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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

The birds sang, the sun shone and Our President Martin Harvey brought us to order with an enthusiastic okey dokey at 7:00 am. David McKeown led the national anthem. Mike Bright presented grace. Rob Burton introduced the numerous guests and visiting Rotarians. Due to the large number of people in attendance Harry Kim and



Max the greeter

John Radermacher co-chaired the buffet line.

Business Meeting

President Martin commented on the wonderful offsite meeting last week at Agape Hospice. He noted that Harold Aitkenhead is the incoming executive director of the hospice.



Early bird draw

Guest Speakers: Paul Harris Fellows

An Ambassadorial Scholar video was shown. 900 students traveled around the world last year. The recipient from Lethbridge East went to Amsterdam for a masters in Health Care Planning. She received funding in the amount of \$23,000 U.S.

The objectives of the program are to 1) increase cultural understanding and awareness, 2) foster service above self, 3) serve communities in their personal and professional life create a lifelong connection with Rotary.

Her specific goals were:

1. learn the language and the culture
2. volunteer
3. organize a Rotary scholarship event and represent Canada and Rotary.

All goals were achieved as she grew personally, professional and culturally. She urged everyone to be open minded, find direction and stay focused.

President Martin concluded with the wisdom of Paul Harris: "creating a climate of fellowship is the way to peace." (Paraphrased by your scribe)

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An executive meeting was held on Tuesday May 11th. It was agreed that the club will provide members with the option of paying their dues by credit card, provided that the \$3 service fee is also paid.

The Annual Family Carnival will be held at the Gray Hacienda on May 15th.

Martin shared some of Bubba's Idaho gardening wisdom, which involved the FBI.



Steve Smith presenting the cheque

Minute People

Mark Rowe introduced two scout leaders, who provided a brief report. Their scout attendance has doubled in the past year from 2 to 4. Fundraising has raised \$231 versus expenses of \$67. The troop has participated in a variety of events including: a soap box derby, swimming and safety training. We wish them good luck going forward.

Steve Smith presented a cheque in the amount of \$2500 to James Short School for the installation of smart boards.

Doris Kutrowski and Brian Semeschuk conducted the golf tournament early bird prize draw. Jim Davis won the prize. The event is basically sold out, but the player names and their handicaps are needed. The course can accommodate a few more golfers. Prizes and live auction items are still required. Gift baskets and gift certificates make great prizes.



Mark's Scouting guests

Guest Speaker: Paul Harris Fellowships

President Martin provided a history lesson and then turned the mike over to Foundation chair Graham Drake.



Graham presented new Paul Harris Fellows: Bob Sadler, Joan Bedard, Jeannette Pyle and Clancey Ellingson.

David McKeown awarded a Paul Harris Fellow to his son Don.



Graham Drake awarded a Paul Harris fellow to his wife Holly.

Multiple Paul Harris Fellows were presented to Bill Hope (2nd), Max Patel (2nd), Peter Harding (4th), Wynne Bjorgan (4th) and Walter Zuk (8th). Raju Paul (8th) and Asha Paul (8th) were noted in absentia.

Graham then reported that our foundation goal was \$120 per member while our actual contributions were \$217.65 per member. We are one of 5 clubs in the district that exceeded \$200 per member.

Our Polio Plus goal of \$2,000 was also exceeded with a total contribution of \$2,130.



SUNSHINE REPORT

Norm Haines led the singing of Happy Birthday to Peter Harding and Al Hardstaff (May 14). He did not comment upon whether they were actually twins separated at birth, but reunited at club meetings.

Norm cautioned blondes to paint on cooler days.



Happy Bucks

Graham Drake had a fistful of happy to celebrate his 28th anniversary (with Holly in attendance this morning), and the Monte Carlo/Pubbers, which he attended in top hat with Holly's alter ego.

Wynne had a happy \$1 for playing poker with Graham, Harry, Jim Hennessey and Bob Clark.

