



the Arch



February 21st/28th, 2012
Volume 35, Issue 28

BLACK HISTORY IN WESTERN CANADA Cheryl Foggo

- 1 Speaker February 14th
Cheryl Foggo
- 2 Meeting Minutes - February 14th
Greeter Schedule
Speaker - cont'd
District Conference
- 3 Upcoming Events
World Understanding Month
- 4 This and That
 - Can You Help ?
 - Cribbage Club schedule
 - Did You Know?
 - Fun Facts

Our Arch Supporters
..... THANK YOU !!!
- 5 Speaker February 21st
Amanda Lindhout

PP Bart introduced guest speaker Cheryl Foggo, who started off by telling us she really enjoys our collegial ambience and the work we do in the community.

Cheryl is a writer, poet, teacher, lecturer, playwright, film director and a whole lot more. She has assisted the National Film Board, Decidedly Jazz Danceworks, Fort Calgary, Glenbow Museum, U of C, Atlantic Film festival, Vancouver International Film Festival, and has been a writer and editor of the TV series North of Sixty. She has been a winner of the overall achievement award from the Black Achievement Award Society, and Avenue Magazine has named her as a Calgarian to watch. This is Black History Month so she is here to share some of that and to remind us that we cannot be held responsible for actions taken before we were born.

Cheryl is here to talk about the early history of blacks in western Canada starting about 1877. She has been compiling a growing list of black people who arrived since Annie Saunders came with Col. James Macleod.

Annie Saunders had probably been a slave previously but here she became an entrepreneur running 3 businesses in Pincher Creek. These included Anntie's Restaurant, a boarding house and a laundry.



Charles Dyson, a blacksmith, along with his wife Eliza arrived about then as did 2 Robinsons who came to High River to work on a cattle ranch.

Not all was good though. One young black was actually sold as a slave as he owed a \$5 debt. Another was William Bond who was a whiskey trader along with 4 whites. They were all arrested for selling whiskey to aborigines which was illegal. The whites were released but Bond was put in jail and his body found in the snow in the spring.

John Ware came on a cattle drive with his wife and his progeny are still here. Billy (The Kid) Welch came looking for a new life but drowned in 1902.



Before Cheryl's family arrived in 1910, there was a thriving black community in Western Canada, i.e. Alberta and Saskatchewan. In October 1910 the first Coloured Ball was held with about 100 people on hand. Cheryl's family came from what is now Oklahoma where blacks could own land and business. However when it became a state in

cont'd on page 2 ...

2011-2012 CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Dave Wylie, President
Dave Saunders, President Elect
Terry Green, Vice President
Paul Gaudet, Past President
Steve McAuley, Secretary
Graham Boone, Treasurer

Ann Marsh, International Service
Ghalib Abdulla, New Generations
Ron Hardie, Community Service
Kathryn Kaldestad, Club Service
Paul Hussey, Club Operations
Rick Kellington, Club Financial

Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook

Chartered March 14th, 1977

Mailing Address: P.O. Box # 42041, Southland Crossing RPO, Calgary, AB T2J 7A6
www.chinookrotary.org • info@chinookrotary.org





Meeting Minutes



February 14th, 2012

Scribe: Ed McLean

Valentine's Day 2012

Pres. Dave called the meeting to order promptly at 12:20 p.m. and as Betty had already hobbled over to the piano on her crutches, we launched into the National Anthem and the Rotary Grace.

It was a smaller than usual group today and Ann M. introduced the 2 visitors and 2 visiting Rotarians. The guest speaker had not yet arrived.

Monty sprinted up to the podium prepared to hand out a few bucks to winners of the hockey pool. Only Ron H. was in attendance. For the record (and the SAA's info) the absent winners included Bill W., Bob DeP., Dan S., Al H., Al P.

On the Sunshine front, Harry had no new info which is good, and told us that Gary Miller is doing a bit better.

Hank reported that the first ever District 5360 fund raising event sponsored by Rotary Exchange students was a great success last Saturday night. There were 17 exchange students and the event raised \$12,000 for ShelterBox. 185 people attended; there was a talent show and a dance. Fran was a major factor in this event and we thank her for her work.



A shot of a "prodigal daughter"! Ian

Ann reminded us next Tuesday we have a special evening meeting starting at six p.m. with Amanda Lindhout as guest speaker.

