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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

In the Beginning... It is Friday the 13th. Must be. There are snow flurries. What do you expect at 6:30 a.m.? Ah.... Rotary at the Gunn Barn. The welcoming Committee is ready. Good Gosh. There is Barry Jarvis.... a long lost member visiting for the day! President David bangs the gong and wrrrrre off! Hennessey leads O Canada, Jamie leads Grace, table guests are introduced and we are on our way with a scrumptious breakfast.



Jamie Powell presenting the plates

Business -

Doug Kinley begin our day with a motion to approve from Vocational Services \$2500 to St. Francis High School in support of a Career fair and bussing. It is approved.

Doug then asks us to volunteer for The Worldskills Competition, in manning information booths; our work will be needed September 2 to 5. All Rotary Clubs have agreed to get involved in this issue. There will be ten booths in all.



The greeting committee



Guest Speaker: Richard Walker—Worldskills

We have been reading a lot about the coming Worldskills Calgary 2009 event to be held in Calgary September 1 - 7, 2009 but this morning gave us a much, much better and inclusive event that is so much larger then anything we have been given to now. Richard L Walker, President and CEO, of Worldskills Calgary was our presenter this morning and he certainly punched home the value of the event. This is a \$55 million dollar

event being held at the Stampede Grounds and it is the biggest event ever held there.

Worldskills is 2/3rds the size of the 2010 Olympics. There is a current staff of 50 and over 3000 volunteers who will be involved in the seven days of competition. Participants are 17 to 23 years of age and from 50 countries of our world. 100,000 school-aged children are involved and 35,000 will arrive every morning, which means a school bus every 16 seconds.



Richard Walker There are 1000 competitors from 51 countries, 5000 International



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Meeting Highlights

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Peter Harding

Giving proof to his claims of young, beautiful and bright to our speaker



Gary Gray tells us about a Puppy Program for a senior's complex just at the gates to Heritage Park.

He asks for approval of the club in providing \$3000 in support of establishing a Scout group serving the communities of Cedarbrae and Braeside. Approved.

The club is then asked to approve a \$12,000 grant in support of a program of the Boys and Girls Club and the School Board that sees a healthy breakfast provided to school children at Ross Carrick School. It is approved.

Gary then invites his committee to join him at the podium and all 12 do so. Some don't look so good because they had a meeting at Graham Drake's house before and apparently the coffee was tainted. Gary introduces Kathy Fyfe of the Epilepsy Association of Calgary to the Podium and presents her with a cheque from our Club. Bonnie Lee Morris, Executive Director, of Canadian Mental Health Calgary accepts a cheque in the amount of \$4000. She tells us about a new Inglewood District home for mentally ill under the theme "Building Hope", a 114-unit facility that will house some with mental illness.

Al Hardstaff tells us about a shift in dates for a Casino at the Deerfoot Casino. We will now volunteer on September 26/27.

Al Black gives us the bad news that we only collected \$2400 for the Sally Ann at Christmas in our Kettle Work. Some say the weather was the cause. Others the terrible location!

We get good news that Wynn is recovering from surgery. GET WELL WYNN!

Speaker: Richard Walker—Worldskills Calgary

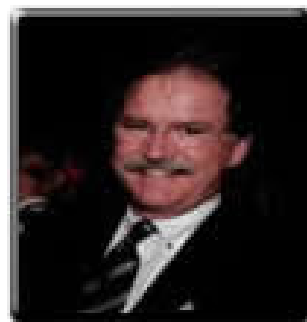
Delegates and 150,000 delegates. This competition will use 80,000 sq. meters of competition space; the Roundup Centre, Big Four Building, Grandstand, Agricultural Building and tents.

This event is to encourage young people to consider skilled crafts careers because by 2020 one million skilled tradesmen in Canada will have retired. \$100 billion in projects hang in the balance.

The impact of this skills contest on Calgary is \$82 billion dollars.

It is an amazing event held somewhere in the world every two years.

Peter Harding thanked our speaker.



Richard L Walker



SUNSHINE REPORT

Graham Drake announces current birthdays for John Rademacher, Ray Gosselin, and Harry Kim. And he tells us a story about seeing golf in a new light!

Happy Bucks

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There are lots of contributors today including – John Rademacher, Walter, Zuk, Doug Kinley, Surinder Khanna, Peter Harding, Wayne Brown, Hans Tideman, Barry Jarvis. Barry Jarvis? Yes, we had the pleasure of his company as a visitor from Grand Forks, BC. We are not sure if he is at the sunrise, downtown or west club there :)

Note to AI “high-tech” Hardstaff. This symbol is a side-ways smiley face, in case you suspected a typo.



