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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

Lead by Jim Hennesy, today's breakfast meeting got under way with a rousing rendition of our national anthem. Harold Aitken-head offered Grace.

Speaking of grace, back by popular demand, the ever-popular Hans Tiedemann (Calgary South) graced our meeting as a visiting Rotarian; also back for a return engagement was visiting Rotarian Ed Frausel (Powell River, BC). Closer to home was Keith Brook from the downtown



Rob Burton

club, and Chuck Morrison from Calgary West. Guests included Chief Rick Hansen of the Calgary Police Service and his assistant, Mary Ann Houston.

The Club's newest member, Rob Burton, had the honour of shining plates (no spit-shines, please & thanks) for guests and members lining up for the excellent breakfast buffet. And, as always, our heartfelt gratitude goes



Guest Speaker: Rick Hansen

Walter Zuk had the pleasure of introducing today's guest speaker, Police Chief Rick Hansen. Rick, raised in Calgary, hails from Strathmore. Married and with 3 children, Rick began his police career in February 1975. For two years, Rick took a time out to work for the RCMP at District K headquarters in Edmonton, returning to Calgary in 2007 to become Calgary's Chief Constable.

Aided by a power-point presentation (with the capable assistance of Mary Ann Houston), Rick's presentation was prefaced with the statement that he "has an obligation to report the truth," not something that is sugarcoated or seen through rose-coloured glasses. Referring to a page one article in the January 15, 2009 edition of the Calgary Herald, Rick agrees with U. of C. professor Dr. Cathy Prowse's assessment that "Regrettably for Calgary, we probably got into the game at least five years too late. We were five years too late in recognizing the structure that was already established. We lost valuable time gathering the intelligence."



Calgary has an ever-escalating gang problem, and it serves no one to pretend it doesn't exist. "Street gangs are enjoying a renewal cachet," says Rick, meaning that there is a certain attraction to a gang



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Meeting Highlights

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out to Joan Beleck and the other Heritage Park staff that make our breakfast meetings a pleasure to anticipate every Friday.

Minute Minders

On behalf of Asha, President David circulated a sign-up sheet for this year's annual Integrity Awards Dinner, being held at the Telus Convention Centre on Tuesday, February 24.

Following this week's Club Executive meeting, President David McKeown announced the executive's wish to subsidize the per ticket cost of the Club's 10th Anniversary Dinner for any excess over \$50. Martin Harvey proposed the motion; it was seconded by Rob Burton; motion carried.

Walter Zuk asked those who are going to be guests at the next "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" event to simply click the reply button on your incoming e-mail invitation.

Representing Calgary West's annual "Strawberry Shortcake" fund-raiser, Chuck Morrison circulated brochures, advertising this year's very popular Valentine's Day event. Details include: **Cost:** \$6.00 per serving; **Payment:** Cheque, MasterCard, Visa; **Cut-off Date:** Friday, February 6, 2009; **Delivery Date:** **day before Valentine's Day! = Friday, February 13, 2009.** Check out the website at <http://www.strawberryshortcakes.ca/> where you can download a .pdf order form. This very worthy cause has grown from 500 orders in the year 2000 to 7,000 last year.



Speaker: Rick Hansen

member's lifestyle. The gang problem is very complicated and will require a multi-faceted solution. One aspect of the solution is to aggressively fund programs aimed at elementary-aged school children. Rather than sheltering them from the realities of gangs, it is better to "gang-proof" them so they learn to recognize a gang-related issue when they are confronted with one. Gang members are very young; for those that are killed, there are few older than 25.

Contrary to popular belief, crime is not down in recent years; rather, it is the reporting of crimes that is on the decline; one reason is the gang issue. The days of policing just within the boundaries of one's own city are long gone. Today's police force needs to be in constant touch with police departments in other cities, and with other agencies within the same city.

Gangs have become very sophisticated, and a 1991 Supreme Court judgment (i.e. William B. Stinchcombe v. Her Majesty The Queen) has made it almost impossible for crown prosecutors to secure convictions, especially for "organized crime groups." When a BC judge ruled that the Hell's Angels were not an organized gang, it was recognized there would be little hope for getting organized crime group convictions against the two main Calgary gangs, "Fresh off the Boat" (FOB), and the "FOB Killers" (FK's).

It's not a totally "bad news" story, however. The Calgary Police Service has secured 193 arrests; and there are a number of programs in place, aimed specifically at school-aged children. Examples include "MASST" (Multi-Agency School Support Team), "YARD" (Youth Active Risk Diversion), and "Gateway," a project that also addresses early intervention.

Rick concluded his remarks with the following well-chosen words: "We recognize that the gang issue has to be treated separately from other crimes." He cites the greatest challenges in solving gang-related crimes as being (1) recruiting; (2) code of silence; (3) resources; and (4) the justice system.

In thanking Rick for an "eye-opening" presentation, Doug Hood presented him with a certificate, naming a person in India whose eyesight has been restored with a donation from The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park.



