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Our speaker was Bart Dailley who gave us a humorous history of Christmas.

Bart began with the ancient Roman Christians who had to celebrate during the pagan Saturnalia festival in order to hide the festivities of what then was an illegal religion. Christianity was illegal in the Roman Empire until the reign of Constantine in the 4th century.

He also described early Christmas practices in Norway, England, Germany, Holland, and the U.S. which have all been combined into the celebration we have today.

Notable was the revival of public celebration in Victorian England after having been suppressed by Cromwell; the writing of "A Night Before Christmas" in New York in 1920 by Clement Moore; the 1931 Coca Cola commercial that changed Santa Claus' costume to red and white; and Charles May's development of the Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer story for his 4 year old daughter, and its subsequent recording by Gene Autry.



Bart closed with anecdotes about his own experience as Santa Claus, which served to illustrate the Christmas spirit of loving one another and giving to one another.

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Meeting Minutes



December 20th, 2011

Scribe: Terry Craig

Greeters welcoming members and guests were George Kimura and Bruce McDonald.

President Dave opened the meeting, and Ruth Wylie accompanied the group for Oh Canada and Rotary Grace.



Since this was the first normal meeting for the month of December, Linda Colclough did the monthly birthdays. The birth stone Topaz was presented to Rob Whitfield and Terry Craig. Anniversaries recognized were Fran and Phil Hochhausen (30 yr), George and Polly Kimura (44 yr), and Bob and Marlene DePledge (44 yr). Bob met his wife in Germany, Fran married the boy across the street, but George wasn't about to reveal where he met his wife.

George Kimura introduced guests who included Janet Popoff, guest of Fran Hochhausen; Bill Stemp, guest of Bruce Bohnet; Jason Witmer, Anne Dale, and Ruth Wylie; guests of Dave Wylie; Netty Palmer, guest of Rena St. Clair; and Barb Drubermaw, guest of Bart Dailey. Out of town Rotarians were Darren Grierson of Airdrie, and Jeff McFarlane of Medicine Hat.

Peter Bickham presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Ruth Wylie and a Paul Harris +2 to Al Pettigrew.



Greeters

January 3rd	Ron May & Cole Demorest
January 10th	John McBean & Bruce McDonald
January 17th	Ed McLean and Don McKenzie
January 24th	TBA

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



Fran Hochhausen reported on our exchange student, Barb, who is fighting leukemia. Unfortunately, she has a serious infection which has prevented the continuation of chemotherapy and further testing. She is also suffering from

numerous blood clots. In spite of these setbacks, her family still hopes to take her back to Croatia on Sunday. Members are encouraged to go to her website and leave messages of encouragement. The club is planning to present her with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

John Charrett reported on the progress of his wife Juliane who is also battling cancer. She hopes to be home for Christmas. John spoke very highly of the quality of care at the Tom Baker Centre.

Harold Hanna is recovering well from hip replacement surgery.

Garth Plunkett reminded us that there are only 10 days left this year to contribute to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. The club will be receiving \$7,500 and donating it to three charities.

George Kimura (with statistical support from Tammy) reported that the mid-term curling banquet raised \$4,020 for the Womens' Emergency Shelter, bringing the total raised to \$39,975. The provincial bonspiel will be held in Dawson Creek February 23-26, 2012.

Neal Beatty reported that US\$30,000 is now in Mexico enabling the project there to get underway.



Bob Montgomery presented \$20 each to hockey pool winners Paul Hussey, Neil Beatty, Bob Depledge, Bob Montgomery, Dave Irving, and Jim Thompson. Jim donated his winnings to Barb's fund.

Photos courtesy of John Beatty

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Thank you !!

