

THE STANDARD

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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?

In the beginning:

Peter Harding greeted everyone with a hearty 'Gong Xi Fa Cai' (or Happy New Year in Mandarin) and handed everyone a good luck envelop with a gold coin!!!!no wait, it's chocolate! (tastes better anyway). Did anyone else notice the CIBC logo shamelessly promoting his company? Sheesh, given the profits CIBC makes, they should be putting real gold coins in there for us.

Burns poem with a brougish touch.

Surinder, who will soon be leaving us on a jet plane, was asked to clean the plates. This he did with his usual aplomb.

John introduced our guests – Kelly (wife of Jim Coyle), and Velma Noble, who is interested in joining our club (I hope we were all on our best behaviour). Visiting Rotarians were Lynn Grant (South), Ted Rowsell (South), Charley Gouldsbrough (South), Hans Teideman (South) and Scott Campbell (Surrey Guildford BC). Guests and visiting Rotarians were all welcomed with a warm friendly applause.



Zuzana, herding us to our tables, asked David McKeown to lead us in Oh Canada (for a non-singing club we did a great job belting out our anthem). Grace was led by Brad Sewell who gave us a Robbie

Guest Speaker No. 1: Bill Skinner

Our very own Bill Skinner! Offering us a Mexico Travel Opportunity to Explore the Maya World in Yucatan in Nov-Dec. 2014. While Bill framed this as a holiday, it was noted that this was no 5 star vacation. Folks who travel with Bill know they will learn a lot, get to know the local 'flavour', be safe and clean. The rest is all sprinkles on the cake. He showed us a map of the area including potential sites to visit. There are several amazing Maya sites to see, and all within reasonable driving distance. There are also Rotary clubs in Cancun, Valladolid and Tulum, all of which he is hoping to get to (the places, not necessarily the club meetings.... That would be more sprinkles on the cake!). He noted it would be better to go there after the hurricane season (didn't I mention safe?) flying into Cancun, renting a car, and heading to Valladolid (colonial style city). In addition to the Maya ruins, Bill also showed us pictures of the Ria Legartos UNESCO Biosphere reserve. It looked spectacular! Total time about 10 days (no beach days folks). Total cost about \$2100-2500 per person with double occupancy. Initially Bill hopes to fill one car (4 people) but if more wish to go, can look at a larger vehicle. Anyone interested is asked to speak with Bill. Thanks Bill - it looks very tempting (even 2 stars are fine so long as the bugs stay outside and we stay inside).



Bill Skinner (R), Brad Sewell

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Speaker : Brad Sewall—Golf Tournament

Brad gave an update on Golf Tournament: The objective is to raise \$50,000 (of this, \$25,000 for our club). As in the past few years we will partner with ARF (Animal Rescue Foundation). This has been a positive relationship for us and even more important - some of our biggest sponsors are really keen on ARF (e.g. Canyon Creek, who will give \$9,500). A quick budget overview: anticipate \$67,500 from sponsorships, another \$20,000 from golfers, auction etc, less \$37,000 in expenses, should net us the \$50,000 we are hoping to get. But it is counting on all of us to participate. How? Volunteer, get sponsors, donate prizes, enter a team, donate an auction item. Last year only 63% of club participated - this year let's make it 100%.

We will be at a new venue this year - Redwood Meadows. And whaddaya know? Mike Gawryluk - who has been attending our club as a potential new member - is the head pro at the same said golf course. This was meant to be!

Don't forget - the tournament is Thursday June 26. Kickoff is Feb. 14 with brochures, letters, sponsorship packages all ready to go. Start flipping through your rolodexs folks - find those contacts who are willing to sponsor/enter a team, etc. Brad also introduced his committee: Asha (volunteers), Art (liaison with the golf club), Mike Gawryluk (soon to be our resident golf pro), Brian (yup, the money guy), Peter Harding and Greg Smyth (corporate and individual sponsors), Public Relations (Julie Bousfield, ARF), and it looks like a couple more volunteer positions remain open) signage and set-up).

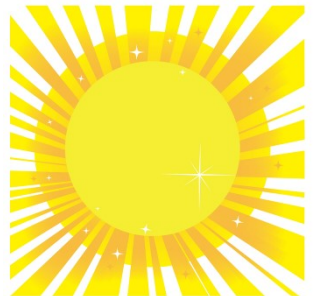


The rest of the meeting

Brad Sewell gave the Sunshine Report. Birthdays: Christine Aitkenhead (Harold), Al Robertson (Eve), and count them - 3 birthdays on Feb 4! Doug Hood, Bonnie Khanna (Surinder) and Karen Neilson (LeRoy). Happy Birthday everyone. Wedding anniversaries was interesting.... It turns out Al and Eve Robertson celebrated their wedding on the same day as Al's birthday. Great for remembering dates, not so good for the gift receiving, Al. But a wise move, considering the tradeoff. Brad's joke went something like this: Man kills his wife. Man bemoans his poor golf score which somehow was linked and more important for him to remember.

Minute people Bob Sadler - March 13 potluck at Winston Heights Community Club. It's a Thursday. It's a potluck which means you bring something else besides your charming self.

Bob will have a sign up sheet next week. Don't forget, the next day - Friday March 14 - no meeting, we'll be covering all the budgets and business stuff at the potluck. At least we can have a drink (watch out for the Robbie Burns effect tho). Bob will also provide a link to the community club, it's in the northeast.



