

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY HERITAGE PARK

THE STANDARD



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Wow a full house for our Annual General Meeting and Betty, admitting she needed new glasses struggled reading the names of all of the guests and visiting Rotarians.

President Bob reminded us that December is Family Month in Rotary. With the Christmas season and other holidays upon us we should be thankful for all the blessings we and our families have while also thinking about and helping those folks and families that are less fortunate.

A member of our Rotary family and world traveler whom we haven't seen for a while, Surrinder Khana, was selected as the lord of the buffet line so we could all welcome him back to the club and in return receive a freshly polished breakfast plate.



President Bob who loves his periodic jaunts to Las Vegas provided his expertise on the world of gambling. Bob advises the best way to leave a casino with a small fortune is to enter it with a large fortune.

Reminder that our club Christmas party will be held next Friday Dec 10, 2010 at the Railway Café at Heritage Park starting at 6:00 PM. There will be great food, fun, singing and with all the carryings on it last well beyond 10:00 PM.

President Bob, asking in his role as assistant to Santa, advised that the Rotaract Club of Calgary Metro is having their annual toy drive. Anyone wishing to donate a new unwrapped toy should contact President Bob at work, home or cell. He is always on the job.

Bill Hope, Captain of the Kettle confirmed all our Salvation Army Kettle shifts were covered with the exception of the afternoon of Dec 19. Bill is looking for one body to help that afternoon. If you have not done a shift or if you have and just need to get out of the house for a couple of hours, call Bill Hope.

Golf Tournament 2011. The snow is falling, the wind is blowing and everyone is bogged down in Christmas shopping. What a great time to think about golf. That's what our Doris Kutrowski is doing and she is way ahead of the game this year announcing our 2011 Golf Tournament at River Sprit Golf Course will be June 28, 2011. Mark that on your calendar as soon as you get a new one and remember a sleeve of golf balls is a dandy stocking stuffer.



Garry Gray and his troop of Wynne, Brian and Steve are off to Mexico to continue our good work there.

Annina's week in review. One of the other exchange students has left to return home and although it was a sad occasion Annina forced herself to party as they all wish the returning student a safe trip home.

Annina spent Sunday talking with her mother back in Finland for nearly 3 hours and is now all caught up with the happenings on the home front.

She saw the new and final Harry Potter movie and loved it or at least the first half since she will have to wait for the final part II to be released in the summer of 2011.

She is now in the midst of the fun of Christmas Shopping and wrapping and all the fun that goes along with that.

ASSEMBLY

Martin Harvey went through the process of announcing candidates for the various club executive positions and after receiving no further nominations from the floor he announced the following executive for the 2011- 2012 year.

President—Garry Gray	President Elect—Doug Hood
Vice President—Doris Kutrowski	Secretary—Ferdie Legaspi
Club Service Director—Doug Kinley	Vocational Service Director—Harry Kim
International service—Brian Semeschuck	Community Service—Mark Rowe
Rotary Foundation—Linda Campbell	Public Relations—Meridith Petrie



Membership – Doug Hood was unable to attend so Bill Hope announced our club membership and attendance numbers.

So far this year we have added 2 new members with one member resigning and two transferring to other clubs for a net decrease in our membership of 1.

Attendance average to date is 78%.

If you enjoy the club and all that we do remember to invite a friend or acquaintance out to share in the fun and fellowship.

Garry Gray provided a summation on this years **wine fest** and some suggestions to keep it fresh and healthy as a fund raiser going forward.

We had a net of \$22,474 from this year's event which is the 11th year we have held the Wine fest. Given the age of the event this is considered a success however there are concerns that the event maybe getting stale and some new ideas are on the table to keep this well enjoyed event fun and viable.

A committee consisting of Garry Gray, Jim Davis, Graham Drake, Merriam Petrie, Norm Haines, Zuzana Carter-Edwards, Harry Kim and Peter Harding will be examining the history and options for this event in the coming months. If you would like to be on this committee or if you have an opinion or suggestions for this group contact Garry Gray.



Treasurer Laurie Jacques presented the financial statement information to the club and then presented the following motions:

1. That the financial statements for the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park as prepared by Laura Kim be accepted as presented to the club membership.

Seconded by Jim Davis, no questions raised and the motion was carried

2. That the allocation of the club funds remaining after setting aside \$12,000 for our exchange student program is set at:

50% to Community Service

25% to International Service

25% to Vocational Service

for the budget year ending June 30, 2011

Seconded by David McKeown, no questions raised and the motion was carried.

International Service – Zuzana Carter- Edwards

The International Service committee is made up of the following club members:

Al Black, Helen Buchanan, Lynda Campbell, Jim Davis, Ferdi Legaspi, Garry Gray, Jamie Powell, Jeanette Pyle, Brian Semeschuck, Dennis Tillotson

We have had 3 meetings to date. Each of the members of the committee has been assigned a project to look into and report their findings to the committee.

Some of the projects that are now being considered by the committee are:

School of Champions – a program that supplies breakfast and dinner to children that live close to the Puerto Vallarta dump. Training to become a welder or mechanic. Month long summer camps for the kids of Puerto Vallarta. Brain,

Garry, Wynne and I, will be going to see some of these programs in action when we are in Puerto Vallarta over Christmas.

Share the Gift of Music – Garry has been in communication with Club Sur and the University that will be running the program in Puerto Vallarta. Club Sur is working on getting \$14460.00 and RCCHP with the Grays will be supporting the program with another \$12000.00. The music program will be open to any student that wants to learn to play an instrument. Brain, Garry, Wynne and I will be attending a concert put on by Secundaria #81, the recipients of the gift of music last year in Puerto Vallarta.

Foundation for Women in Liberia Micro credit program – We will be teaming up with Rotary Club of Calgary West, Steve Richards, again in support of this program.

New Life Mexico – this is a program that takes boys as young as 4 years old that are being sexually abused, on drugs, slaves, abandoned by their families off of the streets of Puerto Vallarta and put them into a safe environment. They are taught to trust people again, build their self esteem, get an education and a safe place to live. They will stay at the facility until they turn 18 years old.

We are still investigating some water projects probably in Africa, school projects for girls in Malawi, Africa and Sabrina a program that looks after children with disabilities so that the parents can work during the day in Puerto Vallarta.

The committee has approved 3 motions that I will be presenting at the next executive meeting.

There were a couple of issues raised from the floor.

Raju Paul expressed his concern that the Table Cards that show all of our good works around the world has not been updated for several months despite his previous comments and that he felt it extremely important that these be updated to include the school project in Afghanistan and our on going 3H Project efforts. Garry Gray responded that he was aware of the issue and was working to have the new information card prepared and to have these in place shortly.

Brian Humphrys pointed out that, although we have other International Projects under review, we appeared to be spending the majority of our time and money on projects in and around Puerto Vallarta. He did not want us to become too focused on one geographical area and encouraged the committee to pursue those opportunities in other countries. Zuzana affirmed that the committee is looking at other nation projects while at the same time fulfilling our commitment to our adopted village and programs in Mexico.

Vocational Service – John Radermacher

Projects on the go include:

A student attending the Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa, Ontario in the Spring 2011

2 Students from Juno Beach Academy attending Rotary Youth Leadership program in May 2011.

On going work with GW Skene School, a high needs ESL school.

Continued involvement with the Calgary City Police with It's a Crime Not to Read. Program.

Presently looking at programs with St Joan of Arc School but nothing firm at this time.

John thanked all his committee members and advised that they plan to spend their entire allotted budget.

Club Service – Betty Little

Betty thanked all her committee members, news letter reporters and news letter editor.

She advised we have speakers scheduled up to the end of May and plan to dedicate the speaker spots in June and July to Member Classification presentations. Any new members that do not get the opportunity to speak at that time will be scheduled in by next year's committee.

The annual Christmas party is scheduled for Dec 10th at the Railway Café at Heritage Park. Cost will be added to your next quarterly billing.

Our next Casino is scheduled for March 14 & 15, 2011 and a sign up sheet will be going around.

Guess Who is Coming to Dinner is up and running successfully, with thanks to Ida Hardstaff and Beth Tillotson, and the committee is looking into more fun activities for the rest of the Rotary year.

Community Service – Harold Aitkenhead

Harold did a spectacular power point presentation which I have condensed to the following notes.

A thank you to his hard working committee followed by a list of projects completed so far this year which included:

\$2,000 to Calgary Humane Society – to purchase smart board for their education program.

\$2,500 to Victory Church Foundation – supporting their Christmas hamper program

\$1,500 to Piece by Peace Quilters Guild – providing quilts for the homeless, elderly and sick

\$5,000 to Neighbor Link – purchase cribs and mattresses for low income families

\$1,500 to Veteran's Food Bank – to assist low income veterans.

\$1,500 to The Royal Canadian Legion – advertising support for "Military Service Recognition Book".

\$1,000 to Jamie Powell for the Ride to Conquer Cancer

\$1,600 to Salvation Army – meals at the Centre of Hope and Booth Centre

\$4,000 to Inn From the Cold – supporting their children's programs

\$2,000 to Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary for their "Food and Nutrition at Schools"

\$1,500 Between Friends for the social opportunities, activities and recreation programs.

\$1,500 Discovery House to provide security and support for women and children effected by abuse.

Harold advised his budgeted amount was \$29,450 and he has spent or committed \$26,825 and his committee is working hard to clean up the remaining \$2,625 before the end of June 2011.

He ended by commenting on those wonderful folks looking after the Salvation Army Kettle at Heritage Park in the chilly weather and offered this little ditty:

Shiver and Shake—Make no mistake

It's better to give - Than to take.

God bless us, every one.