SUNSHINE REPORT

President David's enthusiastic introduction of today's Sunshine Reporter was received by a somewhat subdued Jim Hennessy, who announced that a computer glitch had robbed him of his birthday list. Undaunted, Jim asked if anyone did have a birthday this week; new member Rob Burton supplied the winning information; his birthday was this past Tuesday.



Happy Bucks

There were loonies aplenty to celebrate the return of great weather, ranging from new homes (Zuzana collects the keys today) to Christmas hampers (Garry and the Victory Outreach Church). For the most part, these were "happy" bucks (Jacquie Brown soon to become grandmother of twins), but there was a bit of "melancholy money" floating around too (Jacquie's mom not doing well). Others with happy bucks included Doug Kinley, Wynn Bjorgan, Bill Hope, and Rob Burton.



Sheriff:

Surinder Khanna, barely able to curb his enthusiasm, rushed the podium and, in short order, added to the Club's coffers, thanks to the misfortune of several in attendance. In keeping with the police theme of our guest speaker, citations were issued to Doug Kinley, Wynne Bjorgan, Max Patel, Raju Paul, President David, Harry Kim, Rob Burton, Max again, Joan Bedard, Hans Tiedemann, and Garry Gray. Even guest speaker Rick Hansen failed to duck the greedy gaze of judicious Surinder. Woe indeed! Fortunately, Walter bailed his good friend out.



50/50 JACK POT



We keep the picture of our most recent jackpot winner, President David McKeown until we find a deck of cards and have another draw.



If Rotary is to stay relevant in the 21st century, it must work to improve access to clean water, combat hunger, and expand literacy.

RI President-elect John Kenny set that challenge in front of incoming district governors on Monday, as he rolled out his 2009-10 presidential emphases, noting that *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*.

Kenny stressed that while clubs are the backbone of Rotary, emphases help coordinate the many individual efforts, encouraging clubs to direct their work in the areas where the organization has seen the greatest need and where there has been the greatest benefit.

"We also strive for continuity of service, so that we many continue to go from strength to strength," Kenny said. "In [2009-10], I will ask Rotarians everywhere to continue to learn from our experiences and to build upon our successes. I ask you all to continue to work for the health and well-being of not only children but their families and people everywhere."

Access to clean water

Kenny set water as his first emphasis because "it is the necessity of every man, woman, and child. We could, I suppose, all live without oil, but we can none of us live without water."

Kenny, who has worked consistently on water projects for the past two decades, emphasized that water projects must also encompass sanitation, "because without adequate sanitation, our good work is easily undone."

Health and hunger

Kenny described health and hunger as the tent within which much of Rotary's service dwells. Rotarians who work in the area of health and hunger are also working toward peace.

"How can there be peace in the world when so many will try to sleep tonight without having eaten today?" Kenny asked incoming governors, assembled for the annual International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Literacy

Literacy rounds out Kenny's emphases. "In the words of Nelson Mandela, 'no country can succeed if its future leaders are not educated,' " he said.

"Whether Rotary will thrive or falter, whether our service will mean much to many or little to few, whether Rotary is known with respect or seen as a relic of days gone by – all this is up to you," Kenny said. "*The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*."



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

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	

This week we have will start a serial piece on Garry Gray and the Community Service Choir, which proposed and passed a number of motions this week. After the summary there is a deeper explanation of one of the projects, and we will have a closer look at others in future editions.

- (1) That RCCHP spend \$1,500 from unrestricted funds to provide Victory Outreach Church with an Easter meal and special outing for their clients (second by Al Black); motion carried.
- (2) That RCCHP spend \$3,000 from controlled funds to provide Neighbourhood Link with 25 new and used cribs, mattress pads and sheets (second by Jamie Powell); motion carried.
- (3) That RCCHP spend \$4,000 from controlled funds to provide Calgary Search & Rescue for uniforms and wilderness first aid/cpr recertification (second by Joe Klassen); motion carried.
- (4) That RCCHP spend \$4,000 from controlled funds to provide Emergency Amateur Radio with a continuous power generator for their mobile command post (second by Doug Hood); motion carried.
- (5) That RCCHP spend \$7,500 from controlled funds to provide Habitat for Humanity with eavestroughing on approximately 8 units (second by Wynne Bjorgan); motion carried.
- (6) That RCCHP spend \$500 from controlled funds to provide Haysboro Community Centre with rejuvenation of a worn sign and maintenance of park benches throughout the community (second by Doris Kutrowski); motion carried.



RCCHP sponsors Inn from the Cold's Twelve Days of Christmas program

In December, 2008 our Rotary club donated \$4,800 to fund the purchase of meals for the 12 days leading up to Christmas. From this funding, families staying at the Emergency Family Shelter are provided with a hot meal in the evening, a breakfast the next morning and a bag lunch for the day.

Inn from the Cold is the only place where homeless families can go for help and remain together. In 2008, the Inn was able to open the city's first permanent Emergency Family Shelter. Our Rotary club was involved in donating capital funding for that project as well.

As of November 2008, there were 13 families at the Inn, consisting of 23 adults and 29 children. For more information on the work they do, you can visit their website at www.innfromthecold.org