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MEETING NOTES

Hey!! It is almost a sunny warm day! Maybe spring is not that far off after all. If walking to the Gunn Barn on a warm morning with the aroma of bacon and pancakes wafting on the morning air wasn't great all by itself, we also had outbound exchange student Katie as our "Greeter" with her glowing smile and warm hand shake to welcome us as we came through the door.

I love the noisy laughter, the smiles and friendly greetings as you pour your morning coffee just as President Bob Clark takes the helm, ringing the bell to get the meeting underway.

President Bob called on Peter Harding to lead the national anthem followed by Bob Sadler with the Rotary Grace

Jim Sawyer announced and welcomed our guests and visiting Rotarians.

President Bob then honored Bob Price with the duty of official plate polisher and the breakfast melee began.

PRESIDENT BOB'S JOKE DE JOUR

A young couple had identical twin sons but with all their other children and poor economic situation they could not afford to keep them. They sadly put them up for adoption.

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One was adopted by a wealthy family in Mexico who named their new son Juan while the other son was adopted by a wealthy family in the Middle East who named him Amal.

The new arrangement worked out well for all concerned and the twin boys kept in contact with their birth mother and sent her a picture of themselves each year. The one year only Juan sent a picture which upset the mother but she decided boys do forget so she let it pass. The next year she again only received a picture from Juan and now she was distraught. She cried and moaned for days until her husband took her aside and said "Dear wife don't worry about getting pictures from both boys, remember the boys were identical twins so once you've seen Juan you've seen Amal.

BUSINESS SESSION

Doug Hood referred to last week's meeting and the presentation by Garry Gray regarding fund raising projects including the recommendation to cease the annual wine festival.

To make this official Doug Hood presented the following motion:

The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park suspend it's involvement with "Wine Fest" and strike a committee chaired by Doug Hood to explore and recommend a new fund raising activity for the 2010 – 2011 club year.

The motion was seconded by Jim Hennessy and passed with all but two members voting in favor of the motion.

John Radermacher of the Vocational Committee announced that there would be a Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park plaque placed in the G.W. Skene School library recognizing the club for the funds and work we have done with the school and it's programs over the past years.

John Radermacher advised there would be a Rotary 4 Way Test Speech Contest this spring involving the students from Juno Beach Academy. Three students would be presenting their speeches. The awards for the students would total \$250. and the club would cover the cost of breakfasts for the student speakers, their teachers and any parents that may attend.

The winner from this contest would represent our club at the next level contest and possibly the contest at the 5360 District Conference.



DISTRICT 5360

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

President Bob also reminded us of the District 5360 Conference in Red Deer the weekend of April 29 through May 1, 2011.

Sign up on the District website



CASINO

A reminder from Al Hardstaff that our casino at the Deerfoot Inn Casino runs this Monday March 14th and Tuesday March 15th. You should all have received confirmation of your assigned duty and time. This is the major fund raiser for the club and Al thanked everyone that stepped forward to help make this a success.



ANNIINA'S FUN WEEK

Anniina spent last weekend at the Outbound Student Orientation at Red Deer. Most of the sessions did not pertain to her so she enjoyed relaxing with the other inbound exchange students. They went bowling and partied the night away. She says she has pictures of Rotarian Graham Drake dancing.

At the end of Anniina's presentation Sir Norm Haines made a presentation to Anniina of a gift from Ken King, Norm's friend with the Calgary Flames, including autographed pictures of the Finnish players on the team and 4 tickets to the game on March 17th.

Congratulations Anniina and great work Norm!!

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH – MARCH 2011

This person gets the privilege of the premier parking spot at the front door for the next 2 weeks??

Norm introduced this person as the Prince of Rotary, born in Ontario, educated in Agriculture in Guelph, Ont and latter mastering machinery and becoming a millwright.

A shy fellow but big of heart and full of generosity and a man of music and laughter. Always involved with our fund raising events through involvement in organizing, rolling up his sleeves and jumping in with physical effort and through funding without question.

This month's Rotarian of the month – Mr. Garry Gray

SUNSHINE REPORT – JIM HENNESSY

Jim announced birthdays for Garry Gray on March 9th and Steve Smith on March 9th

Doug Hood and Betty Little celebrated 12 years in Rotary this week. I'll bet the champagne was flowing in abundance for those monumental events.

Jim then told a story about a relative of his.

Seems Jim was in school one day and his teacher was doing a lesson on stories they had heard from their parents that carried a moral.

Several students had presented with morals including such things as "A penny saved" and "A stitch in time" and so on when the teacher called on Jim. The young Mr. Hennessy addressed the class and said his



50/50

Brian Semeschuk

This weeks total is \$1,562.00. Brian did the old double shuffle for the draw winner Doug Kinley who was quick on his feet to the lectern with his winning ticket. He recited the Rotary 4 Way Test flawlessly and then, with a 1 in 9 chance of pulling the joker, he managed to pull the 4 of Spades. The club shared his disappointment, for about two seconds, and realized the pot grows and the deck shrinks for next week.



GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

The last fun dinner events for this season are on the weekends of March 12th and 19th.

Ida Hardstaff and Beth Tillotson have done a great job organizing the dinner weekends and a wonderful time has been had by all at these dinners.



father told him of his Aunt Betty who was in the Canadian Air force on mission in Afghanistan when her jet was hit by enemy fire and she had to bail out. As she floated to earth in her parachute she realized she was about to land in the middle of a 10 man Taliban patrol and all she had with her was a pint of whiskey, her service revolver and a knife. She quickly drank all the whiskey so it wouldn't break upon landing then just before she hit the ground she pulled her revolver and shot dead six of the enemy, then as she touched down she released her chute, pulled her knife, and engaged the enemy killing three more until the blade broke and then killed the last of the Taliban with her bare hands.

The teacher almost fell over in shock from Jim's story but finally pulled herself together and asked Jim, "What did your father say was the moral of this story?"

Jim looked at the teacher and said "Don't mess with Aunt Betty when she's been drinking!"

HAPPY BUCKS

Al Hardstaff threw in \$2 to thank Walter Zuk for all his help with the Casino organizing and for Katie and her mother for helping set up today's meeting.

John Radermacher tossed in a sad buck for being too old. For what??

Lynda Campbell had a great time at the Rotary Exchange Student orientation in Red Deer.

Helen Buchanan excited that Anniina is performing in a one act play at her school and Helen's 7 year old daughter completed a 10K X-country ski race.

Graham really happy that his company is now listed on the TSX, he is very impressed with the

wonderful students in the student exchange program and very happy Anniina isn't sharing the pictures she took of Graham dancing.

Doug Kinley offered \$20. to announce the arrival of his new grand daughter.

Al Black happy he survived baby sitting a 3 year old and 6 year old.

Mark Rowe was happy he saw David McKeown acting in My Fair Lady

Betty Little enjoyed a week in Saskatoon with her three grand daughters and was also thrilled to have spent the last 12 years in Rotary.

Doug Hood was happy to have spent the past 12 years in Rotary and not in Saskatoon.

Walter Zuk was pleased and impressed that through the wonder of technology; his daughter was able to get medical assistance to a woman in distress on a back country ski trip.

Jim Hennessy congratulatory buck for Doug and Betty on 12th Rotary anniversary and an amazed buck for Wynne wearing a skirt to curling.

Joan Bedard a mixed emotion buck as she enjoyed her time at the Jasper Park Lodge except her sister, who was with her, broke her leg on the trip.

SHERIFF – GARRY GRAY

Garry managed to discard the good guy mantle we gave him as the Rotarian of the Month and in doing so gouged a couple of dollars out of a few unsuspecting club members.

Anyone who cancelled or changed their casino shift had to buck up which got the pot clanking.

Doug Hood was fined for borrowing a buck from Jim Hennessy to pay his happy buck.

Guess who Doug called on to help pay his fine.

Helen was fined for being a keener and reading the Rotarian before the rest of us even saw it.



Joan Bedard was fined for being late

Brian Semeschuk fined for being too excited about his experience with shooting guns

Helen B again for begging Garry for use of his Rotarian of the Month parking spot.

CLASSIFICATION TALK - JIM HENNESSY

Our Guest Speaker was Jim Hennessy who did an update of his Classification Talk and then provided insight and education on the correctional services as he is involved in it through his job as a dentist for prisoners at Bowden Penitentiary.

I am always impressed at the depth of back grounds and experiences that our members bring to our club. Jim being born and raised in Ontario, earning his B of Science degree through the University of Toronto and then joining the Canadian Armed Forces to learn dentistry and ending up in Calgary several years later as a Lieutenant Colonel. Then retiring from the Armed Forces to grow a successful private practice for about 12 years and then when he is ready to retire again and relax a little he is called upon by the Bowden Penitentiary where he as worked since 2008.

Jim gave us a brief history of the penitentiary system in Canada to how it is established and operated today. Amazing to hear what our correctional officers and employees such as Jim have to deal with everyday. There was too much information coming from Jim's presentation for me to accurately report it all here so I suggest you take a few minutes and check out the website www.csc-scc.gc.ca for the full history of the Correctional System in Canada from it's start before confederation when criminals were just locked up and punished through to the progressive approach of today that is highly successful in getting individuals reformed and back in to being contributing members of our society.

Thank you to Jim Hennessy for his presentation to inform our club and for his on going unbiased efforts to ease the pain and suffering of those incarcerated.



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