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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

President-elect Bob Clark was at the helm of the ark this morning. Enthralled in that thought, he was soon brought down to earth with a prompt to start the meeting. If that was not enough, he was also offered unsolicited advice on the velocity and tone for the bell. Quickly regaining his composure he asked Surinder to lead us in the Na-



Clancy; The Greeter

tional Anthem, Walter Zuk presented the usual grace and Joe Klassen hosted the breakfast.

Al Hardstaff failed to attract any guests to his table and so had to wait for his food.



The 50/50 Twins

Wynne is the Chair of the Youth Exchange Committee so if you have an interest in this regard, please contact Wynne.

Guest Speaker: Hans Weisner

Raju Paul introduced Lolita and Hans Wiesner from the Rotary club of Red Deer East.

Lolita is a Past President of her club and the Polio chair for the district. Hans is a new, enthusiastic Rotarian who has been married to Lolita for 35 years. A retired chemical engineer, he walked the Camino de Santiago and was here to tell us all about it.

Hans' walk for polio raised \$54,231.84 which helped our district meet its 3-year commitment in 1 year.

There are 4 polio endemic countries in the world and we are asked that each club raise \$2000.00 every year till the virus is eradicated.

The "Walk to Beat Polio" began on October 6, 2008 and took 5 weeks, averaging about 30 kilometres per day (33 walking days). To put the challenge in perspective the 1007 kilometres is further than walking from Calgary to Vancouver (972 kilometres) The focus of the project was



Hans and Lolita Weisner

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Rotary International

Bob put in a plug for the Montreal Convention, where he promises a convention long 'happy hour' in his hotel room. (Only young single females may apply).

Doug Kinley asked for a minute and made two announcements.

- i Wine fest tickets are available for sale.
- ii World Skills volunteer kick-off is on August 16. (information at each table)



The Rowe Boys



Hans Weisner

to help Rotary International to raise funds to help match the \$100 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to RI's "PolioPlus" mission to eradicate polio worldwide. Walk the "Via de la Plata", a 1007 kilometre (626 mile) pilgrim's trail in Spain that is part of the Camino de Santiago. The "Walk to Beat Polio" started in Seville near the Mediterranean Sea and ended in Santiago de Compostela in the northwest of Spain.

In the 11th and 12th centuries an astounding half million pilgrims per year are thought to have walked to Santiago de Compostela and back home again. From Seville, for the first 625 km the trail follows an ancient Roman road (Via de la Plata) north through the rolling hills of Andalucia, and the dry and relatively flat plains of Extremadura and Castilla y Leon. Over the last 375 km the trail veers to the NW crossing two mountain ranges before crossing into Galicia and winding its way to Santiago de Compostela. The route to Santiago de Compostela is marked a wide variety of signs. Generally the markers are painted yellow arrows. They can be any where - on the road, trees, signposts, buildings, curbs, rocks.....

"Mother Nature is a Bitch"

Heat, Thunderstorm with Hail, Freezing temperatures, Howling head winds, Snow, Fog, and 8 consecutive days of rain at the end. He met three other peregrinos on the first day and they stayed together, more or less, for about two weeks.

Hans considers his 2007 walk, the Camino Frances, to be one of the best things that he has done in his life. He considers his 2008 walk, The Via de la Plata (Walk to Beat Polio) to be one of the most challenging things that he has done in his life.

He was thanked by Joe Klassen.

Casanova Bob closed the meeting with the following quote from John Lennon,

"People asking questions, lost in confusion,
I tell them there is no problem, only solutions."

SUNSHINE REPORT

David McKeown is the new sunshine kid on the block.

Walter Zuk and Bob Price are celebrating birthdays while, Jacquie and Wayne Brown and Laura and Harry Kim commemorate their wedding anniversaries.



Martin Harvey is out on the coast observing his Rotary anniversary.

David then topped it off with a story about men being better liars.

Happy Bucks

The pot was over flowing with happy bucks. Must be the sunshine!!

Bill played a round of golf with Wynne. Max is happy Kapu is back. Al Hardstaff was on a holiday and met Brian Morrison. Dennis is going on a holiday with Beth, who is doing very well. Betty is also leaving for a vacation.

