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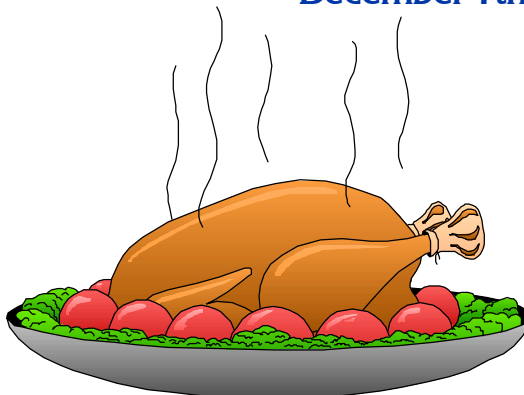
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The annual Christmas Luncheon at Kerby Centre was a great success with almost 300 seniors in attendance.

Light snow was dusting down, which was appropriate for the Christmas event, but made access for the seniors

over the under-construction C-train extension a bit hazardous, but thanks to volunteer helpers from Kerby Centre, club members and the bus drivers, no incidents occurred. Volunteers from our club and the Calgary Stampede's football team served the wonderful turkey dinners. As I helped seniors leave following the event, I received nothing but sincere thanks and compliments from them all. Kudos to the organizing committee!

Photos were unavailable at time of printing, but will be included in an upcoming Arch, when received.



Kerby Centre

for the 55plus

The Kerby Centre is a not-for-profit organization, committed to enhancing the lives of older adults. Since 1973, the Kerby Centre has evolved into one of Canada's flagship agencies, setting the standard for older adult services, information, and programming, with over 182,000 contacts in 2010. To help you, to teach you, to grow with you; this is your Kerby Centre.

Our Mission

To assist older people
to live as well as possible
for as long as possible
as residents in the community.

Our Vision

A happy, healthy senior population

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Meeting Minutes



November 29th, 2011

Scribe: Ian Burgess

President Dave, gimpy still, called the meeting to order at 12:23 pm.

He announced that today was an "assembly meeting" and that the 50/50 would be payable to a recipient present at the end of the meeting!



The Boy Scout Popcorn sellers and helpers were in attendance.

Steve Mcauley, member of Youth Exchange, informed us that our exchange

student, currently in Mexico, and three other students in the same region, shaved their heads as a get well sign for Barb. The report on Barb's condition is that she is progressing satisfactorily and has been discharged from ACH, to stay with her parents in Ronald McDonald house. She walked to Ron McD on Monday, just to do it!



Kathryn Kaldestad, greeter today, with Joe Jogia, read off the names of guests including: Ann Dale, Bill Stemp (a former member), Darren Grierson from Airdrie, Tim Anderson - Calgary West, Nell Magee - Calgary South, and Peggy and Bruce Ferguson from Downtown. There were 58 members in attendance.

Sunshine committee - no report in the absence of Don McLean, but Dan Scrivens is still in hospital.

Minute Men:

1. Garth Sabirsh, on behalf of himself and Garth Plunkett, thanked one and all for their help with Spruce

Greeters

December 13th Club Christmas Party - no greeters

December 20th Brian Kinder and George Kimura

December 27th Fran Hochhausen

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

Meadows parking over the past year. A dance of happiness was denied us due to Garth P's modesty. The latter did stand up and say how much he enjoyed his five years as a parking guru (?masochism?).



2. Bob Montgomery, sort of as a comic relief, put a spin on parking in Sunday's wind (up to 100+ kms.) saying that 7 cars were damaged and one-half of the

east grandstand roof was blown off. Signs were blown down on the highway, resulting in a chaotic misdirection of traffic, not helped by having a number of inexperienced parkers working together.

3. Norm Moro said there were 12 out to play cribbage at Horton Road Legion last week. He hoped they would do as well this week, starting at 5pm and playing cribbage at 6:30 pm.

4. George Kimura announced there would be about 300 for lunch at Kirby Centre on December 7th, with some arrivals as early as 10:45 and lunch at 12 noon.

