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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

In the Beginning – “Guess what” It’s the first long weekend of summer. Ta Da. And yes, we will ignore the threats of heavy rain and snow that will come on Monday and Tuesday and we will persist in enjoying the sun and the temperatures said to be around 18 on Saturday and 21 on Sunday. Yes we will. And our grass is growing...and so are the dandeeelions. And here we are once



The greeters

again at the Gunn Barn (moooo)...for another great meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park. At precisely 7:00 a.m. the gavel falls out of President David’s hands and hits the gong. WELCOME ALL cries the President and silence commands the room. Joan Bedard brings us to attention with WHOA CANADA. Then Doug Hood with Grace (Mary had a little lamb...what a mess). Our guests are plenti-



Bob Clark presenting the plates



Guest Speaker: Geoff Raymond

Al Hardstaff introduces our speaker Geoff Raymond of FINCA Canada. FINCA is an amazing program. It is a program about persistence, pride, ideas, and survival. It is about a very small loan that can make it possible for people to live, survive and prosper. She can clothe her children, feed them and run a small business that is profitable. She will work to get a loan of \$50 and in four months pay it back and still have a profit. She will send her kids to school and most of all have huge pride in achievement. Without FINCA her children face grim prospects – like illiteracy, malnutrition, one room, dirt floor huts, no electricity or running water, no access to health care.



Geoff Raymond

The FINCA program is successful in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and Eurasia.

Its methodology has a goal of making more small loans accessible to 1.5 billion people worldwide.

It is a program of world change. It is a program that makes a difference. This is a self-employment loan...not a gift. This is not a gift program. It is a “chance” program for all who ask and qualify.



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Meeting Highlights

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ful...like Roy Boettger, President of the Downtown Club and Mark Stiles of the Downtown Club. Great Grub is served and we enter our meeting.

The first big agenda item is presentation by our Club of a cheque to Mark Stiles, while a member of the Downtown Club is also Marketing Coordinator of the Calgary Flames. He receives a cheque from us for \$10,000 toward the Rotary Calgary Flames House. What a great cause.

During a delicious breakfast Al Black has the courage to tell us he just returned from Cancun (aaah-choo). He and his wife had a great trip (sneeze). He told us that he really enjoys bacon now (aaah choo) and that the H1N1 flu was having a great impact on Mexico. The hotel he was in was down to about 30% occupancy and that when he and his wife went to an upscale mall they saw only about 20 people (oink). We all felt so good at our table that Al had a good trip (aaaaa choo). We note that Al had a lot of bacon (oink).

We learned with compassion that Asha Paul's Dad died on Wednesday last week at the age of 92. We offer our heartfelt support to Asha and her family.

We received a very nice letter of thanks from Rosscarrack School for our support.



Mark Stiles receiving a donation for the Rotary/Flames House

Then...heavy business with Walter Zuk who presented a number of motions for approval of the Club:

- To sponsor a Calgary Professional Junior Fellow in the amount of \$3250 for a four-month placement within Engineers Without Borders for a project in Ghana.

- To give Operation Eyesight \$1000 to build two showers/latrines in rural Kenya.

- To give Operation Eyesight \$1000 to Adopt a Village in one of the poorer regions of India

- To give \$600 to a special school in Dajabon, Dominican Republic for Internet Service for one year.

The Board of Directors had unanimously approved all four motions and all four were unanimously approved by the general membership.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOB CLARK....

("Is it a bird...is it a plane? Naw.... its Bob). The President's Social will be held on Friday evening June 12th. Winefest will be held October 8th. Bob is looking for committee members.

Zuzana Speaks..."Please submit your photos taken at the Carnival no later than May 20th"

A special dinner to raise \$3 to \$4,000 at Zuzana's home on July 24th to support the Becus Program in Puerto Vallarta.

Harry Kim announces that Westjet has given a gift of Flight in support of our Tournament.

Wynne asks if anyone is interested in hosting/sponsoring a Youth Exchange Student by 2012.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Jim Hennessy announces that Al Hardstaff is about to have his 72nd birthday.

Happy Bucks

It is announced that more than 12 thousand dollars has been raised in the name of grandson Calvin Martin.

Roy Boettger announces his pleasure at being with us.

Wynne salutes the Team effort in putting together the Family Carnival.

Harry Kim salutes the growing success of the Golf Tournament.

Bill Hope is as generous as always.



Sheriff: Jeannette Pyle

With bulletproof vest she talks about the Suffragette Movement. And all of us that are suffering pay a buck male that is.



50/50 JACK POT



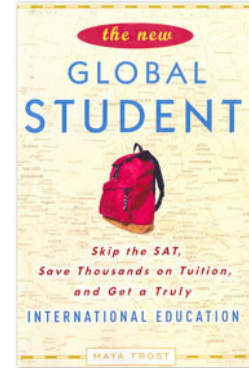
There is \$243 in the pot. Mark Rowe has the winning ticket. But he doesn't win!



Author praises Youth Exchange

Studying abroad is the best experience high school students can have to enhance their lives and expand their horizons before college, author Maya Frost says in her book, *The New Global Student*. June 5

In this handbook for students planning to travel abroad and their parents, Frost writes that although hundreds of organizations offer exchange programs, Rotary Youth Exchange is the best option hands-down.



"Every person I've talked to who went through Rotary's exchange program has, without exception and in every case, told me that it has positively changed their lives forever," says Frost. "It's an extraordinary program."

Frost's articles on education have been featured in more than 125 media outlets. She dedicates an entire chapter of her book to Rotary, offering tips for parents, stories from former Youth Exchange students, and information about the benefits and challenges of the program.

Frost is not a Rotarian but has been involved with Youth Exchange for years. Her husband, Tom, and three of their daughters have participated in the program. Their experiences with Rotary were what inspired her to include the organization in the book, says Frost.

She hopes Rotarians can use her book as a promotional tool for Youth Exchange.

"I think the chapter on Rotary gives Rotarians an opportunity to easily explain what Youth Exchange is about and how it impacts students' lives," she says. "The testimonials are an amazing example of what students are doing with their experience."

The New Global Student will be available in bookstores on 19 May.



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

May 22 Boy Scouts - Graham Drake
June 5 Classification—Rob Burton
June 5 Club Assembly
June 12 President's Social- No am meeting
June 19 Sally Luttmer - Nunavit
June 23 Golf Tournament
June 26 Peter MacKenzie-Brown; Arthritis Society of Alberta
July 4 Stampede Parade; No am meeting
July 7 Stampede Lunch Rotary Club of Calgary; in lieu of Friday am
July 17 Myles Rusak; Parkinson's Society
July 24 Ari Taub; Beijing Olympics



