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..... THANK YOU !!!

Bart Dailley introduced our speaker, Jay Feaster, General Manager of the Calgary Flames, who hails from Williamstown, Penn. He has been a Stanley Cup winner and NHL executive of the year. He has an exemplary record in hockey.

He reports the main camp opens September 16th and the players and coaches are eager to get started. He recounted that at the end of last season, which ended without a playoff contender, he asked key players to meet with him as individuals before going off for the summer, which he found to be a useful exercise. Feaster is a former coach so he encouraged Brent Sutter to change his coaching methods during the last half of the year. There is nothing perfidious in this suggestion which followed the departure of Brent's brother, and it resulted in a coming together of the team. Brent's system emphasized equally defense and scoring. Team management decided not to make sweeping changes in personnel but to develop the team spirit. A total review was undertaken of all personnel including coaching staff and all aspects of the game. Brent had inherited his coaching staff, and during this summer he has assembled his own coaching staff.



G.M. Feaster along with the coaches identified all players they wanted to keep and made strong efforts to resign and retain these players. One player not retained is Robin Regeher, who himself wondered if he should be traded in the best interests of the Flames, so this was arranged. G.M. Feaster promised "we will not be playing Kipprisoff a huge number of games this year as he needs time off too". He was able to free up some Salary Cap so he could try to sign some other high quality players such

as a first line centre like Brad Richards. This did not take place as Richards was concerned about travel time for western Canada players. It was mentioned that managing the cash base is crucial to a team's success as there is no place to send mistakes. The team now has improved depth and plenty of younger players who can be brought up to the NHL level.

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The associate coach has NHL Head Coach experience, and other new management and scouts have been added with good qualifications. High tech methods of communicating preparation plans for upcoming games and identifying how other players perform and react have been introduced. This has also helped to make better player decisions, trades and even travel plans. There has been follow-up this summer with each player.

During question period it was asked how many kms do the players travel each year. Mr. Feaster did not know but will find out. Also



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Meeting Minutes



August 23rd, 2011

Scribe: Ed McLean

President Dave rang the gong promptly at 12:15 p.m. and asked that we have a moment of silence out of respect for the death of the Leader of the Canadian Opposition in Ottawa.

Then with Ruth Wylie at the piano we continued the proceedings with the national anthem and the Rotary grace.

At 12:35 Tom Sorenson, on behalf of our High School Bursary programme, called Bishop Grandin graduate Blythe Sola to come forward to receive her plaque and cheque for \$600. Blythe's average in her final year of high school when rounded was 100%! She won a total of 15 scholarships this year and plans to attend U of C this fall. She was accompanied by her proud mother.

Lyle Davidson introduced, with some difficulty for which he later paid, the 5 visiting Rotarians and 9 guests who were welcomed with gusto but without waiting for the pianist. One visiting Rotarian was Asst D.G. Martin Harvey.

Norm Myden presented a banner from the Nanaimo Daybreak Rotary Club.

George Kimura spoke briefly on Membership Development, stating he proposes the club have 10 teams of 9 members each

to attract and retain at least 10 new members this year. Further details to follow.

Garth Sabirsh spoke of the Spruce Meadows Masters coming up September 7th to 11th which will need a lot of help ... particularly as several members are absent at that time. Details are not on our website in the absence of John Beatty, so use the phone or email to volunteer in the meantime.

Peter Bickham reminded us Rotary Foundation Month is November but today he awarded Paul Harris Fellows pins to Will Schmidt, Garth Plunkett and Ian Burgess.

Exchange Student Barb described her week which included inter alia a baseball game, church, and a C-train ride.

Linda raffled 2 tickets to Saturday's Calgary Stampeders football game against Montreal. Winner was Will S.

The 50/50 winner today was Ron Hardie who barely made the meeting in time to buy a ticket before the draw so he paid for that soon after.

S.A.A. Hank was next and dealt with Ron and Lyle as mentioned, as well as those not wearing name badges or Rotary pins, as well as several members who did not recall the Rotary theme for the year. There were several Happy/Sad bucks. Keith Hansen will donate \$106 to the Foundation for the 53 years he and Janet have been married. Hank donated \$168 to the pot for the 14 hours at \$12 per hour that he will not be able to work at Spruce Meadows Masters. A remarkable day for our Rotary club thanks to all this generosity!

Bart Dailley introduced our speaker, Jay Feaster, General Manager of the Calgary Flames.

Greeters

August 30th Linda Colclough and Bart Dailley

September 6th TBA

September 13th TBA

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

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asked was the expected life of the Saddledome and we were told it is adequate for now but Ken King is in charge of this aspect of operations. There is some concern with the Forwards on the team but Feaster thinks this is adequate for now and the chief concern is preventing goals while recognizing scoring more is important too. The NHL itself wants to see more goals scored for PR purposes.

