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## HEALTH CARE John Carpay, Alberta Director Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Past Pres. Bart Dailley introduced guest speaker John Carpay who is originally from Holland and is, inter alia, the Alberta Director of The Canadian Taxpayers Federation. He is also a member of the Justice Foundation for Freedom of Speech.

John selected Health Care as the subject of his talk today as there has been plenty of discussion on this subject in recent years. Alberta's recent Health Quality report has raised a lot of questions and discussion. The report states doctors have been intimidated and threatened with loss of jobs and licenses when they advocate on behalf of patients. A promised inquiry into this has been shelved and replaced with an examination regarding queue jumping. There is no arbitration for doctors but all other health care givers are given this help. It is perceived that the Province's support of the Canada Health Act is nominal. In fact 51% of doctors who were asked say they have been intimidated. While queue jumping should be verboten, it has been said the former chief of Alberta Health, Mr. Duckett, said that some Albertans feel entitled to preference in the queue. The Premier's statement said that political preference and queue jumping would be part of the formal inquiry, while intimidation of doctors would not. The Premier has been accused of breaking promises on this, but claims to have lived up to her words.



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Most Canadians (and many others) believe that "Canada has the best health care system in the world". In fact, the World Health Organization has us ranked 30th! Other studies say we spend more per capita but the results don't match the expenditures. Access and wait times are not good. Many other countries have public health systems with good service and virtually no wait times. Government Funding and Government Delivery here seem to be different in health care than in many other government services, and not to the benefit of health care. In many European countries, health care is funded by government but much of the work is provided by private operators very competently and efficiently. Three countries that provide government funding and service for health care while banning private operators are Cuba, North Korea and Canada.

In fact, in Canada, there is some two-tier health care with private clinics providing service for a fee while not billing the province. The Canada Health Act

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## Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook

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# Meeting Minutes



March 6th, 2012

Scribe: Ed McLean

President Dave called the meeting to order on time and with Betty at the piano, we gave our rendition of the National Anthem & the Rotary Grace.

At 12:40 pm Bill Churchward was asked to introduce three guests, 3 downtown Rotarians, and 1 Fish Creek club member to the 50 members in attendance.



Linda, just back from a Mazatlan vacation, announced the birthdays and anniversaries. 5 members here today celebrate Anniversaries in the club during the month of March.



Birthday members in attendance included Dave Irving, Joe Jogia, Graham Boone, Linda, Gwynneth Gourley, and Stephen Pick. Linda described these folks as exuberant, cheerful, creative, peace lovers, trustworthy and with sexy personalities. (Folks aren't always what they seem!)



Then she called 3 members up to receive a gift from her to celebrate their wedding anniversaries, but your

scribe can't seem to remember all their names.

Barry Korpatsky presented a PHF pin to Hank Popoff, his 8th and 9th.



Harry Nazarchuk reports that Peter Bickham will probably be home from hospital today with a stent in his heart and with no lasting effects from the heart problem. He hopes to join us at next week's meeting.



Also mentioned that Vera Ranson is still using a wheel chair as her broken limb heals slowly. Debbie McAuley has a broken ankle which evidently occurred in Mexico. We are all glad to see Garry Miller back with us and he drove himself to the meeting. Garry thanked the club members for their good wishes.



Henry from the Fish Creek Club invites us all to a March 31st party at the Kensington Lake Community Hall where there will be food tasting, games of skill and chance, and music – all for \$50 per person.

Rob Whitfield spent the weekend with 60 Exchange Students who held an event which raised \$1,000 in Exchange Student Barb's name for the Childrens' Hospital Foundation.



Anthony reminded us of the Volunteer Dinner on March 20th at the Cheesecake Café, 7600 Macleod Trail S at a cost of \$10 per person. The sign-up sheets were making the rounds.

Kathryn K. won the 50/50 draw and donated the entire amount to the SAA pot.

John Beatty was SAA today and fined the President for a perceived error. Others were fined for misdemeanors such as not introducing themselves to new members, sitting at same table as last week and the like. There were a few Good/Bad news bucks including the SAA and Harry.

Past Pres. Bart Dailley introduced guest speaker John Carpay.

