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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

Led by Peter Harding, today's breakfast meeting got under way with a rousing rendition of our national anthem, followed by Bill Hope offering Grace.

Guests of Harry Kim were Sherry Coombes and Edna Rose (both of CIBC and both potential new Club members), and Garry Gray brought Brian Semeschuk as a guest. Visiting Rotarians included Dave Townsend of Calgary Sarcee and Bryden Horwood of Calgary West.



Harold as greeter

Doris Kutrowski had the honour of dusting plates; those without some role in the June 25 golf tournament were denied the privilege of a dust-free surface. Filling in for Heritage Park's vacationing Joan was a very capable Roland Robichaud and, as always, food service was exemplary.



Minute Minders

- First up was Garry Gray, talking about a fund-raising "Monte Carlo" evening at the home of Zuzana Carter-Edwards on July 24, 2009. Garry



Guest Speaker: Sally Luttmer

Today's guest, Sally Luttmer, was introduced by Helen Buchanan. Born in Montreal, Sally lived for 5 years in that portion of Canada that is now called Nunavut, and she has a son who is an MLA in Nunavut.

Dressed in native costume (complete with papoose on her back), and assisted with a slide show presentation, Sally had much to say about Canada's northern territory, and she spoke very eloquently and passionately about this part of our country that she loves very much.

The first portion of Sally's presentation focused on Rankin Inlet, home of the first Inuit to play in the NHL, Jordin Tootoo of the Nashville Predators. Housing was the next topic and a slide showed us the whalebones used to support early forms of native housing, really nothing more than tents. Modern homes look exactly like ours, except they are built on wood "piles" due to the permafrost.

Transportation is very restricted in terms of our traditional highway systems; in fact, there is only one highway...a stretch of road that is only 70 km long. For the most part, ATV's and snowmobiles are the primary land vehicles, while planes and (in summer) boats are the vehicles of mass transportation.



Sally Luttmer

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Meeting Highlights

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cautions, however, that a minimum of 40 tickets to this fun-filled evening need to be purchased in order to make the fund-raising successful. Proceeds will go to the Puerto Vallarta Scholarship Fund.

- Garry's second duty was to call up members of his Community Services committee for the past year. In thanking them for a very successful contribution to the Club's avenue of Community Service, Garry presented each with a special lapel pin. Well done, all!
- Complete with PowerPoint presentation, Harry Kim provided an update on the June 25, 2009 fund-raising golf tournament, being held at River Spirit Golf & Country Club.



- Visiting Rotarian Bryden Horwood took a minute to promote Calgary West's annual pre-Stampede Parade breakfast, complete with a prime bleacher seat for the parade and located at the corner of 9th Avenue and 7th Street, where the television cameras pretty well guarantee a stellar performance from participants in the parade. For more info, contact Marg Henschel at (403) 278-5576. Tickets are \$37 each.



- Doug Hood, spoke of the 40th WorldSkills Competition from September 1 - 7, 2009.

Over 900 Competitors will compete simultaneously in 45 skill categories during four days of intense Competition at Stampede Park in Calgary. Our Club's commitment is to provide shifts of volunteers on September 2, 3 and 4. A sign-up sheet is being circulated.

- The annual Hays Breakfast was on the mind of Al Hardstaff and, more specifically, the need to fill vacancies for 20 volunteers to serve beverages at six a.m. on the morning of Sunday, July 5 at Heritage Park. And, if you cannot help with the serving duties, please contact Al to offer your clean-up services, commencing at 9:30. Al cautions, however, that this portion of our Club's commitment in this very worthy fund-raising venture can get a little messy.
- Be sure to mark Tuesday, July 7 on your calendar, for the annual Stampede BBQ lunch meeting, held on the grounds immediately west of Ft. Calgary site. This is an "all clubs" lunch meeting and is in lieu of our own Club's regular July 10 breakfast meeting.

Meeting Highlights

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Major retail outlets are called "Northern Stores" which is the current name of the early Hudson's Bay Company. In addition, many local co-op stores have been created to meet the needs of residents. Unemployment is at a record 30% and prices for staples are extremely high as well; a 4-litre jug of milk is \$14.00.

Hobbies often become a source of income for many residents. We are all familiar with the polished stone animal carvings, but another use of rocks is to create a perfectly balanced statue, known as an inukshuk. More than just statues, these are always created with a more practical purpose in mind, mostly as landmarks. Despite the very limited growing season, gardening is a popular hobby.

Music takes many forms, from traditional drum dancing to very modern country and folk singing. Even golf has managed to be adapted to the very rugged and unforgiving terrain. Sally concluded her presentation with the knowledge that Rotary is alive and well in Nunavut and her son, the MLA, is a member.

In thanking Sally for sharing her Nunavut experiences with us, Din Peerani presented a certificate, showing that our Club had restored the eyesight of a 48 year old woman in India.