Steve McA. reported on Exchange student Michael who is in Mexico and having a great time. He has volunteered with a Rotaract Club and helped bring Christmas to a small village. He is now with his second host family.

Visiting Rotarian Ray Costello won the 50/50 draw.

S.A.A. today was PP Paul G. who punished Ann for presumed lateness in arriving today to help as a greeter. Similarly Paul H. was late a couple weeks ago to help with the club set-up. Ron H. paid for his winnings, then the SAA started a monologue on jokes told here that may have come close to the line of decency. Your scribe nearly dozed off before he finished but came alert in time to pay the fine.

PP Bart introduced guest speaker Cheryl Foggo, writer, poet, teacher, lecturer, playwright, film director and a whole lot more.

Photos courtesy of Ian Burgess

BLACK HISTORY IN WESTERN CANADA

... cont'd from page 1

1907 things changed and blacks became subject to abuse. Hence the decision to go to western Canada. There was some racism here as well but life was better. Cheryl's grandfather, George Smith, joined the Canadian army and served in WW1.

Many blacks who came to Canada joined baseball teams where their athletic talents were obvious. New black communities always built a church as their first edifice for neighbours to gather and the second was a school.

Cheryl frequently addresses audiences which can be attended ... she will be speaking at Mount Royal University on Thursday and the U of C about a week later. Her recently published book is available.

Pres. Dave presented the speaker with the usual certificate indicating a person in the Dominican republic has received financial assistance.

Greeters

- February 28th George Kimura & Lew Christie
- March 6th Patricia Garner & Bill Churchward
- March 13th Anne Dale & Garth Sabirsh

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

District 5360 Conference

May 25th - 27th
Radisson Hotel & Conference Centre
Canmore AB

Reminder ! ... the Conference price goes up by \$100 on March 1st.



Upcoming Events



World Understanding Month

February 28th Laverne Bissky and Darlene Davies – Rotary Polio Program

Literacy Month

March 1st	Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30
March 6th	John Carpay, Canadian Taxpayers Federation
March 13th	Mike Burns, Cowboy Poet
March 15th	Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30
March 20th	Volunteer Appreciation Night – evening meeting
March 31st	Cribbage Club playing for the Lew Reid Memorial Trophy, Horton Road Legion, 10am - 4pm



Magazine Month

April 3rd	Mike Casey, GM, Calgary Stampede
April 10th	Stephane Guevremont, Military Historian
April 24th	New Generations / Youth Night – evening meeting



Promote RI Convention Month

May 6th - 9th	103rd Rotary International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand
May 25th - 27th	District 5360 Conference, Radisson Hotel & Conference Centre, Canmore AB

World Understanding Month



“The spirit of Rotary is not exclusive; it expands. It is not local, it is universal. And so the wish to understand and to be understood, the wish to see the virtues rather than the faults in others, the longing to find out what we have in common rather than what divides us — these can be widely shared.”

— Gian Paolo Lang, 1956-57 RI president
Address to 1957 convention

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Rotary clubs always have embraced this call for peace at the grass-roots level by addressing the underlying causes of conflict and violence through thousands of community-based service projects around the world. “Since 1905, Rotary clubs have worked locally and internationally to make the world a better and more peaceful place one person, one family, one community at a time,” said Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, past chair of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Rotary also takes a direct approach to world understanding by providing future leaders with the tools they need to “wage peace” on the global stage with its innovative Rotary Peace Centers program. Launched in 2002, Rotary awards up to 100 full scholarships each year for master’s-level degrees or a

professional certificate in peace and conflict studies at six Rotary Peace Centers.

One year after the terrorist attacks of 9/11, the first class of Rotary Peace Fellows began their studies. Since then, more than 590 fellows have gone on to build peace in their communities and nations, as well as across international lines. They include graduates of a two-year master’s degree program and a three-month professional certificate program at Rotary’s partner universities.

Today, these alumni are settling border conflicts in West Africa, analyzing development aid at the World Bank, briefing U.S. generals on peace-building in Afghanistan, crafting legislation to protect exploited children in Brazil, and mediating neighbourhood disputes in New York City, among many other career paths devoted to peace.

On the 10th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation’s Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, there is a collection of dispatches from the front lines at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Pages/Peace1202.aspx>



THIS AND THAT



Can You Help our Interac Club??