The gummy gift basket and your recognition of my efforts re the Arch are very appreciated!
Anne



Upcoming Events



Rotary Awareness Month

January 3rd	Sharon Hapton, Founder of Soupsisters and Brothbrothers
January 5th	Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30
January 10th	Mel Kirby and Bob MacPhee, Calgary Opera Society
January 17th	Dave Madder, Ice Road Trucker
January 19th	Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30
January 24th	Donna Leonard, Executive Director, Famous Five Foundation
January 31st	John Carpay, Canadian Taxpayers Federation

World Understanding Month

February 2nd	Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30
February 7th	Carole Steeves, Director, Friends of Fish Creek
February 16th	Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30

Literacy Month

March 1st	Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30
March 15th	Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30
March 31st	Cribbage Club playing for the Lew Reid Memorial Trophy, Horton Road Legion, 10am - 4pm

Magazine Month

April 3rd	Mike Casey, President, Calgary Stampede
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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



Top Five Rotary Stories of 2011

by Arnold R. Grahl
Rotary International News – 20 December 2011

From the tsunami in Japan to the launch of strategic partnerships that will help Rotary expand its reach, 2011 was an eventful year for Rotary International and Rotarians. As the year winds down, we share our list of the top five Rotary news events of 2011.

1. Tsunami strikes Japan

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide mobilized to bring aid to victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on 11 March. The 9.0-magnitude quake, the strongest in Japan's history, and the resulting tsunami caused widespread destruction, paralyzing much of the northern coast.

In response, The Rotary Foundation established the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund, which has raised almost US\$6 million for long-term recovery projects.

The fund is being administered by a committee of local Rotarians who are identifying communities' needs, managing the distribution of funds, overseeing and reporting on project implementation, and ensuring proper stewardship. Rotarians have already completed 10 projects with \$400,000 from the recovery fund.

2. RI theme

RI President Kalyan Banerjee unveiled the 2011-12 RI theme, Reach Within to Embrace Humanity, during the International

Assembly in January. He urged the Rotary leaders-in-training to harness their inner strength to achieve success in Rotary.

3. The fight against polio

India has been making great strides toward polio eradication in 2011, with only one case of the virus reported from January through early December. Rotarians helped administer bivalent oral polio vaccine to more than 35 million children in the country during a Subnational Immunization Day on 13 November.

On 20 November, a team of Rotarians from District 3700 (Korea) served in a health camp in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, where children were immunized against the disease. The camp was organized by Indian Rotarians in cooperation with local health officials and UNICEF.

Rotarians also worked to get out the message about polio eradication for World Polio Day in October. In Australia, Rotarians and the Global Poverty Project carried out a petition drive to persuade world leaders to fully fund the critical work of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Almost 25,000 supporters signed the petition, resulting in a A\$20,000 (US\$20,700) contribution to Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge by the Rotary Club of Crawley, Western Australia, which had offered to donate A\$1 for each signature.

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In Perth, the Global Poverty Project's End of Polio Concert on 28 October raised additional funds. The concert coincided with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in the city; Rotarians had teamed up with the group to urge government leaders to put polio eradication on the agenda. After the meeting, the governments of Australia, Canada, and Nigeria, along with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, announced a combined pledge of more than US\$100 million to support polio eradication efforts.

4. 2011 RI Convention

More than 16,000 Rotarians from around the world converged on New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, in May for the 2011 RI Convention. Rotaractors, Rotarians, and Rotary Foundation alumni participated in service projects to help families still recovering from damage caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Among the highlights during four packed days of plenary and breakout sessions was a speech by Bill Gates, cochair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, in which he praised Rotary for its success in the campaign to eradicate polio and urged Rotarians to redouble their efforts to keep the disease from spreading. Another speaker was Michael McQueen, a leading authority on youth trends, who said Generation Y has much to offer Rotary.

5. Strategic partnerships

The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees approved four strategic partnerships in 2011 under the Future Vision Plan. These partnerships will help Rotary broaden its impact in the areas of focus by offering service opportunities for Rotarians through packaged global grants.

