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Dave Madder, brother-in-law of a past Chinook Rotary member, was introduced. He resides in cottage country in Ontario, and works on the construction and operations of the ice road that provides access to the diamond mines in the Northwest Territories. He stopped in to give us this presentation on his way north.

Dave gave a fascinating talk and slide presentation on the perils of the Ice Road in the Northwest Territories which runs from Tibbitt to Contwoyto. It costs \$22+ million each year to construct, across the same lakes and land mass every year, to get to the diamond mines. Leaving Yellowknife, the trucks initially follow the Ingraham Trail to Tibbitt where the Ice Road begins. Annually in excess of 6,000 truck loads are required to supply fuel and food to the diamond mines.



A very interesting slide show clearly presented the dangerous road which is very narrow and extremely busy since everything required in Contwoyto from food to mining supplies must be trucked in. The maximum speed of the trucks on the lakes is 30kph, and even slower for the very heavy loads. It is only available for an average of 50 days per year. It takes three camps of workers to create the ice road, one month of construction and 190 - 200 personnel to put in the road each year.

All for two months of hauling at best !! The workers are VERY well fed! 400 - 500 long haul truck drivers are required along with 120+ vehicles and equipment. Safety is the top priority and each driver completes a risk assessment before starting out. A Haglund machine measures the thickness of the ice with sonar beams - machines are prevented from going on the ice if it is too thin. The road builders flood the ice to increase its thickness. 41 inches of ice are needed to support dual tankers, and all construction equipment using the road have "fingers" protruding from the back and sides to hold the vehicle up if it does go through the ice. When tankers do roll over, the crews can pump out the truck and have the roll-over cleaned up within 4 hours. A great deal of science is used in maintaining the road in the incredibly harsh conditions.

Dave was thanked for his excellent presentation.



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Meeting Minutes



January 24th, 2012

Scribe: Alexis Beddoe



President Dave Wylie called the meeting to order at 12.15 p.m. and welcomed those assembled, including 12 guests. This was followed by the singing of the national anthem and our Rotary Grace accompanied by Ruth Wylie.

President Dave then welcomed Orion Taylor, new member, to address the meeting. He gave a moving description of the struggles his single mother made to support and rear him without aid, and assist him to become a successful property manager. His talk was warmly received.

Ed McLean introduced our guests who were welcomed by the members by the club.



Harry Nazarchuk reported on those members currently in ill health.



Peter Bickham presented a Paul Harris Fellow to Anne Pick for her volunteer work preparing the ARCH for the club - this was funded by the Club's charter president, Father Greg.

Fran Hochhausen reported that in-bound students for this year's youth exchange program have been given the challenge of raising \$1200 for ShelterBox. They are having a dinner with international desserts at Acadia Recreation Centre in February. Fran also reported that Barb from Croatia has had 4 chemotherapy treatments by IV, has now been transferred to therapy by pills, and is doing very well.

It was announced that the meeting on February 21st will be an evening meeting presenting Amanda Lindhout, famed

Canadian who was kidnapped in Somalia and held for 460 days. This special dinner meeting will be at a cost of \$50 for the 3-course meal, and tickets must be bought ahead of the evening. Amanda's mission provides and delivers baskets of food in the surrounding area of Somalia.

Fran won \$27 in the draw and promptly donated it back to the club.

A donation of \$2500 was presented to Meghan Topjian for the Brenda Stafford Centre. This centre is a second stage shelter for women and their children fleeing domestic violence. Calgary City Police attended at 12,000 such events in Calgary last year. The Brenda Stafford Centre assists the women to re-establish their lives after leaving domestic abuse situations. The Centre reports an 85% success rate in preventing the return of the women and their children to abusive situations.



Following the presentation from our speaker, Dave Wylie announced that Dave Saunders will chair next week's meeting, and brought today's meeting to a close.

Did You Know !? (historic club tidbits)

Did you know? 2012 will mark the 10th anniversary since we officially opened and dedicated our marvelous Nature Park, 2011. If you haven't been by lately, you haven't seen the latest modification. As a result of the City's stormwater system, another separate pond has been constructed and connected now to the 2 previous existing ponds. There goes our scale drawings all to hell! The changes cost us nothing and do provide even more settlement of storm waters before entering the river system. In 2012, we will see the installation of the 2nd wildlife recognition kiosk, budgeted for in 2010 but delayed because of road revisions on 22X. Also we have plans for 4 permanent precast benches near the main gazebo, funded by private donors, 2 of which are already spoken for. This is in keeping with trimming the budget to reduce club costs. These will provide vandal-proof seating near the gazebo, similar to those in place throughout the pathway system. Our spring cleanup will take place in late May ... new committee members always welcomed!

