

Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park

Club meeting minutes for Friday, October 14, 2016



President Harold called us to order at 7 am.

He promptly asked Joan Bedard to lead us in the singing of O Canada. The group joined Joan and tried its best to follow her shining example of how to sing our nation's anthem with spirit and grace.

Dennis Tillotson followed with a thoughtful grace for the club.

Roger Sonntag introduced our guests & visiting Rotarians

President Harold followed with his usual clues to help the group identify the morning's plate shiner who turned out to be Peter Leigh. Because President Harold did not see Peter in the crowd he asked Christine Martin to stand in for Peter. It turned out that Peter was at the back of the room and somehow escaped detection.

After allowing some time for food and fellowship over breakfast President Harold got the club assembly under way

CLUB ASSEMBLY

President's Report

President Harold introduced the Club Executive followed by the Club goals for the current Rotary Year:

To Achieve:

- Rotary International's Presidents Citation Award
- The District's Vibrant Club Award
- Our Strategic Goal of 60 Members
- Increased Member participation in club activities

To Develop:

- Three New Community Engagement Projects

To Increase Our Giving:

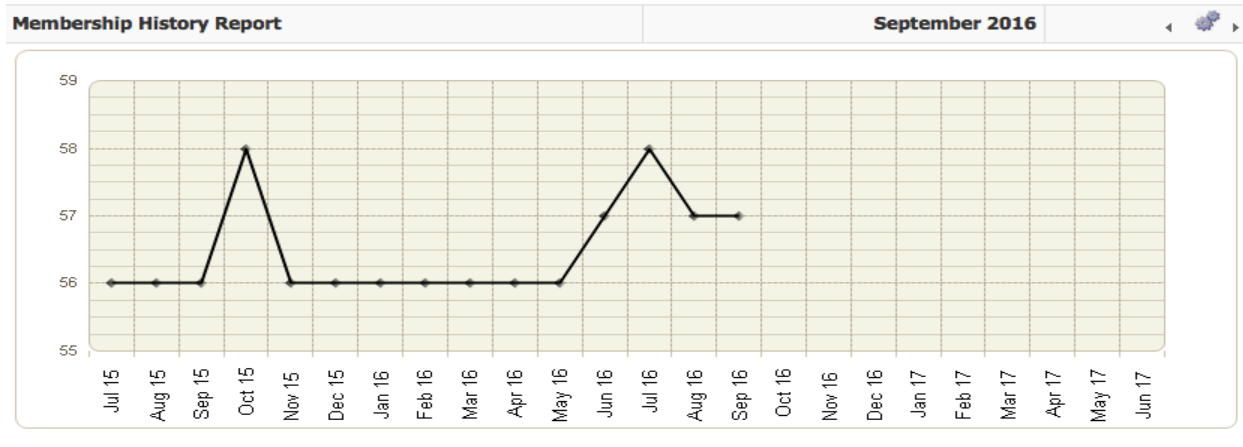
- For The Foundation's 100th Anniversary

He explained that progress on each of the goals would be addressed in the committee reports to follow.

President Elect's Report

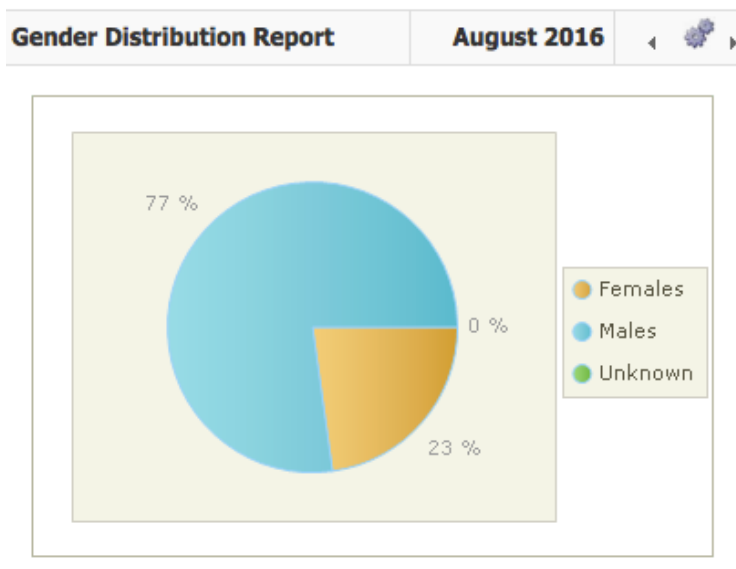
President Elect Jim Sawers provide insight into our current membership statistics:

