

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:

The Standard. November 6, 2015.

We were greeted at the front door by a smiling Max Patel. Brad Sewell ably handled door sales and Bill Skinner, 50-50 sales.

Harry rang the bell at 7:00, and we were led in Oh Canada by Peter Harding. Brian Semeschuk offered grace and we then took our seats. Brad Sewell welcomed our visiting Rotarians: Neil Magee, Lynn Grant, Norm Legare, Jim Burns, Hans Tiedemann and Kevin MacLeod (all from Calgary South), Wynne Bjorgan (Calgary Fish Creek), and Jim Zakowski and Derek Fraser from Rotary Challenger Park; and guests: Phoebe Wang (YEX inbound) and Mark Meilleur (guest of Kevin MacLeod).

Harry announced that Bob Sadler passed away on Nov. 3 at the Foothills County Hospice. Asha informed us that the funeral will be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church at 2:00 pm on Monday Nov 9th. The women at the church need help in preparing baking and other food for the after-funeral celebration; anyone able to help is asked to call church office before Sunday with the items you are bringing. 403-255-0001. Parking is limited, so please car pool if possible.

Bob Clark is still looking for volunteers for the Salvation Army Kettles – the sheet was circulated but please contact Bob Clark if you wish to help.

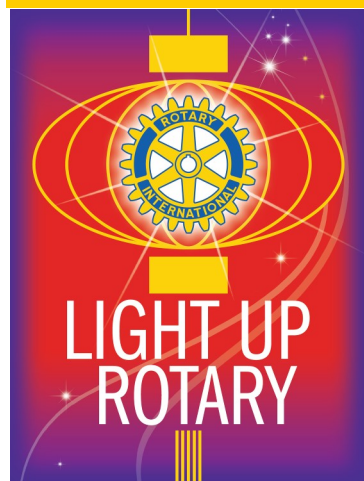
Our plate shiner has a career in information and process management - Christine Murphy

Brian gave a very brief Sunshine Report: Linda Campbell's birthday. And a joke: why is air a lot like sex? Because it is no big deal unless you're not getting any (Brian has been well trained by GarryJ)

Raju introduced our guest speaker – Jim Zakowski, Executive Director of Rotary Challenger Park since June 2005. Jim's presentation was a formal request for a donation to the final phase of Calgary Rotary Challenger Park's (CRCP) development: the Centre for All Abilities. Key points included:

The Centre for All Abilities will be beneficial to all Calgarians
Diversity and Inclusion are fundamental to CRCP

Their slogan is, 'where everyone can play' and 'where everyone can live, work and



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Our meeting.

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Emphasis is on the values of diversity and inclusion.

Jim gave a presentation to our Executive Committee, Raju has been a representative for CRCP to our club.

Jim invited our club to come each year for a meeting at CRCP, to see what they do.

The Centre for All Abilities is located on 5 acres and is phase 4 of the park's development.

When CRCP was first built it was at the furthest most NE corner of the city – now feels quite central, given the growth.

125,000 cars pass by it each day.

CRCP was the first major collaborative project undertaken by all the Rotary Clubs in Calgary and Airdrie; it was the biggest project have ever collaborated on. Since then, there has been Flames house and Rotary Matamy Greenway Park and this shows what we can do. This would be another legacy project.

CRCP wants us to feel that we are the owners, the investors, of CRCP. So, as owners

Return on Investment: – 78,000 visits to park annually, with only 5-6 months operational (it is weather dependent). Over 50 organizations use the park, with use increasing. It is becoming better known. Currently 25 – 30% of all Calgary organizations representing persons with disabilities use CRCP. Jim provided photos illustrating how CRCP has attained international recognition.

Their signature event is Family Day, where they give back to the community, it is on the third Sat of June. This year over 1500 people came.

Community involvement is central to CRCP and this is two way, emphasizing that CRCP has an obligation to the community

Financial sustainability: have had 9 consecutive years of surpluses, with reserve nearly \$1M

Invitation to us: Would like to see all our founding Rotary Clubs get re-engaged with the park – a team member participation versus leading it (now CRCP is leading it).

