

# THE STANDARD

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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 Be-  
dard, today's  
breakfast meet-  
ing got under way  
with a rousing  
rendition of our  
national anthem,  
followed by Dennis Tillotson offering  
Grace.



A new perspective

chael Bright (guest of Raju Paul);  
Steve Smith (guest of David  
McKeown); Phil Grout (guest of  
Martin Harvey); and Steve Carter  
-Edwards (guest and husband of  
Zuzana).



Laurie Jacques

Adding to our throng of Friday fare-wellers, do-  
gooders and general confabulators were the  
following visiting Rotarians: Lynda Campbell  
(Stettler); Alec McDougall (Dove Mountain);  
Bryan Targett, Lynn Grant, Hans Tiedemann

A turnout of some 43 for this morn-  
ing's breakfast meeting included: Mi-

### Guest Speaker: Mitch Ravvin, Marilyn Erho

Max Patel introduced Mitchell Ravvin as a Calgary boy, born and raised, who achieved his BComm from U of C in 1984 and then, for a number of years, was a commercial real estate agent and developer in and around Calgary. Mitch loves to help people; he is very passionate and committed to the concept of enriching the lives of others less fortunate and so, in his current role as Manager of Fund Development for the Canadian Paraplegic Association (Alberta), Mitch is a "natural."

Max then introduced Marilyn Erho, Administrative Assistant and Event Planner for the Calgary office of the Canadian Paraplegic Association (Alberta). Prior to her current role, she was employed for 10 years as a reservation agent with one of Calgary's major Hotels.

Marilyn is a survivor of a serious motor vehicle accident; in 1995, her whole life changed in an instant, leaving Marilyn a widow, unable to walk and many life altering choices. Marilyn makes daily choices: what kind of day she wants to have; how to deal with a disability; how she is going to live her life. With much motivation and determination, Marilyn has a positive outlook on life, and offers this ad-



Mitch and Marilyn

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& John Price (Calgary South); Bart Dailley & Dick French (Calgary Chinook); Frank Burns (Calgary West); and Tony Howard (The Rotary Club of Calgary).

Laurie Jacques, vacationing in Europe for the past month, had the honour of dusting plates and, in the process, renewing acquaintances.

### Minute Minders

Opening on a sombre note, President Martin offered condolences to Zuzana and her family on the recent death of her father.

Dick French took a minute to tell us all about the fund-raiser “Putting on the Ritz” gala, sponsored by The Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook. Date is Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at The Carriage House Inn, with proceeds going to Little Warriors, a non-profit organization devoted to public awareness & prevention of child sexual abuse. Call Dick at 403-703-6767 for tickets & information. Tickets are \$125 each; a table of 8 is \$1,000. Deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>.



The Rotary Club of Calgary Fish Creek has a new home: the Willow Park Golf & Country Club; meetings are held Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

President Martin had some well-chosen words about attending the **entire duration** of Club meetings, and the perception that some members have a “need” to leave meetings early and, ironically, just when the guest speaker is being introduced.

Doug Kinley advises that all Wine Fest tickets issued to each member will be considered as “sold” unless returned to Doug by the end of today’s meeting.

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vice to others with disabilities: “Live each day as if it was your last, because you never know when your life could change or end.”

Assisted with a PowerPoint presentation and video, Mitch and Marilyn recited the mission statement of the Canadian Paraplegic Association (CPA): To assist persons with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities to achieve independence, self reliance and full community participation. The CPA offers six core services, with peer support being the founding principle of the Association.

But the CPA is more than a service agency – it is a circle of caring, committed people dedicated to helping others help themselves. The CPA places great emphasis on the power of peer involvement; existing members encouraging those with new injuries as they meet the challenges of regaining control of their daily lives.

Followed by a question and answer session, Joan Bedard awarded certificates to each of Mitch and Marilyn, indicating that, in appreciation for their presentation at this morning’s meeting, two people in India have had their eyesight restored.