Mark Rowe and Jack Haman both had sons visiting. Alec's mother is celebrating a birthday and Rob is happy to be working at West Jet. Jim Davis had a sad buck to thank the club for the condolence messages received. Al Black has two friends in Saskatchewan while Graham Drake who spent 40 yrs one year in Saskatchewan, was not able to make a single friend. Our tax dollars are now going towards Walter Zuk's old age pension. Wayne Brown is happy to be married to Jacquie. Hans Wiesner had five happy bucks for not having to wake up at three in the morning.

Sheriff: Dr. Joe

Health food enthusiast, Joe Klassen rose in the guise of a Sheriff. He was off to a good start by fining himself and the other late amigos, Clancy and Helen. He would have done well to have returned to his seat at this point but he just took off in a vegetarian frenzy and fined the entire club the hefty sum of \$2.00 for their lack in trivial knowledge.

Alberta's motto – Fortis et libre.

The year of the Frank slide – 1903.

The mountain that slid – Turtle mountain.

Waterton/Glacier International Peace Park started in 1932, a Rotary project.

Since 1959, 1 person was killed by a grizzly bear in Alberta.

The first Canadian RC was started in Winnipeg.

Homer Simpson's first Canadian visit; Toronto.

50/50 JACK POT



The winning 50/50 ticket was held by Jim Fitzowich, but he came short of pulling the joker. The \$537.00 goes back in the pot. Yea Jim!!



Joe Donachie, of the Rotary Club of Amherst, Nova Scotia, Canada, enjoyed the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, while staying at home. Someone else's home.

Donachie, a home-exchange veteran, took advantage of the comforts of a Birmingham Rotarian's house while Birmingham Rotarians enjoyed a homestay in his Nova Scotia community.

The principle of the home exchange is simple. "Basically, it's 'You stay in my home while I stay in yours,'" said Donachie, a Rotarian since 1961, who admits he was reluctant about the concept at first.

"I had read about home exchanges, but I didn't like the idea that there was no evaluation [of the participants]." Then Donachie found out about the [International Home Exchange Fellowship of Rotarians](#). "I had been a Rotarian a long time at that point, so I gave it a try," he said.

Donachie found comfort in knowing that he was in a group with fellow Rotarians. Since 1987, he has been on 18 exchanges all over the world through the fellowship, which has about 400 members.

"With home exchange, you can vacation at minimal cost, but there are many other intangibles," he said. "Living in a private home is considerably better than living at a hotel. And the Rotarian has usually arranged for family, friends, and fellow Rotarians to be with you and make you feel welcome, so you live like a local rather than a tourist."

Donachie said that after the convention, he went on another home exchange in Normandy, France, staying in the home of a Rotarian who had hosted his Group Study Exchange team in 2008. He encourages Rotarians interested in home exchanges during the [2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada](#), to learn more about the fellowship and consider joining.

The home exchange fellowship was one of several to have a booth in the House of Friendship at the Birmingham convention. Members of the [International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians](#) planned a number of rallies and stopovers on the way to and from the event. The group had about 91 caravans a few miles away from the convention site.

Fellowship of caravaners

Like those who participate in home exchanges, the caravaners say their Rotary Fellowship enriches their travel experience. "It's pure fellowship – it's wonderful. We call ourselves the best-kept secret in Rotary," said Eric Matkins, of the Rotary Club of Sevenoaks Amherst, Kent, England.

The fellowship members travel in caravans (known in North America as recreational vehicles or RVs) and sightsee on their own during the day, then get together in the evening.

"We caravan in small groups of about 10 to 12 couples. We don't travel together, but we keep our units in the same place for about four to five days," Matkins said.

The fellowship, founded in 1967, holds about 40 events each year. It has about 1,400 members in Great Britain and Ireland, but there are smaller groups of caravaners from France, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and Sweden. Trips are planned throughout the year, even for New Year's.

"We usually have two to three European trips, and in February we went to California. It was brilliant," said Matkins. Learn more about Rotary Fellowships and other [Global Networking Groups](#).

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Aug 14 Wilf Gobert; Calgary Economic Development

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

