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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

And as the seasons change it all starts with a little less light, but no less enthusiasm. As the clock ticks towards 7:00 the dusty streets fill with curiously modern automobiles. Wynne and Dennis were at the door to greet us all.

As President Bob clangs the bell, the assembled patriots sing to the flag and



then present thanks for the bounty we will soon share.

Graham Drake dusted off the plates, and the fun begins.

We have very few minute people for today. Norm Haines shares an invite from Jack Stein for the Chinook Gala for Scouts Canada.

Aniinna has her 18th Birthday and a good time was had by all.



Guest Speaker: Mike Ryan

Mike Ryan Shared his presentation on "The Culture of Drugs". A genuine insight into another side of our community that is easily overlooked from the outside.

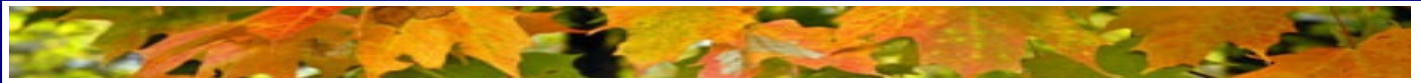
Especially in a province with high wages in the oil patch, there is easy access to all variety of drugs. And the issue is the drugs. Mike is promoting a program called "Clean Scene" which is providing education and experience. We learn that kids as young as 9 & 10 years old are starting to experiment with drugs. A large portion of the 30% of kids who dropout of school have a drug problem. Contrary to the stereotype of the inner city junkie, most of the drugs are going to the suburbs (where the money is).

Mike explains that what can really help is peer pressure education for the kids, and to promote personal development. Stricter enforcement does not curb the appetite, but increases the profitability for the 57 gangs known to operate in Albata. Much of the issue is that things start and then turn into a down-



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Bob and Laurie with cheque



Mr Clark, the elder, winner of the fridge and wine



Our featured speaker



The settlement table

Mike Ryan; Clean Scene

ward spiral. This is a complex issue which cannot be neatly explained with a few platitudes.

Some current concerns that boggle the mind are that the most popular social drugs for our youth are in fact legally prescribed pharmaceuticals (perhaps used by someone else). Fully 30% of addicts start in a hospital with legal drugs. Typhoid, cholera and dysentery are reappearing due to hygiene issues at the point of origin with foreign drugs. Two thirds of incarcerated addicts will be dead within a few years of release from jail. Some of the popular newer drugs that have a legend of being less harmful, such as ecstasy, are found to be nothing other than meth.

Mike extended an invitation to help support the Clean Scene program for Alberta Youth. Lynda Campbell thanked Mike for joining us and sharing his personal experience with us.

SUNSHINE REPORT

As our sunshine boy is absent today, we will announce for our good news that the executive approved the application for membership of Jim Sawers -

classification: Engineer - Mechanical. sponsored by Raju.

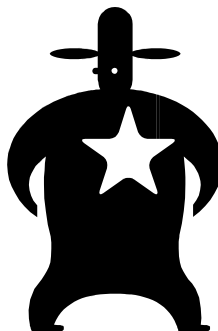
Jim has attended club meetings during July and August. Jim was on vacation in September, but returned to our club on October 1st. Doug Hood has met with Jim and was impressed. I sat with Jim last week and was impressed. Jim was previously a member of the Downtown Club, but left Rotary due to work commitments. He now wants to return to Rotary and asks the approval of our membership to join our club.

Also: Jeanette, Martin and Asha have birthdays. Jeanette also has an anniversary.



Sheriff: Harry Kim

Among the guilty this week: Doug Kinley, Jim Davis, Graham Drake, Joan Bedard and Martin Harvey. It all unfolds so quickly, I can't keep track.



50/50 JACK POT



The pot continues.



SCHOOL IS IN!

I'm very pleased to advise our Centennial School was dedicated on Sunday September 26th, five months ahead of schedule and under budget.

Representing us again was Rotarian Fary Mohini of the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club. You may recall she represented us last January at the sod turning.

Fary was in Jalalabad to among other things, inspect our school and make recommendations to upgrading the lavatories, install a drinking system for the students, obtain quotes to install a playing field, and convert a room into a nursery to attract more female teachers.

The Dedication was attended by a number of government and school officials, many respected elders, and local Rotarians. The ceremony had considerable local media coverage.

In their speeches, the elders emphasized the importance of the education in Islam and equal opportunities for boys and girls. They expressed their gratitude, appreciation and 100% support to the Canadians for their generous gift and mentioned that their children will never forget they are sitting inside their class room instead of sitting under trees and rain. They asked that this message be conveyed to everyone responsible for funding the school and how grateful they are and that they need us to help them to educate their children to achieve a better and peaceful future.

"Rotarians believe that education for all is the foundation for understanding and peace throughout the world. And this school is tangible evidence of Rotarians in Canada and the United States extending the hand of friendship."

I've attached three photos. The first is the school a few days before the dedication. Incidentally the colour was that chosen by the Nangarhar Department of Education. When I receive pictures of the students using the school, I'll pass them along.

The second shows the official ribbon cutting. Fary is on the far left. There is also a picture of some students sitting in a classroom shortly after the dedication ceremony.

Incidentally we continue to receive donations from individuals and clubs and these funds will be used towards improving the school. I understand we just surpassed \$ 290,000.00. THANK YOU!

It has been said that if you want to touch the past, you touch a rock.

If you want to touch the present, you touch a flower.

If you want to touch the future, you touch a life.

With the opening of this school, we begin to touch the future, as many, many lives will be enriched by what they will be taught there. Thank you for what you do for Rotary! WRR PDG Dave



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Sept 24	Louise Clark; Shear Wind Inc.
Oct 1	Mike Ryan; Clean Scene Network for Youth
Oct 7	RCCHP Wine Festival
Dec 10	Christmas Party
Mar 14-15	Casino Fundraiser; Volunteers needed

