

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:

Standard Report for June 1, 2018 by
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Woke up to a dreary Friday morning, foggy and wet. It's been raining off and on for the last few days, but sunshine is expected to break through by this afternoon. Our Greeter today was Max Patel, filling in for Fran for the first few minutes. A hardy handshake from Max and a smile that can make you forget the threatening dark clouds outside. At 6:30am, the Gunn Dairy Building was filled with Rotarians filling their cups with coffee saying "hello, how are you today?" and other Rotarians setting up the welcoming table to greet guests and visiting Rotarians from other clubs.

Rotarians on duties were as follows: Phil Hochhausen – Door Sales, Fran Hochhausen – Greeter, Doug Hood 50/50, Lorne Kelly – Grace and Sunshine report, Mark Rowe – Introduce Speaker and Thank Speaker – Surinder Khanna.

Our President, Jim Sawers welcomed everyone and asked Peter Harding to lead us in the singing of O'Canada. Lorne Kelly lead us in grace.

Guests and visiting Rotarians were presented by Bob Clark, filling in for Phil Hochhausen. We had lots of guests, including Kate Cheryba, our YEX student, and special young guests from the Early Act club at Woodbine Elementary School. A lengthy list of guests... hopefully I got them all, here it goes,

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Dan Doherty (incoming DG) and his wife, Marlene Doherty

Jim Thompson (Chinook club)

Rhea Graham (Chinook club)

Dave Lesley (Downtown)

Joan Rowe (Mark)

Liz Harvey (Martin)

Early Act Club Woodbine School, Maddy Wolder (President), Rylan Fech, Phoebe Polak, Shreey Dosaj, Danika Knellor, Adam Low, Karen Part (Teacher), Patti Bellamy (Teacher).

Deb Cummings

David Fields



Our meeting.

Kate Cheryba (our outbound YEX Student)

Today's plate shiner was Doug McDonald.

Jim Sawers asked Mark Rowe to come up and introduce our guest speakers, Dan and Marlene Doherty.

Guest Speakers: Homes for Hope

Dan and Marlene have a long history of doing a lot of community service work. Here today to speak about their many trips to Mexico to build homes. Their program is called Homes of Hope. Mark invited both Marlene and Dan to speak to us about this program.

According to Marlene, this project started on celebration of a significant birthday for Marlene and at the same time, their church was looking for a program to celebrate its 100th anniversary and was looking for an opportunity to engage people. When she heard from Phil that he was going to build homes in Mexico, Marlene ran home to tell Dan what she wanted to do for her birthday. Dan responded, we are going to Hawaii? No, replied Marlene, we're going to Mexico to build houses. This was 13 years ago and they're still making the trip today. Every year they take the same trip, but every year is different and a unique experience. It's a life changing experience not only for the family the home is for but also for the builder. You get more than you give. Marlene says she is the LOGISTIC person, and her husband Dan is the WHY person. Logistically, it's very simple. It's a 4-day build. They head off second week in March and you must be in San Diego by Thursday @ 2pm. At 2pm, you board a bus to Rosarito, Mexico. It is a 45-minute bus ride. Homes for Hope partners with a group called Youth with a Mission. They are an International group and is a key partner as they provide the receiving family, tools, and they're there to get the job done.

Friday morning, they get up early as breakfast is at 7 am. After breakfast they leave for the build site, they work from 9 to 4 pm. According to Marlene, when you arrive in the morning, there's a slab of cement and a pile of building materials. They quickly divide into teams and there is a job for everyone. The youngest participants have been 12 and the oldest has been about 80 years old. The homes they build is about the size of a single garage with 3 rooms. By noon, the walls are up and it's starting to look like a house. Later that night after work, some people go to bed, but some head down to a place called PLAN B. Marlene challenged anyone in the room if they could drink 2 of their shots of tequila.

Saturday morning, it's the same thing as Friday. Off to the build site and finish off the inside of the home finish the drywall, install electrical wiring, paint and they also put in a furniture package such as double bunk beds, tables, chairs, and a stove. The furniture package costs \$500. At the end of the day, around 4pm, they celebrate by way of a giving circle, whereby the key to the home is passed on to the receiving family. Sunday morning, they're up at 7 am sharp, and they drive back to San Diego.

