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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

'Tis the first of May. The day when in Calgary it is alleged that Spring has finally come...not in the calendar March but today! And the sun is shining. We climb the hill into Heritage Park Village to the Gunn Barn to meet again...the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park. Imagine...this is where cows used to gather and probably cats and chickens but outside would be rabbits. Oh look...scores of rabbits. Across the piles of pipe and gravel, Thomas the Tank Engine emerges from a storage building getting ready to bring joy to thousands! Inside the doors of the Gunn Barn the welcome is warm from Harold Aitkenhead and Wynn is doing her job selling 50/50 tickets. We will have a special day.

ARF is here. That is because of the bunnies!

At 7:00 a.m. President David bongs the gong and brings us to



Laurie Jacques greeting guests last week,

AAAATENNNNNSHUN! Peter Harding leads us in O Canada. Joan Bedard brings us ten minutes of Grace



Guest Speaker: ARF



"We want to foster the humane, compassionate and respectful treatment of all dogs and cats"

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ARF - Animal Rescue Foundation got its start in the mid-90's with the loving care of a chiropractor in Cochrane. The objective was to find homes for abandoned dogs and cats from First Nations Reserves around Calgary. Dogs and cats abandoned, hurt, frightened, sick, lonely ...left to die or survive in way none of us want to think about.

ARF works hard to associated with First Nations Communities and on this day Tara Dwyer and Ann-Marie Patus-Cook speak for their volunteer associates who in a short time have found homes for 3241 dogs and 1242 cats. Tara and her husband are strong supporters of the Foundation and its mission of compassionate and humane treatment of cats and dogs. Tara is actively engaged in the volunteer program at Petsmart. Ann-Marie has fostered over 100 dogs in the last couple of years and that has included multiple litters at a time. She reviews more than 100 applications a month and believes in the adoption process. A second term on the Board of Directors, Ann-Marie has spent a lot of time in the community talking about ARF's Spay and Neuter initiatives and has recently re-introduced Wellness Clinics by ARF.

Meeting Highlights

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and tells us of the miracles of Spring.... and a nice day. Guests are introduced. Nice to have Surinder back again. David informs us of a wonderful moment for a bunch of our members who served dinner at the Calgary Drop-In Center last Friday night. He said it was a wonderful time for all who were there. And then.... Hennessee Tennessee Tootle Yer Flute is named to prepare the plates for all us humble folk. Seems he missed an assignment last week and this is his time to make amends to all of us. And he is good. By the way.... did you notice he has a fungus growing on his chin. You would think a dentist could avoid that! Now to great grub.... and lots of it!

The meeting gets going with a lot on the Agenda. Jack Haman presents a letter of thanks from the Calgary Public Library for our support to "It's a Crime not to Read".



President Elect Martin Harvey talks about the District Conference in Canmore the previous weekend with some 500 in attendance and energized by all they heard. He told us about the jammed agenda with some special moments like the comments from the Flames about the Children's Hospital Hospice; of a potential new three-way test that goes

"What is it – Can we do it? – Get it done!" That seemed to grab all of us. Good news from Martin in that an announcement is expected in the next couple of weeks from the Alberta Government about a program to support International Projects, replacing the Wild Rose Foundation, which was, scrapped in April. That is good news.

Two representatives from G.W. Skene School were in attendance and gave a computer presentation about their music program for Grades 4 and 5. It was so well done. Doris Kutrowski presents a cheque to them from our Club for \$4,000 so they could buy more instruments. Good for us guys! And wonderful for the kids.

Minute People

John Rademacher sold us further on attending the 2nd Annual Family Carnival and there can be no question a lot of work has gone into this event. It is being held at Garry Gray's place and it looks like a lot of fun.

Harry Kim and Our Golf Tournament - Harry presented an update on our Golf Tournament and the progress made is simply outstanding. Well-done Harry. They want to raise \$67,130 and are now up to \$40,943 with lots of room ahead.

Animal Rescue Foundation

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These are but two of the volunteers who make ARF work. Their presentation to our Club told us this small organization is making a difference. How scores of dogs and cats have a chance because of them. How families are benefiting from their care and their love.

Our Club brought them into our Golf Tournament as a Partner this year and they will benefit from the profits raised from the Tournament. What an absolutely great choice.

GO ARF GO!

SUNSHINE REPORT

Wynn and Dale Bjorgan are celebrating their Anniversary.

Bob Sadler and Dennis Tilotson celebrating their birthdays. Imagine – Bob is 94 and doesn't look it.



Late News –

Marion Barrett has resigned from our Club. She was a delight to have around us.



Sheriff: Rob Burton

Rob Burton - nails a lot of folk and well done!



50/50 JACK POT



Wynn draws ticket 973, which is owned by Rob Burton. He recites the Four Way Test flawlessly, much better than the turkey last week, but doesn't win the \$160.00 in the pot!



In this issue of *The Rotarian* and in all regional Rotary magazines this month, you will find a new edition of Global Outlook. It takes a close look at the problem of child survival, and what Rotarians are doing about it. I hope that you will be inspired by the accounts of what your fellow Rotarians are accomplishing – and motivated to expand your own club's work against child mortality.

When I first chose *Make Dreams Real* as my theme and asked Rotarians to focus on reducing the rate of child mortality, I was confident that we would be able to make a real difference. I knew that the same areas that are critical for saving children's lives – water, health and hunger, and literacy – are the areas in which Rotary service excels. And I knew that Rotarians are overwhelmingly the kind of people who would be inspired to work toward this goal.

Still, the way that Rotarians have responded has exceeded even my own hopes. Our club and district projects are saving lives, one at a time, with determination and with success. And as we all work together to eliminate polio, we know that we are saving lives for generations to come.

In the months since Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge was announced, I have had many opportunities to explain to Rotarians just why it is vital that we work to bring so much new funding to the polio eradication effort in so short a time. The answer, put simply, is that we are at a critical, and I believe final, stage in the campaign. Only four polio-endemic countries remain: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. All present obstacles to the eradication effort, such as war, unreliable infrastructure, difficult terrain, poor sanitation, and high birthrates. In India's Uttar Pradesh alone, 500,000 children are born every month. And in this region, the usual number of vaccine doses required to confer immunity – six – must be doubled. Why? Because the children there are exposed to so many different viruses and carry so many different bacteria, all of which "compete" with the oral polio vaccine.

To wipe out polio in these final four countries will take a coordinated effort of intensity and strength, requiring the support and participation of many individuals and organizations. We in Rotary have been part of the polio eradication effort from the beginning, and we are committed to seeing it through to the end. In this way, we know that we will *Make Dreams Real* – not only in this Rotary year but for generations to come.

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

May 8 Cst Kevin Zeh Calgary Police Diversity

May 15 Jeff Raymon - FINCA - Micro Credit

May 22 Boy Scouts - Graham Drake

June 5 Club Assembly

June 12 President's Social- No meeting

June 19 Sally Luttmir - Nunavit

June 25 Golf Tournament