

The Standard

The Rotary Club of
Calgary Heritage Park
December 20, 2013

The last meeting before Christmas

Reported by Elf Davis, guest editor: Elf Klassen

President Zuzana kicked off the last meeting of the year with her usual promptness and best attempt to silence those naughty and nice. She turned to Elf Bedard to lead us in the National Anthem and Elf Smyth for the blessing. And to keep things moving quickly, Elf Cheryl Ryan was assigned to welcome all to the buffet. First to win honours were our guests – Rotarians Tony Knight (West) and Hans T. (South) with visitors Marisal Narvaez (Children's

Cottage), Alida Visbach (prospective Elf), Lance Fugate (Elf Bob Price), Maureen Bedard (Elf Joan B), Paul Rowe (Elf Mark) and Mike Gawryluk (Elf Peter).

Sunshine Elf Greg reported there were no birthdays or anniversaries to be recognized thus avoiding any temptation to break into song. And he shared some out of season sports humour.

Head Elf Zuzana then brought us back in line by turning it over to the Elves with speaking roles. Elf John told us the donations were slightly behind last year for the food bank... we were going to have a big surprise for him... read on! Prospective Elf Alida (CEO of Heritage Park) became a full fledged RCCHP Elf with Elf Sheila doing the honours and granting her exclusive use of the classification "Business Tourism", which apparently took major searching in the R.I. list. Welcome Alida!!

Head Elf Zuzana checked her "nice" list and made a presentation on behalf of the Club to Heritage Park's Joan for taking care of us again this year.

We then swung into full election mode... this must be another "nice" list as all these good boys and girls volunteered and were thus acclaimed to work really hard for us next year:

President – Sheila Tyminski

President Elect – Harry Kim

Club Secretary – Grant Patrick

Vice President – Harold Aitkenhead

Director of Club Service – Mark Rowe

Director of Community Service – Bruce Byford

Director of Vocation Service – Cheryl Ryan

Director of International Service – Bill Skinner

Director of Rotary Foundation – Peter Harding

Director of Public Image – Tara Seitz

Grants Committee – Doug Kyle

Treasurer – TRD



QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

It takes less time to do a thing right, than it does to explain why you did it wrong.

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



PHOTO CAPTION:

Snowmen gathered round the tree

Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

The Business of the Meeting

Elves Bob Sadler and Martin Harvey brought a Christmas carol test to the rest of the boys and girls with hopes of allowing them to spread good cheer and joy among others, by way of an involuntary financial contribution. It was quite successful and knowing the right answer did not allow members and guests to avoid sharing their coin. A spirited auction of mystery presents ensued and elves Greg S, Jim D, Brad S, Jeanette P, Bill H, Joe K and Alida V all dug a little deeper. End result – Elf John could bolster the contribution to the Veterans Food Bank by \$741.00. Great job to Bob and Martin and way to go John to get the cash and donations to the Veterans again this year!!!

The Happy Bucks flowed fast and furious, lots of gloating from those who have finished their decorating, shopping and have their wrapping complete. Not a unanimous sentiment by any stretch. Din and Nuri celebrated their 50th anniversary. Peter H has some nice comments about his Mother-In-Law who just had her 85th birthday! Al H froze on his kettle shift, Bill H was too warm and had to layer down on his shift. Don B for one of his students getting an audition in the US, Greg S looking forward to his Grandson's 1st Christmas, Al B won some money last night and was prompted to increase his "sharing". Alida for her membership, Brad S for kids home for the holidays and John for the food bank boost. Whew... and Joe K for being in the Bahama's during the cold snap and Bob and Jean celebrating their 46th anniversary. And others which came too fast to write down... thanks for the donation!

- Dec 27 No meeting
- Jan 3 No meeting
- Jan 10 Classification talk
- Jan 17 Membership survey report
- Jan 24 Stars Foundation
 - Pam Ilsen Reilander
- Jan 31 Personal Fitness
 - Ron Jarrett
- Feb 7 Friends of Fish Creek
 - Katie Pearson
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SherELF Jeanette continued to acknowledge the "nice" (i.e. women) and focused her fundraising efforts on the perceived "naughty", (i.e. men) and in lieu of coal for their stocking, virtually all of them were able to donate their way to mostly "nice".

The 50/50 was handled by Elf Wynne. Winning ticket was held by our exchange student Doris who gave a flawless rendition of the four way test. Not so lucky on the draw so the \$300+ carries over.

Doris then gave us some highlights on the exchange students orientation, ice skating and some transportation difficulties. She also went to Zoolights and the Millennium Club's Christmas party. Missed the Nutcracker – more transportation and timing issues.

Elf Jamie called up Marisal from the Children's Cottage Society and gave her the RCCHP Christmas present of a \$3,000 donation. Marisal gave a short overview of the Society and that their main focus areas were Crisis Nurseries, Respite Care and Healthy Families programs. The Society is still recovering from the Flood of 2013 so the donation was much appreciated.

Head Elf Zuzana decided we really were all "nice" so wished us a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year with our families.



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