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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

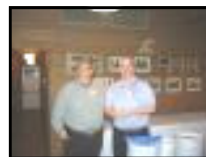
Warm greetings from President Martin on this, the morning of the evening of the opening of the Vancouver Olympics. Led by David McKee, today's breakfast meeting got under way with a rousing "O Canada," followed by Harold Aitkenhead offering grace with a decidedly Olympic flavour.

Tables with correct answers to Martin's Olympic skill-testing questions were treated to the Olympic-sized plate-dusting skills of our very own



Phil greeted and Mark tended to the 50/50

Bob Price & Doug Kinley. And, as always, we are so grateful to Heritage Park's Joan & Neil for providing us all with, perhaps, the best Friday morning buffet breakfast in town. Thank you Joan & Neil.



Our Olympians

Minute Minders

First up, PDG Raju Paul, assisted by an overhead screen projection, provided an excellent status report on the Rotary International Afghan Challenge Project - \$800,000 (\$635K for construction, \$165K for public engagement) to build a school for 4,000 students (70% are girls) in Kabul, where the Taliban had destroyed the previous school.

RCCHP has agreed to be the lead Rotary Club, doing

Guest Speakers: Leanne Dawkins—AESO

Today's guest speaker, introduced by Jack Haman, is Leanne Dawkins with the non-profit energy regulator, Alberta Energy System Operator. This organization, funded by (1) a transmission tariff, and (2) a \$0.175 charge to all wholesalers of energy, has the following objectives to fulfill:

1. Develop and operate the real-time market, much in the same way that air traffic controllers are responsible for the air traffic within their jurisdiction.
2. Operate the transmission and identify infrastructure needs.
3. Transmission system access.
4. Direct the operation of the transmission grid.

Some interesting facts about Alberta's power grid:

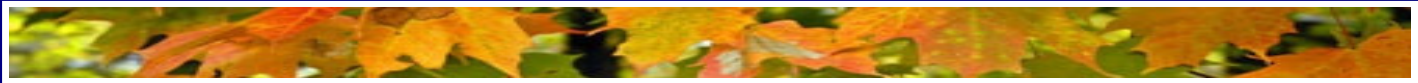
- 22,322 km of transmission lines
- 660,000 sq km of land as a single control area
- 167+ generating units
- more than 13,000 megawatts total generating capacity as at september 2009
- more companies waiting to enter the grid, but not enough infrastructure to increase capacity
- Alberta is one of the least connected sovereign states in North America; only PEI is less



Leanne Dawkins with President Martin

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project management, including all the banking, while the RC of Winnipeg has agreed to collect all the donations.

The “public engagement” component involves Canadian high school students engaging with students in Jalalabad.

Next, our very own “Man in Motion,” Jamie Powell, had a bit of International Service Committee business in the form of motions:

1. India Water Project (Raju) – background: A few years ago the India Canada Association had given RCCHP \$10,000 to use towards a water project in India. From previous motions the International Committee had set aside \$8,000 to go along with this project. Last year, we had applied for a matching grant for three check dams for rain water harvesting but didn’t receive the matching grant as TFR ran out of money. We are now looking at a reduced project of two dams. We are in need of \$15,300 which \$10,000 is from the India Canada Association and the proceeds have been sitting in RCCHP’s account for some time. There is a Rotary Club in India that will coordinate the funds, the disbursements and the construction.

Motion: “That the RCCHP provide \$5,300 from uncontrolled funds to go along with the \$10,000 from the India Canada association to build two check dams in India.” Second by Bob Sadler – motion carried.

2. Global Youth Network – background: a 2nd year med student, Kaitlynn Nadeau, is going to Nepal for a month to do some volunteer work at an orphanage with a group called Global Youth Network. Global Youth Network has been around since 1996 and takes 200 hundred kids annually on overseas charitable trips.

Motion: “That the RCCHP provide \$1,000 of the \$3,800 expense to Kaitlynn to go to Nepal to work at an orphanage for one month with the following conditions: that if she does not attend the trip the money does not get released; that she take a RCCHP backpack with her; and that she gives us a brief presentation talking about her trip on her return.” Second by Bob Clark – motion carried.

3. Afghanistan School Project (Raju) – **Motion:** “That the RCCHP donate \$3,000 as the lead club in the Afghanistan school project to support the building of a new school for 4,000 kids.” Second by Dennis Tillotson – motion carried.

Not to be outdone by the young upstart Jamie, Community Service Committee Director, Harry Kim, showed that he had a few moves of his own:

Motion #1: “To donate \$3,000 to the Canadian Paraplegic Association to assist one individual to recover from a spinal injury or other physical disabilities, over a period of 14 months. The 14 months of service include, assisting 2 months in the hospital and another 12 months once the patient is released from hospital to transition back into the community.” Second by John Radermacher – motion carried.

