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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

My alarm tells me it's 5:30 a.m. – outside, I hear the robins chirping – their bright, happy melody bodes well. After all, it's the last Friday of May and, in just over an hour and a half, there'll be a world-class buffet breakfast with my name on it. And nobody, but nobody, enjoys a Heritage Park buffet breakfast more than yours truly.

As I lie in bed, anticipation grows, knowing that my two HPBFF (Heritage Park Best Friends Forever), Joan and Neil, are



Doug was greeter

preparing to outdo themselves yet again, spoiling my fellow Rotarians and me with culinary delights and stellar service...ah, yes, it's springtime in the Rockies. Not wanting to postpone the arrival of a beautiful May morning any longer, I leap out of bed, throw back the curtains and...what the...?

Two inches of snow in May? Double entendres aside, I curse the little red-breasted songsters for sitting outside the window, deceiving me into thinking they're celebrating gorgeous weather. Who am I kidding? It's only May 28th and it's Calgary! As Archie Bunker so aptly summed up just about everything, "Aw geeeeeeezzzzzz..."



Jim returns

Guest Speakers: Leanne Dawkins—AESO

Major Harold Aitkenhead of the Salvation Army had the honour of doing the guest speaker introductions for today's meeting. The guest speaker is none other than Jessica Wallace, Development Officer of Special Projects for the Salvation Army, Prairie & Northern Territories Division, Public Relations & Development.

With the aid of an excellent PowerPoint presentation, Jessica led us on a brief history of the Salvation Army, its introduction by William Booth to the U.S. in 1865 and into Canada in 1892. The S.A. provides much-needed services to 120 countries.

A question-and-answer session followed and then John Radermacher presented Jessica with a certificate as a token of our Club's appreciation for her informative presentation today.

And now for something completely different...

Quoting an anonymous Monty Python source, President Martin declared today's meeting adjourned, reminding all that next week's meeting (June 4th) is the final Club Assembly and all Club Directors are reminded to e-mail their notes to Harry Kim by Sunday, May 30th so that Harry can assemble a PowerPoint presentation.

The Quote

"Light travels faster than sound – that's why some people appear bright until we hear them speak."



Jessica Wallace

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In the beginning...

On a rather sombre note (hastening to point out that it had nothing to do with the weather), President Martin acknowledged the May 22ND passing of George “Curly” Galbraith – a life well-lived, and a perfect example of everything that Rotary personifies. Then, a much-maligned melodious musician, whose mellifluous monotone – sorry, baritone – voice belies his true talents, Powerful Peter (CIBC’s gift to Calgary banking) led our motley crew in a rousing rendition of Oh Canada, followed by Winsome Wynne offering Grace...exactly what it was that she offered Grace isn’t clear....

The Guests

Christine Aitkenhead and Jessica Wallace were introduced as guests of Harold Aitkenhead; visiting Rotarians included Al Stewart, Alec McDougall and John Price. Jim Davis had the honour of dusting plates.



Guest McDougall
draws 50/50

The Club Business

First up was President Martin, expressing appreciation on behalf of Liz and himself for another successful “Family Fun Day” on Saturday May 15TH at Chez Gray. With everyone’s participation and generous support, over \$10,000 has now been donated to Alberta Children’s Hospital over the past several years, and a plaque will soon appear on a wall at ACH in recognition of this financial milestone.

Next, Martin read a letter of appreciation from Agapé Hospice, acknowledging the donations made by our Club to that organization during the recent past, and thanking us again for co-hosting our May 7TH breakfast meeting at Agapé.

Still with El Presidenté, Señor Martin advised that Meredith Petrie (Calgary District Scouts Canada) has applied for membership in our Club. Sponsored by John Radermacher, Meredith’s application has been reviewed & approved by the Executive Committee. Complying with Rotary’s accepted “white slip” procedure, Meredith’s proposed admission for membership will be posted in *The Standard* this week plus the next two and, in the absence of any adverse reaction, she will be inducted prior to the end of June.

Brother Al (Hardstaff) offered a few well-chosen words about this year’s annual Hays Breakfast fund-raiser: “It’s old hat for most of us, but newer Club members will appreciate a volunteer’s crash course.” What began as a social gathering for Harry Hays and friends on his dairy farm in 1950 has evolved into a hot ticket event which many Calgarians look forward to as the unofficial beginning of the Calgary Stampede. This year’s Hays Breakfast will be extra special, marking the 60TH anniversary, with over 3,000 guests arriving at Heritage Park to dine on bacon & eggs, pancakes & maple syrup and, of course, the legendary beverage, Sillabub. Also available at this “private” event, and served by our Club’s volunteers, will be gallons of coffee, orange & apple juices.

Circulating a sign-up sheet, Al reviewed the four phases of our Club’s participation as volunteers (setting it up, mixing it up, serving it up, and cleaning it up), and highlighted a need for involvement at the Friday, July 9TH set-up phase, in the early afternoon (when the serving and guest “elbow-propping” equipment gets spruced up) for use early on Sunday morning, July 11TH, when

In closing, Al cautioned: the Friday set-up is not for the faint-of-heart – some activities can get a little “messy” (power sprayers, scrub brushes and gallons of hot soapy H₂O) – so bring appropriate clothing. Please contact Al for more info.

The “Graham/Doris/Brian” troupe of traveling troubadours updated us regarding this year’s annual fund-raiser golf tourney at River Spirit Golf & Country Club on June 29TH. Plans are progressing very well but they do need our support, particularly with the live auction: (1) prior to the event, lots more prizes; and (2) at the tournament itself, lots of enthusiastic bidding. Martin commented that our fund-raising partner, ARF, is supplying about 50% of the on-site volunteers, but our Club still needs to supply an even dozen (including spouses or significant others, please & thanks).

