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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

Avoiding ladders, cracks and the paths of black cats, President David calmly strode to the podium and rang the bell at 7:00 am to bring the meeting to order. All rose while Peter Harding led the national anthem. Joe Klassen



Assistant DG Tony Howard demonstrating his versatility at last fall's DG visit



The greeting committee

presented grace. With grace, Joan Bedard polished and presented the dinner plates. No salt was spilled in the buffet line.

Business Meeting

Community service Director Garry Gray pre-



Club Assembly

Regrets (?) from Martin, who is in Mexico.

Operating without a budget, membership chair Bob Clark reported that an additional two new members: Harold Aitkenhead and Rob Burton have joined our club, bringing the total new members this year to 6. Bob praised the quality and commitment of our new members who are active in their committees and the upcoming executive. All 6 new members were in attendance.

Focusing upon the club leadership plan, Bob made an impassioned plea for all members to bring young, single female candidates to our club. Bob promised to meet with each new candidate and ensured the club that he is actively seeking to interact with all young, single females in his proximity.

Bob reminded the club that Winefest 2009 would be held on October 8, 2009. Donations, volunteers and young, single female guests are required to make the event a success.

Club Treasurer and techno-god Harry Kim dazzled us with a power point presentation highlighting some interesting statistics:

We currently have 44 active members.

Our club is 77% male compared to 78% in Rotary overall.

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Meeting Highlights

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Doug Kinley and Bob Price
contemplate their deep
thoughts last fall



sented two motions:

1. That RCCHP provide Agape Hospice \$1,200 from controlled funds for 4 air beds providing additional comfort and reducing pressure points for back pain and bed sores.
2. That RCCHP provide Hospice Calgary \$1,200 towards supplies for the "Living With Cancer" program to improve the quality of life through counseling, Reiki and massage therapy.

Both motions were passed.

Minute People

Brain Humphrys circulated a sign up sheet for serving dinner at the Calgary Drop In Centre. The original date of May 9th has been rescheduled due to the club's Children's Carnival. The new date is Friday April 24th.

John Radermacher announced that this year's Children's Carnival will be held from 11-1 on May 9th at Hacienda Gray. Donations, prizes and children are needed for this event. All members, especially those currently without children, were advised to get busy.



Our club's average age (after Harry's last birthday) is 57 compared to 59 for Rotary overall.

Our club attendance was 76% in 2007 and 75% in 2008, however there were 60 less makeups in 2008 indicating that our members are attending our meetings.

Harry left us with food for thought and an unusual craving for pie.

Community Service director Garry Gray, with another fancy power point presentation bearing homage to the silent film era. For maximum dramatic effect, please read this portion of the report while humming "It's A Wonderful World":

Community Service's piece of the pie was \$92,000 in total, including prior year carry forwards.

Based upon the club vision and strategic planning initiative, the slices were divided:

\$20,000 for a special project

\$13,600 for the military

\$58,000 for general donations to worthwhile community endeavors.

Garry's committee has a sweat equity project scheduled in Haysboro in June.

Information about our club's projects will continue to be reported in The Standard and possibly local community newsletters such as the Haysboro Horn. Garry has some cheque recipients scheduled to attend our March 20th meeting to speak about their projects.

International Service director Walter Zuk enlisted the assistance of Iuddite extraordinaire Al Hardstaff for a low tech, but informative presentation.

Respecting the club's leadership plan the focus of international service was to: adopt a village, educate children, support micro-credit, work overseas, provide potable water to 5,000



SUNSHINE REPORT

With club members whistling "You Are My Sunshine" Norm Haines announced the upcoming birthday of St. Patrick. This provides an annual opportunity for dressing green, drinking green liquids and getting lucky.

Norm commented upon Brian's clever mother and her unusual use of a ladle as a lie detector. Wise, single Rotarians checked their beds before proceeding to the office. No report is available upon what was discovered.

Happy Bucks

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Bob Clark had \$1 happy for the Flames big win over Detroit, foreshadowing a long Stanley Cup run this spring.

Betty Little had \$1 happy for a week in Saskatoon visiting family.

Jim Fitzowich had \$1 happy for Brier tickets.

Garry Gary had \$1 happy because his truck was loaded and he was heading for powder.

Jim Davis had \$1 happy for encountering Joe Klassen at the Willowpark Liquor Store where a \$100 loan was offered.

Raju Paul had \$1 happy to thank Max for taking on double duties.

Asha had \$3 to thank Max, appreciate a weekend with her daughter and lament being stuck in Chicago.

Graham Drake had \$1 relieved that he was not one of the Canadians who had trouble in Belize.

Wynne Bjorgan had \$1 hopeful for her ill daughter returning from New Zealand.



Sheriff Bob Price: You're BUSTED!

Sheriff Bob Price came out with guns a blazing, to make it an unlucky day for the following:

Al Hardstaff for spreading gossip and lies last week.

Din Peerani for being late for his job as greeter.

Doug Hood and Zuzana Carter-Edwards for arriving late.

Brian Humphrys, Al Hardstaff and John Radermacher for clapping for Wynne's upcoming absence.