5. Peter Bickham closed out Rotary Foundation Month by listing the aims of the Foundation: Health Relief, Poverty, Hunger, Water, World Peace and Understanding, and Education/Literacy. The "Big" project, Polio eradication, is ongoing and nearing its final goal. Monies are still needed to complete our matching funding grant target! (The Foundation's expenses include only 2-3% of funds raised, with a further 7% spent on advertising et al.)

6. Tammy Truman reiterated that the club Christmas Party is December 13th at 6 for 7 pm.

President Dave quoted us some numbers letting us know how concise significant statements made by intelligent people can be, and how incomprehensibly verbose bureaucrats can be while saying nothing.(e.g.rules for sale of cabbage in the EU.)



Ron May in his final appearance in the role of Sergeant-at-Arms for the year, exposed his more sensitive side by fining people when they applauded his lack of puns in last week's performance. And then he showed his



Upcoming Events



Family Month

December 13th
December 15th
December 20th
December 27th

Club Christmas Party
Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30
Bart Dailley – The History of Christmas
Fellowship Luncheon

2012

Rotary Awareness Month

January 3rd
January 5th
January 10th
January 17th
January 19th
January 24th
January 31st

Sharon Hapton, Founder of Soupsisters and Brothbrothers
Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30
Mel Kirby and Bob MacPhee, Calgary Opera Society
Dave Madder, Ice Road Trucker
Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30
Donna Leonard, Executive Director, Famous Five Foundation
John Carpay, Canadian Taxpayers Federation



World Understanding Month

February 2nd
February 7th
February 16th

Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30
Carole Steeves, Director, Friends of Fish Creek
Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30

Literacy Month

March 1st
March 15th
March 31st

Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30
Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30
Cribbage Club playing for the Lew Reid Memorial Trophy, Horton Road Legion, 10am - 4pm

Magazine Month

April 3rd

Mike Casey, President, Calgary Stampede

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

Did You Know !? (historic club tidbits)

Did you know? From about 1978 through 1990 or so, we had a wonderful fun social connection with the Invermere BC Rotary Club. Every spring, we had a joint golf tournament for members, at the Springs GC in Radium known as the Kootenay Klassic. We altered prize giving responsibilities through donors, from Calgary and Invermere, and the Calgary participants were accommodated at the recreation home of Jim and Judy Thompson. We expanded the fellowship to an annual slow pitch baseball game as well, and always had our butts kicked! In 1983, we did a joint venture community project at the Invermere Museum site, Known as "Flags of our Nation". It is a display of all provincial flags, large flower bed and a dedication rock with a plaque that identifies both clubs. It still exists, however our fellowship association with Invermere Rotary has faded.

Jim Thompson





THIS AND THAT

Meeting Minutes November 29th - cont'd



"pillar of strength" with a pun (weak mind you!). His chess joke was a little stronger, but also a bit smelly from age.

Good news bucks brought out a number of participants.

Next item on the agenda was the installation of our newest member, Lew Christie. Ron Hardy introduced Lew, noting that he had been a Rotarian in the past, but moving around the country with the bank, he had lost his way, but has now returned to become a member of our club. Bob Montgomery read the "charge" and Ed McLean was named as Lew's mentor! (Is there any similarity between BMO and CWB and oil and water?)



The Chair announced that Al Holt has allowed his name to be put forward as a candidate for the District Governorship for the year 2014-15.

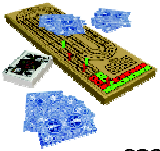
Graham Boone, as acting Chair of the Chinook Rotary Club Society, assumed chairmanship of the meeting, now constituted as "the Annual Meeting of the Chinook Rotary Club Society". Steve McAuley was named as Secretary of the meeting. A motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting (mailed to members), appoint board members, and name auditors was moved by Hank Popoff and seconded by John Beatty. The following members were named to the Board of the Society: Terry Green, Paul Gaudet, Graham Boone, Steve McAuley, Ann Marsh, and Neil Beatty.



