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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 Joan Bedard, today's breakfast meeting got under way with a rousing "O Canada," followed by Jacquie Brown offering a favourite family Grace. Guests...boy-oh-boy...did we have a bunch or what? Here goes: Evelyn Whitby & Kathleen Smith (guests of Wynne); John McFarland & John Wojtkiw (St. Francis High School Principal & Vice-Principal); Clancey Ellingson (guest of Raju); and Suzanne Demers (Director, Resource Development at Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta - Calgary Chapter). Visiting Rotarians included:



Martin presenting the plates

Catherine Sheard & Ingrid Brestler (Pincher Creek); Rita Boltezar (Lethbridge Sunrise); Wayne Brown (Calgary Millennium); Bill Piechotta, Marion Nichols & David Townsend (Calgary Sarcee).

As always, we are so grateful to Heritage Park's Joan & Neil for providing us all with, perhaps, the best Friday morning buffet breakfast in town.



Minute Minders

President David read a thank you note from Barbara of the "Fuel for School" program, a recent recipient of



Guest Speaker: Habitat for Humanity

Today's guest speakers, introduced by President David, included pretty well everyone who attended last November's mission to Puerto Vallarta for Jacquie & Wayne Brown's very worthy cause. First to share his experience was Garry Gray, who had a personal goal: to investigate a water project which turned out to be somewhat less than "as advertised." His secondary objective was to validate the PV orphanage program and Garry soon had first-hand experience that it was everything and more. After observing adults, who had nothing, come out of the mountains for a hand up (not a hand out), it was Garry's conclusion that these people realized: "*children really are their future.*" Learning that there is no music program, nor any instruments, Garry wants to create a new fund (private donations) for this purpose. Also, there is talk of a five-year plan to bring some of these children to Calgary to attend the Stampede.

Next up was Jacquie, providing an update on the Becas project, which has helped 107 kids: 88 of them are now attending regular high school; 12 at junior high; and 7 at university. A total of \$33,551 has been raised to date, and the goal is to see 100 of these kids through their education programs. A successful application to Wild Rose Foundation will cover 50% of the costs. Jacquie also spoke of Pasitos de Luz, a local NPO whose mission is to help low-income children with any kind of disability. This program offers daycare, physical rehabilitation, special education workshops, medical services, nutrition and hygiene and many other services at no cost. For the coming year, Jacquie would like to ask RCCHP to help this agency out by getting some Wild Rose support. Noting that diapers for severely handicapped children of all ages was a daily necessity at Pasitos de Luz, and in re-



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a Community Services donation.

Garry Gray, as Community Service Director, had the pleasure of presenting Suzanne Demers with the Club's \$2,000 cheque, payable to Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta – Calgary Chapter, in support of Camp Abacus, a recreation facility sponsored by LDAA-CC.

Preceded by an explanation for a decrease in funding from \$20,000 to \$13,000, Garry then proposed the following motion: "That RCCHP provide funding in the amount of \$13,000 to Victory Outreach Foundation – Ogden Site from the Club's 2008/2009 Community Service [uncontrolled] budget for renovations to one (1) key bathroom that will conform to City code and regulations; such funding not to be released until all conditions are met and reviewed by the Club's Community Service Committee; and a Rotary sponsorship plaque to be in place at completion of the project." Seconded by Wynne; motion carried.

Zuzana Carter-Edwards, on behalf of the Club's Vocational Service Committee, invited John McFarland & John Wojtkiw of St. Francis High School to accept a cheque in the amount of \$4,500, of which \$2,000 will help fund the School's annual Career Day event, while the remaining \$2,500 will allow two students to attend this year's RYLA camp.

Marion Nichols, one of the organizers for the Calgary Sarcee Club's 11th annual "Art From The Heart" dinner & live auction, announced this year's fund-raiser event will be held on Friday, May 8, 2009 at the Red and White Club (north end of McMahon Stadium) and this year's proceeds will help fund the purchase of a much-needed twelve passenger van for Hull Child and Family Services. Tickets are \$90 each, or \$600 for a table of eight. Our Club's Jeanette Pyle will be the local contact for tickets.



