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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 Meeting – Okey Dokey – This will begin the Victoria Day week-end.... the unofficial beginning of summer. So while I am your faithful reporter, I am writing this from Tunnel Mountain Campground in Banff. I need to tell you that 'cause I am con-



Peter Palleson was our greeter

fused. Ya see...taking my motorhome to Banff brings forth a rash of stuff. The forecast says we can expect some sun...some snow...some rain.... some? When the meeting is finished I go home to get "The Titanic"...that is the name of my motorhome. Bob Sadler joins me. His wife is already at the campground. We leave



Surinder presents the plates

Guest Speaker: Raju Paul—Nasrat II School

Laurie Jacques attempts to introduce Raju Paul, but is cut off.... brutally! And Raju tries to make his computer work! But it begins.

Raju reminds us that Rotary came to Canada in 1910, the same year that Rotary got going in Chicago. We celebrate with the Canada Rotary Centennial Afghanistan Project. Raju presented to us a stirring commitment of Canada in building a school. It is a presentation he will make to our District Conference. The incredible theme was created by Greg Mortenson with his book "Three Cups of Tea" and with the support of David Oliver Allen. Promoting Peace...One School at a Time. Our project will support four thousand children.

There are a lot of local obstacles. Parents are not literate. They don't value education. And there are huge issues in making the school work. Distance – curtailment of the rights of females by the Taliban and a shortage of support



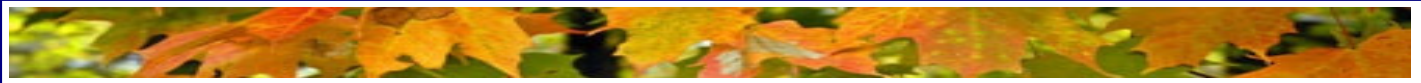
An early view of the project getting started



As more of the walls appear

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Calgary and the God of Wind strikes.... and hard. The winds are at least 80 kph and my top speed is 80 clicks. I will eventually get to the campground but it will not be nice. In the morning the wind is gone...it will be nice but in the afternoon the sky darkens and snow and rain comes...ever so sporadically. It is cold. So I am beginning to write the Standard.... I think it is the last day of summer. O fudge!

Incoming President Bob Clark is at the podium and at 7:00 a.m. it begins. President Martin Harvey is somewhere west. The shame of it all. Jim Hennessey leads us in O Canada. Bob Clark presents Grace. Trevor Hlinski introduces our guests. Surinder, at his first meeting in months (we missed him) gets to present the plates. I get a dirty one! By the way Surinder has vacationed at Palm Springs. He is quite a guy. He had climbed Mount Kilimanjaro seven years ago. Wow! A great grub is served.

A copy of Neighbourlink is circulated and there is Mark Rowe giving \$5000 on behalf of our Club.

Pearl Tsang has advised our Club she will make announcements about our golf tournament from May 27th to June 2nd. Thanks Pearl.

Wynn talks about last weeks' Family Carnival and advises \$650 goes to the Children's Hospital.

John Rademacher wants to fill a tub with booze (unopened bottles that is) to be auctioned at the Golf Tournament.



Raju Paul

Guest Speaker: Raju Paul—Nasrat II School

in every way. But this project emphasizes the needs and rights of females. Rotary funding will see a two-storey school constructed. The school will have 20 classrooms. There will be three shifts of students.... one for males and two for females daily.

The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park is the chairing club of this project and it is being led by Raju.... a very worthy chair. Other major clubs in leadership are Winnipeg, San Diego and Jalalabad.

This is a very complex project. And at this stage we have raised \$288 thousand. We have a long way ago.... \$500 per Club throughout Canada.

Raju is a great leader for this project. His commitment is apparent. Doug Hood thanked him.

Thus ended another great meeting for the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park. Have a wonderful week!



The walls go up



A school, and a legacy, take shape!

SUNSHINE REPORT

Jim Hennessey.... birthday on May 22nd.

Bill Hope...an anniversary on May 24th.

Joe Klassen...birthday on May 27th.



Happy Bucks

Rob Burton – Because the Canadians won

Wynn – for the great efforts in support of the Golf Tournament

Hans Tiedemen with visitation in Germany

Jim Smith of Calgary East – “our club is fun”

John Rademacher – a great family carnival

Mark Rowe – a great family carnival

Bill Hope – a great weekend in Waterton Park

Jim Hennessey – 30th Anniversary of graduation from Dentist School.

Graham Drake – a great dinner!