SUNSHINE REPORT

Our "Perpetual Motion" cheerleader, Norm Haines, led us in singing "Happy Birthday" to Joan Bedard who celebrates another year this Sunday, followed by best wishes to Walter & Jessie Zuk on their anniversary, also this Sunday. In a rare moment of sobriety, Norm stepped out of his good-humour costume just long enough to share a thought-provoking story about differences between a "boss" and a leader. Well done, Norm!

Sheriff: Al Hardstaff

Those falling under the close scrutiny of Sheriff Al Hardstaff included Wynn, Peter, Laurie, Norm, Wynn again, President David and, finally, anyone without both Rotary pin and badge were asked to contribute to the Club's coffers.

Happy Bucks

There were coins aplenty for the pot today...a couple of sad bucks but, for the most part, happy was the operative word. Of note: Bill Hope with some sad bucks on the passing of his brother, along with some kind thoughts for all those in the Club showing support during this difficult time; Betty Little was happy to welcome her third grandchild into the family; Harry was happy to introduce guests Sherry and Edna to a club breakfast and hopes we will see them more often...perhaps as members?

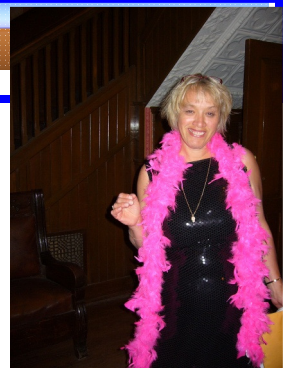
Garry gave up some coinage while bragging about "Team Maui" for next Thursday's golf tourney; Doug Hood had high praise for Bruce McDonald of Calgary South for landing his daughter a summer job at one of the Boston Pizza locations; Doug Kinley wanted everyone to know he and wife, Jackie, will be a "force majeure" at the golf tournament, and he was especially excited about the prospect of getting a few words into the general conversation.

Joan Bedard was grateful for the birthday serenade, and looking forward to two weeks vacation; Peter Harding enjoyed the "Night at the Oscars" social; Clancy had high praise for his recent visit to Belgrade; President David echoed Peter's sentiments of the Oscar night; Walter Zuk bragged about his five iron skills at the forthcoming golf tourney; and Martin was apologetic that his long-awaited CD is not yet ready.



President's Social

A fantastic production by all. Special note to Asha Paul and Bob Clark for an original theme and excellent execution. And of course a cast of thousands backing them up.



50/50 JACK POT



Rob Burton, announcing the winning ticket number, was rewarded with an appearance by one of today's guests, Edna Rose. She was accompanied to the podium by Harry Kim, who was required to recite the four-way test before Edna could draw a card from the deck. She then drew...a card other than the joker...to thunderous applause and cheering.



Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu said Rotary's dedication to peace in the world makes God smile.

During his keynote address Thursday, 18 June, at the Rotary World Peace Symposium, Tutu shared how he envisions God looking down on His creation and crying when He sees all the bad things His children are doing to each other. But, Tutu said, then God looks again and sees Rotary.

"God begins to smile through His tears, and the sun shines through. God says that is exactly why I created them, for goodness," Tutu said. "You and I are created for goodness. You are helping wipe the tears from God's eyes."

Tutu, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient from South Africa, was the keynote speaker at the second Rotary World Peace Symposium in Birmingham, England. For two days, attendees will take part in discussion groups to share ideas and strategies for enhancing peace in the world. The event also builds stronger bonds between Rotary World Peace Fellows, Rotarians, and alumni through social events and networking.

Izabela Pereira, a 2005-07 peace fellow from Argentina, said it was not so much what Tutu said, but the way he said it, that impressed her.

"His way of approaching the subject is inspiring, refreshing," Pereira said. "He carries an immense air of authority that is overwhelming."

Francisco Benavides, a 2002-04 peace fellow from Mexico, said Tutu speaks with a lot of authority. "I think it is encouraging to see someone like him who has been fighting for peace as long as he has, who still believes there is hope."

Tutu also addressed terrorism, asserting that labeling groups as terrorists sometimes does more to hinder peace than help it. "One person's terrorist is another person's freedom fighter," he said.

"When you negotiate, you are not negotiating with your friends. You are negotiating with your enemy -- and often, with the most loathsome enemy," he said. "You don't get to pick who represents the enemy."

Syeda Uddin, a 2002-04 peace fellow from the United States, found Tutu's candor refreshing.

"It is great he had the courage to say the things he said," she explained. "Some of the things he said were very controversial. But because of who he is, his words have an impact."



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

July 3 Stampede Parade; No regular meeting

July 10 Meeting rescheduled to July 7; "All Clubs Meeting" Stampede Rotary Lunch

July 17 Myles Rusak; Parkinson's Society

July 24 Ari Taub; Beijing Olympics

Oct 8 Wine Festival