Rob Burton had a happy \$1 that the Canadiens have made it to the next round of the playoffs and are threatening to win another Stanley Cup.

Garry Gray had a happy \$1 for the scouts in attendance.

Jeannette had \$20 happy that her daughter got married.

Peter Harding had happy \$2 for his 60th birthday and his son's 29th.

Dennis Tillotson had a sad \$1 that his mother had passed away, but on her terms at the age of 103.

Joan Bedard had a happy \$1 for her sister's attendance.

Bob Clark had a mixed \$1 for facing more formidable poker players on the Monte Carlo night than in Las Vegas.

Zuzana had a happy \$1 that more than \$2,000 was raised on the Monte Carlo night.



Sheriff: Din Peerani

Dapper Din put the following on his black list:

Those not sporting the traditional Rotarian pins and badges fashion accoutrements.

Zuzana for being late for her duties.

Doug Kinley for passing himself off as David McKeon.

Joe Klassen, as editor of the Standard, for publishing a photo of Laurie's apron, which was in poor taste.

Din then conducted a Rotary quiz before exiting the catwalk.



50/50 JACK POT



Fresh from the casino, Zuzana ran the 50/50. Clancey Ellingson had the winning ticket, but selected poorly (a black 8). The pot continues to build.



Rotary International

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars always impress, but Roxana Saberi, who left the United States for Tehran in 2003 as a foreign correspondent, has become an international celebrity and a face for human rights in Iran.



Roxana Saberi

The former political prisoner, released from Tehran's notorious Evin Prison in May 2009, sat down for a Q&A luncheon at the Union League Club in Chicago on 13 April. Her national tour served to promote her book, *Between Two Worlds: My Life and Captivity in Iran*, published 30 March. Saberi recalled the many lessons she learned from fellow female political prisoners, the events that led to her freedom, and her life before Evin.

After the Iranian government revoked her press pass in 2006, Saberi stayed in the country and began writing a book for American readers that profiled the diversity of its people.

Eleven days after U.S. President Barack Obama's inauguration, she was kidnapped, questioned, and detained in Evin Prison for 100 days, accused of using her book as a cover to conduct hundreds of interviews with Iranians and spy for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Using nonviolent "white torture" (extreme sensory deprivation) techniques, Saberi's interrogators forced her into making a false confession by guaranteeing her freedom if she admitted to espionage. Without knowing she would be released in a matter of days, Saberi recanted, setting in motion a sham trial that resulted in an eight-year sentence, her own hunger strike, and a successful appeal. "Unfortunately, a lot of Iranians are falsely accused of crimes, including espionage," she said. "It made me wonder, do they knowingly falsely accuse people to tighten their grip on society and to silence people?"

Road to Iran

In Evin, Saberi met many of these silenced political prisoners and members of marginalized groups like the Baha'is. Their stories strengthened her will to recant. "Sometimes through suffering we can have an opportunity to become stronger," she said. "And even when you're imprisoned, you still have power to control your attitude." Saberi's road to Iran included a stop at the Miss America competition, where she finished in the top 10. Her talent was playing the piano, a gift she would later put to use as a diversion while in solitary confinement at Evin by tapping her fingers against the wall. "I felt like I had the journalism background, but I didn't have the foreign relations background," she said. "My aim was to become a foreign correspondent."

For now, Saberi's future plans are unsure. Since her return from Iran, she has completed her book and has been relaxing with her parents in Fargo, North Dakota, as well as participating in a number of human rights gatherings after the Iranian election. She cowrote a film, *No One Knows About Persian Cats*, with her longtime boyfriend and award-winning Iranian-Kurdish director, Bahman Ghobadi. While Saberi hopes to eventually return to Iran, she says she has been too outspoken to ensure a safe visit. "Often I get worried about the Iranian people," Saberi says, "but I know they're very courageous, and I admire them. In the long run, they can prevail."



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