leather, as breakfast greeter and plate polisher.



President Martin's opening story was

A clear morning at Heritage Park

about a fellow who was in Costco paying for the usual large bag of Purina Dog Chow. When at the check out a young clerk asked if he had a dog. The answer may have been obvious however the fellow, being rather witty and mischievous, said "No, I am starting my Purina Dog Chow diet plan again. The last time I did it I lost 50 pounds up to the point that I woke up in hospital with several IVs and casts on my leg and both arms." "Oh My Gosh!" said the young clerk.



Jim Davis

"How does the diet work?" The fellow smiled and proceeded. "I simply fill my pockets with the dog chow when I leave the house in the morning. As I get hungry I pop a few pieces in my mouth. The dog chow is scien-

Guest Speaker: Wilfred A Gobert

Wilf is retired from Peters and Company where he worked as an oil and gas analyst and now has his own company WAG Research Ltd.

He is a long time oil and gas analyst and shared his views on the future of oil and gas in our province along with his comments on other organizations he is with including the Calgary Economic Development Board, Fraser Institute, and Fort Calgary before venturing in to the outlook of oil and gas in Alberta and around the world.

Some short notes on each of these topics are as follows:

Calgary Economic Development Board

Owned by the City of Calgary with a \$7 million budget for business development, trade development, work force development, industry diversification and basically selling Calgary to the world.

Fraser Institute

Studies and measures the impact of competitive markets and government intervention on individuals and society.

They study public policy to ensure it is not detrimental to society.



Wilf Gobert



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Rotary International

tifically blended to ensure the right amount of nutrients, protein and minerals, it stays crunchy all day and after a while you get use to the taste.” “It is a great low fat snack and helps me loose weight”. By now everyone within hearing distance was enthralled with this testimonial and crowded in closer as the young clerk asked “How did you end up in the hospital?” “Well” said the fellow with a smile, “I was walking by the park one day and spotted an Irish Setter across the street”.

“When I dashed over to sniff her I got hit by a bus!”



A haze over the park

Minute People

Doug Kinley – reminded everyone about the up coming World Skills competition and passed around the volunteer sign up sheet. If you want to get involved with this exciting event contact Doug Kinley. Doug will also be emailing everyone who volunteered with details on the Volunteer Orientation.

Doug Kinley – reminded everyone about our Wine Festival Thursday Oct 8th and had packages of 10 tickets for each club member. If you need more tickets contact Doug directly.

Zuzana – is looking for pictures from past Heritage Park Rotary events as she is putting together a pictorial presentation for the Wine Festival. Contact Zuzana if you have any pictures.

Jamie Powell – advised there will be a group study exchange going to Moscow, Russia for four weeks in May 2010. If you know of anyone who is a non Rotarian, aged 18 to 40, with 2 years experience in their profession let Jamie know. They are looking for 4 people to send over with one Rotarian group leader.

Al Hardstaff – reminded everyone of our Casino Sept 26 & 27/09

Big fund raiser for the club and lots of volunteers needed

Martin Harvey – advised our first club assembly would be Aug 28, 2009 as part of our usual Friday morning meeting.



Wilfred A Gobert

Fort Calgary

Operated from 1875 to 1915 when it was decommissioned. It was established to stop the whiskey trade in the area. This operation was originally started at Fort Whoop up in Lethbridge but moved to the convergence of the Bow and Elbow rivers.

The city of Calgary originally started in Inglewood but the center of the city and therefore the city itself relocated to 8 Ave when the railroad build their station there on land they owned. Fort Calgary was reestablished in 1975 as a tourist attraction and they are presently in a Capital Campaign for \$33 million to refurbish the land around the fort site to make it in to a 40 acre downtown park and green space.

Oil & Gas

OPEC wants oil price at at least \$75 per barrel and the world economy projects this is were it will sit for the next couple of years. This is not good news for the tar sands business in Alberta as the low oil price and strong Canadian dollar does not make many of the tar sands projects economically viable.

The gas story is also a sad tale. With low prices and higher provincial royalties there is reduced land sales and less drilling activity which means less money flowing to the Alberta Government coffers and decreasing jobs in this area.

Lots of issues here that need to be addressed such as reducing the royalty programs and have the government pull back on spending in these slow times so they do not have to increase taxes on people and companies that can not afford to pay more.

President Martin advised he will be away next week so Bob Clark will step in for him.

Closing Comment

That which comes to those who wait could be just the leftovers from those who didn't.

