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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 breath of fresh air – at least, a breath that doesn't get frozen half way down one's oesophagus – welcomed members, guests and visiting Rotarians on this fine Friday – the first meeting of the New Year and the New Decade. Led by Peter Harding, today's breakfast meeting got under way with a rousing rendition of our national anthem, followed by Max Patel offering Grace.



Guests were introduced by Joan Bedard

Zuzanna and Al greeting attendees

included Julie Bousfield (guest of Doris), Lynda Graham (guest of Graham Drake), and Mike Black (guest of Rob Burton). Among visiting Rotarians were the usual suspects: John Price (Calgary South), and Alex McDougall (RC of Marana Dove Mountain, Tucson, AZ). One of the Club's newest members (and without doubt the tallest), Phil Grout, had the honour of dusting plates.



Phil on his first duty

Minute Minders

With Garry Gray standing in as sponsor for the absent Graham Drake, President Martin had the privilege of inducting Lynda Campbell (Graham knew Lynda way

Guest Speakers: Garry Gray and Doris Kutrowski

Garry Gray led the attack with a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting a spin-off project from the Club's already successful Puerto Vallarta program. Titled "The Gift of Music," this project is designed to provide a "hand up" for underprivileged children by purchasing indigenous musical instruments.

Scheduled for a January 2010 launch, the program currently focuses on the 1,500 students of Secundario Tecnica #81, near the garbage dump of Puerto Vallarta, simply because the infrastructure is already in place. So far, \$10,000 has been raised, and this will purchase 42 mariachi type instruments, as well as enabling the school to provide funding for a teacher.

However, Garry hastens to add, the overall strategic plan is to benefit children around the world. To accomplish this goal, a steering committee has been struck, and a strategic alliance with another partner has been sought. The Rotary Club of Calgary Fish Creek is the most likely candidate, again based on past successful involvement with this Club.

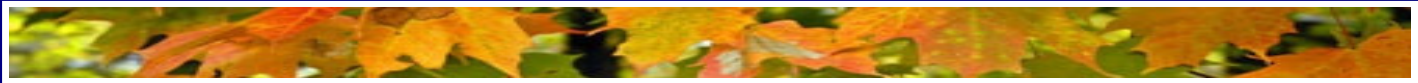
Garry says the direction for 2010 is to (1) secure two more PV schools; and (2) examine and assess needs for 2011. Funding in the amount of \$24,000 will be raised from six different sources, including an amazing \$2,000 from the Rotary Club of Puerto Vallarta Sur.

Doris and Julie: Golf and ARF



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back in their Stettler days). Following the official ceremony, Lynda provided a brief bio, including:

Born in Dauphin, MB in 1964, the family moved to Brandon. Lynda married Tony in 1986 and resided in Dauphin, where Lynda began her banking career with TD Canada Trust. A series of moves eventually brought them to Okotoks, where Tony is working for the town's administration and Lynda commutes into Calgary, still with TD Canada Trust. She has been loaned the Rotary classification "Bank Management" and Lynda is assigned to the International avenue of service, under Director Jamie Powell. Tony and Lynda have two children, Scott (age 21), and Sarah (age 13). Welcome to the Club, Lynda!



Garry Gray and Lynda Campbell

President Martin read a couple of letters received by the Club: one from Heritage Park, thanking us for our partnership with HP in the annual Christmas Kettle campaign; the other from Calgary Chinook branch of Scouts Canada Foundation, thanking our Club for the donation of \$2,000 presented to them by Trish Radermacher on behalf of Air Canada.

Circulating a photo, President Martin spoke briefly about a proposal to supply & install "loose change" boxes at Calgary International Airport. This project would be sponsored by all Calgary Rotary Clubs – the object is to encourage outbound passengers to donate loose change (mostly Canadian currency), all in support of Rotary International's "PolioPlus" world-wide campaign to eradicate polio. Laurie Jacques has offered to spearhead the project, and will contact Jim Zackowski at Rotary Challenger Park to assist in making the right connections with the Calgary Airport Authority.



Speakers

Concluding his presentation, Garry emphasizes that no commitment is being asked from the Club at this time. A show of hands revealed that about 70% of members in attendance favour continued progress in the project.

Doris Kutrowski and Brian Semeschuk, co-chairs of the 2010 charity golf tournament, were next on the dais. The third co-chair, Linda Nixon of the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), was unable to attend this morning's breakfast meeting presentation. In her place, Julie Bousfield, graphic artist and communications director for the charity, was on hand as a guest of Doris and Brian.

This year's tourney will be held on Tuesday, 29Jun10, instead of the Thursday. Same venue (River Spirit Golf Club) and same tee time (1:00). Required: 144 golfers = more bidders at live auction = more mulligan & balloon draw revenues = more \$\$\$\$ for our very worthy partner & charity recipient = ARF. This year's aggressive fund-raising goal is \$32,000, with half going to ARF and half remaining with RCCHP.