Jim Thompson

Greeters

- January 24th Steve McAuley & Al Pettigrew
- January 31st Norm Moro & Stephen Pick
- February 7th Harry Nazarchuk & Dale Perret

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



Upcoming Events



Rotary Awareness Month

January 24th
January 31st

Donna Leonard, Executive Director, Famous Five Foundation
Jay Serdula – Human Interest Story

World Understanding Month

February 2nd
February 7th
February 16th
February 21st
February 23, 24, 25, 26
February 28th

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
Amanda Lindhout – evening dinner meeting, sign-up sheet circulating
District 5360 & 5370 Curling Bonspiel, Dawson Creek BC
Laverne Bissky and Darlene Davies – Rotary Polio Eradication Program



Literacy Month

March 1st
March 6th
March 15th
March 31st

Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30
John Carpay, Canadian Taxpayers Federation
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

Rotary celebrates India's first polio-free year

Rotary club members worldwide are cautiously celebrating a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate polio. India, until recently an epicenter of the wild poliovirus, has gone one year without recording a new case of the crippling, sometimes fatal, disease.

Rotarians and state government leaders in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India, vaccinated children against polio during a National Immunization Day in 2011. (photo can be found on the website, courtesy of the India PolioPlus Committee)

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. The country recorded 42 cases in 2010, and 741 in 2009.

A chief factor in India's success has been the widespread use of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both remaining types of the poliovirus. Another has been rigorous monitoring, which has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunization Days to less than 1 percent, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Rotary has been a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative since 1988, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is also a key supporter of the initiative.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the nearly 119,000 Rotarians in India have helped administer vaccine to

children, organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, and distribute banners, caps, comic books, and other items.

"With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organize and carry out the National Immunization Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat.

"The achievement of a polio-free India for a full year is a significant step towards a polio-free world -- an example as to what can be accomplished no matter what problems need to be overcome," says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "Rotarians of India are and should be proud of the key efforts they have made at all levels, without which the world would not be marking this milestone."

Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee, also credits the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for its commitment to ending polio. To date, the Indian government has spent more than US\$1.2 billion on domestic polio eradication activities. "Government support is crucial if we are to defeat polio, and we are fortunate that our government is our biggest advocate in this effort," Kapur says.

"Marching ahead, the goal is to sustain this momentum," he adds, describing as potentially "decisive" the upcoming

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THIS AND THAT



Rotary celebrates India's first polio-free year *... cont'd from page 3*

immunization rounds this month and in February and March.

If all ongoing testing for polio cases recorded through 13 January continues to yield negative results, WHO will declare that India has interrupted transmission of indigenous wild poliovirus, laying the groundwork for its removal from the polio-endemic countries list, which also includes Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. However, because non-endemic countries remain at risk for cases imported from endemic countries, immunizations in India and other endemic and at-risk countries must continue. Neighboring Pakistan, which has reported 189 cases so far for 2011, is a major threat to India's continued polio-free status. Last year, an outbreak in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced genetically to Pakistan.

"As an Indian, I am immensely proud of what Rotary has accomplished," Banerjee says. "However, we know this is not the end of our work. Rotary and our partners must continue to immunize children in India and in other countries until the goal of a polio-free world is finally achieved."

*by Dan Nixon and Wayne Hearn
Rotary International News -- 12 January 2012*

"Freedom in Forgiveness" an evening with **Amanda Lindhout**

**The Carriage House Windsor Ballroom
Tuesday February 21, 2012**
Cocktails 6:00pm • Dinner 6:30pm • Tickets \$50.00/pp
(includes a 3 course meal, coffee/tea)

At the 2011 District Conference some of our members, including President Dave and Vice President Dave, had the opportunity to hear Ms. Amanda Lindhout speak. They were personally moved by her presentation. As a result we have invited her to share her story, with our club members as well as friends, family and young people, the evening of Tuesday February 21st. This will be our Valentine meeting given the content of the evening. If you are unable to personally attend, please consider purchasing and donating your tickets.

Please join Amanda as she shares her past experiences as a journalist during a tumultuous time in Somalia, her 460 days in captivity in 2008/09 and what she has been inspired to do as a result of her experiences.

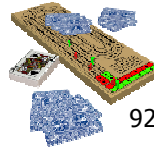
There will be a signup sheet circulated where you will also be able to indicate your menu preference. Tickets will be available until Tuesday February 14th. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ann Marsh at ann.marsh@first7seconds.com

Barb's Corner

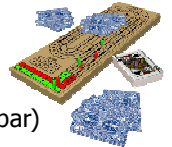
January 23rd

Hank Popoff reports that Barb is currently in a Zagreb hospital, taking chemotherapy. She is scheduled to remain in hospital for 2 to 2½ weeks, and then will go home for a month. After that, it's a month in the hospital, a month at home, a month in the hospital, and at that point, she should be finished with her hospital stays. No reports of excessive side effects so far. She is planning to attend school during the two months between stays at the hospital. She has much traffic on her Facebook page, mostly in Croatian.

Cribbage Club



Thursday, February 2nd
Thursday Feb 16th



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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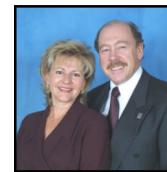
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