Have a great week in Rotary

Peter Harding

SUNSHINE REPORT

Sunshine – Norm Haines

No story today but then there was not a lot of sunshine out.

We did have three birthdays

Al Black – rumored to be 96 years old

Max Patel on Aug 18th and Jacquie Brown Aug 19th

Also Peter and Elaine Harding celebrate their wedding anniversary Aug 19th and Norm's notes state they were married in 1881??

Happy Bucks

Happy Bucks – were few and far between today. Either no one was happy or they were too cold to raise their arm and lose more body heat.

Jim Davis was happy that he was off on the National Harley Davidson group ride in spite of the weather.

David McKeown ecstatic that he was a recent grandfather through his son and he has just now been advised his daughter is expecting twins.

Norm Haines is happy to be off for two weeks in his motor home with this wife. She may have a sad buck for that.

Walter happy to have his guest out for breakfast

Al Hardstaff happy to see David Sevelrud in the breakfast crowd

David Sevelrud just happy to be here.



Sheriff: Clancy Ellingson

Sheriff – Clancy Ellingson was initially apprehensive to stand up and fine people however he soon got over that fining Bill Hope and Brian Humphries for being late, fining anyone with out there Rotary pin and anyone wearing jeans which raised a little cash for the kitty.



50/50 JACK POT



Bill Hope was in charge of the draw today and Rob Burton took up the challenge of locating the “Joker” in the diminishing deck of cards. Rob's recital of the Rotary Four Way Test was flawless however he slipped on the card draw finding the King of Spades instead. The pot continues to grow and is over \$500!



Kalyan Banerjee, a member of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India, since 1972, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2011-12. Banerjee will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Banerjee said he would like to see Rotary "blossom from being the world's most recognized service organization to being the most important NGO [nongovernmental organization] in the world.

"Rotary, it is said, has the strength of a government and the tenderness of a parent," he added.

Banerjee is a director of United Phosphorus Limited, the largest agrochemical manufacturer in India, and the chair of United Phosphorus (Bangladesh) Limited. He is a member of the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Chemical Society, a past president of Vapi Industries Association, and former chair of the Gujarat chapter of the Confederation of Indian Industry. He earned a degree in chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, in 1964.

Banerjee has served Rotary as a director, Rotary Foundation trustee, committee and task force chair, International Assembly group discussion leader, president's representative, and district governor.

The chair of the Southeast Asia Regional PolioPlus Committee, Banerjee has served as a member of the International PolioPlus Committee for many years and has attended international meetings with the World Health Organization and UNICEF in that capacity.

Banerjee is a Major Donor, Benefactor, and Bequest Society member, and has been awarded the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award.

Banerjee also serves as a trustee of Rotary club-sponsored trusts that support many educational and community development programs in India, including a 250-bed hospital.

He noted that Rotary's strengths include its ability to attract leaders from different vocations around the world, as well as its role in promoting peace. "Rotary needs to become the preferred organization for today's generation to join and participate in, to make the world better and safer and happier," he said.

Banerjee's wife, Binota, is a social worker and Inner Wheel club member. The couple have two children and four grandchildren.

The 2009-10 nominating committee members are: John F. Germ (chair), USA; Lennart Arfwidsson, Sweden; Keith Barnard-Jones, England; Ronald L. Beaubien, USA; Jacques Berthet, France; Robert O. Brickman, USA; Peter Bundgaard, Denmark; Ron D. Burton, USA; Gerson Gonçalves, Brazil; Jerry L. Hall, USA; Horst Heiner Hellge, Germany; Gary C.K. Huang, Taiwan; Toshio Itabashi, Japan; Kwang Tae Kim, Korea; Peter Krön, Austria; Donald L. Mebus, USA; Gerald A. Meigs, USA; Carlo Monticelli, Italy; Daniel W. Mooers, USA; David D. Morgan, Wales; G. Kenneth Morgan, USA; Samuel A. Okudzeto, Ghana; Luiz Coelho de Oliveira, Brazil; Kazuhiko Ozawa, Japan; Noraseth Pathmanand, Thailand; Barry Rassin, Bahamas; Ian H.S. Riseley, Australia; Robert S. Scott, Canada; Robert A. Stuart Jr., USA; Stan Tempelaars, The Netherlands; P.C. Thomas, India; O.P. Vaish, India; and Yoshimasa Watanabe, Japan.

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ROTARY PIN**



The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Aug 21 Wynne Bjorgan; Rotary Youth Exchange

Aug 28 Club Assembly; First report by Club officers and directors

Sept 26/27 Casino

Oct 8 Wine Festival