Rotary International Foundation – Bob Price

We still have some special Paul Harris awards available so get your \$500. cheque to Bob Price as soon as possible.

RI will take your donation by credit card on line but if you go this route it does not qualify for the special Paul Harris program and you have to let Bob Price know of the donation amount so we can get credit towards the club's annual donation amount.

Public Image – Norm Haines

Norm's focus and motto this year has been "How we see ourselves and how others see us". He believes we are doing some great things to feel good about and to be seen as doing good in the community including connecting up with ARF for our golf tournament.

He had two issues he was working on along with the club executive which were the Rotary Hall museum and our newsletter.

He pointed out that to maximize our public image events needed to be well planned and executed and he stressed that this takes at least 6 months planning prior to the event. He was pleased to see Doris Kutrowski already has the next gold tournament moving along.

So closed the AGM

SUNSHINE—DAVID MCKEOWN

David did more than take control of the lectern; he tidied it up and straightened the banner which was upside down. Oops, hope the sheriff didn't see that.

Lots to celebrate this week with birthdays of Norm Haines, Betty Little, Jim Davis and David McKeon himself.

Also, wedding anniversaries of Din and Nuri Peerani and Doug and Jackie Kinley.

And club anniversaries of Wynne Bjorgan, Doug Kinley and Graham Drake.

Congratulations one and all!

**50/50 JIM DAVIS**

Jim got the crowd going with his announcement that this week's pot was even larger than last week's pot. The ticket was drawn and the number read followed by the deathly silence as everyone checked their tickets but no one jumped up to claim the opportunity to pull that illusive Joke from the ever shrinking deck of cards. At last our Joan emerged from the kitchen with the winning number held high. President Bob gallantly stepped forward and recited the Rotary 4 Way Test for Joan while she focused all her attention on the cards being flared before her. A pick, a draw, a turn and a sad report from the audience as, once again, the joker eluded her. There will be another day Mr. Joker.

HAPPY BUCKS

Must admit to missing some notes hear but I'll do my best.

Jim Hennessy was happy about doing the kettle with Betty

Garry Gray happy about fondue at Zuzana's and seeing Bob Clark in Vegas

Meredith happy about reaching her Movember goal of \$1,000.

Wynne – not sure why she was happy but we are happy she kicked in a buck.

Al Hardstaff happy about Guess Who Dinner at Bob Clark's and Laurie Jacques email getting everyone signed up for the Christmas party.

Bill Hope ecstatic about a Tim Horton's opening in the Brewster Bus Depot in Banff

Graham Drake loved Guess Who Dinner at Asha & Raju's

David McKeown enjoyed his kettle shift with Peter Pallesen

Clancy enjoyed his recent trip the National Title Rodeo

Din had a sad buck as his mother passed away at the age of 93 years. Our prayers go out to Din and his family.

Raju had a mixed emotion dollar. He was proud to be nominated for a shot at RI Director, happy that he made it to the final 11 candidates but didn't make the final cut which in hind sight maybe a good thing.

Doug Kinley happy that Jackie has put up with him for the past 37 years.

Peter Harding happy that his Jacket Racket friend was attending the meeting and also that his mother in law, who makes the world's best lemon meringue pie, has arrived for Christmas.

Bob Clark wrapped it up with \$5 happy bucks for the Guess Who Dinner, time spent with Garry and Kathy Gray in Las Vegas and hearing Roger Waters live at the MGM Grand. In his words the best concert and night of his life, so far.

SHERIFF

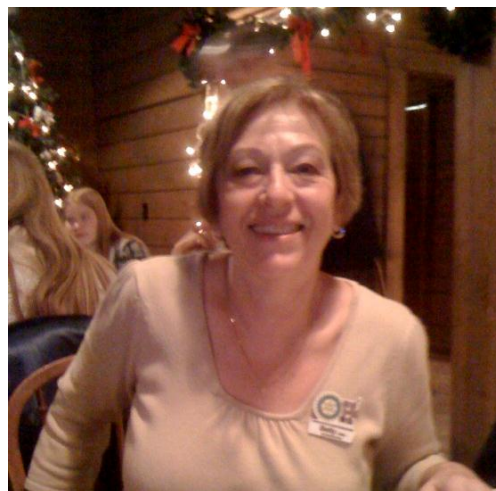
Sheriff – Betty stepped up and immediately remembered David having to tidy up so fined President Bob and Al Hardstaff for a sloppy lectern.

Then leveled her sights on anyone who had not RSVPed to the Christmas Party invitation and also those who responded in the negative. You miss a good time and it cost you a buck.

She fined us for not calling her on her birthday while she waited by the phone the entire day.

Those not finished their Christmas shopping were fined

Jim Davis fined for not having a count on the 50/50 draw



CONCLUSION

President Bob reminded everyone that our regular Friday morning meeting on Dec 10th was rescheduled to the Christmas party that evening. He then closed with a lengthy lyric that I missed as the crowd rushed out of the room.

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