Sheriff Bill Hope: You're BUSTED!

Bill Hope nabs Walter, Peter, Gary and Joan.

Bill asked a few trivia questions about love and valentines.

For example: What was the first tv program to show a couple in their bed? He says it was the Brady Bunch. I think it was Dyck van Dyke. Maybe he means in the same bed?

Or: In which state are the most Valentine's roses grown in California? Ooops, we included the answer in the question.

50/50 JACK POT



And the winning ticket is in the hands of John Rademacher. But he doesn't win. Joe Klassen just grins and moves the pot.

To the left is the Bugatti which John also failed to win at a bid of 3.4 euros (really).





Andrew Wright's club was so excited about their use of Twitter that they made two videos extolling its virtues, which they posted on YouTube.

Wright, of the Rotary Club of Cary-Kildaire, Cary, North Carolina, USA, said the club uses the social networking site to contact Rotarians and Rotaractors all over the globe. But the really exciting part of it is being able to link up with other clubs on projects.

"We asked the question would anyone be interested in partnering with our club on an international service project,"

Wright said. "Within minutes of asking that question, we had a positive response from a club in India. The opportunity could be huge for us."

Wright's club is just one of many who have used social networking as a valuable tool. Rotary International now has a presence on several sites, including [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#). As of 12 February, RI had 18,418 fans on its official Facebook page.

Like many Rotarians, Todd Laurie, of the Rotary Club of University Hills, Denver, Colorado, found that demands from his professional life often took a toll on his ability to keep in touch with other members of his club.

"I was already fairly active on LinkedIn. When LinkedIn added the group dimension to their Web site, it felt like a great opportunity to find other Rotarians with whom I would be able to connect," he says.

After searching the site for and recruiting other members who listed Rotary as one of their interests or activities, Laurie started several online discussions about member retention and club identity. Rotarians responded enthusiastically.

"I was connected again!" exclaims Laurie. "And the ideas that were being shared were invaluable. So much information and so many ideas were quickly being communicated across the globe."

In less than a year, Laurie's forum had attracted more than 1,500 Rotarians. Many were joining as a way to help them meet up during their travels, get involved with Rotary club projects and grants programs, and learn about guest speakers for their club meetings. The forum eventually formed the basis for [RI's official LinkedIn group](#).



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Feb 19 2009	10th Anniversary Gala Celebration
Feb 20 2009	No Regular meeting
Feb 24 2009	Integrity awards and RI President Lee Dinner
Feb 27 2009	No regular meeting
May 9 2009	Winter Carnival
June 12 2009	President's social
June 25 2009	RCCHP Golf Tourney
Oct 8 2009	RCCHP Wine Festival

THE END OF THE BEGINNING – A CELEBRATION OF TEN YEARS OF LIFE OF THE CALGARY ROTARY CLUB OF HERITAGE PARK

Al Hardstaff was a member of the Centennial Club. As an almost accepted issue was movement of Club meetings during the summer from the Centennial Club meetings to Heritage Park because of renovations at the Calgary Chamber of Commerce building.

On one of those occasions, Al was sitting with then Park General Manager Rick Smith. Al said, “You know, we should have a Rotary Club here at the Park. Do you think that possible?” Rick replied, “you look after the Rotary stuff and I’ll look after the Park stuff. That discussion led to informal discussions with Al Black, Jim Davies, Walter Zuk, Dennis Tillotson and Al. It was the beginning and there were lots of other discussions at the Boardroom of a company operated by Walter. Chuck Masur of Centennial was the District Governor and he wanted Centennial to sponsor a new Club. He was very supportive of idea of a new Club. Some at Centennial would not be happy that significant members would leave but that happened. Curly Galbraith, a past DG would support in many ways the new club to be called the Calgary Rotary Club of Heritage Park.

The first formal meeting of the Club was in February of 1999. And the Club would begin with 32 members. Walter Zuk became the first President and he expected his term to run from February to the end of June. Oops. He was re-elected to take on the entire next year of 1999 to 2000. What did he think of all of that?