Now the WHY part of the presentation. Dan started first by saying, "Buenos Dias! CASA DIAS ESPERANZA, which means Good morning, and Homes of Hope and someone replied "cerveza por favor." I wonder who that was???

According to Dan, they often go and participate in these programs and forget why we are there. "We are there for these families. We build for the poorest in the region." Typically, they have big families, they may or may not have a dad. They make around \$150 - \$250 a month. A lot of the families live in a home that have dirt floors, walls that are made up of used signs, and tarp roofs. "It's amazing" Dan exclaimed, "what happens when you get them onto concrete floors and a safe environment, their health improved, and their kids stayed in school longer."

This year Homes of Hope had 75 people participating including members/ spouses from our own club such as Mark & Joan Rowe and Daryl Luhr. Dan also talked about a young volunteer whose name was Tray. He was from a foster program and came with a big attitude. He became Dan's project for the weekend. In the beginning, Tray was very cold and reserved and didn't engage very much. At the giving circle ceremony, the keys to the house is passed

Our meeting.

along the volunteers and every year they always pick the last person that would hand over the keys to the new family. This year, they picked Tray. Tray, however, could not give the keys to the new family. He was emotionally distraught, and a crying mess. Later, Tray told Dan that he hated coming down on this trip. He even went on to say that he hated Dan. He also hated his mother, his foster parents, foster brothers and sisters, hated his school and hated himself. Then he told Dan, here I am building a home for people who have absolutely nothing, and they are the happiest people that I ever met. Today Tray is a youth counsellor for Boys and Girls Club. This trip was a tipping point for him.

Next year, Dan and Marlene have committed to build 5 homes. Dan would like to see all of us getting involved. Perhaps our club can finance a home. The total cost including the furniture package is \$10,000.

If you want to engage in this project, you must get yourself to San Diego by March 7, 2019, by 2pm. The cost is \$400 US, that will cover the transportation, room and board. Please check with Dan or Marlene for the exact date please.

Surinder graciously thanked the speakers.

SUNSHINE REPORT – Lorne Kelley

Member's birthday, Fran Hochhausen, June 14

Spouse's birthday Natalie Powell

Wedding Anniversaries; 44 years – Rob and Cheryl Mathews, 4 years – Bob and Tien Clark, 53 years – Surinder and Bonnie Khanna

A clean joke:

3 Senior golfers leaving the 18th green, and like us they're getting old and hard of hearing. The first golfer says it's windy, the second golfer says no it's not, it's Thursday, the 3rd golfer says, me too let's go and have a beer.

YEX Student

Kate Cheryba, our outbound YEX student told us that she will be leaving for Germany in August. Her town Breich (not too sure of the spelling) and the population is 50,000. Her first host family is 15 minutes outside of Breich on a farm. Kate is excited to go!

Early Act

Maddy Wolder, President of Early Act Club at Woodbine Elementary School also spoke to our Rotary Club on behalf of all the members of their club and noted that our breakfast was phenomenal.

Maddy reported that Early Act Club had a successful year. This year they decided to be a Me To We school.

Early Act Club is made up of grade 5 and 6 students but hopes someday they can attract kids from other grades.

Local initiatives: Raised money for CP kids through a guess the gumballs in the jar challenge, which raised \$298. Also, a bake sale raised \$574, and an anonymous family matched the money raised bringing the total to \$1148.

Global initiatives: sold Minga bracelets in support of education projects in Ecuador. Sold 205 bracelets and raised \$2050. Maddy thanked Joan and Christine for coming to some of their meetings and really appreciate the invite to our club Breakfast this morning.

Minutes:

Our meeting.

Asha Paul (Club Service) next week's meeting is cancelled due to President's Social on June 7th.

The meeting for June 15 will be an off-site meeting at the Challenger Park. A sign-up sheet will be circulated. Please sign up if you're planning to attend.

Jim Coyle (Membership) – at our last Executive meeting we have approved David Field's application as a member. David has attended 4 of our meetings, and a previous Rotarian at the downtown club. David's name will be listed in the Standard for the next 2 weeks.