Practicing his favourite sporting event (jumping to conclusions), incoming Club President Bob Clark used his temporary command of the podium to remind everyone of the Club’s special evening meeting on Friday, June 11TH at Heritage Park’s Railroad Café. The palates & taste buds of members & their spouses/tablemates will experience international cuisine, featuring English roast martin (yes, that’s martin, not mutton), along with other epicurean gold medal winners from around the world (Yorkshire pudding, Brussels sprouts, P.E.I. North Point oysters, Alberta prairie oysters...you get the picture). Imported from jolly ol’ England, the roast martin will, of course, require considerable tenderizing before it can be rendered suitable for human consumption.

Speaking of consumption, the annual Club President’s Dinner is more than wining (not whining), dining and fellowship. The evening’s Master of Ceremonies, legal eagle SpongeBob Sparepants, promises Friday, June 11TH to be the social event of the season. Guests are afforded multiple opportunities to showcase their knowledge of, and prowess at, verbal sporting activities – throwing insults, showering false praise, fast talking – along with more strenuous athletic events from around the world including, but not limited to, (from Okotoks) the oakie doakie hoakie poakie – rumour has it that “Not Quite Dancing With the Stars” stars, Liz & Martin Harvey will demo this rather novel bit of fancy footwork. An impartial panel of international judges will be on hand to score all proceedings. Further details to be announced....



Graham Drake on Golf

SUNSHINE REPORT

Major [at] Traction, Graham Drake, dismounted his Binford 5,000 riding lawnmower long enough to wish Joe Klassen "Happy Birthday," Asha & Raju Paul "Happy Wedding Anniversary," and Helen Buchanan "Happy Club Anniversary." Basking in the glow of his many admirers, Graham then donned his good-humour costume just long enough to share a little humour with those in attendance. "What kind of humour" you ask? Very little humour – get a new writer, Graham!



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: a sad buck from Peter Harding – he has to attend a six-day golf extravaganza next week; Al Hardstaff & Lynda Campbell for an enjoyable fireside chat the previous evening; Rob Burton – sad that the Montreal Canadiens lost in the NHL semi-finals; Laurie Jacques, happy to be reunited with his beloved corkscrew; and others...like Jim Davis, Garry Gray and Graham Drake...all happy.



Sheriff: Norm Haines

Sheriff Norm's "purple people eating" radar caught the following on camera, and he wasted no time citing them for various infractions – Martin Harvey, Alec McDougall, Jim Davis, Laurie Jacques, Wynne Bjorgan, and Harold Aitkenhead – boy, he's one bad dude (Norm, not Harold)!

New member approval

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50/50 JACK POT



Ticket pusher Bill Hope, announcing "two-four-nine" had everyone searching their tickets frantically, looking for that magic combination of winning numbers. Ever the practical joker, Bill said that was only the potential winnings in the pot. Jessica Wallace drew the lucky tickets, belonging to Dove Mountain visiting Rotarian Alec McDougall who, after reciting the four-way test...sort-of, then drew from the deck of cards...a card other than the joker...to thunderous applause and cheering. Way to go, Alec – you're our kind of loser!



Rotary International

When 14-year-old Joshua Kim decided last summer to donate all the allowance he'd saved up to Rotary's End Polio Now campaign, he never dreamed that almost a year later he would be taking the mound for a ceremonial first pitch at Wrigley Field, the historic baseball park of the Chicago Cubs.

Joshua, now 15 and a freshman at Glenbrook North High School in Northbrook, did the honors just before the 25 May game between the Chicago Cubs and the visiting Los Angeles Dodgers during Strike Out Polio: Rotary Day at Wrigley Field.

"I can't believe this is really happening. I've always wanted to do this," said Joshua, whose father, Tony, is a member of the Rotary Club of Chicagoland Korean-Northbrook. His dad was in the stands with more than 600 Chicago-area Rotarians, relatives, friends, and Rotary International staff.

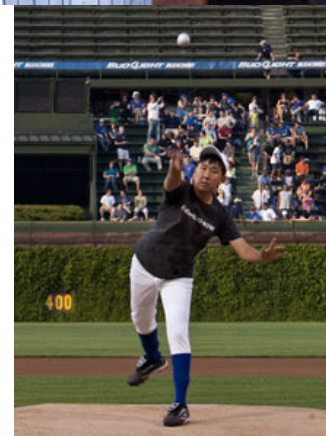
Tony's involvement in club polio eradication fundraising efforts inspired Joshua to contribute \$1,300 to Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. Rotary has committed to raising \$200 million in response to \$355 million in challenge grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Rotary Day at Wrigley Field brought in more than \$10,000 for polio eradication. The Chicago Cubs contributed \$20 to the campaign for each ticket sold by area Rotary clubs. An End Polio Now message appeared on Wrigley Field's famous marquee, with announcement made inside the ballpark before and during the game.

"Many Chicagoans don't even remember polio -- let alone realize that it still paralyzes children in other parts of the world -- and that's why public events like Rotary Day at Wrigley Field are so important," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr.

For Joshua, throwing out the first pitch was almost as exciting as meeting international movie star Jackie Chan, who also was part of the pregame ceremonies.

"It was a great moment for me. It was awesome to meet Jackie Chan. I have always wanted to meet him and shake his hand," he said. "I was given a very special opportunity by Rotary, and I am very thankful."



Top: Joshua Kim (right) got to throw out the first pitch and meet film star Jackie Chan during Strike Out Polio: Rotary Day at Wrigley Field, 25 May. Bottom: Kim throws out the first pitch. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

- 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