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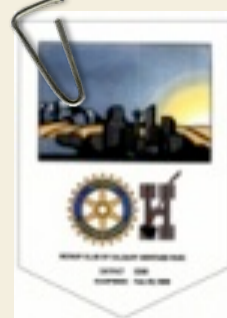
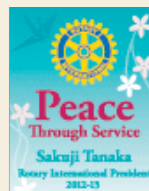
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MEETING NOTES

President Doug called the meeting to order and Peter H led us in the National Anthem.

Granton gave a Saskatchewan invocation and Max introduced the sparse guests to the scanty members in attendance.

To keep the members vigilant, the President changed the order of meeting again.



ROTARY MINUTE -GRANTON PATRICK



Granton gave proof that Politicians don't follow the four-way test.

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SUNSHINE

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES,
ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAY

April 28 - Granton Patrick

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

April 30 - Peter Harding 14yrs



HAPPY BUCKS



Happy Bucks were overflowing for Rosebud – Doug Kinley, Bob Sadler and Sheila T.

Granton had \$10 because his long time friend was moving in with him.

Al H said something intelligent that I did not catch.

Graham D survived his first shareholder's meeting and
Joan B donated \$2 for Jeanette's last day at HP.

SHERIFF

Graham D in his role of fund-raising sheriff fined the following:

Anyone who put away his or her snow shovels.

Anyone whose street has been cleaned

Anyone who has golfed

Anyone who was running outdoors. (He did not say walking)

Anyone who had a committee meeting in their side of town.

Anyone who shares a name with another member and

Joe Klassen for insufficient notice.



PROGRAM

AMAROK SOCIETY - GEM MUNRO



Raju, the one-armed bandit, introduced our guest speaker, with a little help from de Prez.

Gem Munro is the co-founder and a Director of the Amarok Society, that provides education programmes to the poor in Bangladesh. Their mission is "if you teach a mother you teach a family; if you teach five mothers you teach a neighbourhood."



The entire Munro family have devoted their lives to improving educational opportunities for disadvantaged people across Canada and abroad.

Gem and his wife have recently been named recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medals.

In his address to the Club, Gem said he is happy to acquire a relationship with Rotary because of Rotary's motto "service above self".

When talking about Bangladesh the terms that come to mind are "poorest of the poor" and "worst of the worst".

The Turkish Ambassador is one of their supporters because to quote the Ambassador "only Bangladesh made me cry."

The Munros moved their family from Vancouver to Dhaka, where they found millions of children living in slums who are too poor to go to school.

They decided to do something about the problem. They realized to relieve suffering through education; normal customary methods would not help. So, they went into the slums and taught the mothers to be teachers.

They had to overcome many hurdles to teach the poorest Muslim women. They taught Bengali and English, in addition to health and hygiene. They also taught them conflict resolution and birth control. Each mother enrolling must agree to teach a minimum of 5 children what she has learnt.

They found that in doing so they had changed pessimism and despair to optimism and hope.

They facilitated a partnership between the RC of Bellville and the RC Dhaka.

He had a book about his experiences that was a fundraiser for his project.

Ignorance is a terrible scourge in the world.

John R thanked him.





PODIUM DASH

Ted Wood needs a few more dinner donations for the "Give a Fork" event.

Sheila put in a plug for the Rotary Leadership Institute.

Our second speaker Walter talked about his experiences at Boston. He was running with a friend. Jessie was in the vicinity of the finish line. At first they thought it was canon fire in honor of Patriot's Day. At the end of the day, Walter was able to cross a substitute finish line and get his medal and both Walter and Jessie are back home safe and sound.



DUTY ROSTER

May 3, 2013

Grace and Rotary Minute - Eve Robertson
Greeter - Bob Sadler
Door Sales - Mark Rowe
50/50 - Jim Sawers
Introduce Speaker - Tara Seitz
Thank Speaker - Brian Semeschuk
Sunshine Report - Bob Clark
Standard Reporter - Peter Harding

If you are unable to fulfill your duties please find your own replacement

FUTURE EVENTS

MAY 3 - PAUL HARRIS DAY

MYSTERY GUEST

MAY 10 - IMPERIAL WATERWAYS OF RUSSIA

ASHA PAUL

MAY 17 - BODY WHYS

MEAGAN BUISSON

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It's true, hard work never killed anybody,
but I figure, why take the chance.
----Ronald Reagan

WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN