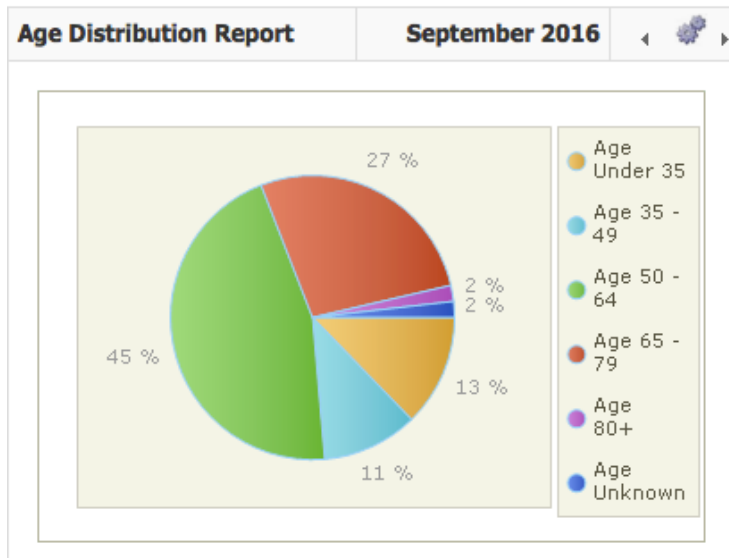
- 56 Active Members
- 2 Honorary Members
- Minus 2 Members this Rotary year with -2 pending
- 2 Formal applications in progress
- 2 Prospective members in discussion



The club's current distribution relative to averages supplied by RI:

- 23% female (RI 22%)
- 76% over 50 (RI 68%)
- ~37% retired (RI 20%)





Jim reminded the club that in order to achieve a Presidential Citation we needed to achieve 2 of 3 of the following goals related to membership:

1. Net gain of 2 members

Currently we are down 2, with the loss of a further 2 pending. We will need to gain 6 members before the end of the year to meet this goal

2. Improve member retention rate by 1%

Our current retention rate is 97% vs 94% in the 15/16 Rotary year. 95% is required to meet this goal. With the pending loss of two additional members we will be at just over 93%

3. Add 4 members under 40

At this point we have not had any new members under 40 join the club in the 2016/17 year. This may be a challenge to achieve.

Jim shared some ideas that are being reviewed in order to attract new members. More detail will follow in time as these are fleshed out:

- Considering adding corporate memberships & Joint spousal memberships
- Holding a membership open house to educate any interested parties as to what Rotary membership is all about.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Jim Coyle provided his report on club fundraising for 2016/17:

Events to date:

- Hay's Breakfast took place during Stampede 2016 which raised \$5,000 for the club
- We participated in the Heritage Park Vegetable Sale in September raising \$500 for the club while providing another opportunity to show our support for Heritage Park – an important partner.

Upcoming events:

1. October 21, 2016 - Fall Harvest at Heritage Park. Estimated that 125 tickets had been sold to date.
2. March to June 2017 - Give-a-Fork raffle
3. June 2016 - Golf Tournament
4. Casino Scheduled in Q2 - 2017

Club Services Committee

Bob Clark began his report by showing us a list of his committee members and followed that with the following information:

Club Calendar

- Currently we are booked with activities and speakers through the end of 2016
 - Focus is on topics of interest plus classifications
- Club Activities – Vegetable Sale Sept. 10 and 11
- Blood Donations – October 25
- 2 club meeting dates are being moved before the end of 2016:
 - Rotary Remembers – Fri Nov 11
 - Christmas Party – Thursday Dec 08

Upcoming activities for 2017

- Joint meeting with other Calgary Rotary clubs is scheduled for February 3rd
- One or two offsite meetings are in the planning stages with Rotary Challenger Park as one option. More information will follow as these plans are finalized.
- Club Potluck is being planned for our Club's anniversary on February 23rd.