Motion #2: “To donate \$1,000 to Alberta Cancer Foundation in support of Jamie Powell, in his quest to raise money for the “Ride to Conquer Cancer.” Second by Raju Paul – motion carried.

Motion #3: “To donate \$5,000 to the Neighbour Link of Calgary to purchase 14 new cribs and mattresses to help low-income disadvantaged Calgarians under their program called Infants and Children Under 2.” Second by Ray Gosselin – motion carried.

Poor Doris – the Vocational Service Committee Director could manage but one motion:

Motion: “The Rotary Club of Heritage Park donates \$2,500 for the purchase of a Telescoping Overhead Ventilation System for each of Motive Action’s hoists and a 22 inch Drill Press.” Second by Betty Little – motion carried.



Sunrise over the reservoir



Raju Paul

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In appreciation for Leanne's presentation today, Jamie Powell gave her a certificate, indicating that the eyesight of a person in India has been restored.

In conclusion, President Martin offered some well-chosen words of wisdom: "Worrying is like sitting in a rocking chair; it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere."



SUNSHINE REPORT

Sunshine boy, John Radermacher, had anniversary wishes for Rob & Kristine Burton (February 20) and birthday wishes for Harry Kim & Ray Gosselin, both on February 15. Club membership anniversary boys include Raju Paul (February 15) and Al Hardstaff (February 23).



Happy Bucks

So many happy bucks, so little time in which to praise them.



Sheriff: Wynne Bjorgan

There weren't many escaping Sheriff Wynne Bjorgan's evil eye this morning. Like deer in the headlights, her fellow clubmates just didn't stand a chance. Way to go, Wynne!



50/50 JACK POT



The oft-repeated words, "There goes another loser," this time at the expense of visiting Rotarian, Brian Gentles from Calgary North, followed yet another round of cheering as the unlucky Brian pulled a non-joker card from the deck. At stake was \$1,650.



Rotary International

A Rotary club chartered during the last Winter Olympics in Canada has teamed up with a charity to make wishes come true for six children with life-threatening illnesses.

As the Olympic Games return to the country this month, The Rotary Club of Calgary Olympic, Alberta, is working with the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada to provide accommodations for the children, ages 4-14, so they can attend.

"Our club wanted to do something special since the Olympics are back in Canada," says Tamara McCarron, club member and project chair. "We are thrilled to make a difference in these children's lives. It's a dream come true for them and for me."

This year's games will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia. With most of the area's hotels booked, McCarron found Home for the Games, a website that matches visitors with Vancouver hosts for short-term homestays. The club spent US\$30,000 for lodging for the six families. Home for the Games funnels 50 per cent of the housing fees to charities that help the homeless in Vancouver.

"I was lucky enough to come across an ad in *The Rotarian* magazine for Home for the Games. It's a win, win, win for our club, the Children's Wish Foundation, and local charities of Vancouver," says McCarron, who joined the club last year. "It's a huge effort, but having the resources of Rotary made things smoother."

The six families, who live in different parts of Canada, will attend several events at the games from 12 to 28 February, including the highly anticipated men's gold medal hockey game. The Children's Wish Foundation worked with Olympic officials to allow one of the girls to pick up flowers thrown into the rink by spectators during a figure skating medal round.

"We're creating a legacy for these children and their families," says Tara Johnson, the club's community service chair. "This project is very symbolic of what Rotary does for people who live at a disadvantage."

"The assistance and support of Rotarians from across Canada, specifically those from the Rotary Club of Calgary Olympic, have made it possible to send the children to share an unforgettable Olympic experience with their families," says Lyanne Goulin, director of the foundation.

[RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine](#) will be filming the children's Olympic experience for a future issue. Also look for footage in a video about the 100-year history of Rotary in Canada, to be shown at the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec.



Ava Caron is one of six children with life-threatening illnesses who will be attending the Olympic Games in Vancouver, British Columbia, through efforts of the Rotary Club of Calgary Olympic and the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. Photo courtesy Children's Wish Foundation



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Feb 19	Susan Veres; Calgary Municipal Land Corp Calgary's East Village
Feb 26	Garry Gray & membership committee
Mar 5	Club Assembly and Strategic Plan
Mar 12	Wynne & youth exchange committee
Mar 19	Asha Paul—Photo Journal of Israel Tour
Apr 2	No Meeting; Good Friday
June 11	President's Social
June 29	Golf Tournament