HWW Interac club would appreciate Rotary members' assistance, per Liz's note, below. If anyone can provide a source for the items she mentions, please let me know and I will pass it on. Time is short so thanks for the rush on the feedback if able to help!

Dale Perret

"Hi Dale – We're going to run a fun fair/carnival at lunch breaks the week of 23-26 April. You mentioned at our last meeting that Rotary members might be able to help, so I have a couple of requests:

- Is there anyone who could rent/loan us sumo wrestler suits? ... those big, puffy, marshmallow-like suits.
- Another thing we're thinking about is selling body products: lip balm, hand lotion – stuff like that. We'd repackage, reprice and sell to students and staff.

If you know anyone who could help us with these ideas, please let me know. As always, we appreciate your help and support!"

E Senger, Henry Wise Wood High School

Did You Know !? (historic club tidbits)

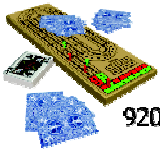
Did you know? In the 80's our club took on a fund raising initiative that really got us all involved ... our Book Sales. Jaffe's Book Store in the east end of downtown shut down after many, many years and offered us all their remaining inventory ... it was HUGE! We were younger then and needed to be as the weight of books, hauling them up stairs and loading them into trucks was something else. We bought a transport trailer unit, painted it Rotary blue, added our logo and 'Book Sale' decals in full living color, then set about selling books to raise money for other club projects. It was very successful, despite charity and professional competition. All club members and many family members filled shifts at our displays over several years, in various malls, establishing high profile identity for Rotary and our club.

When we finished with the book sale initiative, we donated our remaining inventory and set about using the transport trailer to collect corn from Taber, and ran a corn sale for a number of years. Storage of the trailer was an annual issue and we eventually sold it, to focus our manpower completely on the multiple Spruce Meadows parking programs.

The Book Sale and Corn Sale projects were great bonding programs, pulling members together both in the cause of fund raising and fellowship.

Jim Thompson

Cribbage Club



Thursday March 1st
Thursday March 15th

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.

Fun Facts

- No piece of normal-sized paper can be folded in half more than seven times.
- Blueberry juice boosts memory.
- Laughter is a proven way to lose weight.
- Cats can hear ultrasound.
- Chewing gum while peeling an onion can reduce your tears.
- Earthworms have five hearts.



Rotary Club of
Calgary Chinook

the Arch Supporters

To help to support publication and distribution of the Arch to members, please contact Stephen Pick at 403-938-2876

Do you have a great idea...?
Congratulations! Now what?

Stemp & Company

Lawyers, Patent & Trade Mark Agents

1-403-777-1122

Toll Free 1-800-665-4447

www.stemp.com email: bill@stemp.com
#233, 100 - 8th Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2P 3T8



GEORGE VAN SCHAICK
Account Manager

Main: +1.403.265.4255
Direct: +1.403.261.2552
Mobile: +1.403.617.2751
Fax: +1.403.290.0022
gvanshaick@WaltonCapital.ca
WaltonCapital.ca

Walton Capital Management Inc.
23rd Floor, 605 - 5th Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta T2P 3H5

Walton
Investing on Solid Ground®



A Better Place For You™

TAMMY M. TRUMAN
Agent/Owner

TRUMAN INSURANCE AGENCY INC.

19-8720 Macleod Tr. SE Calgary AB T2H 0M4
Bus: (403) 221-7021 Fax: (403) 221-7279
email: tammy_truman@cooperators.ca



Home Auto Life Group Business Travel



DICK FRENCH
403 512 9451

#260 6099 Macleod Trail S.W.
Calgary, AB T2H 0K3
www.worldforce.ca
Office: (403) 259-6676
Fax: (403) 259-6678

VANCOUVER STONEYBROOK CALGARY EDMONTON



Barry & Cynthia Korpatnisky
Realtor®



#102, 279 Midpark Way SE
Calgary, Alberta T2X 1M2

Direct: 403-278-8973
Toll Free: 1-800-308-0025
Fax: 403-271-0518

Email: realestate@calgarysouth.com
www.calgarysouth.com



Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated



Amanda Lindhout - WOW



February 21st, 2012

Scribe: Ed McLean

This was an evening meeting with many guests who were properly welcomed following the national anthem and the Rotary grace, which in turn were followed by an excellent Carriage House dinner with fellowship. At about 7:30 p.m. the guest speaker, Amanda Lindhout, was introduced and the remainder of the meeting was spellbinding.

