



THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY HERITAGE PARK

THE STANDARD

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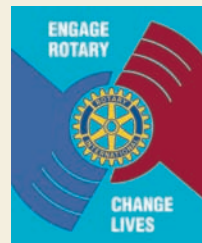
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OKTOBERFEST 2013

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 6:30PM

MARLBORO COMMUNITY CENTRE

CHAIR: EVE ROBERTSON

MEETING NOTES

Strangely enough due to the Guest Speaker's theme our Club meeting took on the flavour of a "Bird Sanctuary".

Please Note: "None of the following Characterizations are intended to ruffle anyone's feathers".

As the flock gathered, Zuzana the lead "Pelican" flapped her wings vigorously in an effort to bring order to the gathering. Eventually the cacophony of babbling birds was brought to a halt. Only to be reignited by the shrill note of David the "Chickadee" McKeown leading us in a stirring version of "Oh Canada".

Billy the "Bluefoot Boobie" followed with a very erudite and concise opening prayer. Immediately following, the flocks attention was drawn to the statuette like figure of "Heron" Surinder as he raised from his perch to gain the attention of all those in attendance.

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After commanding the visiting male birds to raise themselves up onto their perches he deliberately turned his attention to the lady birds. Only to point out the faux pas of their partners who failed to pay for their entrance into the feeding station. A quiet hush fell over the flock as they turned their beaks away in dismay. "Heron" Surinder quickly strode away with a smirk slipping down his beak.

The lead "Pelican" then invited "Doris" the flocks newest hatchling, from Hamburg Germany, to greet the members of her new family at the feeding station.



PROGRAM

THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS



Ted "the Eagle" Wood, hesitantly approached Dr. Joe as if in a state of shock. No, it was not a result of his most recent fall from the sky. It was because after reviewing Dr. Joe's "Curriculum Vitae" he could hardly do anything else than stand in awe of this "Wise Old Owl".

Dr. Joe started his presentation with a rather risqué comment when he referred to his wife Carole as a "Bird Nerd". After all he said "It was her highly focused goals that were the driving force behind the trip to the Galapagos Islands".

Numerous historical and geographical facts about these volcanic islands were shared with the audience. They became a republic in 1835 and were thought to have been discovered by the Spaniards in 1535. The Islands flora and fauna consisted of approximately 16,000 plant species and 1600 other species of birds and animals. The Galapagos Islands are now officially a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The pictures presented were both awe inspiring and intriguing. Onlookers were mesmerized by the immensity of the iguanas, the variation in shape and size of the marine life and the friendliness of the sea lions (who were almost as prolific as our dandelions).

Joe and Carole gained a whole new appreciation of the poncho when horseback riding at an elevation of 14,000 feet on the windy plains of the Galapagos. The turtle gargoyles located on the Basilica in Keto also captured Joe's attention and gave a whole new meaning to keeping evil spirits at bay.

Riding down an 800 metre zip line with a bad arm, hunting at night for large bugs with a group of visiting Germans and swimming a channel of water with sharks lurking nearby provided enough thrills to say it was an awesome holiday. It was a real hoot for a wise old Owl and his mate.





BIRD TALK

OKTOBERFEST:

To be held at the Marlborough Community Centre, located just East of Marlborough Mall, on Friday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a hearty meal of Bratwurst Sauerkraut, Onions, Pretzels, Beer and Strudel. The first beer comes with a free pint glass along with the reminder to drive home safely.

There will be door prizes, balloon popping surprises, and encouragement for all members to support the sale of raffle tickets for the NAPA Valley Wine Experience. A new feature will be the Bavarian Costume Contest which will



be open to all in attendance. The provision of eighteen sponsorship tables will provide further opportunity for members to invite personal friends and business associates to the event. These tables at the cost of \$800.00 each will also have extra amenities.

Three ways club members can help make this a successful event:

1. Volunteer to help on the night of the event (various roles)
2. Bring a bottle for the silent auction Booze Basket
3. Sell event and raffle tickets to friends and associates

Tickets sales will be managed by Zuzana and Committee Members will gladly respond to further enquires about the event.

HAPPY BUCKS

Praise for partners in attendance.

Hans Tiedemann's 48th year anniversary

Recommendation for Rotary members to visit the Reynold's Museum in Wataskiwin.

One Bird's disappointment at not being welcomed into the "Sea Gull's private club". Located in the bilge water at the back of the hall.

Thoughtful concern was expressed over Dr. Monty Audenart's (Aide to R.I. President) recent diagnosis of lung cancer. Prayer was solicited from all members.

CASINO NIGHT

Held at Elbow River Casino on Thursday Feb. 20th and Friday Feb. 21st

50 people will be needed. Volunteer early to arrange an appropriate time slot. Come and celebrate the club's Anniversary at the Casino





SHERIFF - BILL HOPE

Bill Hope stepped up to the perch in the guise of a Rooster. With his guns blazing and spurs showing he took as much spare change as possible from the unexpected flock members. Feathers were flying everywhere. It was quick and dirty.



PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The District Governor, Pat Killoran, will be our special guest on Friday Sept. 6th. Help us display our best plumage.

The new chair of the 2014 Golf Committee will be Brad Sewell: A new venue is being considered for 2014. Brad is looking for an "Eagle"

NEW MEMBER

Greg Smyth's application for membership under the classification *estate and retirement planner*, has been approved by the Board and barring any objection from the members he will be inducted into the club in two weeks.



SUNSHINE

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Aug 23 - Joan

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ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 25 - David & Joan McKeown

Aug 27 - Brian & Bonnie Semeschuk



50/50

'Tweety Bird' Sheila Tyminsky invited Max the "Blue Footed Goo" to the front with the tweet refrain

"May the force be with you". Unfortunately, no Joker, just a room full of flapping wings.





ROTARIAN IN PROFILE

REPORTER OF THE WEEK - HAROLD AITKINHEAD

Harold and his wife Christine grew up in the small town of Paris Ontario. They got to know each other through their avid involvement with roller skating.

Harold has had three distinct careers, firstly as a Bank Accountant, secondly as a journeyman Machine Fitter and thirdly as an

Ordained Minister with The Salvation Army.

In the latter career Harold spent over forty years involved with ministry opportunities in Criminal Justice work and the Health Services field.

During his first year of retirement he has been able to take a greater interest in his love for gardening. He says: "He has now become a "TFM" specialist (Toilets, Floors and Meals)".



DUTY ROSTER

Aug 30, 2013

Greeter - John Ashton

Door Sales - Joan Bedard

50/50 - Don Bell

Grace and Sunshine - Wynne Bjorgan

Introduce Speaker - Al Black

Thank Speaker - Lynda Campbell

Standard Reporter - Bob Clark

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

FUTURE EVENTS

AUG 30 - INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENT

SEPT 6 - DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

SEPT 13 - CLASSIFICATION TALKS

BRUCE BYFORD & JOHN ASHTON

SEPT 20 - PERNACULTURE

KIM CORNISH

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A successful man makes more money than a wife can spend

A successful woman finds such a man

WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN

