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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

A good crowd as summer draws to an end and we are all getting back to our normal routines. Rousing signing of O'Canada lead by David McKeown and Harry Kim pushing his luck with advertising in his blessing presentation.

Special event today was the double plate cleaners Hans Tideman and Doug Kinley in recognition of their great work organizing the World Skills event and our club's involvement this fantastic event.



Brian Semeschuk
greeter

President Martin kicked things off with his story

about the blind woman and her three generous sons. The three sons wanted to show their mother how much they appreciated her in celebration of her 80th birthday.

The first son bought her a huge mansion. The second son bought her a Mercedes limo and chauffer

The third son search the world for the perfect gift and know his mother's strong religious beliefs managed to find a parrot trained to recite all of the scriptures from the old and new testaments.

The mother was very gracious in receiving the gifts but shortly after when the sons enquired about their presents she sadly admitted the following.



Doug and Hans

Guest Speaker: Raju Paul

3H -Health, Hunger and Humanity

- Matching Grants
 - \$5000 to 150,000 request from TRF
 - \$5000 – @25,000 requests are handled by staff review and approval
 - \$25,001 to 150,000 – Once a year - October
- 3H projects – up to \$500,000 – Once a year April
 - Long-term (2-4 years) self-help and grass roots sustainable development projects that use an integrative approach
 - 10% - (max. \$25,000) from sponsoring clubs and districts
 - 90 % from TRF
 - Project proposal by June 30
 - Application by August 15
 - Staff review

3H #58000 – Agricultural Development

- Location – Four villages in Uttaranchal State, India (located in the foothills of Himalayas – 300 km (8hrs) from New Delhi, the capital of India)
- Population – 14,000 +
- Topography – Hills rising 500 to 600 feet
- The problems:
 - 50% migration of able bodied men
 - Women and old people are left in the community to do all the work
 - Poor quality of life

3H Project Application Cycle – contd.

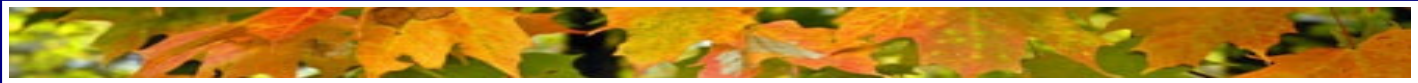
- Site visit by Cadre member
- Review by the Project committee of the TRF Trustees
- Recommendation to the April Trustee meeting
- Consideration by the Board – Approval or rejection
- However, as of July 2009 only 3H projects developed to support water and sanitation projects in Ghana, Philippines and D.R. in collaboration with US AID

Project Partners

- Rotary Clubs of:
 - Delhi South Metropolitan – primary host partner - \$2500.00
 - Calgary Heritage Park – Primary international partner - \$3000.00 +\$5000.00 DDF
 - Dehradun - (3 hrs away and the committee members go to the site every month)- \$2000.00 +\$5000.00 in DDF
 - Villfranche – Sur, France - \$5000.00
 - TRF - \$200,000.00
 - Total cost -\$222,500.00

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She told son number one that the mansion was far too large with too many stairs and since she was old and blind she only lived in two rooms on the main floor. She said that he should sell the house and she would remain in her old cottage.

She told her second son that the limousine was imposing and she did not get along with the chauffeur. Since being blind she could not drive she asked that he sell the car and she would travel by taxi.

Finally she turned to her third son and said "Son, the chicken was very tasty but rather small."

Executive Meeting report.

We have a new application for membership from Steve Smith under the classification of Real Estate Investment.

No meeting Friday morning October 9th as we will substitute it with our Wine Festival the Thursday evening Oct 8, 2009

Motion: That Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park be the lead club in a project in Afghanistan that will build a school. The conditions are that our club does not have to provide anything but our name and all the hours and expertise that will be put in by Raju Paul as the lead contact for this project. Funds will come from other clubs and matching grants.

The motion was carried.

Doug Hood has agreed to head up our club involvement in this years Integrity Awards.

Golf Tourni – Harry Kim presented our cheque to our Golf Tourni Partners Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) in the amount of \$11,500.

The money will go towards the establishment of the Pad For Paws project.