**Reminder: No breakfast meeting next Friday.**

**See you all at the Wine Fest on Thursday, October 8, 2009!**

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Our "Perpetual Motion" cheerleader, Norm Haines, singled out President Martin as the only birthday boy (October 5<sup>th</sup>) during the coming week. There are, however, a few significant dates to acknowledge up to and including October 15, since we are not having a club meeting next Friday: happy birthday to Jeanette Pyle (October 12), Corey Olynik (October 14), and Brian Semeschuk (October 15); and happy anniversary to Jeanette & Dennis Pyle (October 8), Al & Donna Black (October 9), Zuzana & Steve Carter-Edwards (October 10), Doug & Kristine Hood (October 11), and Jim & Jo-Ann Davis (October 12).

## Happy Bucks

There were coins aplenty for the pot today...a couple of sad bucks but, for the most part, happy was the operative word. Of note: Al Hardstaff (successful casino); Jacquie Brown (babysitting so daughter can get to work); Graham Drake (another lawn tractor); Bob Clark (the Flames); Hans Tiedemann (San Francisco); Wynne Bjorgan (lawn not big enough to require a tractor); Jim Hennessy (wife Josie's successful hip replacement); David McKeown (attendance envy); Surrinder Khanna (sad for loss of Zuzana's father); Doug Kinley (wife Jackie's uncle's 100th birthday); Bob Sadler (great crew of wine fest organizers); Garry Gray (seeing Barry Jarvis again & great to see all new Club members in attendance); Zuzana Carter-Edwards (happy for her dad's life, but sad that it was cut short).



## Sheriff: Garry Gray

Those falling under the close scrutiny of Sheriff Garry Gray included Wynne, Surrinder, Walter Zuk (in absentia), Clancey Ellingson (in absentia), and anyone without both Rotary pin and badge. Also asked to contribute to the Club's coffers were those who didn't know that "Rotary Canada" was the name of the insert in the Canadian edition of *The Rotarian* Magazine; anyone who was doing some "soul searching" about the Puerto Vallarta trip; and a twooney for anyone who failed to volunteer for the casino.



## 50/50 JACK POT

Filling in for the M.I.A. (missing in action) Clancey Ellingson, Al Hardstaff asked guest speaker Mitch Ravin to "dig deep" into the tickets for a lucky number. Perennial favourite, Bob Sadler, recited the four-way test almost correctly and then drew the king of hearts, much to the delight of today's overflow crowd.



## Rotarian of the Month

Courtesy of Norm Haines – an introduction of our first “Rotarian of the Month” – a tongue-in-cheek, foot-in-mouth, irreverent tribute to any member of The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park. Deserved, distinguished, dedicated...any similar attributes...these are definitely **NOT** what we’re looking for. And who better exemplifies a typical HP Rotarian than Walter Zuk.

According to Professor Haines, noted historian and biographer of the rich & famous, Walter was born in the Ukraine and, when his family moved to Canada, immigration records show the last name as “Zucchini” but Walter, an oh-so-sensitive child (and vertically challenged to boot), had his surname legally changed to Zuk, wishing to avoid bullying and ridicule.



Arriving home from school on one occasion, only to find that his family had moved without telling him, Walter took this as a sign that real estate held a future for him. Walter would have attended today’s meeting to receive his accolades personally, but was unavoidably detained in the Okanagan, selling property under cover of darkness, without a licence, through his infamous “Fly-by-Night” agency.

Hats off to Walter and to Professor Haines for this thoughtful, introspective look at one of our Club’s charter members.



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### The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

- Oct 8 **Wine Festival**
- Oct 9 No Meeting
- Oct 16 **Carrie Scharff** " Personal Defence for Women"
- Oct 16,17 **"Make Dreams Real"** seminar at Rotary House
- Oct 23 **Roxanne Cote** "Distress Centre Calgary"
- Oct 30 **PDG Ken Haverland**
- Nov 6 **Remembrance Day Meeting** "Member/Spouse at Calgary Aerospace Museum"
- Nov 13 **Graham Drake** "Ambassadorial Scholarship/**Clancy Ellingson** "Classification talk"
- Nov 20 **DG Steve Allen**