Al Hardstaff – a great breakfast

In Memoriam: Curly Galbraith

“Curly” George Harshaw Galbraith

1921 – 2010

Curly Galbraith went home on May 22nd, 2010. And he left behind him thousands of friends, particularly Rotarians. I’m writing this brief story about Curly because he had such a positive influence on me. His life was Rotary and probably one of the key reasons he became an Honorary Member of our Club.

I joined the downtown Club in September of 1973 and met Curly very early in my membership. He was so outgoing and so engaging in his conversations and his presence within our Club. You can imagine my surprise when on a December 2nd he phoned me to wish me Happy Birthday and did so for another 20 years. Every year I just knew he would call and I was not happy he didn’t have the capacity to call last year.

Curly taught me, and a lot of others what Rotary could do for you...as long as you did a lot for Rotary. He was about leadership and kindness and support. He was about giving of himself in ways few could or will match. Can you imagine 50 years of perfect attendance? I couldn’t do it for one year.

I remember Curly’s leadership in bringing the Rotary International Convention to our City in 1996. I remember his passionate start of The Stay in School program. I remember he and I being presented the Golden Jubilee Medal from the Queen.

Curly was born in Vulcan in 1921. He lived life to its fullest...caring, giving and a Rotarian.

I will miss Curly and likely shed a tear for him at the remembrance service. I’m going to that service because Curly meant a lot to me.

“Goodbye Curly”

Norman Haines

Rotary International

Dear Rotarians,

I'm pleased to report that since my last letter on 15 February, the financial picture has continued to improve for both Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. While the financial markets remain volatile, for the first nine months of this fiscal year, RI's investments earned US\$17.0 million, which more than recovered 2009 losses of \$12.1 million. With investment returns of \$92 million, the Foundation recouped more than half of its 2009 losses; its operating reserve is now positive at \$3 million, up from negative \$41 million at the end of June 2009. Operating expenses across the organization are well controlled and remain below budget.

During the past several months, the Foundation's Investment Advisory Committee, Rotary's investment consultants, and staff have comprehensively reviewed the investment policies for the Annual Programs Fund, the Permanent Fund, and RI's General Fund. New policies will be recommended to the Trustees and the Board of Directors at their June meetings. These recommendations include reducing the equity risk in the portfolios and adding assets that will help protect the portfolios from inflation risk. In April, the Trustees approved a new operating reserve policy. Beginning this fiscal year, they will establish a funded operating reserve that will be 100 percent invested in fixed income securities. Although fully funding the reserve may take some time, this more conservative investment approach should enhance the Foundation's ability to finance its operations when financial markets decline. The improved financial situation has allowed the Trustees to approve a 2010-11 budget in which the World Fund will support Matching Grants at the previous high 2007-08 district levels and fund [Future Vision global grants](#).

The Foundation's sound financial management and stewardship practices have been recognized in the world of philanthropy. Independent evaluator Charity Navigator ranks The Rotary Foundation as No. 4 on its list "10 Best Charities Everyone's Heard Of," saying: "These 10 charities ... became household names in part because of their exceptional financial management, no easy feat considering the scope and size of their operations. Charitable givers should feel confident that these national institutions put their donations to good use."

Fortunately, a great many Rotarians agree with this assessment. Excluding funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant, overall contributions are up by \$5 million compared with last year. Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge has reached \$124 million, well ahead of schedule toward its goal.

While we are all happy to see positive investment returns, increasing contribution levels, and stable membership figures, the senior leaders and staff remain vigilant in safeguarding Rotary's assets. RI's Finance Committee and the Foundation's Investment Advisory Committee are working with the staff to reduce risk while maximizing investment income, fully restore the Foundation's operating reserve, and keep operating expenses at or under budget.

The recent financial crisis generated a surge of interest in Rotary's investment policies and budgeting process. We have worked to become increasingly responsive to the many questions we've received from you. The [financials section](#) on Rotary.org has enhanced our transparency, and I have communicated regularly about the organization's financial status. Given Rotary's improved financial position, I don't anticipate the need to continue these regular communications. We will, however, post updates on the financials section on the RI website when appropriate. We are also planning a finance update to be held on Monday, 21 June, at the RI Convention in Montréal, where Rotary senior leaders and RI staff will present information and answer your questions. I encourage interested convention goers to attend this informative session.



Sincerely,

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

- May 28 Jessica Wallace; Salvation Army
- Jun 4 Club directors; Club Assembly
- Jun 11 President's Social; No breakfast meeting
- Jun 18 Judy Rechenmecher; Engineers without Borders
- Jun 25 Trevor Hlynski; Outbound Exchange Student
- Jun 29 Golf Tournament
- Jul 2 No Breakfast Meeting
- Jul 9 No Breakfast Meeting; Stampede Parade