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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

President David dropped the gavel at precisely 7:00 on a crisp morning, and through the windows of the Gunn Dairy Barn, daylight could be seen. Led by Ray Gosselin, today's breakfast meeting got under way with a rousing rendition of our national anthem. Mark Rowe offered Grace.

Guests included Bev McMullan & Tim Flaherty of **C.A.R.E.S.** (Calgary Amateur Radio Emergency Services), and Alda Budge & Bruce Smith of CALSARA (Calgary Search and Rescue Association). Visiting Rotarians were Ian Viner of Calgary Downtown and John Price (father of club member Bob Price)

from Calgary Chinook.

Bob Clark had the honour of shining plates for guests and members lining up for the excellent breakfast buffet. And, as always, our heart-felt gratitude goes out to Joan Beleck and the other Heritage Park staff that make our breakfast meetings a pleasure to anticipate every Friday.

Minute Minders
President David



Guest Speaker: Calgary Amateur Radio Emergency Service



Garry Gray had the pleasure of introducing today's two groups of guest speakers, the first being Bev McMullan & Tim Flaherty, representatives of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), a North America-wide communications network. It consists of licensed amateur radio operators and other volunteers, who volunteer their skills and equipment for community service.

ARES-CALGARY is part of this network. Bev described this non-profit organization as "extra eyes and ears for Calgary Disaster Services and Emergency Management Alberta. When disaster strikes, power is out, phone lines are down, we mobilize."

In non-emergency situations, ARES-CALGARY is called upon to provide communications and security stand-by services at a great number of local sporting and other events, such as Global Fest, Tour For Kids, and Strathmore Heritage Days. In 2008, ARES-CALGARY members volunteered 3,745 hours.

Following their presentation, there was a question-and-answer opportunity, and then Garry presented Bev & Tim with a Club donation of \$4,000 to assist ARES-CALGARY in purchasing a portable generator for its mobile command truck.

The next guest speakers were Bruce Smith & Alda Budge, both from Calgary Search and Rescue Association (CALSARA).



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began the business portion of our breakfast meeting by reading some e-mailed correspondence from Mike Smith & Dave Brinsmead (both of Calgary Centennial), Joan & Art Beleck, Rick Smith (our honorary member, inducted at the 10th Anniversary Celebration Dinner), all acknowledging our recent 10th Anniversary as a Rotary Club.

Other correspondence included the Southwood Care Centre, expressing appreciation for the piano that our Club donated.

Next, Garry Gray proposed the following motion: "That RCCHP provide funds in the amount of \$1,500 to the Alberta/Northwest Territory Command of The Royal Canadian Legion to support the publication entitled *Military Service Recognition Book* subject to Executive and Club approval." Seconded by Jacquie Brown; motion carried. This donation will be paid from the Club's uncontrolled funds.

Walter Zuk still has four sets of tickets to the Briar. He also circulated brochures for anyone interested in training at the U of C for the annual Honolulu Marathon, to be held this year on Sunday, 13Dec09.

Next Meeting

President David advises next Friday is a not-to-miss Club Assembly.



Speaker: Calgary Search and Rescue



Aided by a power-point presentation, Bruce & Alda described CALSARA's objectives as:

Although CALSARA's main concern is to search and rescue people in distress, this organization is continually exploring ways to help the community. It has assisted at the Calgary Stampede, Global Fest, Deerfoot Classic Road Race, The Treaty Seven Winter Games and other venues.

Educate the public about the Prevention of incidents requiring ground search and rescue through the instruction of survival techniques (Backcountry Awareness, Prevention).

Train and equip members for efficient ground search and rescue operations in Southern Alberta, as well as civil emergency, evidence handling and recovery.

Liaise with other organizations to ensure effective operations.

As with ARES-CALGARY, this is a non-profit organization, staffed by upwards of 100 volunteers who dedicate themselves to the preservation of life and of evidence, when assisting tasking agencies, such as the RCMP, Calgary Police Service and Calgary Fire Department. There are more than 30 recruits currently undergoing some 80 hours of basic training. To November of last year, CALSARA's volunteers logged 8,932 hours.

In thanking Bruce & Alda for their presentation, Garry presented them with a Club cheque for \$4,000 to assist this worthy Calgary-based organization in funding its operations with the purchase of upgraded uniforms.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Citing this is “as good as it gets,” President David called upon our eternal optimist, Norm Haines to provide the Sunshine Report. Only one birthday boy this week, Garry Gray on March 8, so Norm led the Club in singing “Happy Birthday” to Garry. Norm then gave us his interpretation of “computerese.”



Happy Bucks

The economy must be impacting our usually generous breakfasters, because we had just a handful of celebrators: Garry Gray (for today's guest speakers, plus his appreciation to Al Black, Zuzana and Jamie); Al Hardstaff (a gentle nudge at Bob Price for missing the 10th Anniversary Dinner); Al Black (on vacation the next 3 weeks in much warmer climes); Bob Clark (Daryl Sutter for his finesse in the recent Calgary Flames trades, plus the recent Calgary Pro Musica Society performance of **trio con brio copenhagen**); and John Price (son Bob kept his driveway shovelled the past 4 weeks).



Sheriff:

Jacque Brown, having made some surreptitious and astute observations during this morning's pre-meeting conflagration, cited the following for flagrant violations: Al Black, Wyn, Bob Clark, Bob Price, Walter, Garry, Brian, President David, plus anyone who has not yet registered for the Annual District Conference. A credit was issued to Bill Hope.



50/50 JACK POT



Max Patel, this morning's host of the world-famous 50/50 draw, invited one of our guest speakers to draw a ticket, and the ticket-holder was none other than charter member Al Hardstaff. With \$162 at stake, and having successfully recited the four-way test, Al managed to draw two cards from the deck, neither of which was the joker.



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