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ROSES

Garth Sabirsh, Rotary Chinook Member

P.P. Paul introduced speaker Garth Sabirsh who then discussed his passion for plant life & roses in particular.

We were informed the fossil evidence reveals that roses have been growing on earth for at least 32 million years. Roses are the best loved plants in the world. They are Britain's national flower and Alberta is Wild Rose Country as indicated on our license plates.

Roses are abundant at funerals. There is a Rose Bowl Game and Parade. 45 million roses are bought each year in Canada, and 800,000 rose plants are sold to consumers every year in Canada!

There are 45,000 different kinds of roses in the world. The world's most expensive perfume is made from the Damask rose. In the Roman era, rose petals were stuffed in pillows and other bedding for some reason! Cleopatra filled a bedroom knee deep in rose petals for Marc Anthony so we hope he rose to the occasion. Medicinal roses have been used for centuries; some have vitamins and can be eaten or made into tea. Roses have highest vibration of any plant in the world.

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NATURE PARK MEETING



The club met this week for our annual meeting at our Nature Park. The meeting commenced around noon at the main pavilion. Lunch was catered by the McKenzie Meadows Golf Course kitchen. The combination of great sandwiches, cookies and other treats and eating "al fresco" saw

the supplies soon decimated. However, as always there was some for late arrivers even if the selection had diminished.

Jim Thompson gave a short speech on the park and invited all of us to stroll around the path system and get a feel for the area and its wildlife. Recently a beaver has moved in and has decimated some of our carefully planted trees - but it is a "nature park" after all, so things like that will occur.



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Meeting Minutes



August 2nd, 2011

Scribe: Ed McLean

The Club's President, President-Elect and Vice-President are all away on vacation so it was Past President Paul Gaudet who was chairman of today's meeting. Takes no time to be untrained as he forgot to ring the gong! and only instructed us to rise and sing the usual openers with Betty on the piano. The opening occurred promptly at 12:15 p.m. though.

Other matters did not move smoothly in the early stages of our meeting. P.P. Ian Burgess had a bit of trouble introducing all those guests and visitors who were: Barb Plunkett, Bruce, Peggy and Blair Ferguson, and from Sarcee Club, Doug Fosbrooke. As you can see that was complicated. However we immediately started the WELCOME SONG WHILE Betty started playing Happy Birthday! That was corrected quickly. All fine entertainment and we had 49 members and the 5 visitors to enjoy it.

Don McLean was happy to report no health issues in the club altho' evidently one member was a bit ill over being skunked twice at cribbage before the meeting.

Jim Thompson reminded us that next week's meeting is at our Nature Park just south of Marquis of Lorne Trail opposite McKenzie Meadows golf course. This is a fellowship meeting with a picnic luncheon. If you want to sit you should bring a chair. Also take a walk around our park. There will be golf following for those who want to play.

Garth Sabirsh thanked all those who worked at Spruce Meadows for the six day Dog Show which contributed to our funds for charity. He mentioned no more parking until the

Masters altho' the last few copies of The Arch indicate a Dog Show Aug. 28 to 30 in the schedule of events. If this is wrong, S.A.A. please note.

Linda was in charge of Birthdays and Anniversaries today and did fine with a different twist. She started with anniversaries and told us that members celebrating wedding anniversaries in August total a whopping 426 years of matrimony. (Think how many times someone had to say "perhaps you're right" in that time!) Those in attendance were given a medal for all those years: i.e. Don/Jean McKenzie 53 years; Tom/Vera Ranson 51; Barry/Cynthia Korpatnisky 36; Ron/Martha Hardie 39.



Others who were not in attendance included Chuck/Glad Bury 62; Keith/Janet Hansen 53; Jack/Donna Leuw 36; Steve/Debbie McAuley 31; Luis/Susan Cortes-Silva 16.

Birthday people in attendance today were Joe Jogia, Tammy Truman, Barry Korpatnisky, Lou Pomerance. Those missing were Neil Beatty and Anthony Tonkinson. Linda said those under the Leo sign tended to be bossy, impatient and lovers of material goods. The Virgo sign folks are perfectionists, well organized, meticulous and hard workers. Those involved all agreed.

The 50/50 winner was Don McLean.

Sergeant-at-Arms Hank went to work suggesting we meet our new Exchange student who is arriving from Croatia on Friday. He also reminded us of the Couples Dinner Club and will arrange to have Bill Worthington send out a missive. The names of unpaid dues members just might appear in next week's The Arch if not paid before then. He then fined Ian for his introductions and added a couple more bucks for the protests, Don Mc for the 2 double skunks as well as the 50/50 win. Norm Moro was also fined for the cribbage. All those who did not help at the Dog Show had to pay a buck, and one table who did not know the R.I. President's name paid a buck. Al P. got a \$10 tip at the Dog show which he contributed, and Gordon did the same for \$6 and Fran for \$5. Bob M. asked we recognize the 2 Garths for all their work on our Spruce Meadows projects.