Wine Fest – Bob Clark put forth a plea for silent auction items.

Also Bob sent around a "Volunteer Sign up" sheet.

Bob says many hands make the work easier so everyone can enjoy the evening.

Doug Kinley also reported that Wine Fest tickets were going well but reminded everyone to get their money in and, of course, keep selling.

Towels for the Calgary Drop in Centre – Harry Kim is soliciting towels for the Drop in Centre. Any kind of towel would be appreciated, including bath towels, hand towels, dish towels, face cloths etc. Great opportunity to clear out the linen closet and get some new towels for yourself.

World Skills volunteer thank you. All World Skills are welcome to the World Skills Wind UP at COP this Saturday Sept 19th at 3:00 PM



Rotary International

While we wait for Rotary's independent auditors to complete the audit of Rotary's 2008-09 financial statements, preliminary results indicate that Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation have weathered the recent financial crisis with less damage than we had feared. RI's investment losses dropped from over US\$26 million in February to approximately \$12 million for the fiscal year ended 30 June 2009. The Rotary Foundation, which had suffered more severely in the investment markets, also recouped some of its losses by year-end – going from over \$222 million in losses in February to \$164 million for the year. These reversals, along with 2008-09 spending reductions, enabled the Foundation Trustees to reinstate an additional \$2.3 million in [Matching Grant](#) funds for 2009-10, an action that will strengthen Rotarians' humanitarian efforts this year.

We have seen even more encouraging news in July and August, when market upturns further improved both RI's and the Foundation's investments. These recent gains continue to offset the unrealized losses we recorded last fiscal year. Some Rotarians have suggested that the Foundation consider investing the [Annual Programs Fund](#) more conservatively. Historically, our investment strategy had been extremely successful, enabling the Foundation to finance its administrative and fund development expenses for more than 20 years and to direct almost \$100 million of investment earnings to Children's Opportunity Grants, [PolioPlus](#), and Matching Grants. However, as mentioned in my [3 June letter](#), the current financial situation may prevent us from funding these expenses with investment returns for the next few years. In response to this, the Investment Advisory Committee is reviewing the fund's investment policy statement to address the increased risk and volatility in the financial markets, as well as the Foundation's return and liquidity requirements. They will report their recommendations to the Trustees at the October meeting.

In addition to a brighter investment picture, other measures are also helping to restore Rotary's fiscal health. In June, the [RI Board](#) and the [Foundation Trustees](#) approved austere 2009-10 budgets for RI and the Foundation that include substantial reductions in both staff and volunteer spending. For example, RI President John Kenny and Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn Estess are asking many committees to meet by correspondence or video conferencing this year, a measure that will save the organization many thousands of dollars. In addition, recognizing the need to reduce costs while maintaining effective services to Rotary clubs and districts, I have eliminated staff travel wherever possible and frozen staff salaries. We are currently operating the Secretariat with fewer staff than budgeted.

Other factors are also encouraging. Small membership increases in 2008-09 have strengthened our dues base. In addition, contributions to the Foundation, excluding the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) and [Google Foundation](#) grants, reached record levels in 2008-09 and remain strong this year. Both of these developments speak to the intrinsic value of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation as a force for good in our world. While the worst of the economic crisis may be past, the recovery remains slow and painful. In a world marked by high unemployment, mortgage foreclosures, and failing businesses, Rotary service is needed now more than ever. The RI Board, Foundation Trustees, and Secretariat staff are all working to protect the resources that help to make this vital service possible.

Sincerely,

Ed Futa

RI General Secretary

SUNSHINE REPORT

Clancey Ellingson celebrated his birthday Sept 19th and Mark Rowe enjoyed his birthday on Sept 16th.

Bill and Susan Hope celebrated their wedding anniversary on Sept 17th

Sunshine story was about a little boy standing in the lobby of the church staring at a plaque. The priest approach the young lad and noticing that the plaque was a list of names with a little flag beside each one he asked him if he had any questions.

The young fellow asked what the the plaque was for. The priest said that the names on the list where those members of the church that had died in the service.

The young lad asked "Would that be the 9:30 service of the 11:00 service?"