Ingrid Brestler, President of the Pincher Creek Club, spoke briefly of her Club's annual "Chautauqua" fund-raiser, to be held Saturday, May 2, 2009 in the Co-op Conference Centre at the south end of Ranchland Mall in Pincher Creek. Cocktails at 5:30; dinner at 7:00; program & entertainment at 8:30; tickets are \$35 each. Contact Pincher Creek Rotarian Bev Thornton at 403-627-1165 for more information and tickets.

Brian Humphrys, on behalf of Community Service, needs 25 volunteers to help serve dinner at the Calgary Drop-in Centre on Friday, April 24, 2009 between the hours of 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Al Hardstaff circulated a Club roster sheet, asking members to indicate how many guests they will bring to the April 24, 2009 breakfast meeting, to be held at the newly-completed "Gasoline Alley" in Heritage Park. A close head count is needed to help HP staff plan for breakfast preparation & serving.

Garry Gray is looking for volunteers to serve an Easter dinner at the Victory Outreach Centre on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

John Radermacher, speaking about the Saturday, May 1, 2009 RCCHP 2nd Annual Kids' Carnival, says it's not just a carnival for kids, and it's not just for kids of Rotarians. It's open to the general public, so please invite your friends and neighbours!

Speakers: The PV Bunch

sponse to an on-site observation from Garry that no facilities existed for washing diapers, Jacquie presented Garry with a Heritage Park era corrugated wash board. For this year's late-fall visit to Puerto Vallarta, Jacquie would like to bring a number of back packs, each filled with school basics. In closing, Jacquie referred to the tables used by the Puerto Vallarta locals at the city dump, noting that Garry provided new tops for these tables from his own resources. Many thanks, Garry, for your generosity!

Resplendent in her PV tee shirt and shorts, Wynne's portion of the presentation focused on the fellowship aspect of last year's mission. With the aid of [non-incriminating] slides on the overhead projection screen, Wynne shared the group's experiences with some of the key locals at Becas, including Benny and George (Hor-hay) who is a member of the Rotary Club of Sur.

Wayne concluded the presentation by auctioning off not one, but two bottles of tequila that had been brought back from a private estate tequila factory. Winners of the two bottles were Garry and Zuzana, each contributing \$100 towards Pasitos de Luz.

In conclusion, President David thanked everyone for an excellent presentation, offered some well-chosen words of wisdom and then declared, "Meeting adjourned!"



SUNSHINE REPORT

Sunshine boy, Jim Hennessy, had anniversary wishes for Joe & Carole Klassen (March 25) and birthday wishes for Raju Paul (March 24) and Din Peerani (March 27). A little early for playing golf, but never too early for a golf story, Dr. Jim once again tested the limits of propriety.



Happy Bucks

So many happy bucks, so little space in which to report them. However, here goes: Jeanette, with a whopping ten happy bucks, delirious that the feds finally came through for Heritage Park with a \$9 million grant; Asha & Raju, Joe, Norm, Doris, Walter, Dennis, Al Hardstaff, Bill, Doug, Wayne & Jacquie and, with an also whopping 70 pesos, Gary...all in appreciation to Rotary hosts and hostesses for the latest round of "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" Other notable happy bucks came from Martin (Rotary make-up breakfast meeting in Mexico, whose meeting starts at a very respectable 9:15 a.m.); Peter (whose attendance at a dinner prevented him from being a casualty at the golf dome that collapsed recently in Calgary); Rob (spring fling at Arthur Murray dance studio); visiting Rotarian Marion Nichols (Sarcee Club's fund-raising efforts for a passenger bus at William Roper Hull Home); dentist Jack Haman (Calgary's latest thoughts on fluoride in the City's water supply); Wynne (twisted sisters...need we say more?); Zuzana (leaving on a cruise next morning); visiting Rotarian from Lethbridge Sunshine Club, Rita Boltezar (grateful to Wayne & Jacquie for the overnight stay at their home); Jacquie (finally met twin girls); and Din (grateful for celebrating yet another birthday).