- Sheila - A special evening is being offered for women who might be interested in joining Rotary. Everyone got the email from Charlene Beardon about the evening. Manon Mitchell from Sarcee is hosting this second annual event. Date: Saturday March 1, 2014, Location: Calgary Elks Golf & Country Club, Time: 5:00 Registration and fellowship, 6:00 pm dinner, \$50 / ticket, limited seating womens' evening encourage people to invite a woman to attend.

- Doris gave her week's highlights that include a trip to a museum, went to Banff (loved it) made chocolates for 9 hours at Wynne's on Monday. She did it on her own (Wynne helped with calculations). Doris started back to school yesterday, and is going to take foods, Spanish, gym and cosmetology. Oh to be back in high school, sigh!

- Bob Clark -encouraged people to go to Mexico with Bill (Bob has survived a trip with Bill, and they're still talking to each other!). And of course the casino - even better than Mexico he tells us. You are legally bound to attend if you have signed up. It is at the Elbow River Inn Casino, just west of Stampede Grounds. There is underground parking, and lots of parking around there. You'll be fed, just bring your ID, it's exciting



Meeting con't

and fun, fun, fun. Note: there is another casino near by, if you're at a place where there are buxom women, you're in the wrong place.

- Zuzana had a blond joke. She reminded everyone about the District Conference April 11-13. Also our RI President Ron Burton is coming to Calgary to help celebrate that small club RCC's 100th anniversary on May 3, so keep your calendar open to take advantage of the events

The Sheriff was Grant Patrick, looking like the cat that swallowed the mouse.....

- o Bill Skinner fined for being tall - no one need worry about getting lost if they're with Bill in Yucatan as Bill is twice the size of Mayans
- o Wynne fined for her extortion on chocolates (they were only \$10 not 'you can always give \$20, other people did')
- o Jim Sawers duly fined as he was supposed to be the greeter (did that memory lapse have anything to do with Robbie Burns....I think I should be blaming Robbie for a few things, hmmmmm)
- o Greg and Jim spoke Scottish to each other
- o Mark for being one of those guys in city hall too long
- Peter for unabashedly promoting CIBC

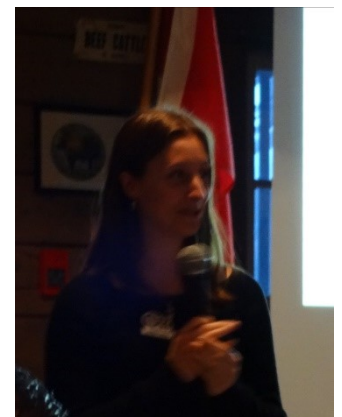


More meeting

50-50: Brad Sewell gave us the going prize money - \$483. Lynne Grant had the lucky ticket but did not pull the lucky card (and talking about lucky - he we sure lucky Zuzana helped him with the 4 way test. Of course half the winnings were the deal, so too bad Zuzana and too bad Lynne)!

Happy bucks

- o Jim Coyle was happy because Kelly's daughter is going to Florence for 4 months in senior year of university, and more bucks cuz he had lots of fun at the Robbie Burns evening (how could he be sure he had so much fun... did he even remember the evening...????)
- o Brad Sewel also had a buck for a great evening and another one if he could find his memory (careful what you ask for Brad!)
- o Wynne's son got engaged, so she is now in pursuit of grandchildren and another buck for Doris' chocolates
- o Bob Sadler is off to Delmar (this is near San Diego I think, basically a nice warm place - likely more than 2 stars.....) must be good, it was worth 5 bucks.
- o Bob Clark also threw in some money to show he too lost his memory at the Robbie Burns event. Hmmm I thought Robbie Burns was a poet, but then again, I am not sure I really understand what he has written, it's harder to understand than Shakespeare!
- o Ted is happy because he is now semi retired, he has left Hertz, and he wants to retire by 50.
- o Alida had big cause for celebration - the celebrations for Heritage Park's 50th Anniversary and attendance was up by 900%!! Woohoo.
- o Scott Campbell (our visiting Rotarian from Surrey BC) was just so happy to be here
- o Graham went to Ontario, and was happy to get back to see us, as he visited the club there and they only had 15 members!



The End:

O Zuzana was happy because she and Steve hosted Doris on the weekend, and they had a great time, Doris is wonderful to have around.

President Zuzana:

Thought for the day: formula for success: rise early, work hard, strike oil

Final note: Peter McKenzie-Brown wishes to join our club, if anyone has any input about this, please contact Sheila Tyminski.

Have a great week!

Upcoming Duty Roster

07 February - Greeter	Brad Wellicome
07 February - Door sales	Ted Wood
07 February - 50/50	Walter Zuk
07 February - Grace and Sunshine	Harold Aitkenhead
07 February - Introduce speaker	John Ashton
07 February - Thank speaker	Joan Bedard
07 February - Standard reporter	Donald (Don) Bell

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Feb 7	Katie Pearson; Friends of Fish Creek
Feb 14	Valentine's day; Meet at Railway Café. Janice Outgoing YEX and Brad Sewall— Golf Tourney
Feb 20 & 21	Casino Fundraiser; Volunteers needed
Feb 28	U of C Operetta Group
Mar 7	Dr. Tom Keenan
Mar 14	Potluck dinner

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