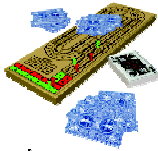
The Chair then reminded the meeting that the Society was incorporated under the Societies Act as a limited company in 1999. Annual returns, required to qualify for grants, were up to date and have been filed with the appropriate bodies. A brief summary of the significant grants was given, including \$20,000 from CIP, \$10,000 from Chinook, and \$10,000 from the district with a further \$25,000 from RI. This money funded our recent major project to provide water cisterns in Mexico. A further report was made with respect to a project finished this year – a \$38,000 grant to aid Lifeline Malawi to purchase a personnel van. With the assistance of 5 districts and 10 clubs, Add Your Light Foundation used money from Chinook Rotary set up a Micro Loan bank in Dominican Republic. These all fell within the goals of the charter of our Society.

Garth Plunkett moved, seconded by Ron Smith, that the audited financial statements be accepted as circulated.

Cribbage Club



Thursday, December 15th
Thursday, January 5th
Thursday, January 19th
Thursday, February 2nd



at the Horton Road Legion
9202 Horton Road SW (close to the bar)

Fellowship, food and drinks - 5:00 pm
Start play - 6:30 pm

For more info, and/or to join, call Norm Moro.



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Dave Wartman moved, and Norm Moro seconded, a motion to appoint Don McKenzie and Gord Billings as auditors as of June 30th, 2012.

These motions were approved unanimously. The meeting was then adjourned at 1:25 pm.

President Dave asked Paul Gaudet to give the Nominating Committee report to the meeting. He declared the following members were elected by acclamation:

President Elect – Terry Green (joined Chinook in 1991)

Vice President – Stephen Pick (2000)

Directors:

1. Garth Sabirsh (2008)
2. Linda Colclough (2008)
3. Fran Hochhausen (2009)

The new board was appropriately congratulated by the members present.

Paul brought forward a second matter: a proposal to amend the club bylaws which had been circulated to the membership. After brief discussion the motion was amended as follows: "The board of directors



authorizes the immediate past president, or other member who has served as Past President of our club, to organize and chair a nominating committee which will consist of a minimum of 6 members and shall include past presidents of our club..."

Moved by Ian Burgess and seconded by Ed McLean. Carried unanimously.

President Dave then gave a brief outline of the club's budget and the problems that have been encountered to balance it. The aim has been to allow the next board, July 2012, to start with a positive balance. One of the main victims of the budgeting process has been to reduce fellowship by one third.

The Chair then brought out the fact that last year we invested \$34,000 in World Community Service Projects (which with matching grew to over \$100,000) and \$67,000 on local projects (some of which has been matched also) giving us a ratio of 2:1 in favor of local funding by our club. These are numbers we can all be proud of, Dave said.

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Norm Moro.

THE MEANING OF "INELUCTABLE is NOT TO BE AVOIDED OR OVERCOME, INEVITABLE " courtesy of Rex Murphy, in case you wondered!

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 1:30 pm.

Family Month

December is family month, a time when we pay special attention to our emphasis on the family of Rotary. When I speak about this, I'm often asked to explain just what the family of Rotary means and why it's included as an emphasis.

When you put the family of Rotary idea next to such enormous needs as nutritious food and clean water, it might seem much less important. After all, as Rotarians, we're here to help everyone and look out for all those who need us. We don't just look after our own – that's not what Rotary is about.

As Rotarians, we do have a great responsibility to make sure Rotary's good work doesn't end with us. Rotary does so much that is so important in so many ways: providing water to the thirsty, food to the hungry, medical care to the poor and sick, education to the illiterate. It's been doing that for more than 100 years now.

But if we focused all our attention on nothing but that lifesaving and life-altering work, then that work would eventually come to an end. Rotary would die out in a generation if we did not also pay attention to the health of our own organization – our members, our clubs, and those who will join our clubs in the years to come.

One reason I've always felt so at home in Rotary and with the idea of the family of Rotary could be that I come from a large family myself. I'm one of 10 children – six girls and four boys. But as big as my family is, it's nothing compared with Rotary. We're not just 1.2 million Rotarians in 32,000 clubs. We're 250,000 Interactors, 170,000 Rotaractors, 150,000 Rotary Community Corps members and, in the last year alone, about 8,000 young people in Rotary Youth Exchange. And, of course, we also include the spouses, widows and widowers, and children of Rotarians. Altogether, the family of Rotary is well over two million strong.