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Photos courtesy of Ian Burgess

ROSES

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In Flin Flon, MB, roses are grown 11,000 feet underground in a mine shaft. (Editor's note: should be 1,100 feet - 365 metres. The facility is operated by Prairie Plant Systems, and in addition to roses, they produce medical marijauna in a 'bio-secure' underground growth chamber.)

Roses are easy to grow even in our short season. Garth showed scenes of his yard with a great variety of roses. He showed many different varieties with appropriate

comments and emphasized the wide variety of colors. There are even several roses named after Rotary. A very interesting presentation that held the attention of those in attendance.

P.P. Paul thanked Garth and presented our usual speaker certificate at 1:33 p.m.



Upcoming Events



Membership Month

August 16th
August 23rd
August 30th

Sano Stante, President, Calgary Real Estate Board
Jay Feaster, General Manager, Calgary Flames
Harry Morrison, Berundi Project

New Generations Month

September 6th
September 13th
September 16th - 18th
September 20th
September 27th
September 28th & 29th

Speaker from War Amps
Wayne Coristine, Community Relations Co-ordinator, Money Mentors
Waterton-Glacier Peace Park Assembly
Rotary Exchange Guests from England
Tom Flanagan, Political Scientist, U of C
Casino

Vocational Service Month

October 4th
October 11th

Rick Hanson, Calgary Police Chief
District Governor Visit

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Promote RI Convention Month

May 6th - 9th
May 25th - 27th

103rd Rotary International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand
District 5360 Conference, Radisson Hotel & Conference Centre, Canmore AB



NATURE PARK MEETING

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The current road work for the intersection of Highway 22x and Cranston/McKenzie constructing an overpass for the ring road makes access a bit challenging for the moment, but this will soon pass and the proper access will be restored.

Following the meeting, Jim hosted a few members to a discounted round of golf at the McKenzie Meadows course.

Have not had any reports as to the results of said round, but the Sargeant at Arms might be able to investigate this profitably at the next meeting.

Take the time to visit our award winning park with family and friends, or come for a bit of quiet time as a break from a busy day. It changes and evolves with the seasons, and the continuing improvements being done by the club. (See the enclosed insert on the park and the recently received award.)



A big welcome to our incoming exchange student from Croatia ... Barb Kranjcec



Greeters

August 16th Ghalib Abdulla and Neil Beatty

August 23rd TBA

August 30th TBA

If you are unable to GREET on your assigned day, please contact Barry Korpatnisky so he can get a replacement ... 403-278-8982



THIS AND THAT ROSES



Here are 4 pictures of the 200 I had at the meeting. I mentioned all of these. The John Cabot rose is very hardy and needs no winter protection here in Calgary. It is a climbing rose (you need a trellis) and will grow to about 10 feet high in approx the 4th year and about 4 feet at the base. On maturity it will have approx 300 plus flowers on it. It is a spectacular plant. If you would like a fantastic specimen plant in your front or back yard this is one to consider. The other three rose pictures are all tender roses (zone 5 & 6) which means they need to be covered up with mulch/leaves/peat moss/straw, etc and a rubbermaid tote type of cover for the winter. The stems will die down to the ground but will re-sprout in the spring. The ball "joint" of the plant (above the roots) has to be planted about 6" below the surface to protect it as well from the cold.



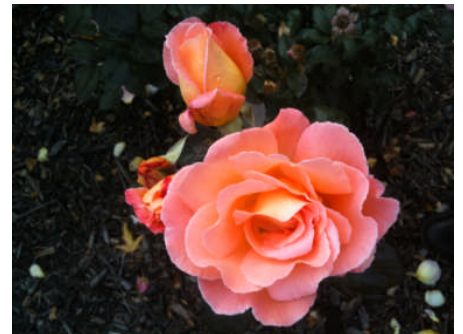
John Cabot



Double Delight

The Double Delight rose is one of the most fragrant roses in the world and each gorgeous flower is different like a finger print. No two are ever alike. I have found that Just Joey and Double Delight grow to about 2 ½' high and Abraham Darby grows about 3' high here in Calgary (roses grow larger in warmer climates). Smaller roses such as these 3 can be grown in groups of 3 (ie 3 Just Joey plants) for superb effect. Plant them about 1 to 1½' feet apart in a triangle.

Plant all roses with good soil, approx 1/3 compost, 1/3 peat moss and the remainder with coarse sand and the dirt from the hole (clay & topsoil) in about a 18" deep hole. Of course water when needed. Roses are thirsty plants when in full bloom as it takes a lot of their energy to produce bountiful flowers. As with all plants, to get maximum growth and beauty, give them some fertilizer now and again as per the container. It really pays off. In the spring I grab a pruner and cut off any dead branches and in the fall cover them up as above for the winter.