Amanda, a former freelance journalist, went to Somalia in 2008 to learn about the effects of war, drought and famine on millions of people in one of the world's poorest countries and one with no central government. She was almost immediately kidnapped by teenage criminals under the direction of older criminals and spent 460 days as a hostage enduring incredible hardship. She was released in November 2009 after a ransom of about \$1.5 millions had been paid for her release. This money was raised by her family and many others including Rotarians, and it was paid to a third party who arranged for her release but who actually benefited from the ransom is unknown.



In her own words, in 2008 Amanda was a gypsy working as a freelancer in the Middle East and Africa, and with a carefree attitude did not take all the necessary precautions. She had been working in Iraq for a Paris TV company but had a strong interest in Somalia because of the

protracted brutal war and humanitarian crisis, so was glad to travel there when asked to do so. Accordingly she went to Kenya to prepare to go basically next door to Somalia in the company of an Australian journalist named Nigel for a week of research. She recalls that on the second day in Somalia she and Nigel went to a place where food was being handed to the destitute who, despite their plight were prepared to share their food with others. There were about 200,000 people in this camp who merely waited day after day for this kind of handout. While driving that day Amanda and Nigel were stopped by a dozen heavily armed men fully covered with only eyes showing, who took over their vehicle and drove them for several hours. These kidnappers were boys about 14/15 years old, unschooled orphans who guarded them carefully. They went to a small house where she thought she would be freed but learned she and Nigel were now hostages whose families would be asked to provide ransom money of \$2.5 millions. They were threatened with beheading and were moved around frequently at night. They were powerless and had no knowledge of any progress in raising ransom money. For the

first month she & Nigel lived in the same room but were later separated. She learned the kidnappers were supervised by commanders who were educated, including at least one of whom had lived in Toronto, and they recruited these young boys as soldiers in their holy wars and the boys really had no choice as there were no jobs to be had. Their culture is war and violence and not schools or jobs. Some did not want to be soldiers and would prefer school and to learn English but had no opportunity.

Amanda was locked in a room as was Nigel in pitch dark with absolutely nothing to do and no one to talk to. After 5 months she and Nigel learned how they could communicate with each other secretly and planned an escape by crumbling the windows in the very old building. Amazingly they were ultimately successful and escaped, running to a nearby mosque. However despite the efforts of Somali women on their behalf, who pleaded with their captors, they were again imprisoned, but this time there would be severe punishment. Amanda was placed in a very dark room, chains on her limbs were padlocked and she was basically unable to move, she could not sit and had to lie on one side for 24 hours a day except for 5 daily 3 minute breaks. She was 'abused' daily, as often as 10 times in one day all the while experiencing extraordinary pain and suffering. She did not know if she could survive another day in the deplorable conditions where her darkest moments occurred when her faith in humankind was totally lost. However one day when she felt about to snap something happened inside her, warmth and peace came over her, and she felt detached from her body. She realized her captors were human beings who had suffered much mental and physical anguish and were driven by a need to inflict even more pain on others. She said to herself "When I am weak, then I am strong" and that gave her the power to forgive. Her focus shifted to compassion and has remained there since. She found that she could only regain real freedom by choosing to forgive. On November 25/09, 460 days after being captured, the ransom was given to a third party and she was released. There are no words to describe freedom until you lose it.

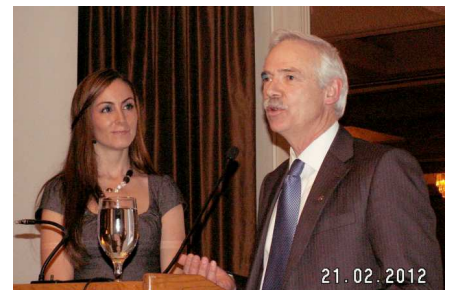
Amanda has decided to devote her life to helping others who are in desperate straits and one step is the founding of The Global Enrichment Foundation.

www.globalenrichmentfoundation.com

which has several avenues of help for others and one slogan is "Global change starts by empowering individuals". She is a part of the U.K. The Forgiveness Project, tours the world promoting gender equality and education, and appears frequently in the media. Her memoirs will be published in 2013 under the title "A House In The Sky".

Her work as an unlikely but tireless advocate of the people of Somalia will continue.

This young woman, now age 30, has gone from a "gypsy" to a virtual saint in a few years.



21.02.2012