Rotary clubs will be teaming up with UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education to train scientists and engineers to solve problems related to water and sanitation, particularly in developing countries. Grants will support scholarships for master's degree programs at the institute's campus in Delft, the Netherlands.

Through the partnership with Aga Khan University, vocational training teams will enhance the clinical and administrative skills of health educators at the university's campuses in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Rotarians will work with Oikocredit International to advance community and economic development through the Netherlands-based cooperative's network of microfinance institutions.

And the partnership with Mercy Ships will enable clubs to get involved in improving health care services in West Africa.

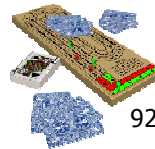
Did You Know !?

(historic club tidbits)

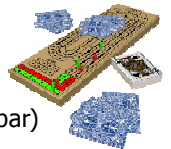
Did you know? Fred James, CFL star of the 60's was once a member of this Rotary club? In the early 80's our club supported the SOS(save our Stampede) program of the Stampede by buying 1000 shares of the then publicly owned CFL franchise. The SOS program was a huge success.

Jim Thompson

Cribbage Club



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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Meeting Minutes



December 27th, 2011

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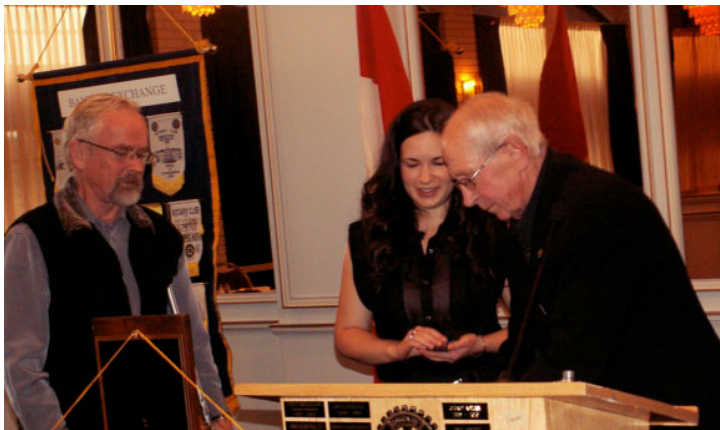
President Dave (crutchless), called the meeting to order and Ruth Wylie accompanied for Oh Canada and Rotary Grace.

Fran Hochhausen introduced the guests. Lorraine Moro, guest of Norm; Bev Pettigrew, guest of Al; Grace Wada, guest of Ted; Anne Dale, guest of Dave Wylie; and guests of the club: Liz Spencer, and Daria, Fabiana, and Daniel Tilimpea.

Peter Bickham spoke on the meaning of a Paul Harris Fellowship and how it recognizes people who embody "service above self" and the principles of Rotary.



Norm Moro then presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Daria Tilimpea. Daria was previously the President of Interact at Henry Wisewood High School, and is now a second year student at McGill University in Montreal studying political science and international development.



Daria then described both her experiences in Interact and at McGill. In Interact she was involved in projects supporting land mine clearing, lighting for third world countries, scarves for homeless, home building in Mexico and was given the Queen's Golden Jubilee citizenship award. She has also participated in RYLA and a trade mission to Peru. Her Junior Achievement company was selected as one of the top 20 in North America and ended up winning 1st place at the competition in the U.S.A.

She initially found McGill overwhelming but has become involved in UNICEF, Doctors without Borders, and a Christian Fellowship. Now in her second year, she is co-president of UNICEF. She is thankful for her experience in Interact and feels that it was instrumental in guiding her down the career path she has chosen. Daria was thanked by President Dave.

Herb Imler won \$18 in the 50/50 draw. (Sergeant at Arms take note.)

Harry Nazarchuk, the new Sunshine Chair, reported that Harold Hanna is at home recuperating from a hip operation and would welcome visitors.

Dale Perret reported that Fairview Junior High School is looking for any assistance possible to ship computers to a school in Africa that it sponsors.

