

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:

We celebrated Robbie Burns day at this week's meeting being the day after his birthday and Heritage Park Gasoline Alley was filled with

jolly soles in various tartan and plaid attire from kilts to bathrobes. Amongst the chatter and laughter there was also a hint of Scotch whisky in the air. Mr. Burns would have no doubt been delighted.



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Following our own traditions Joan Bedard led us in signing O'Canada and Eve provided a traditional Scottish blessing from the Scottish Earl of Selkirk. An interesting aside, Earl Selkirk was a patron of Robert Burns and was very active in the 1800s encouraging Scots to settle in Canada which they did in PEI and around Manitoba's Red River Valley. The Selkirk Mountains are named for this famous Scottish Earl. One evening Burns was dining with the Earl and his wife and when asked to say grace he said the following:

Some hae meat and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it;
But we hae meat and we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thanket.

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We had an excellent club turn out for this special meeting and a number of guests who were greeted with rousing applause after being introduced by Bill Hope.

The club was then treated to the piping in of the Haggis. The Haggis honor guard consisted of piper Don Humphreys, Haggis bearer Jim Hutchens, a member of Calgary South club, followed up by our very own, sword toting, Mark Rowe. Don played the indoor pipes to take it easy on our ears but the march in and presentation was none the less moving sending shivers up the spine of even this non Scot, or maybe it was the whisky. Jim provided us with

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the “Address to the Haggis” after which Brad Sewall was awarded the Triple P designation (Plate Polishing and Presentation) and we all proceeded to enjoy our usual buffet fair with the special addition of the Haggis which I believe was enjoyed by all, no doubt helped by the whisky.

Mark then took control of the meeting, remember he did have a large sword, and introduced our speaker Jim Hutchens. Jim was a wealth of knowledge about the life and literature of Robbie Burns. He regaled us with poems, stories and toasts plus a few of his own humorous stories all of which were well received by all. Robbie Burns, born in to a farming family January 25, 1759, was an intelligent, well read and prolific writer who accomplished an amazing amount in his short 37 year lifetime. He is known as a defender of the common man and Jim suggested a connection to Rotary in so far as he believed in truth, fairness and equality and sharing of wealth amongst those with little or nothing. Jim demonstrated this with the reading and translation of Robbie Burns’ poem “For a’ That and a’ That” which concludes with the lines “That man to man, the world o’er shall brothers be for a’ that.”

There was nary an eye in the place without a tear at this moving conclusion to Jim’s presentation or perhaps it was that we were out of whisky.

Jim was graciously thanked by Doug McDonald.

Sunshine Report

Back to our regular meeting agenda Fran Hochhausen had a short list of member’s special days for this week:

Bob Clark and Christine Aitkenhead, wife of Harold, will celebrate birthdays this week. Here’s wishing them both all the best on their special day. Is there any more whisky?

Fran provided the perils of online communication. Apparently a fellow received a text from his spouse with a picture asking him if he felt she was too fat. Said fellow, in full self-preservation mode, immediately and exaggeratingly texted back “Noooooooo!” Unfortunately auto spell correct kicked in and she received the message as “Moooooooo!” We understand his bags were packed on the front porch when he arrived home.



Time to get serious with a number of motions on which to vote:

Greg Smyth presented the following motions from the Treasurer, both of which were past with no objections:

“I move that the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park approve the financial statements for the 2016/2017 fiscal year as presented by Brian Semeschuk.”

“I move that the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park ask Brian Semeschuk to file their tax returns with the CRA.”

These motions were approved.



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Brad Sewall offered up the following motions on behalf of the Community Service Committee:

“On behalf of the Community Service Committee, I move that RCCHP support the Victory Outreach in the amount of up to \$3000.00 to provide material to renovate one suite.”

Seconded by Mark Rowe and passed unanimously.

“On behalf of the Community Service Committee, I move that RCCHP support the Ronald MacDonald House in the amount of up to \$600.00 to provide food for one or two meals.”

Seconded by Roger Sonntag and passed unanimously.

“On behalf of the Community Service Committee, I move that RCCHP support Camp Cadicasu in the amount of up to \$4000.00 to renovate the external stairs and deck for one dormitory.”

Seconded by Darryl Luhr and passed unanimously.

Ginny Murphy from Vocational Service Committee put forth the following motions:

“On behalf of the Vocational and Youth Services Committee, I move that RCCHP support the Adventures in Forestry/Environment program in the amount of \$1100.00 from unrestricted funds to cover the cost of registration, airfare, insurance, and \$100.00 spending money for one student.”