Motion for Vocational and Youth Service Committee: Ginny Murphy for Brad Sewall

"On behalf of the Vocational and Youth Services Committee, I move that RCCHP contribute to Frogskin U in the amount of \$2500.00 to support their youth financial literacy education programs. This amount will support one full series of program classes. 4 classes X 2 hours each – 45 students" Seconded by John Radermacher, Motion carried

Motion – Treasurer: Greg Smyth

"I move that the \$10,000.00 in funds previously allocated by RCCHP to Rotary Challenger Park, be redirected to The Bethany Atrium." Seconded by Daryl Luhr, Motion carried

Golf Tournament: Roger Sonntag

Graham Drake did a great job as an auctioneer this morning. The auction item; 5 golf lessons from Kyle Miller at Link Ridge, with a retail value of \$575. Also, Graham decided he needed these lessons too, and asked Roger he would match the winning bid and buy the second set of lessons. Dan Doherty won the auction item at a cost of \$400.

Thank you, Graham, and thank you Dan for supporting our club.

Jim Sawyer announced that there are 2 FREE tickets available for the Stamp's game this weekend with a parking pass. Also, Doug Hood will be passing out emergency kits as you exit.

50/50 - Pot is at \$1085, Sheila Tyminski was the lucky ticket holder but not lucky enough to pick the JOKER.

Happy Bucks:

Jim Coyle – happy and sad, as Graham labeled Brad Sewall as Brad Wellicome and Graham gave a 3-way test.

Fran Hochhausen – Sad buck, Phil's sister passed away with ALS

Christine Martin – for the students of Early Act and thanked Karen and Patty

Joan – for the students of Early Act

Doug Kinley – great to see the Early Act Club, and thanked Roger and Karen Sonntag for hosting GWCTD

Brad Wellicome – Thank Liz and Martin for GWCTD, also an opportunity to go and see Kate perform at a jazz band dinner and dance.

John Radermacher – welcomed the Early Act Club, and yes there are 2, 7's in a day and thank Walter and Jessie to host the GWCTD

Ginny Murphy – represent our club at the Bridge Foundation for Youth Achievement Awards

Asha Paul – Thanked Roger and Karen Sonntag for a wonderful evening, GWCTD

Phil Hochhausen – Thanked Harold and Christine for hosting GWCTD and 6 times getting together with Sheila and Peter Leigh

Doug Hood – off to Lethbridge to their son's graduation from a business degree. Asked if anyone needed an employee with a B Comm



Martin Harvey – to get Liz out of bed at 5:30 am, and for their daughter Karen who is responsible for the Early Act Club and all the Early Act Club members

David Field -happy to join our club

Gary Gray -invite Early Act President, Maddy to our fund-raising committee, also mentioned about a book called GUILTY in Fran's car...?

Mark Rowe – thanked his wife Joan for joining him today

Graham Drake – his daughter Stephanie is doing well with the new baby and thanked the Zuks for hosting the GWCTD.

Sheriff: Sheila Tyminski

Sheila does not do revenge, so she did not fine Jim Sawers

O Canada asked Gary Gray to recite the first few lines but anyone who did not sing it correctly were fined \$1.

Somebody's phone rang???

Before Sheila can fine Graham for at least 5 things, Graham dropped a handful of loonies into the pot.

Pins and Badges

President's wisdom

The future belongs to young people with an education and the imagination to create. (*Barack Obama*)

Duty Roster for June 15

Greeter: Doug Kinley

Door sales: Peter Leigh

50/50: Doug MacDonald

Grace and Sunshine report: Christine Martin

Introduce speaker: Rob Matthews

Thank speaker: Don McArthur

Standard Reporter: Leroy Neilson

Duty Roster for June 29

Greeter: Christine Mihailedes

Door sales: Ginny Murphy

50/50: Velma Noble

Grace and Sunshine report: Aliisa Paivalainen

Introduce speaker:

Thank speaker:

Standard Reporter: Asha Paul

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

June 7	President's Social
June 8	No morning meeting
June 15	Offsite meeting at Rotary Challenger Park
June 22	No Meeting—Golf Tourney is June 21
June 29	Club Assembly

