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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 President Martin Harvey's penultimate meeting and what a brave show he put on hiding his sorrow at the waning of his term with a brilliant smile and hearty "Okey Dokiel" to kick things off.

What better way to also kick off our newest member's entry in to the fun and fellowship of Rotary than to have her polish and hand out the breakfast plates? All the members lined up to welcome Meredith Petrie to the fold.

Announcements

We received some wonderful letters of thanks from the students at James Short Memorial School for the donations and work we have been doing there.

Doris Kutrowski and the golf committee are still looking for more liquor to stock the tab that will be raffled off at the golf tournament. This Friday June 25th is the last day to bring in your donation of a bottle, full that is, for the cause.

Pre Stampede Friendship Exchange and District Governor hand off will be held at the Italian Club on Thursday

Meredith Petrie



Martin started the meeting with his usually funny joke but this time it was such a groaner that I couldn't bring myself to put it in print. If you had heard it you would thank me.

Guest Speakers: Jody Rechenmacher

Jody is a civil engineer working with water infrastructure design and management of municipal infrastructure. She has been a volunteer with Engineers Without Borders since 2004 and in August of 2009 took a 5 month leave of absence to volunteer in Northern Ghana as a member of their Governance and Rural Infrastructure team.

She says while the larger centers of Ghana are prosperous the northern and rural areas are desperately poor and in need of basic water and sanitation systems as well as roads and school buildings. Money going in to these countries usually gets funneled through politician who, sometimes being less than honorable, direct the funds to favor their supporters and family members. Jody's team worked with the local communities to show them how to develop programs and proposals supported by hard evidence that the politicians could not dispute and so they began to receive the funding to tackle their infrastructure problems.

Very interesting presentation and enlightening as to what we can do to help the people help themselves and provide them with not only the money but the knowledge and independence to chart their own course.

Rob Burton thanked Jody with our Operation Eyesight gift of sight certificate.

Martin closed the meeting with the knowledge of only one left to go.

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July 8, 2010.

\$25.00 gets you in on all the fun plus a lasagna dinner (note this is the "Italian Club").

There is also a cash bar.

Stampede Fellowship Meeting – Tuesday July 13, 2010

Come on down to Fort Calgary for some foot stompin', yahoooin', and great barbeque beef and beans served up by the Calgary Rotary Club. Tickets at the door and the cost is only \$30.00 for great food, fun, fellowship and entertainment by the Young Canadians of the Calgary Stampede.

Scouts Canada – Chinook Council is having an interactive one hour tour on June 24th, 2010, 6:30 PM at 2140 Brownsea Dr. N.W., Calgary. Meredith handed out postcards with the details on this event. Notice in this Standard is rather late so if you missed it call Meredith Petrie at (403) 283-4993 and see if she'll put you on the list for the next tour.

Hay's Breakfast – Al Hardstaff is look for a few good men and women (like 4) to help with this year's breakfast Sunday July 11th. Contact Al to find out how you can get involved for a few hours and help raise about \$4,000 for the club plus all the bad hooch you can stomach before noon.

Doug Kinley shared a thank you from the school and his impression of the Crime Not to Read program we support at Banting and Best Elementary School. With the good that program does for the students and community it would be a crime not to continue our support. Great work people!!

Motion from Harry Kim on behalf of the Community Service Committee

To donate \$1,500 to the Calgary Cerebral Palsy Association to support a financially challenged family with a member dealing with Cerebral Palsy to enable them to attend a vacation respite at the Calgary Cerebral Palsy Association retreat at Sylvan Lake.

Motion Carried

Vocational Service Motions – Doris Kutrowski

Motion to donate \$2,500 from controlled funds to St Joan of Arc School to install the white boards we help them purchase. Motion Carried

Motion to donate \$2,415 to Motive Action to purchase a sand blasting cabinet.

Motion Carried.

Public Image

Our wizard of public image, the one and only Norman Haines provided an insightful update on what his group has been involved with this year to enhance the image of our club and Rotary in the local and over all Calgary community.

Golf Tournament – 3 media releases have been issued to 23 media outlets over the past few months and one of these found its way in to the Pearl Sang "In Touch" article series.

We are talking some very good exposure here.

Rotary Hall is a pet project and Norm took the news to the 14 current and incoming Presidents at the Calgary Rotary President's meeting. He enlightened them on the purpose of the museum which is "To present the history of Rotary locally, in District 5360 and across Western Canada. Walter Zuk is presently in contact with the Winnipeg Club who is eager to provide display material for the museum. The Winnipeg Club was the first club formed in Canada and the club that made Rotary an "International" service organization. Norm's team of Walter Zuk, Al Hardstaff, Rob Burton, and Bob Price are spreading the word about this worthwhile project and Norm is counting on all of our members to be aware of the museum and expound its purpose and virtues at every opportunity.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Joan Bedard celebrated another anniversary of her 29th birthday on June 21st.

Walter and Jessie Zuk celebrated another year of wedded bliss also on June 21st.

A Minister's advise mis-interpreted.