The facility is 100,000 sq. feet, including a multi-purpose gym, and serving as a co-location for community organizations to help build community capacity for these organizations to be successful. The centre will have a facility that supports these NFPs. They have 2 big costs – salaries and facility costs – and CRCP offers them space for them at about 40% under market. That is a lot of money they can save, to put into service to their clients.

Calgary Airport Authority gifted them the land, worth \$3.5M.

They are hoping to open by Fall 2018.

CRCP has invested over \$640K on this legacy project. They have been able to invest over half of it by themselves.

Multiple organizations will benefit from the centre – expect upwards of 200,000 visits per year.

Value proposition: Create a permanent visual legacy of Rotary, and create a functional space in Rotary's name.

E.g. front foyer of centre – ROTARY – and have a chance to learn about what Rotary does for the community – e.g. have a feature wall showing what Rotary does in the community. Also it will have rooms for groups to use – could be used by the NFPs during day, and used by other groups in evenings. Rotary can use it at no cost. Would like to have district office space there at no cost. Want it to be a central hub.

The request is for Rotary to contribute up to \$3.2M over next 3-5 years beginning in 2016/17 and to engage all local Rotary Clubs in the project.

Jim needs to confirm individual club membership levels by Dec. 18, 2015. Want it to be within our club's capacity.

Have \$3M of the \$3.2 M already (Downtown and South - \$1M together) and an individual Rotarian pledged \$2M.

If Rotary steps up, it makes it easier to get donations from others.



Our meeting.

Asking \$16M – \$17M from the private sector. One dollar will help 10 -15 organizations in perpetuity. Rotary's leadership will send message to government that this is important and good value (when seeking government funds).

www.allabilitiescentre.com.

Phoebe update – Harry and Laura took Phoebe hiking in Fernie area (Mt Fernie up to the bench). She had 2 Thanksgiving dinners, and celebrated Halloween. She was sad because this will be the only occasion to experience Halloween. She saw snow first time and loved it. She is happy to come back to Heritage Park.

50-50 pot was \$637.00: Lynn Grant (South) had the right ticket but not the right card. Sorry Lynn, please come back and try again!

Lots of happy bucks: Garry, Ted, Asha, Rob M., Peter H., Graham, Bill S. Sad bucks for Bob Sadler's passing, he was a gentles soul.

Our sheriff was Dennis. He allowed everyone to put in one buck for our indiscretions (late, speeding in park). For those who did not volunteer their buck, they were fined double. Darryl got a credit for helping Al Hardstaff by coming in early (take note future sheriffs!!).

Rotary minute – Martin is looking for Discon breakout session ideas - need help rising to new heights. Give ideas to Martin Harvey. Focusing on club projects

Nominations for District Governor are open until Dec. 1, 2015.

Wynne is on the Discon committee, responsible for registration and will be asking for bodies, especially on the Thursday.

Harry adjourned the meeting at 8:15 (ish) with these parting words of wisdom: 'When one person is missing the whole world seems empty.'

Addendum

Please be advised of the following nominations for next year's executive:

Vice President: Brad Sewell
Treasurer: Greg Smyth
Foundations: Christine
Public Relations: Jamie Powell
Sargent at Arms (non voting): Al Hardstaff
Director of Club Service: Bob Clark
Director of Community Service: Phil Hochausen
Director of Vocations: Cheryl Ryan
Director of International Service: Jim Coyle
Director of Grants (non-voting): Jim Davis

Elections will be held at our club meeting on December 11th.



Duty Roster November 20

Greeter	Brad Wellicome
Door sales	Ted Wood
50/50	Walter Zuk
Grace and Sunshine	Harold Aitkenhead
Introduce Speaker	Richard Austin
Thank Speaker	Bruce Byford
Standard Reporter	Bob Clark

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Nov 6	Jim Zachowski; Rotary Challenger Park
Nov 11	Rotary Remembers
Nov 13	No Friday am meeting
Nov 20	
Dec 3	Christmas party
Dec 18	Light up the world