GM Feaster mentioned a major problem is when a player gets a fat contract it can really complicate negotiations with other players and prospects at contract signing time. Other concerns include head injuries but there are no rule changes in sight, although the current protocol requires that a player with such an injury must be removed from the playing area and players bench.

As it was now 1:30, Pres. Dave ended the meeting with the presentation of the usual certificate indicating a recipient in the Dominican Republic had received help.

Pilots vs Mechanics

Just in case you need a laugh:

Remember it takes a college degree to fly a plane, but only a high school diploma to fix one ... that's reassurance to those of us who fly routinely. After every flight, UPS pilots fill out a form, called a 'gripe sheet', which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by UPS pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers.

By the way, UPS is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident ...

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.
S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.



Upcoming Events



Membership Month

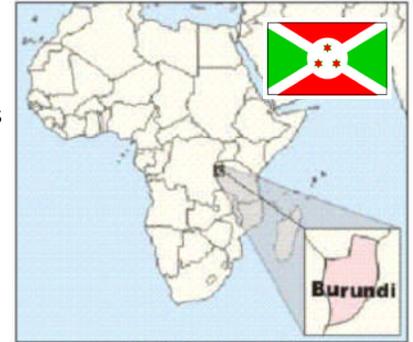
August 30th Harry Morrison, Burundi Project

New Generations Month

September 6th David Haughton, Director of Marketing, Canadian Sports Centre
 September 13th Wayne Coristine, Community Relations Co-ordinator, Money Mentors
 September 16th - 18th Waterton-Glacier Peace Park Assembly
 September 20th Rotary Exchange Guests from England
 September 27th Tom Flanagan, Political Scientist, U of C
 September 28th & 29th Casino

Vocational Service Month

October 4th Rick Hanson, Calgary Police Chief
 October 11th District 5360 Governor Mike French
 October 18th TBA
 October 25th Randy Crosson, Operation Christmaschild



Burundi is located in central Africa. It has an area of 27,830 km².

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- P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.
 S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.
- P: Something loose in cockpit.
 S: Something tightened in cockpit.
- P: Dead bugs on windshield.
 S: Live bugs on back-order.
- P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.
 S: Evidence removed.
- P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.
 S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.
- P: DME volume unbelievably loud.
 S: DME volume set to more believable level.
- P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.
 S: That's what friction locks are for.
- P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.
 S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.
- P: Suspected crack in windshield.
 S: Suspect you're right.
- P: Number 3 engine missing.
 S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.
- P: Aircraft handles funny. (I love this one!)
 S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious.
- P: Target radar hums.
 S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.
- P: Mouse in cockpit.
 S: Cat installed.

And the best one for last ...

- P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.
 S: Took hammer away from the midget.

Polio Eradication within Reach

by Dan Nixon, Rotary International News -- 25 August 2011

Among the key goals of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) is interrupting transmission of the wild poliovirus by the end of 2012. Although the GPEI Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) reported in July that this goal may be in jeopardy, it also noted signs of progress and provided several recommendations that could help get the program back on track.

The GPEI has made significant steps forward since the launch last year of its new strategic plan and the bivalent oral polio vaccine. Among the four polio-endemic countries, India has reported only one case of polio so far this year. The country "is on track to interrupt transmission this year", the report states. "The northern part of India, where most of the problem had been, hasn't had one case in 15 months", adds Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee.

The other polio-endemic countries are Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. The IMB report cites good progress in Afghanistan while spotlighting the challenge of immunizing children in conflict areas. Nigeria also has been making good headway but, following elections in April, needs to sustain the political commitment required to ensure eradication of the disease. The report also expressed concern about controlling polio in countries with reestablished transmission, including Angola, Chad, and Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Despite these challenges, polio cases worldwide decreased almost 50 percent during the first six months of 2011, compared with the same period in 2010.

Health experts believe that eradicating polio, rather than trying to control the disease, is both feasible and essential. "There are approximately a dozen countries where polio gets reported sporadically, and those cases can all be traced back to the four countries where transmission has continued", says Robert Murphy, director of the Center for Global Health at Northwestern University in Illinois, USA. "If we focus on those four countries, the cases in the other countries are going to evaporate."

"We have the chance to ensure that no child ever suffers from polio again, and each of us plays a role in that", Bruce Aylward, the World Health Organization's Assistant Director-General for Polio Eradication said.



THIS AND THAT

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in the Atsikana Pa Ulendo girls' school in Malawi



Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook helped to provide funds for the completion of the girls cafeteria.



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