Happy Bucks

Jacque Brown happy about getting a great deal on luggage from Westjet and finally getting her accounting complete for the 2008 Mexico trip.

Bob Clarke happy that Calgary beat Edmonton in the Labor Day game

Rob Burton happy to be able to ride his motorcycle to the meeting but disappointed that he had to leave it in the main parking lot.

Raju happy that the club gave its endorsement for the Afghanistan school project and he is also pleased to be off to India.

Bill Hope thanked Doug Kinley for all his work at World Skills

Din announced the completion of the construction around his store and the grand opening of the retail block Sunday Sept 13th from 11:00 to 4:00. Hopefully business will pick up.

Graham Drake happy to have purchased two new John Deere dealerships even if they came with a Polaris Snowmobile dealership.

Sheriff: Surinder Khanna

That quiet gentlemanly fellow reminded us that "Fairness was his name but money was the game" and with that proceeded to fairly lighten our pockets.

Caught Din for fumbling the 50/50 tickets.

Max for not ensuring Rob was aware of his duties.

Brian Semenchuk for not reading the Duties report.

Harry Kim for advertising during grace.

Each of the 8 Rotary Golfing Friends for, what else, going golfing.

Asha Paul for not being clear on her introduction of her table guests.



50/50 JACK POT

Din Peerani did the quick shuffle with \$728. up for the winning.

Mark Rowe had the lucky ticket, rattled off the Rotary 4 Way Test but missed drawing the joker from the deck. Better luck next time Mark.



3H #58000

Project Objectives and status as of March 31 2009

- Solution:
 - Use of the barren land
 - Growing the right crop – fruit trees and vegetables
 - Good water management – rain water harvest, drip irrigation
 - Primary health care
 - Vocational training for young adults
- Project started in Nov 2007 and I visited in April 2009.
- Objective 2: Achieve larger areas of irrigated cultivation by better water management
 - 34 natural springs were surveyed and oak trees were planted under three active around the year to rejuvenate and augment them preventing surface run off and to assist percolation
 - Rain water storage from surface run off and roof tops
 - 16 tanks 500 L capacity and 1200 containers of 2 l capacity were distributed
- Objective 4: Improve Health by preventive treatments
 - Two health camps were conducted in cooperation with state govt
 - 361 patients
 - 32 for cataract surgeries
 - 67 referred to gynaecologists
 - Free medicines to all
 - 31 families were provided with pit latrines in conjunction with the local government
- Planting of fruit trees and vegetables for income generation, prevent soil erosion
 - 15,500 trees – apples, pears, peaches, walnut, almonds
 - 50,000 vegetable seedlings were distributed to the farmers – 3.6 hectares with peas, 6 hectares with French beans and 1.6 hectares with cabbage, cauliflower (have taken several truck loads to market)
 - 5000 other trees (bamboo, mulberry, oak, etc) to prevent soil erosion
- Objective 3: Undertake Humanity Development
 - 22 SHG (Self Help Groups) are formed – 240 members (183 women and 57 men)
 - In 17 months they have saved @ 3200
 - Inter loaning @ \$2000 for various micro enterprises (24 borrowers to date)
 - Larger amount for Micro credit was requested for buying cows, goats, sheep and other microenterprises
 - 12 training sessions were given to SHGs on micro credit and micro enterprises
- Objective 5: Vocational Training
 - Computer training for 26 people in two batches
 - Beauty salon – 6 month course for 20 in three batches
 - Adult education for @ 10 people



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

- Sep 18 **Jack Haman, Brian Semeschuk** "Classification Talks"
- Sep 25 **Rod Crutcher, MD** "Hot summer nights in the Sudan"
- Sept 26/27 **Casino**
- Oct 2 **Mitchell Ravin & Marilyn Erho** "Canadian Paraplegic Association"
- Oct 8 **Wine Festival**
- Oct 9 **Jane Waldron**-"Little Warriors"
- Oct 16 **Carrie Scharff** "Personal Defence for Women"
- Oct 23 **Roxanne Cote** "Distress Centre Calgary"
- Oct 30 **Cody Clayton** "Remington Development Corporation"
- Nov 6 **Remembrance Day Meeting** "Member/Spouse at Calgary Aerospace Museum"