Just Joey

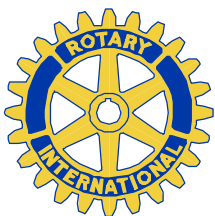


Abraham Darby

With all of the new(er) varieties on the market now, there are at least 40 to 50 really good roses to grow with minimal fuss. Even the tiniest yard can showcase some of these wonderful plants. As the blooms unfold, you will find yourself stopping to check on them daily to see the new blooms and the older ones at their maximum. Do try a few in your yard. Let me know if you ever have questions about giving it a try.

Happy growing!!

Garth Sabirsh



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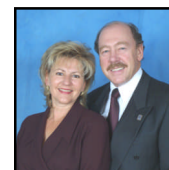


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The Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook Nature Park at Fish Creek Provincial Park



Shortly after the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook was chartered - March 17, 1977 - the chartering Board of Directors proposed that the Club establish a special fund for the purpose of eventually establishing a permanent public facility. This facility would serve as a monument to Rotary, provide community facilities for public use and enjoyment, and serve as a permanent footprint for Rotary Chinook in its community.

Approximately 20 years later, the opportunity presented itself. McKenzie Meadows Golf Club withdrew from the development of a 48 hectare parcel south of Highway 22x along the Bow River in Fish Creek Provincial Park. The Club approached the Park management with a proposal to develop this property as a "nature park".



The concept was to restore this closed gravel pit to a more natural state. The restoration of natural growth areas was undertaken, and addition of other vegetation in appropriate settings, with unpaved natural pathways that complimented the City of Calgary paved pathway system that passes along the Bow River on the park's south west limit. This has created a location where visitors can stroll around the park viewing a variety of plant and animal life as the birds and other animals re-establish themselves in the natural setting.

Working with the City of Calgary, their contractor Reid Crowther, Fish Creek Provincial Park, and Alberta Environment, great progress was made in the two years leading up to the dedication of the park in 2002 in honour of the Club's 25th Anniversary.

The area has evolved into a natural/engineered wetland. Run-off from the adjacent highways and housing areas feeds into the ponds and is clarified, protecting the Bow River and its fishery.



Established to date are the corporate sponsored 4 gazebos (each dedicated to one facet of the 4 Way Test), 1 main pavilion, 12 permanent benches (sponsored by other Calgary Rotary Clubs), a paved parking lot, paved entry way and floor to the main pavilion (making it handicapped accessible), a wildlife kiosk, numerous trees and shrubs planted by club volunteers, and 2 entry post cairns identifying the park and also the support of various donors.

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April 2011

Paul Gaudet
President, the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook
District 5360, RI

Dear Rotarian Gaudet:

It is my honor to recognize the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook with the RI Significant Achievement Award for 2010-11.

The Significant Achievement Award recognizes outstanding Rotary club projects that address the most pressing needs of their local communities. These projects illustrate Rotary's avenue of Community Service in action and they provide models for other Rotary clubs to follow.

Your club has made a meaningful impact in the life of your community and your project represents the very best work in your district and the Rotary world. On behalf of Rotary International and Rotarians worldwide, I commend you for your significant achievement.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Futa".

Ed Futa
General Secretary

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Significant Achievement Award



is hereby presented to the Rotary Club of

Calgary Chinook

in recognition of outstanding and significant community service efforts.

Ray Klingensmith

President, Rotary International

[Signature]

District Governor



The Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook Nature Park at Fish Creek Provincial Park Significant Achievement Award



The Significant Achievement Award is a district-level presidential recognition program designed to give district recognition to a club activity that addresses a significant problem or need. The purpose of the award is to encourage every club to develop new projects and to promote an increased awareness of the importance of exemplary club efforts. (RCP 43.040.)

Projects must:

- address a significant problem or need in the local community
- involve most or all club members in personal, rather than merely monetary, service and be commensurate with the club's size and resources
- enhance the image of Rotary in the community
- be capable of emulation by other Rotary clubs
- be currently active or reach a conclusion during the Rotary year for which the award is given
- be carried out by a single Rotary club

Each governor may propose only one project carried out by a single club from his or her district for the award, as competition is at the district level. It is recommended that the governor choose and announce a district selection committee to help identify a worthy club project



The Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook Nature Park at Fish Creek Provincial Park

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More projects will be undertaken in the upcoming years. These include:

- free standing wind barriers south and west of the pavilion
- observation pier at the pond's edge, accessible for handicapped visitors
- memorial tree grove honouring club members that passed while active in the club
- more permanent benches
- a second kiosk detailing the buffalo jump and native history of the area
- a memorial stone and plaque commemorating 100 years of Rotary in Canada (1910 - 2010)
- bird houses on posts for various species nesting
- improved level pathway over the railed bridge crossing
- a third kiosk detailing other wildlife in the park
- the addition of a pathway around the small pond close to 22x
- and other works as they come to mind ...

The Nature Park is one of the largest single club parks, dedicated to Rotary

International, in the world. It is a perfect example of urban land restoration, with the addition of an engineered wetland, all packaged into a Nature Park where the public can visit and enjoy nature.

In recognition of these efforts, the Club was awarded the 2010-11 Rotary International Significant achievement award ... a singular honour for the club.

