

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?



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

In the beginning:

President Jim started off the meeting at precisely 7:00. Martin Harvey led us in the national anthem, and with the exception of one 'sloucher' (to be named later), all in attendance enthusiastically participated. Grace was said by Brian Semeschuck and Harold Aitkenhead had the honor of plate shiner for the morning.

Jim Fitzowich (Calgary South) and Mario Lessa Freitas Filho (Puerto Alegre, Brazil) were the visiting Rotarians.

Brad Sewall introduced our speakers which included classification talks for the old and the new. One of our oldest members (in terms of time at Rotary) and one of the newest members of our Club – Al Hardstaff and Neil Cameron

Representing the old, Al Hardstaff was the first to speak.

[This being his 3rd classification talk, Al had everything memorized and the information flowed flawlessly. Some of the highlights of Al's talk](#)

He was born in 1942 in Lloydminster (Alberta). Living on the farm, Al and his 3 sisters went to school in Streamstown. To get to school they drove a cutter in the winter time and a cart in the summer time. I am not sure what a cutter is, but I am betting it didn't have an internal combustion engine – which Al identified as one of his passions.

He went to high school in Kitscoty and in 1961 enrolled in Sait to take Electronics and as Al put it 'that went nowhere'.

He has 3 step children, 6 grand children, 1 great grandchild, and 1 great grand-fetus. Al's interests are snowmobiling, motorcycling and camping. In 1992 he got into street rodding and owned a 1929 Ford for 22 years

Al started working for Imperial Optical and shortly thereafter he started his own company – Chinook Optical which he owned and ran until 2004. After his 'retirement' he was contacted by the Alberta College of Opticians where he conducted student examinations and was a member of the disciplinary committee for another 10 years. All totaled, Al held his licence for a whopping 51 years and 4 months

In addition to volunteering at the Merchants Association, he was also involved in the Meadowlark Community Association, Toastmasters, and he joined Rotary in 1992.

As a rotarian he served 2 years as club secretary, was VP for the board of direc-

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Our meeting.

tors at the Bingo Barn and was involved in the formation of RCCHP along with Walter Zuk, Jim Davis, Al Black, and Dennis Tillotson..

In 1998 he chaired the first meeting of this club which was chartered Feb 23rd, 1998 with 32 members.

He was the charter secretary for the first 3 years, president in 2005, and Sargent at Arms since his presidency.

He has been involved in casino coordination, Hays breakfast for 13 years, chaired the road cleanup and is probably the closest to 100% attendance over 19 years.

Neil Cameron came in to represent the 'new'. If Neil ever loses his job as a lawyer, he is a shoo-in for a second career as a stand-up comedian as he has the entire group laughing throughout his presentation.

At an early age Neil joined a gang (Cubs) and ran around raiding gardens with shady characters such as Greg Smythe. A turning point in Neil's life was when he went to bible camp and found a wallet. He was struck with the ethical dilemma of whether to return the wallet or keep the rewards (hint – he eventually became a lawyer)

He went to the U of C and enrolled in Liberal Arts. During his time at U of C he worked at the university radio station.

Upon graduation he found that there was not an abundance of employers looking to hire someone with a liberal arts degree, so after a lot of soul searching (insert picture here) he decided to become a lawyer.

Neil met his wife Susan shortly after university and they have two married children.

Bill Skinner thanked the speakers

Sunshine Report:

Birthdays; No member birthdays

Spouse Birthdays

JoAnn Luhr – Dec 30th

Holly Drake – Jan 6

Jessie Zuk – Jan 16

Anniversaries

Christine Mihaledes and Peter Ruptash – Jan 6 – 16 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Al Hardstaff – 26 years

Jim Davis – 28 years

Ted Wood – 5 years

Max Patel gave an update on our club donations to the Canadian Blood Services. In 2016 we pledged 20 units of blood and gave 31 units. In 2017 we pledged 30 units and gave 31 units. In 2018 we have again pledged 30 units.

Max also indicated that Club Service committee is organizing an Indian dinner night on Thursday Jan 25th at the Royal India Restaurant. They need a minimum of 30 people to make it a 'go'. You can bring your own wine (corkage \$10) or Max will also bring wine that you can purchase from him.

Presidents Remarks

President Jim indicated that RCCHP had previously committed \$40,000 to phase 4 of Rotary Challenger Park. That phase has been cancelled as the airport authority did not approve the proposed tenant. We had the option of withdrawing funds or leaving in for renewal projects. We decided to withdraw our funds but would be willing to do a specific project if approached.



50/50

President Jim Sawers held the winning ticket, breezed through the recital of the 4 way test and drew the ace of diamonds. The pot grows...

Happy Bucks

Looks like 2018 is starting out strong as there was an abundance of happy bucks to go around. Gary Gray is heading to Maui. Raju Paul thanked Al for his part in starting the club. Ginny Murphy was happy how the kettle program worked. Doug Kinley hosted a past exchange student for 4 days, Jim Coyle, Din Peerani, Harold Aitkenhead, Phil Hochausen and Stan Christmas all shared their happiness with the group. Mario (Brazil visiting Rotarian) also thanked the group for the warm welcome.

Sheriff

Sheriff Peter Harold reminded us of the Sheriff of Nottingham with the taxes (fines) he was levying. If you didn't go to either the Victory Church or salvation army kettle drive – pay up. John Raddermacher for telling the same bad joke 2 years in a row – still with no laughs. Brad Sewall – for Kim not attending the Victory Church. Aliisa Paivalainen for slouching during the National Anthem. Harold Aitkenhead for being too efficient in the plate shining, Anyone who went to a sunny climate and avoided the cold during Christmas break. Christine Mihailedes for retiring, and anyone who has made a new years resolution.

Thought for the day. – Ring out the false – ring in the true.

Duty Roster for January 12

Greeter: Art Sumner

Door sales: Dennis Tillotson

50/50: Sheila Tyminski

Grace and Sunshine report: Brad Wellicome

Introduce speaker: Ted Wood

Thank speaker: Walter Zuk

Standard Reporter: Harold Aitkenhead

Duty Roster for January 19

Greeter: Joan Bedard

Door sales: Neil Cameron

50/50: Stan Christmas

Grace and Sunshine report: Bob Clark

Introduce speaker: Jim Coyle

Thank speaker: Graham Drake

Standard Reporter: Brian Gentles

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Dec 15	District Governor Rick Istead
Dec 22	No meeting
Dec 29	No meeting
Jan 5	Classification; Neil Cameron Al Hardstaff
Jan 12	Sheralee Stelter—Cerebral Palsy; kids and families
Jan 19	Graham Drake—International Youth Exchange