Our family is strong because it's close, and because it's always forming new ties. We need to ensure that Rotary keeps growing – in all the branches of our family. We should always be looking for and inviting qualified men and women to join our clubs.

*Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson, Past President, Rotary International
The Rotarian - 2007*



Rotary Friendship Exchanges 2012

Include a Rotary Friendship Exchange to England in your vacation plans for 2012!!



Rotary Friendship Exchange to England June 30 - July 14, 2012

The emphasis for this trip will be for individuals, as opposed to couples, but both applications will be accepted at this time. This is not meant to be a "singles only" exchange but one that is not exclusively couples. Currently we are looking for up to 8 Rotarians (in a combination of individuals and couples) for this exchange.

The exchange is to England's Rotary District 1050 located in the NW of England. District 1050, is geographically compact, relative to our own district, and includes South Manchester, East Cheshire, North Staffordshire and parts of the Peak District.

This Friendship Exchange will involve 15 days including one pre-exchange night in hotel, then 14 days with four different host Rotary families (three nights each). Programming includes Rotary activities, touring local points of interest and visiting tourist attractions. Unlike previous exchanges, this exchange is hosted by the District and host Rotary families volunteer to the District. Due to the small size of the District, our team will be in proximity to each other and doing activities together but not necessarily hosted by the same club.

Rotary Friendship Exchange to Sweden August 18-29, 2012

Currently we are looking for 12 Rotarians (in a combination of individuals and couples) for this exchange.

The exchange is to Sweden's Rotary District 2340 in some of these cities and towns: Arvika, Karlstad, Filipstad, Hallerfors, Orebro, Sala and Vasteras.

This Friendship Exchange will involve 13 days including one pre-exchange night in hotel then 12 days with four different host Rotary families (three nights each). There is a maximum of 7 host families per host Rotary club. Programming includes Rotary activities, touring local points of interest and visiting tourist attractions. Unlike previous exchanges, this exchange is hosted by the District and host Rotary families volunteer to the District.

Some additional facts:

- Participants must pay all costs except the billeting provided by English Rotarians
- On this exchange most local transportation is provided by the hosts at nominal cost to us
- Travel to England or Sweden is booked individually (not as a group) so your plans can include pre and/or post Exchange travel
- Arrival can be thru Heathrow or Gatwick International Airports but will end at Manchester for the England Exchange, and thru Stockholm for the Sweden Exchange
- For the England Exchange, must be prepared to complete the full exchange, i.e. arrival on June 29, to begin the Exchange on June 30. The last night at the host families will be July 14, but the departure will be on July 15, 2012.
- For the Sweden Exchange, must be prepared to complete the full exchange, i.e. arrival on August 17, to begin the Exchange on August 18. The last night at the host families will be August 29, but the departure will be on August 30, 2012.
- The Rotarian must be part of the traveling group
- The group will participate in pre-exchange planning meetings with a district coordinator
- This is a District to District Exchange and while participation in England's or Sweden's return trip in 2013 would be appreciated, it is not a requirement

CRITERIA:

- Must be a Rotarian in good standing
- Participants must be team players as the group will travel together for the duration of the exchange
- Must be a good ambassador for Rotary and Canada
- Must be in reasonable physical condition as the exchange will involve tourism activities that may require some moderate walking

An application should be submitted promptly due to the small size of the group that will be traveling. Extensive Rotary experience is not a requirement but may be a factor in selecting the team if the Exchange is oversubscribed by the deadline.

Applications should be submitted to:

Mr. Darren Grierson
123 Tuscany Hills Park NW
Calgary, AB T3L 2A3

The application must include a non-refundable deposit of \$300 per individual or \$600 per couple. The deposit will be returned at the time of travel. Please email us at the time of mailing so we can ensure we receive all applications sent to us.

Questions should be addressed to:

Darren Grierson at griersond@shaw.ca or call 403-874-9694 or 403-208-5069.

OR

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