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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

It was the dog days of summer. The club was packed, the buffet was interesting and De Prez had his day. He called on Jailhouse Jim to lead us in the tribute to Country and Jewelled Jeanette paid tribute to God. Joker John welcomed the guests and visitors while Holistic Helen



polished the plates.

Lawyer jokes are in season this year and Bardic Bob has an abundance of them.



Mike Bright greets with a smile

Zippy Zuzanna wants you!! Our exchange

Guest Speaker: Jamie Powell

Bubbly Brian S introduced our speaker – none other than our own joyful Jamie who joined our club in 2005. This young man with a young family took days out of his life to train for and participate in the “Ride To Conquer Cancer”. The ride itself took two days and was 220 km long. The 1800 riders together collected \$7.3 million for cancer research., in 900 blue tents. Not to mention the wining and dining and massage treatments!!

The next morning they were back on the road, bright and early to finish the ride.

Jubilant Jamie was 268 out of 1800 and he raised \$5600 for the cause.

Our club donated \$1000. I wish I could have donated too.

Junior Jamie was thanked by Uncle Wally.



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student arrives from Finland via Newark on Tuesday at precisely 11:12 am. Join the rambunctious Rotarians at the Calgary International airport for the white hat ceremony. Be there or be square!!

Gregarious Garry is heading off the Wine fest this year. The date is October 7th. The tickets are \$70 a piece. Brainy Brian S will keep check on the monies. Phew!!

Zesty Zuzanna is in charge of the auction while beautiful Betty and dynamic Doug K will monitor ticket sales. Our in-house sommelier, persuasive Peter will bring in the Booze.

Nifty Norm Haines dawdled on to the podium, while his faithful sidekick, Lengthy Laurie rode in with, surprise!!
“The Rotarian of the Month winner.”

Congratulations to dainty Doris Kutrowsky, well-deserved second time winner of this prestigious parking spot.



Barrister Bob then ended the meeting with a quote from Paul Anka

“For what is a man, what has he got
If not himself, then he has not
To say the words he truly feels
And not the words he would reveal
The record shows I took the blows
And did it my way”

SUNSHINE REPORT

It was Jungle Jim again, this time posing as the sunshine boy.

Wizened Walter Zuk is coming of age. He is now old enough to drink at the wine fest.

Brawny Bob Price also celebrated a much more youthful birthday.

Hopeful Harry is celebrating an anniversary, or so he hopes!!



Happy Bucks

Dutiful Doug paid \$5 for a fantastic family reunion and for the anticipation of a grandchild.

Whimsical Wynne also had a family reunion. Wow!!

Jazzy Joe hiked through Waterton Park and made his way across the border.

Gracious Garry was grateful for all the wine fest help.

Savvy Surinder was happy to have his family present.

Joyful John was happy to be back.

Daring Dennis took a one-way train ride from Calgary to Brooks and somehow managed to get back.



Happy Hans was delighted to wrangle \$5 out of Melancholy Martin when Germany defeated Britton. Short-lived hysteria!!!

Sheriff: Din Peerani

The sheriff was none other than debonair Din who with great benevolence forgave the wimpish duo of Wynne and Walter and the befuddled Bedard twins only to go off on a tangent and request a donation toward the polio plus program.

Great work and \$244 was collected.



50/50 JACK POT



Nerdy Norm actually had the winning 50/50 ticket but barely scraped through the reading of the four-way test and failed miserably to pick the joker.



Rotary International Teaching Tolerance

When she was seven years old, Jamuna Subedi lost her legs, the right one below the knee and the left one above it.

"My neighbor used to tease my father, saying he must have committed lots of sins in his previous life and so he got me as a curse," she says. Family and friends told him that sending her to school was a waste of money, that nobody would marry her, that she'd be a burden for life.

But here's where Subedi's fortunes turn: Her father didn't listen. He fought for her education, and a decade later, she scored the highest marks of any female student on her high school's exit exam. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree and complete an internship with the National Human Rights Commission of Nepal, then moved to Japan, where she attends a prestigious leadership training program. "I gave them a lesson," she says. "According to one of my aunts, nowadays whenever a villager wants to see their children have a bright future, they tell my story of struggle. I think my achievement led them to change their attitude toward disability."

Subedi grew up about 140 miles west of Kathmandu Valley. While Nepal may be synonymous with the precipitous peaks of the Himalayas, her village of 15,000 people lies in the swampy tropical lowlands – called the Terai – on the border with India. The region is prone to flooding, as rivers plunge down from the mountaintops. It's also in the part of the country where Buddha was born.

Today, Buddhist and Hindu beliefs intermingle in Nepal. Both religions hold that the deeds of past lives – good and bad – shape future ones. But in rural areas, where shamans perform rituals dating back to the Stone Age and access to modern health care is limited, villagers believe that disabilities are a fixed destiny. Because of that fatalistic view, parents hide disabled children at home or force them to beg on the streets.

Changing that perception is the goal of an initiative funded by Rotary districts 3292 (Nepal) and 5030 (Washington, USA), and a US\$300,000 Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant from The Rotary Foundation. The Rotarians launched an ambitious marketing campaign to spread the message that no one should condemn people with disabilities to a subhuman existence. "So many things have changed. In today's world, there is help available, there are opportunities available," says Rabendra Raj "R.R." Pandey, past president of the Rotary Club of Patan, Nepal. "We are giving the opportunity to turn bad karma into good karma."

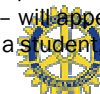
"My mother had a tough time raising us, but she never lost hope. Now we have proved that we are not damaged goods." –Nirmala Gyawali

Ads feature the phone number of a help line that Rotarians launched as part of the 3-H project, staffed by people with disabilities such as Subedi, who worked there before heading to Japan. Thirteen club projects worth \$120,000 are also addressing the needs of the disabled, with plans for more. "You can imagine how society treats you when your very existence is tied to a curse or past-life sin," says Rob Rose, a member of the Rotary Club of Bellevue, Wash., who came up with the idea for the project. "It's the lowest of the low, below the lowest caste. You don't deserve an opportunity; you don't deserve an education."

For many, the biggest coup of the marketing campaign was landing superstar Rajesh Hamal as spokesman. Hamal – the equivalent of Brad Pitt for Kathmandu's "Kollywood" – appears in television and radio ads that have been broadcast across the country since June. ([Find the ads, including one featuring Hamal and Subedi, at www.rotary.org/rotarian.](http://www.rotary.org/rotarian)) He has a close friend who is a paraplegic and a brother who started a center that provides free computer training for people with disabilities. When Rotarians pitched the idea, Hamal was sold on donating his time. "He was such a great find," Rose says.

JWT, an international ad agency powerhouse, is orchestrating the campaign and has donated \$50,000 in services. As part of the effort, Rotaractors will perform street theater, and a comic strip – starring disabled characters who defy stereotypes – will appear in notebooks distributed to all public schoolchildren in Nepal. Four print ads, which highlight a doctor, a grandfather, a student and a professional woman with disabilities, are running in newspapers and are planned for billboards.

Nirmala Gyawali, a cultural orientation trainer, radio journalist, and disability advocate, is the career woman featured in the campaign. She and two of her siblings were born blind; her sister was the first blind woman in Nepal to earn a master's degree.



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Aug 13	Cnst Collin Harris; Calgary Police Service
Aug 20	Jane Robarts; Animal Rescue Foundation
Aug 27	TBA
Sept 3	District Governor; Al Bergsma
Sept 10	Marlo Reynolds; Pembina Institute
Oct 7	RCCHP Wine Festival
Dec 10	Christmas Party