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HISTORY OF HERITAGE PARK SYNAGOGUE Trudy Cowan, Writer and Editor

Bart Dailley introduced Trudy Cowan to talk to us about the history of the Heritage Park Synagogue. She is a writer and editor with a long association with the Heritage Park Synagogue.

Trudy mentioned that many people have never been in a synagogue before but this one has stimulated much interest. In the 1880's many Jewish people were being subjected to attacks and humiliation in Europe so the Jewish Colonization Association was formed to help them. Several farming schools were set up. The Canadian government encouraged them to immigrate here and they started to arrive in 1910. By 1916 there were 77 Jewish people in Alberta,

located chiefly in the extreme south of the province. In that year with the help of their neighbours of other religions, they commenced the building of a small synagogue. The building was used for much more than worship services and the functions were attended by the entire neighbourhood. The relationships between all cultures and religions developed a strong and permanent bond.



However the area became very dry during the 1920's and many families had to move as they could no longer produce farm income. Eventually the farms were abandoned, as was the synagogue. However in 1940, this building was moved to Hannah where it was used by a family for living accommodations. Naturally the structure inside and out was changed to suit the new usage. It remained in that location until 2008 when it was taken over by Heritage Park and moved to the location in Calgary. It was restored and refurbished with many local people offering items to be used in its regained role as a synagogue. The new furniture and benches were fashioned from one tree cut down for that purpose. The building was hauled from Hannah by truck and placed on a concrete foundation in Heritage Park. It arrived in the early morning hours on November 27th, 2008 with a parade to mark its arrival, and 2,000 people attended the official opening. It is interesting that 1,000 books belonged to this synagogue despite that the people had virtually no money for food and shelter. In answer to a question the speaker mentioned that Rabbi means "teacher" and some synagogues were unable to have a Rabbi.

Pres. Dave presented the speaker with our usual certificate for a micro-loan in the Dominican Republic.

Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook

Chartered March 14th, 1977





Meeting Minutes



June 12th, 2012 Scribe: Ed McLean

President Dave called the meeting to order promptly at 12:15 p.m. and with Betty at the piano, we sang the National anthem and Rotary grace. Pres. Dave mentioned today is his birthday - 67th!

Following lunch, Anne introduced the 2 guests and 3 visiting Rotarians.

Peter Bickham presented Gwynneth with a Paul Harris Fellow Pin plus 1. She said it is for her father Chuck who recently had his 91st birthday.

Sunshine Report by P.E. Dave indicates Jan Tollefson is keeping us informed while she awaits further treatment starting in July. Also Tom Ranson is improving and we may see him back soon.



If a turtle has no shell, is it naked or homeless?

Paul Gaudet is looking for workers at Spruce Meadows for the Ride for Cancer on June 22nd and 23rd. A sign-up sheet is

Greeters

lune 19th Bev Tonkinson and Will Schmidt

June 26th Dan Scrivens and Tom Sorenson

July 3rd TBA

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

available. Also we will need workers for the July 4th to 8th North American at Spruce Meadows.

What is invisible and smells like carrots? Rabbit farts.

Paul also informed us of several members (and spouses) who made major time contributions at Spruce Meadows event that ended on Sunday. Hank and Janet spent 62 hours there, Neil and Lois Beatty were 30 hours, and the Tonkinsons and Billings spent over 20 hours!!

Dick French won the 50/50 draw and contributed to the pot.

Ron May was SAA today and fined Dawn (a greeter) and Pat H. for something, and Paul for overstaffing the ticket booth at S.M. Ron's customary humour amused us for a while. There were a few Good/Bad News Bucks including from Paul who informed us Garry Ladd has joined the High River Rotary club. Then we all sang Happy Birthday to Pres. Dave.

Does anyone remember the City of Calgary's twin city? These are hard to remember unless there is something personal or significant. A town in Scotland called Dull is a twin of Bored in Oregon. Dull and Bored is easily remembered. Now the people of Intercourse, Penn. are considering becoming the twin of Climax, Sask.

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Badges for Away

David Wartman is coordinating production of "away badges" for Chinook Club members (see photo). If you



wish to have a badge like this, please contact David at a meeting or by email at

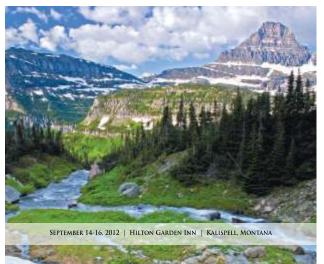
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Badges will cost between \$10 and \$15 depending on the number of

members who take advantage of this opportunity.

Schedule of Events

80th Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly



Thursday, September 13 Early check-in 3:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, September 14 Check-in 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. MORNING

8:30 Golf Tournament at Buffalo Hill Golf Club

8:30 Guided Hike/Apgar Lookout Glacier National Park

9:00 Guided Hike/Avalanche Lake, Glacier National Park

9:30 Day in quaint, historical Bigfork, MT, shopping and visiting local artists:

- Lee Proctor Studios (www.proctorstudios.com)
- Eric Thorsen Sculpture Gallery (www.thorsengallery.com)
- Brett Thuma Gallery (www.brettthumagallery.com) Lunch at Chris' Tea Cottage (www.christeacottage.com) EVENING

Friday Night Dinner, Entertainment and Dancing with music by The Smart Alex - Great Music...'Nuf Said!