Dave and Ruth Wylie have raised \$4,700 out of a required \$5,000 for the Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation in order to attend the Rotary International Conference in Nepal. Thanks to all who have contributed.

Fran Hochhausen reported that Barb is showing some improvement. Her temperature is now normal and she is sleeping well, but still in isolation. Her parents now hope to take her home January 5th.



Photos courtesy of Ian Burgess

Areas of focus are the causes that drive Rotary

Rotary Foundation - Trustee Chair William B. Boyd
Rotary Club of Howick, Auckland, New Zealand

Areas of focus are the causes that drive Rotary. We are now halfway through the pilot of our Future Vision Plan, and as I look to the future, I think the most significant change will be the adoption of the six areas of focus – and not just for our Foundation. I recently heard RI Director Stuart Heal, the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, say that our areas of focus fit very comfortably into our RI Strategic Plan.

Today's generation supports causes rather than organizations, and so we in Rotary should be able to clearly identify the causes that drive us. When somebody asks you what Rotary is, you do not have to fumble for words. Tell the person that we are an organization of service-minded individuals around

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THIS AND THAT



Meeting Minutes - December 20th

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Joe Hooper presented a \$9,000 cheque from Spruce Meadows and informed us that earnings for the year from parking were \$60,000.

Will Schmidt donated two Flames hockey tickets. Auctioned by Linda Colclough and won by Bob Depledge.



Sergeant at Arms Linda Colclough fined everyone who missed the Christmas party, along with Tammy for making it such a great success.

Our speaker was Bart Dailley who gave us a humorous history of Christmas.

After Bart's presentation, President Dave closed the meeting by wishing us all a Merry Christmas.

A Note of Thanks



Seasons Greetings

December 27th, 2011

May your Season be filled with Joy and Peace

Dear Mr. Dave,

I just wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude at everything you and Rotary Chinook have done for me over the past years. It has been a pleasure interacting with you and I will always admire the work Rotary does. I hope we will keep in touch throughout the years.

Thank you again and I wish you a warm and joy-filled holiday season.

Daria Simpson

The Rotary Foundation - "Every Rotarian, Every year"

The Rotary Foundation is our vehicle of choice to enable ordinary Rotarians to make a lasting difference in the lives of thousands.

Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (Erey) initiative are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs. These programs cover more than 160 countries and geographical areas on seven continents.

Here is a small sample of projects made possible through Erey:

In the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch, Rotary clubs helped create Nueva Esperanza, (New Hope), a sustainable community in Honduras for poor families devastated by the storm. Using a Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant, Rotary clubs in Honduras and California, USA, provided books, computers, and medical equipment for Nueva Esperanza, helping families put their lives back together.

With the help of a Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant, the Rotary Club of West Jacksonville, Florida, USA, built a baseball field designed for local children with disabilities. The unique turf allows players using wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches to easily maneuver across the field with the help of an on-field "buddy" -- a volunteer, parent, or friend.

A 3-H grant sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Calcutta Metropolitan, West Bengal, India, and Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, helped establish a half-mile concrete walkway in Nabapally, India, that serves as an escape route for villagers during annual monsoons.

Please consider supporting the Annual program Fund. The work it supports is world shaping.

Areas of focus are the causes that drive Rotary

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the world who are working to make the world a better place with our efforts in water and sanitation, basic education and literacy, maternal and child health, disease prevention and treatment, economic and community development, and peace and conflict resolution. You can say that in 20 seconds!

You can see how this may bring new members to Rotary and increase the giving to our Foundation. If you approach corporations for a contribution, they are much more likely to respond if they know how their money will be spent, and that we will spend it wisely. We are building on a strong record of performance over a long period of time. Bill Gates has said as much on a number of occasions. He has shown his faith in us through his significant gifts for polio eradication.

While I am writing this from a Foundation perspective, the membership factor should not be overlooked. Plenty of organizations talk about issues, but Rotary is about action, not words.