50/50 JACK POT



With the pot at \$190, Jack Haman selected Bob Clark's ticket. Bob deftly handled the 4-way test and pulled the joker. In a heart warming exhibition of service above self, Bob immediately made a dinner date with an individual within the club's desired demographic (young, single and female).



Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development

The Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development (RFPD) is the largest Rotarian Action Group with over 20,000 members worldwide. It assists clubs and districts in implementing World Community Service (WCS), Matching Grant, and Health, Hunger and Humanity Grant projects that focus on family planning, maternal and child health, vocational education for women, and microcredit programs. Visit the group's booths, and attend its workshops and annual general meeting at the RI Convention in Birmingham, England. For more information, visit www.rifpd.org.

Help end polio

If you would like to support the polio eradication effort, you can donate through the RI Web site, or use the [End Polio Now cause page on Facebook](#) to make a contribution and get others involved. You can also help raise awareness by becoming a fan of Rotary on [Rotary International's official Facebook](#) page.

U.S. residents can now use their cell phones to make a one-time \$5 donation by [texting "polio"](#) to 90999. Proceeds will go toward [Rotary's US\\$200 Million Challenge](#).

Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group Summit

Register now for the WASRAG World Water Summit in Birmingham, England, to be held Friday, 19 June, before the RI Convention. The program will include addresses by experts in the field, as well as panel discussions and breakout sessions focused on ensuring the sustainability of water and sanitation projects. Find details and enroll at www.wasrag.org.



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

- Mar-13 **Club Assembly**
- Mar-20 Garry Gray and Cheque Presentations
- Mar-27 Garry Gray and Gang - Mexico Trip
- Apr-03 **Classification**
- Apr-10 **Good Friday - No Meeting**
- Apr-17 Ari Taub lawyer wrestled @ Beijing Olympics
- Apr-24 Jock Wilson - Jack Haman
- May 1 ARF - Our golf partner speaks or barks
- May 8 Cst Kevin Zeh Calgary Police Diversity
- May 15 Jeff Raymon - FINCA - Micro Credit
- May 22 Boy Scouts - Graham Drake
- May 29 **Club Assembly**
- Jun-12 **President's Social- No meeting**
- Jun-19 Sally Luttmer - Nunavit

people and support club members involved in international projects.

An additional 3 projects have been supported since October 31:

1. An Australian rotary club has funded the reverse osmosis water project in India, so \$3,000 will return to the international service budget.
2. A water dam in India project for \$5,000 has been submitted for matching grants.
3. Our club has funded \$5,000 towards a Rotary Foundation micro-credit Village Bank in Malawi. We will work through FINCA. The successful Mexican trip on the Keep Kids in School Project of Jacquie, Al Hardstaff, Garry and Wynne will be presented at an upcoming club meeting.

Other projects are being evaluated. International Service has stopped payment on the \$1,000 to the goat project due to concerns. International Service will remain vigilant to ensure our funds are being received and used by the correct parties. While in India, Raju will personally inspect our 3H project and provide his report.

Vocational Service representative Zuzana Carter-Edwards delivered the report and regrets (?) of director Doug Kinley, who is presently in Mexico.

Two It's A Crime Not To read project are being supported by our club at: James Short and Banting & Best Schools.

2 students from St. Francis will attend RYLA this year.

Approximately \$2000 is being held in the vocational budget for The World Skills competition.

Our Interact club under the guidance of Helen Buchanan will visit our club before the end of the school year.

Club service director Peter Harding thanked Al and Max for the set up and signage each week. Editor Joe Klassen and his team of reporters were thanking for publishing The Standard, which is our history in the making.

We are fully booked for speakers into June with the focus on being informative and entertaining. Peter appreciated the club support for special events such as the weather challenging Christmas party and our 10th Anniversary Dinner. Upcoming events include the District Conference in April and an opportunity to tell our President what we think of him in June.

Jessie Zuk and Elaine Harding's efforts are appreciated in organizing Guess Who's Coming To Dinner, which wraps up next weekend.

Treasurer Bob Sadler provided expenses versus budget for the 8 months ended February 28, 2009. Community Service had \$3,507 to spend, Vocational Service had \$1,499 and International Service had \$22,501. Norm Haines has a media budget of \$2,333. Dues increased due to the change in exchange rate and happy bucks/fines increased due to a combination of euphoria and shenanigans, although no specific breakdown was provided.

Overall our club remains fiscally responsible and neither needs nor qualifies for a government bailout.

Peter Harding advised that our club's share of the Rotary Foundation funds is \$10,000, which can only be donated to a registered charity.

Public Image director Norm Haines had a few questions:

How do we see ourselves?

What is a Rotarian?

How are we viewed?

Norm learned a lot about our club while researching the 10th anniversary. We have lots to be thankful for and proud of.

The final question is do we make a difference? The clear answer is that we do.

President David commended our participation with the kettles, the 10th anniversary and the committees. He is proud to speak of our accomplishments at the monthly presidents' meetings.

Our meeting concluded with the thoughts of George Carlin: "Some people see and ask why, some dream and ask why not, while others have to go to work and do not have time to ask those questions".