Seconded by Brad Sewall and passed unanimously

“On behalf of the Vocational and Youth Service Committee, I move that RCCHP support ‘It’s a Crime Not to Read’ program in the amount of \$1000.00 from restricted funds to help cover the costs of this library program at Our Lady of Evergreen School.”

Seconded by Doug Hood and passed unanimously.

“On behalf of the Vocational and Youth Service Committee, I move that RCCHP support Two Wheel View in the amount of \$1100.00 from restricted funds to cover the cost of one youth participating in their Badlands to Calgary, multi day Bike trip.”

Seconded by Joan Bedard and passed unanimously.

“On behalf of the Vocational and Youth Service Committee, I move that RCCHP support the Bridge Foundation for Youth in the amount of \$1000.00 from restricted funds to cover the cost of one scholarship to be put towards post-secondary education.”

Seconded by Joe Klassen and passed unanimously.

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50/50

OK back to the fun and games it's time for the 50/50 draw with Martin Harvey the master of the cards and club members eagerly awaiting the ticket draw for their chance at the \$530.50 pot.

Surprise!! The draw winner was our visiting Spanish YEX student Christina. The whole club helped her by reciting the Rotary 4 Way Test and did very well as the whisky was wearing off. Sadly Christine missed pulling the joker but left the podium to a round of applause for her valiant attempt.

Happy Bucks came fast and furious and I have had to summarize in order to get this report in on time. Most of the club attended last week's Guess Who's Coming to Dinner and one and all had a great time and tossed in a few loonies and twonies to thank hosts for wonderful evenings and their culinary efforts. About 42 members, spouses/partners/dates enjoyed the East Indian Dinner at the Royal India restaurant which generated several more happy bucks.

Fran was happy to have Christina, YEX from Spain, with her for a couple of weeks before she goes back to her host club in Lethbridge.

Christine Mihailedes enjoyed her involvement in a United Way Group Study.

Joe Klassen happy to have enjoyed and survived two Robbie Burns' Day celebrations.

Sheila Tyminski sad that her sister in law had suffered a heart attack but glad she is doing well.

Mark Rowe enjoying having his friends from the Robbie Burns Club at our meeting.

Bill Hope happy his daughter is having a good time in Swaziland

Ginny Murphy happy to have taught a session at Junior Achievement with Christine Mihailedes and for being on a cruise with her 81 year old father.

Jim Sawers for the Scotts in the room, the show of tartan, the sound of the pipes and the special joke in Jim Hutchens' presentation for the two potential new members.

President Jim Sawers took this moment to present Don McArthur with a bottle of scotch as the best dressed Scotsman at the meeting today. Don thought with that incentive he might wear his kilt to every meeting.

Sheriff Christine Mihailedes tried to trick us by holding up a tartan and asking to guess what it represented. She was surprised that many members knew it as the tartan of Nova Scotia. Not to be deterred she fined anyone not wearing anything tartan or plaid to our special meeting. She did take pity on Stan Christmas who did his best by wearing a plaid housecoat.





Joint Club Meeting

February 2nd is our joint club meeting with Sarcee and Centennial Clubs.

Guest Speaker is Calgary Police Chief Roger Chaffin.

Tickets for next week are \$25 and we are having a special 50/50 for \$5 per ticket.

\$10 of the breakfast fee and the funds from the 50/50 will be donated to brain cancer research in the name of former member Bob Sadler who passed away from brain cancer.

I think we should have ended the meeting with “Auld Lang Syne” but everyone’s day was full and the whisky bottle empty we settled for President Sawers’ words of wisdom this week which came from another well-known Burns, George Burns, who is quoted as saying:

“When you stop giving or offering to the world it is time to turn out the lights.”

Have a great week in Rotary and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Duty Roster for February 9

Greeter: Lorne Kelly

Door sales: Harry Kim

50/50: Joe Klassen

Grace and Sunshine report: Doug Kinley

Introduce speaker: Peter Leigh

Thank speaker: Darryl Luhr

Standard Reporter: Christine MARTin

February 2: Is a special meeting and we will have special assignments. We will let you know if we need volunteers.

Thanks in advance should we need it.

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Feb 2	Joint Meeting—Chief of Police Chaffin
Feb 9	Club Assembly
Feb 16	Gary/Brian/Doug—PV Update
Feb 22	Club anniversary dinner
Feb 23	No meeting
March 2	Robyn Brayley—Club Growth and Membership

