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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 wonderful turn out of Rotarians and guests to our off site meeting at the Salvation Army Agape Hospice

President Martin made us feel like we were right at home with a big "Okie Dokey!" to kick off the meeting. David McKelown led the group in O'Canada and Al Black provided the Rotary bless-



Asha and Joan attend the registration

ing. Our guests included Mark Rowe's two sons, Trish Radermacher, and several members of the Foothills Street Rod Association who have worked with the Agape Hospice for several years.



Harold as greeter

I really don't know why I took notes since we had Laurie Jacques, Harry Kim and John Radermacher all running around with cam-

Guest Speakers: Dr. Martin LaBrie—Agape Hospice

Dr. Martin LaBrie spoke about the history of the hospice and what palliative care was all about. The Salvation Army Agape Hospice was established in 1992 to provide a home like setting in which the terminally ill could die in peace and with dignity. Starting with only 3 beds it had the distinction of being the first free standing facility of its kind in Calgary and pioneered today's holistic approach to palliative care.

Today Agape Hospice has grown to 20 beds in 2 wings and Agape's interdisciplinary team has provided quality compassionate end of life care, a faithful presence, a listening ear and caring heart for some 3300 residents and their love ones.

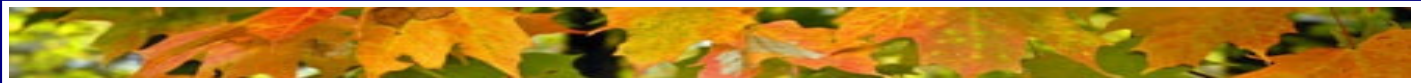


Dr. Martin LaBrie

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Hospice Palliative Care is "the active total care of patients whose disease is not responsive to curative treatment". Control of pain and other symptoms while providing the best quality of life for patients and their families is paramount.



eras. If a picture is truly worth a thousand words then the number of pictures in this issue should speak volumes.

We had a couple of announcements:

John Radermacher asking for prizes for the up coming golf tournament and pleaded that we get the prizes in as soon as possible so they can figure out what they have and organize things for the tournament.

Also a reminder to get your money in for your team registration. We are less than two months away from our golf tournament at River Spirit Golf Course and we want to ensure it is another great success. The early bird draw is coming up at the end of May so get your registrations in with the money to get in on the draw for a Golf Buddy. Helps improve your game and you don't have to buy him a beer after.



Sunrise over the reservoir

Family Picnic at Garry Gray's house Saturday May 15 from 11:00 to 1:00. It still isn't too late to come and bring along whatever kids you can find. They will have a great time.

The Agape Hospice Garden Party featuring a Mad Hatter's Tea will be held August 14, 2010 from 1:30 to 4:30 in the beautiful Dr Peter Geggie Serenity Garden at the Agape Hospice. There will be celebrity guests, lively music, elegant hat box lunch and tea, a silent auction and a car show courtesy of the Foothills Street Rod Association.

Tickets are \$50.00 each and can be ordered by calling (403) 282-6588 Ext 243.



Al Black, President Martin, Harold Aitkenhead and Betty Little

Guest Speaker: Dr. Martin LaBrie

Hospice palliative care strives to help patients and their loved ones:

- address physical, psychological, social, spiritual and practical issues and their associated expectation, needs, hopes and fears.
- Prepare for and manage self determined life closure and the dying process.
- Cope with loss and grief experienced during the illness and bereavement.

As Calgary's only non-profit and faith based hospice palliative care facility, Agape Hospice operates on a 4.9 million dollar annual budget of which approximately 76% is provided through the generous support of funding partners, the Alberta Health Services and the Salvation Army. They ensure the crucial services are available when needed they rely on fundraising efforts and the generosity of community partners such as the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park, to raise the remaining 1.3 million dollars.

President Martin thanked Dr LaBrie and closed the meeting. We were then provided a tour of this wonderful facility .





Rotary International

Rotarians in Haiti are laying the groundwork for the next phase of the recovery process: sustainable restoration projects that will enable long-term rehabilitation to begin.

The [Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund](#), a donor advised fund set up by The Rotary Foundation, has raised US\$1.3 million to help rebuild the country's infrastructure, which was shattered by the 12 January earthquake that killed up to 300,000 people and left 1.2 million more homeless.

"We are now at the crossroads as we move from immediate relief mode to sustainable development," says Past RI Director Barry Rassin, an account holder for the fund. "What is important is that we work with the needs defined by Haiti and always keep in mind that our help should strengthen their economy and not detract from it."

District 7020, which includes Haiti, has flown more than 100 planes filled with medical equipment, food, water, clothes, toys, and tents into the cities of Pignon and Port-de-Paix. The district's own account for recovery efforts has reached \$400,000, which will be used for sustainable restoration projects.

While the Haiti Task Force overseeing recovery efforts is still formulating long-term plans, committee members have identified three areas of major need: rebuilding schools, providing prosthetic limbs to amputees, and equipping thousands with adequate shelter before the rainy season arrives.

The 17 Rotary clubs in Haiti are developing a plan to restore at least one school back to operating capacity with desks, books, supplies, and other necessities. Schools are a priority because in addition to educating children, they provide at least one meal a day and help keep the students occupied and out of tent cities.

The need for prosthetics is also great. An estimated 4,000 people have undergone amputations from earthquake-related injuries and require prosthetic limbs. District 7020 appointed a committee to coordinate with organizations interested in helping to provide prosthetics. The district is looking to set up three clinics at an estimated \$50,000 each.

With the hurricane season approaching, district leaders have also appointed a committee to investigate appropriate ways to provide shelter than can withstand storms and earthquakes. The district has considered creating villages that would have all the necessary infrastructure, including water, sanitation facilities, and a clinic, school, and community center.



Haitian children gather outside a tent in the capital city of Port-au-Prince. Providing shelter that can withstand severe weather has become a priority of recovery efforts as the hurricane season approaches. *Photo courtesy of District 4060*



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

- May 21 Raju Paul; Nasrat II school update
- 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