“I didn’t think I was a great member of Centennial. I got tired of supporting all kinds of fund raising events and I didn’t really want to do that. And when the idea of a new Club came up I thought it would be a nice change. I wanted us to have one or two fund raisers but not beyond that. I also didn’t want to meet in the morning other than on Friday morning because I had taken up running and I was doing that every Tuesday and Thursday morning. In my corporate life I believed you should allow people to do the right thing. But I must admit that more direction had to be given. Al Hardstaff and the others were simply great. I am so proud of what we became and are now. It is simply great that all of the Presidents of the ten years are still members of our Club and have taken on even more responsibilities within our Club.”

Jim Davis was elected the Club’s next President. “I was excited to be president of our Club. The big question was “what could we do? We had lots of enthusiasm but no money. And we needed to be careful with what we committed to. Eventually we would commit to a Winefest because it seemed we could raise a lot of money and have fun. We did and we did. I am so pleased we continue to have so much fun within our Club.

“Mr. Bus” – Dennis Tillotson was next and said, “Our club was good and my role would be challenging. The enthusiasm and fellowship was what we all wanted. We had the first golf tournament in my watch and that was part of the decision to have two major fund raising events in our year, every year. And it worked. Everything was simply special and I feel that way today. We had our second Honorary member and that was MLA Ron Stevens. The U.S. Consul General of the time was also made an honorary member. I can’t remember his name. And it was during my time that we began to talk about a Rotary Museum at the Park.

Bill Hope, who could also be called “Mr. Bus” became the next President. And following Bill came Al Hardstaff. “Having been Charter Secretary and then vice-President I guess it was my time. I am so proud that all ten Presidents of our first ten years are still members of our Club and still serving Rotary in so many ways.”

And all the presidents who followed Al were equally committed and strong in their leadership of our Club.

Our City Thanks us for our past and our future.

The Mayor of Calgary, Dave Bronconnier is well aware of the contributions we make to our City. His letter to us reflects all of that.



DAVE BRONCONNIER, MAYOR

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DAVE BRONCONNIER

On behalf of City Council and the people of Calgary, I am delighted to acknowledge the 10th Anniversary of the Calgary Rotary Club of Heritage Park.

For the past decade, members have joined in fellowship and service to benefit not only Calgarians, but also others in communities around the world. Whether it is support of youth, seniors or those in need through organizations like Inn From the Cold, Canadian Mental Health Association, or Polio Plus, your contribution of time, talent and treasure has improved the lives of many individuals and families.

Calgarians lives will continue to be enhanced through your generosity and support. I commend each of you for the vital work done locally and internationally to ensure healthy communities and strong futures for all citizens to enjoy.

Congratulations to the Calgary Rotary Club of Heritage Park members as you celebrate this milestone in your history. May God bless each of you with strength, passion and continued success for many years to come.

Dave Bronconnier
MAYOR

Our Province Knows About Us.

Ron Stevens is very fond of Heritage Park and he certainly knows about our Club.

He was made an Honorary Member a number of years ago. Ron is now our Deputy Premier, an acknowledgement of his leadership skills. His letter says volumes.



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Ron Stevens, QC
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February 6, 2009

Mr. David McEwen
President
Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park
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Dear Mr. McEwan:

It has recently come to my attention the Rotary Club of Heritage Park will celebrate 10 years as a Club on February 19, 2009, coupled with being an integral part of Calgary's Heritage Park ... a jewel in our corner of the city.

Rotarians have long been known for outstanding service to community, and your Heritage Park group are certainly no exception. You honor the community with your dedication - it's wonderful that people of the calibre of the Heritage Park Rotarians are willing to serve.

I'm pleased to offer my warm congratulations on your 10 year achievement.

Sincerely

Ron Stevens, QC
MLA Calgary Glenmore

Curly Galbraith

In those formative days of our Club, one of the go to guys who wanted to support our new Club was Curly Galbraith. And ten years later he still supports us. He was the go to guy for Walter, Al and others in those formative days and he would offer sound advice on what and how to do things. Curly delivered the keynote address on the club's Charter Night. He was made a Charter Member and still is.

Curly has been an active Rotarian for 55 years.... with perfect attendance. He has served on numerous international committees, including vice-chair of the 1996 International Convention here in Calgary. He was founder and co-convenor of Rotary's Stay In School program. He served as vice-president of Rotary International in 1989-90.

The remarkable part of Curly was the phone call we would receive for years and years and years from Curly on our birthdays. Curly is a very special Rotarian to all of us.

Curly is a reason why our Club has been successful in our march forward.

Soall of this is the end of the beginning.... the first ten years.