Community Services Committee

Doug Kinley stood in for Community Services Committee Chair Phil Hochhausen and provided the club with the committee roster followed by this report:

- The committee members have been contacted and are in touch with several of the groups we supported in the past.
- The committee will be reviewing these and giving consideration to those groups that meet the committee's established selection criteria.
- A few of the groups under considerations are time sensitive (Christmas events) therefore they will be given priority in the assessment process.
- Motions will be brought forward to the club membership to address these historical projects.
- The committee will be trying to make use of grants this year to enhance support to qualifying groups.
- Doug Kinley has agreed to represent the community services committee through this process as a member of the grants committee.

International Services Committee

Committee Chair Fran Hochhausen began her report by outlining the club members on the committee and then provided the club with this information about committee activities:

The committee is giving consideration to the following projects:

1. Volcanes School and Sewing
2. Help for the Highlands Guatemala Society
3. Honduras Economic Community Development
4. Ainembabazi

The committee does have some other requests; however, the club has funded these projects in the past. Funding the above mentioned projects will utilize all the funds allocated to the International Services Committee. Further discussion will be entered into regarding the application for Grant funding.

Vocational Services Committee

Committee Chair Jeanette Pyle listed the committee members for all to see and then proceeded with her report:

- The committee approved the final year funding for the Can Learn Literacy Grant for \$1,500.
- The Committee will be choosing a Vice-Chair, YEX and Grant representative at their next meeting.
- They will have representation at the "Two Wheel" event on November 18th
- The committee is considering the following for funding support this year:

- 1 Bridge Foundation for Youth

- 2 G.W. Skeen Fine Arts Program
- 3 Calgary Multicultural Youth Orchestra (Forest Lawn)
- 4 SAIT Scholarship
- 5 EarlyAct elementary program
- 6 Spring RYLA and RYPEN

YEX Committee

After displaying the committee member names, Committee Chair Brad Wellicome informed the club that the YEX Committee had:

- Held two committee meetings to date
- The club's inbound student Claire Hung had arrived and was settling in
- The club's inbound student Jarod Pon was enjoying Denmark and making friends
- The committee has located 3 host families for Claire
- The committee is preparing to interview candidates to select an outbound student for the 2017/2018 Rotary year.

Treasurer's Report

Co-Treasurer Greg Smyth provided a very short to the point report informing the club that Q2 billings will be out very shortly and that the tentative budgets (which must be approved by the Club's Executive and Club Members before they are final) for each Avenue of Service were estimated to be:

- Community Service - \$37,091
- International Service - \$18,545
- Vocational Service - \$18,545

Grant's Committee

Chair Jim Davis shared the list of Committee members and then described the types of grants available for the club to pursue:

1. Rotary International
 - ◇ Global Grants
 - ◇ Peace Fellowships
2. District 5360
 - ◇ project grants
 - ◇ International project grants
 - ◇ Scholarships

- ◇ District Travel
- ◇ Vocational Team Training
- 3. AB Government
 - ◇ Community Improvement Program
- 4. Federal Government
 - ◇ Global Grant Program

Jim advised the club that he and Doug Kinley would be attending the District Grants Seminar being held in Calgary on Saturday, October 15. The club is required to have a representative at the seminar in order to qualify for district grant funding. Bill Skinner suggested that Jim make the seminar slide deck available to club members for information purposes. Further discussion followed after which Jim committed to holding an educational session for club members to learn about the grant process at some point in the future.

Foundations Committee

Chair Christine Martin discussed her committee's planned activities including Beef Jerky sales and a member drive for donations to the Rotary Foundation in its 100 anniversary year.

Public Relations Committee

Director Jamie Powell described how through his committee our club was active on social media via Face Book, Instagram and Twitter. Jamie encouraged us to "like" images and stories so that club activities would be exposed to each of our networks thereby exposing a wider audience to what we do at Rotary. A number of the groups we support with funding and sweat equity projects are on social media and this is a good way for club members to connect with these groups. Jamie also mentioned social media exposure for our club is another way to attract potential new members.