"We want to foster the humane, compassionate and respectful treatment of all dogs and cats"

Intended Use of Net Proceeds from Golf Fund Raiser

Given that ARF's mission is to rescue stray and abandoned dogs and cats from First Nations communities and rural areas, and to place them in loving, permanent homes, a permanent facility is needed. The acquisition of this facility will go a long way toward enduring ARF's sustainability, so it can continue helping animals while working to reduce pet overpopulation.

Titled "Pad for Paws," ARF's capital acquisition campaign is an on-going five-year fund-raising program. The facility will be used to temporarily house sick or injured animals, and it will offer refuge for nursing mothers. Once the animals are ready, they will go to foster homes prior to being placed in forever homes.

ARF's vision is to have a donor recognition wall in the new facility that will take the form of a mural, painted by a local artist throughout the entire building. Ideally, the mural will be an outdoor park scene, and will be decorated with dogs, cats, animal houses, paw prints and park benches. In the mural, ARF aims to recognize every donation received.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Birthday greetings this week to Zuzana Carter-Edwards & Rob Burton, both on 13Jan10. no wedding anniversaries, but a couple of Club anniversaries: Norm Haines (4 years) and Rob Burton (1 year). David closed with a cute poem, titled "Inner Peace," putting pet dogs in their rightful place. Well done, David!

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: John Radermacher was happy with another successful Veterans' Food Bank donation campaign, and specifically with Lynda Campbell's admission to membership; David McKeown, Asha Paul & Martin Harvey for recent additions to the family by way of grandchildren; Walter to WestJet for assisting in booking the Zuk's 7TH excursion between now and June; Joan Bedard had a couple of "Sadder but Wiser" bucks on car maintenance. Other notables in the Happy Bucks department included Bill Hope, Jim Hennessy and Ray Gosselin.



Sheriff: Asha Paul

Those falling under the close scrutiny of Sheriff Asha Paul included anyone who didn't make a New Year's resolution and, from there, a series of skill-testing questions made it increasingly more difficult to answer. As a result, Sheriff Asha generated quite a haul for the Club's coffers.

50/50 JACK POT



Garry Gray, announcing "Thirteen fifty-four" as he picked up the basket of tickets, had everyone wondering who the lucky ticket-holder was. Turns out, Gary was telling us how much the pot was worth...\$1,354. Guest Julie Bousfield was given the honour of drawing a ticket; and the lucky ticket belonged to Max Patel who then drew...a card other than the joker...to thunderous applause and cheering. As we are now down to a precious few cards in the deck, future meetings should be well-attended by members & visiting Rotarians, and arms-lengths of tickets will be in great demand (better stock up on ticket supplies).



Next, a bit of Club business: from Brian Humphrys, on behalf of Community Service, a number of motions (already approved at the executive committee level) were presented for approval by the general Club membership:

Motion to donate \$5,000 to The Salvation Army Agapé Hospice, specifically for upgrading their current computer system; to be funded from RCCHP controlled funds. Seconded by ?? No discussion – motion approved.

Motion to donate \$5,000 to the Calgary Salvation Army's **Booth Centre**, 631-7th Avenue SE, specifically to replace old and unsafe chairs with 147 new chairs for the dining room. The funding will come from RCCHP controlled funds. Seconded by ?? No discussion – motion approved.

Salvation Army Sponsored/ Sweat Equity dinners to be organized by Brian Humphrys.

Motion to donate \$1,600 from RCCHP controlled funds to sponsor and take part in serving the meals at both the Center of Hope and the Booth Center as follows:

Centre of Hope & East Village Mission, 420-9th Avenue SE: to be held on January 30, 2010. The cost is \$1,000; the Club will need 10 volunteers to assist with serving on that date.

Booth Centre, 631-7th Avenue SE: to be held on February 27, 2010. The cost is \$600 and the Club will need 5 volunteers.

Seconded by ?? One question from the floor – is The Salvation Army structured to accept donations from the Club's controlled funds? The question was forwarded to Harold Aitkenhead, who will confirm their policy on this. Motion approved.

Next, from Jamie Powell, on behalf of the Club's International Service Committee, and already approved at the executive committee level:

Motion for RCCHP to provide \$5,000 to District 5360 Microcredit Task Force for the Foundation for Women of Liberia Microcredit Project, thereby bringing the Project total to \$25,000. The task force can then apply for \$25,000 from the Alberta Culture and Community Spirit – Community Initiatives Program to raise \$50,000 which then will be matched by the task force for a total of \$100,000 from District 5360. The District 5360 Microcredit Task Force will be the administrator for the funds. Seconded by Bill Hope. No discussion – motion approved.

Finally, Doug Hood had good news – a total of five nominations have already been received by this year's Integrity Awards selection committee. A decision will be made this weekend, with the Club's selection to be announced at next week's meeting.

In Closing

President Martin closed today's fabulous meeting with the following words of wisdom:

"Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it."



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