Photos courtesy of John Beatty

## Greeters

March 13th Anne Dale & Garth Sabirsh

March 20th Brian Kinder & Jeff Evans

March 27th TBA

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



# Upcoming Events



## Literacy Month

- 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 @ Cheesecake Café, 7600 Macleod Trail South, – \$10 pp – sign up sheets with meal selections will circulate at meetings
- March 30th Distinguished Rotarian of the Year nominations close
- March 31st Cribbage Club playing for the Lew Reid Memorial Trophy, Horton Road Legion, 10am - 4pm
- March 31st Fish Creek Club invites us all to a March 31st party at the Kensington Lake Community Hall – food tasting, games of skill and chance, and music – all for \$50 pp



## Magazine Month

- April 3rd Mike Casey, President, 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 8th John Hufnagel, Head Coach and GM, Calgary Stampede
- May 15th Club Assembly
- May 25th - 27th District 5360 Conference, Radisson Hotel & Conference Centre, Canmore AB

## World Rotaract Week - March 12-18, 2012 From New Generations to next generation

Every year, thousands of young people have an incredible experience in a New Generations program. For World Rotaract Week, reflect on how we can turn these future leaders into the next generation of Rotarians.

Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30. Rotaract clubs are either community or university based, and they're sponsored by a local Rotary club. This makes them true "partners in service" and key members of the family of Rotary.

"Reflecting on World Rotaract Week 12-18 March, I realize that thanks to Rotaract, I have been a part of so many different projects which have addressed Rotary's Areas of

Focus. Rotaract helps pave the way into Rotary for future generations. I look forward to bringing my experiences to a Rotary Club in the near future.

*Andrea Tirone - Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto*

As one of Rotary's most significant and fastest-growing service programs, with more than 8,400 clubs in about 170 countries and geographical areas, Rotaract has become a worldwide phenomenon.



## HEALTH CARE

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precludes charging patients any kind fee for medical service. Many doctors retire early due to the stringent rules and small fees for service thus making it difficult for many newcomers to find a doctor. It is perceived the provincial Superboard has not been effective and should be replaced by local boards with autonomy.

Pres. Dave presented the usual Add Your Light certificate indicating a mother in the Dominican Republic has been helped financially.

## Cribbage Club

**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

**Saturday March 31st**

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Club members will be playing for the  
**Lew Reid Memorial Trophy.**







# THIS AND THAT



## Rotary Literacy Month

### Rotary's influence, Dolly's Imagination Library puts books into the hands of children

Rotary Voices - Posted on March 9, 2012  
by David Dotson, president of the Dollywood Foundation

The wonderful partnership between Dolly Parton and Rotary International continues to flourish in communities both large and small all across the USA, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

Although every community approaches the program in its own way, one thing impresses me much more than dollars raised or even time invested – and this is the enormous influence Rotarians exert in their communities.

On many occasions, we have witnessed how Rotarians use their influence to leverage support from both the public and private sector. Rotarians bring instant credibility to the table and consequently, local, state and provincial governments are eager to join forces with Rotary and Dolly to bring the Imagination Library to their children. Likewise many Rotary clubs have been successful in teaming up with United Way to launch the program in their communities.

Influence is an earned commodity and we are fortunate that the decades of good will and great work of Rotary now benefits the children of the Imagination Library.

### Dolly Parton helps Rotarians spread literacy by Susie Ma The Rotarian -- March 2012

It can be hard to find books in Canada's vast Yukon. Claire Derome, 2009-10 president of the Rotary Club of Whitehorse-Rendezvous, knows of only one bookstore outside the capital, and in remote areas, access to libraries is also limited. Derome

wanted to launch a literacy project that would reach all Yukon communities, and she found one in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Every month, Imagination Library mails an age-appropriate book to each child in the program, until age five. Research showed that up to 85 percent of families receiving books through the program read to their children every day.

Derome, who has a graduate degree in education, did not need more convincing. "The number of books you have at home is a good indicator of future success in school," she says. Her Rotary club worked with the Yukon government and the Yukon Literacy Coalition to bring Imagination Library there, and 900 children are currently enrolled. The Dollywood Foundation and the participating community split the program costs; in Yukon, the Whitehorse-Rendezvous club covers the \$3.60 per child per month.

Imagination Library does not have income requirements. "Dolly did not want any child to feel singled out or left out," says David Dotson, president of the Dollywood Foundation. Parton was adamant that the books be new, because of her own experiences growing up with hand-me-downs. And in mailing the books to each young person, she wanted to re-create the joy she felt as a child when the Sears catalog arrived at her home, addressed to her family.

Imagination Library serves children in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. In 2001, 2,500 children were participating in the program; today they number almost 700,000. Imagination Library and Rotary International teamed up in 2009, and Rotary clubs are involved in the program in roughly 300 communities.



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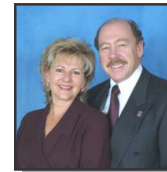
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