Sheila Tyminski wrapped up the club assembly portion of the meeting by thanking the Executive for their strong leadership and all that they do for the club and its members.

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS

Club Minutes

Blood Donation Drive

Gini Murphy followed Sheila to talk about the club's drive to donate blood. She reiterated that the club is committed to providing 20 units of blood by the end of the calendar year and we are currently at 12 units - we have some work to do. Gini also reminded us that each donator needs to register on the

Partners for Life website in order for your blood donation to be linked to RCCHP and contribute towards the 20 unit goal.



**YOU HAVE THE POWER
TO GIVE LIFE**
Donate blood and join the movement today.

**Rotary Club of Calgary – Heritage Park
Invites you to donate blood at:**

**Glenmore Inn & Convention Centre
Tuesday, October 25th
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Join the Rotary Club – Heritage Park blood donors;
Register online at blood.ca/partnersforlife as a member for the
team using the Partner For Life ID number: **ROTA949010**

Book your appointment at blood.ca

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Canadian Blood Services
it's in you to give

Fall Harvest Event

Bob Clark then did a final promotion for the fast approaching Fall Harvest Dinner and Raffle. He encouraged us that if we wanted to control the quality of guests at our table to book a table and fill it up. He also mentioned there were three ways each of us could contribute to the events success:

1. Buy tickets for the Dinner (final date - Monday, October 17)
2. Buy Raffle tickets (approx. 100 left)
3. Donate silent auction items

YEX

Brad Wellicome was up next to appeal to the club for a 4th Host Family for our inbound student Claire Hung. Brad encouraged club members to consider becoming a host family and helping enhance her exchange experience.

He noted that the club currently has 3 great host families who are opening their homes to Claire this exchange year for which he thanked them:

- Fran & Phil Hochhausen
- Jim & Kelly Coyle

- Kim Dominquez & spouse from the Millennium Club

So why consider being a host family?

- The energy of young people like Claire is infectious. Why not have some more of that in your home?
- It's a great opportunity to share your knowledge and mentor Claire.
- It's a chance to give back to young people – maybe you had a great exchange experience when you were younger and would like to contribute to Claire's experience.
- You're proud of your culture, your city and your country and this would give you the chance to share a lot of that with Claire.
- And You get to contribute to changing the world – one student at a time

Brad asked that we keep in mind that there are other exchange students in the Calgary Area that still need host families so if you are interested and we happen to have 4 families for Claire already we can still find you another great student to host.

If you would like more information please talk to Darryl Luhr or Brad Wellicome.

Rotary Remembers

Doug Hood reminded us of the Rotary Remembers event scheduled for Friday, November 11 at the Carriage House Inn which is organized and supported by all of the Rotary clubs in Calgary. He mentioned that tickets are being sold electronically this year and that in order not to miss out we needed to go to rotary5360.ca/event/rotary-remembers to register and buy your tickets. The deadline for registration is before Friday, November 4th. 300 to 320 people are expected to attend.

50/50 Draw

Art Sumner came up to do the draw and shared the unfortunate story of how Roger Sonntag, who had won the pot the week before, had texted his wife that he won \$300 dollars on the club 50/50 draw only to have the Standard report he won in excess of \$600. Needless to say Roger had some 'splainin' to do!

After the laughter died down Al Hardstaff's ticket was drawn, Al recited the 4 way test and went on to draw the wrong card (much to everyone's dismay) leaving the princely sum of \$32 unclaimed.

Happy Bucks

President Harold asked who was happy this week and a number of people responded including Garry Gray, Jim Davis, Mark Rowe, Fran Hochhausen, Bob Clark, Ted Wood, Jeanette Pyle (Joan couldn't

believe Jeanette had her own money as well!), Walter Zuk, Bill Skinner, Graham Drake, Stan Christmas (prospective member) and Brad Wellicome.

Due to the length of the meeting to that point President Harold decided to skip the Sherriff. He reminded us that next week's speaker would be our District Governor Neil Berg. He provided us with a thought for the day:

Getting It Together Isn't The Problem
Keeping it Together Is the Real Challenge

He then wished us a good week in Rotary and drew the meeting to a close.