A Minister stood before his congregation one Sunday and as part of the service provided a small science experiment. Using 4 worms he placed one worm in a glass of alcohol where it died instantly. The second worm was placed in a glass bottle of cigarette smoke where it died rapidly. The third worm was dropped in to a glass of chocolate syrup where it struggled but finally succumbed. The 4th worm he placed in a jar of fresh clean soil where it thrived happily. At this juncture he asked his congregation what they learned from this little experiment. Old Maxine at the rear of the church piped up "If you drink, smoke and eat chocolate everyday you'll never have worms!"

Better luck next Sunday, Preacher.



Happy Bucks

Al Hardstaff announced someone had left a pair of sunglasses at the President's social dinner at the Railway Café and he turned them in. Not a happy buck for Al but someone who thought they lost their sunglasses will be happy.

Wynne happy with Martin's term as President and the direction he provided to the club during his year.

Betty for a visit with her family and grand kids from Saskatoon

John Radermacher for all the help provided by the people at ARF in the prizes for the golf tournament

Meredith happy to be a member of our club and stoked that she got to introduce the guest speaker who is a friend of hers.

Din very pleased with the Presidents Social dinner evening

Bob Clark also felt the Presidents Social was a great event

David McKeown sad that he missed the Presidents Social but happy he was spending time at a wedding in Montreal.

Martin Harvey thanked everyone for the great send off at the President's Social and gave it a big Okie Dokie which is like two thumbs up but better.

Sheriff: Zuzana Carter-Edwards

Zuzana was quick to point out a spell checking error in Harry Kim's usually impeccable power point presentation.

She then fined Doris Kutrowski for not having a power point presentation; apparently it is all about keeping up with the Kims.

She also picked on Wynne and Bob Price for walking around in casts and bandages which she felt was only to solicit sympathetic comments from the club members.

Then with Canada Day fast approaching she proceeded from table to table with a little quiz. There were six very well thought out questions focusing on special dates in Canadian history which, fortunately for the club treasury, very few members knew the answers to.



50/50 JACK POT



50/50 and the race is on to win the pot of \$314.00

Bob Sadler held the winning ticket which apparently was handed off to him by Mr. Tony Howard. Unfortunately, Bob was unable to capitalize on this wonderful gesture as the card he drew had a few too many spots on it. The deck shrinks and the pot grows!



Rotary International

In 1991, Steve Dudenhoefer sold his successful landscaping business and abandoned his comfortable surroundings in southern Florida, USA, to dedicate his life to alleviating the plight of an indigenous community in the rain forests of eastern Guatemala. Dudenhoefer says about 60,000 indigenous Maya from Guatemala are living in southern Florida, many of whom fled to the United States to escape the violence brought on by a decades-old civil war. He observed firsthand the challenges facing migrant workers from the Central American country.



"I was struck by the tremendous sacrifice it was for these men to live in the U.S.," says Dudenhoefer, who became a Rotarian in 1997, when he founded the Rotary Club of Puerto Barrios, Izabal. "It was the only way to ensure safety, health care, and education for their families back home."

Dudenhoefer moved to Guatemala in 1991 to become a full-time volunteer. While working at a local orphanage, he was struck by the needs of the people there, particularly those of the Q'eqchi' Maya living in the rain forests.

A year later, he helped establish Ak'Tenamit, an indigenous community development organization that promotes long-term solutions to poverty through education, health care, income generation, and cultural programs. The Ak'Tenamit community has a boarding school that supports 523 students from 100 villages, including 224 girls; a 24-hour clinic that serves more than 25,000 people; a floating dental-care boat; a restaurant for vocational training; and seven women's cooperatives.

"Basically the idea is to really work on the bottom-up development," says Dudenhoefer. "Instead of experts coming in from the outside to tell people what they need, we help students understand the need to be able to address it. Our students build their own classrooms; they grow their own food. We want the villagers themselves to request latrines, water filters, and to prioritize the education of girls." After suffering through decades of civil war and military dictatorship – during which least 200,000 people, most of them Maya, were killed – Guatemala found peace with the signing of a 1996 accord.

"Because of the bloody civil war, a lot of rural indigenous people are stuck in a victim mentality that no matter what they are doing, they'll always suffer. So they've developed an apathetic outlook," says Dudenhoefer. Now Ak'Tenamit – with help from Rotarians, including Matching Grants from The Rotary Foundation and donations from individual clubs and districts – is a safe place for them to live and work. "I've visited a lot of Rotary clubs, and I can't think of when I ever heard a no," says Dudenhoefer. "You know if someone is a Rotarian and you ask them to help our needy people, they're going to say, 'Yeah, what can we do?'"

On a visit to Ak'Tenamit last February, Rotarians from District 6440 (Illinois, USA) left some handiwork behind. They hiked through the rain forest carrying water filters, which they delivered and assembled in remote river communities. They also poured concrete, pounded nails, and lifted framework for a school library. Dudenhoefer notes Ak'Tenamit's increasing international recognition as a successful indigenous community project. He was invited to attend the 2010 Summit for Climate Change in Copenhagen, Denmark, along with Lola Cabnal, vice president of the Ak'Tenamit Association, and Jorge Bolom, one of the school's first graduates. They participated in the indigenous peoples caucus and hope to earn a seat so they can make changes from the bottom up, as they have in their own, now-thriving community.

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June 29 Golf Tournament

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