Sheriff: Peter Harding

There weren't many escaping Sheriff Doris Kutrowski's evil eye this morning. Like deer in the headlights, Peter & Brian (late arrival); Joan & Walter (can't remember, but it was w-a-a-a-y bad); all men not wearing ties; all women not wearing blazers; and Wynne, a \$2 levy for wearing shorts.



50/50 JACK POT



The oft-repeated words, "There goes another loser," this time at the expense of our newest club member, Rob Burton, followed yet another round of cheering as the unlucky Rob pulled a non-joker card from the deck. At stake was \$56.50.



The magazine you hold in your hands is one of Rotary's oldest traditions. In January of 1911, a 12-page newsletter called The National Rotarian was published; it contained an essay by Paul Harris, "Rational Rotarianism," along with club news and editorials. Of the new publication, Harris wrote: "The primary purpose of The National Rotarian is to provide a means for the exchange of ideas between Rotarians throughout the world, not to give the national officers an opportunity to express their views. These messages are not written merely to fill space; nevertheless we look forward to the day when they will be literally crowded out by surging mobs of virile Rotarian ideas struggling to be heard."

Today, with Rotary's club membership spanning more than 200 countries and geographical areas, the mandate of its publications is more complex, and more vital, than ever. The English-language flagship magazine, The Rotarian, is edited at RI headquarters in Evanston, Ill., USA, and has a circulation of about 500,000. Around the world, 31 more magazines are published in 24 other languages, for a total of 32 magazines published by the Rotary World Magazine Press, and a total circulation of about 1.25 million.

The RI Board of Directors has designated April of every year as Magazine Month. It is a time to recognize the role that our Rotary publications play in our Rotary lives – and the role that we should play in our publications. For the magazines to live up to Paul Harris' original vision, it takes more than just an editorial staff: It also takes the good work of Rotarians. I always feel that the best part of reading any Rotary publication is the opportunity to find out what other clubs are doing. Each issue, each article, is a chance to be informed and inspired.

In an era when electronic communication seems to be everywhere, the role of the paper-and-ink magazine is still important to our organization. Rotary magazines provide us with an overview of what's happening in different clubs and districts as well as important news and updates from RI headquarters. Even the many Rotarians who regularly visit www.rotary.org will find something new in every issue.



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

- 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

Dear Rotarians and Guests,

Zuzana, Wynne, Jaquie and Wayne and Kathy and I are returning to PV this fall to do some more good work for those in need. This trip is a combination of our work mixed with down time and positive experiences. Where we stay in PV, the facilities are outstanding and accommodation 5 star.

We would like to invite anyone who may be interested in this great experience and helping others, Service Above Self. If interested please contact Wynne, Zuzana, Jaquie or myself for more details. We are already booked on flights as well as our rooms. We have on your behalf blocked off additional rooms.

Rough Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive afternoon cw reception

Day 2: Scholarship program handing out backpacks, supplies and Scholarships as well as administration

Day 3: Probably off for beach, excursions and party with Club Sur

Day 4: Feed the Hungry Program at the Dump for 4 hours, possible project touring

Tuesday Day 5: Probably Pasido's and afternoon at the beach

Day 6: Share the Gift of Music, School presentations and kick off cw School Touring

Day 7: Club Sur Rotary Meeting and fellowship touring (Tee Shirt Factory/Banana Plantation/Tequila Plantation) Possible reception in evening

Day 8: Relax at beach and home

This is just an example of what we are trying to achieve and will probably be doing. You can see that it is a working holiday. We found that by week end we were relaxed and the work was very rewarding!

Rough Budget per person:

Air Fare now \$600.00 CDN

Accommodation: About 90.00 per night per person top drawer accommodations

All other expenses are very reasonable such as meals. You can sit on the beach for about 4 hours with lunch and beers for about \$15.00 CDN.

Well, anyone that's interested let us know as we are now organizing the logistics of the trip!

Yours in Rotary,

G. Gray