Upcoming Events



Rotary Fellowships Month

June 19th 35th Anniversary Photo Session – make sure you attend and be part of this commemorative event!

June 22nd - 23rd Workers needed at Spruce Meadows for the Ride for Cancer – a sign-up sheet is available

June 26th Passing of the Gavel

New Rotary Year Begins

July 3rd Dave Saunders, Incoming President

July 10th No regular meeting – members are encouraged to attend the Carriage House Inn

Stampede Breakfast at 6:30 am instead

July 17thCole Demorest, returning Exchange StudentJuly 24thJennifer Sputek / Barbara Pick - Life after Prison

July 31st Diane Jones Konihowsi, former Canadian Olympic Athlete

Membership Month

August 7th Glenda Standeven, Cancer Survivor

August 14th Nature Park meeting

August 21st Deb Tomlinson, Project Manager, Connect Family Sexual Abuse Network

August 28th Bob Hartley, Coach of the Calgary Flames

New Generations Month

September 4th Rick Istead – Rotary Youth Exchange

September 11th Tom Higgins, Director of Officiating for the CFL

September 14-16th 80th Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Assembly at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kalispell,

Montana. Districts 5080, 5360, 5370 and 5390. The Hands Across the Border Ceremony will occur

in Glacier Park.

80th Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly

Saturday, September 15 MORNING

9:00–10:15 Explorer Douglas H. Chadwick on Glacier's Wolverines 9:00–10:15 Dr. Gregory T. Pederson on Retreating Glaciers, Declining Snowpack, and Ecosystem, Impacts of Climate Change in the Northern Rockies

10:30 –11:45 Dawn LaFleur - Hot Topics on Glacier's Resource Management

10:30–11:45 **Julie Schmidt** on Rotary Youth Exchange:

Why It's the Best in the World!

Noon Lunch Buffet Guest Speaker: Dr. Rick Graetz AFTERNOON

1:30 WGIPPA General Assembly Meeting with the Park Superintendents:

Chas Cartwright of Glacier National Park and Ifan Thomas of Waterton Lakes National Park chaired by the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park

Association president, Frances Leggett

3:00 Guided hike to the top of Lone Pine State Park, Kalispell 3:15 Tour of the historic Conrad Mansion Museum, Kalispell EVENING

Banquet Guest Speaker: Al Jubitz on Advancing World Peace through

Rotary: What Can We Do to Build a World Beyond War?

Dinner Music: Peg Allison

Entertainment: Alpine Theatre Project

Sunday, September 16 MORNING

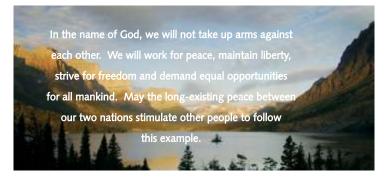
7:30 Breakfast Buffet Speaker: Pastor Glenn Burfeind

11:00 Hands Across the Border Ceremony in Glacier National Park

Reach out with your fellow Rotarians by commemorating the world's



first International Peace Park with the Assembly's traditional "handshake across the border" ceremony between Canadian and American Rotarians. Travel to Glacier National Park on your own or in car pools, leaving Kalispell by 9:30 a.m. for arrival by 10:45. There is no charge to enter the Park to attend; just tell the entrance attendant you are going to the ceremony. Park at the Apgar Transit Center and walk the path (about a 1/4 mile) to the Apgar Boat Ramp at the foot of beautiful Lake McDonald. A historic Glacier Park Red Jammer Bus will be provided for those with diffculties walking from the Transit Center. The ceremony will be outside on the shoreline and will be held rain or shine. Families are welcome. This is the final event of the Assembly and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the International Peace Park that Rotary brought together as a beacon of





THIS AND THAT Job Well Done, Tour Guides!



A job very well done by our members that did the school tours. This email went right to Linda Heathcott Southern.

Good Morning Everyone:

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the School Tours program this year. Another successful year! I just wanted to pass along this note I received from Carole this morning so everyone could see what an impact we are making and what a great program we have created with all of our team work. A very big thank you again to all of the facilitators and the tour guides for making the program such a wonderful success!

I look forward to working with everyone again next year to create another program for 2013.

Tara Savoy, Spruce Meadows



SPRUGE MEADOWS

Tara.

Just to let you know that our field trip to Spruce Meadows was absolutely wonderful. It has been years since I brought a special ed group to your facility and I was very impressed at the organization and efficiency of the tours. The time spent at each station was perfect and kept the students focused and "busy".

The people who were at each station were lovely and dealt with my students on a level that made them all feel valued. Every question was answered in a way that enhanced their understanding.

We also got lots of comments from parents that the kids talked nonstop about their visit, something that usually doesn't happen with other field trips!!!!

Please keep up the wonderful work.

Regards,

Carole Skaaning, PLP Teacher Ethel M Johnson Elementary School

District 5360 Conference 2012, Canmore



One of the delightful events organized by the Convention Committee was a dinner evening on Friday ... groups of attendees were randomly assigned to the homes of Canmore Rotarians. Bearing a contribution of a bottle of wine, the guests were enthusiastically welcomed and well fed and entertained. These photos were taken at Sandy MacDougall's home, one of the host Rotarians (and a former member of our

Photos courtesy of Ian Burgess



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