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WESTERN SINGER AND COWBOY POET Mike Burns

PP. Bart humorously introduced Guest Speaker Mike Burns, the Cochrane cowboy poet. Mike has, at home, a wife Suzanne and a dog MacDuff.

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Mike told a couple of funny stories about cowboys on the farm years ago, and the several uses the Sears catalogue can cover. One of them related to the cowboy who ordered a wife from Sears, and when asked, he said she should be along any day as her clothing had already arrived. Mike entertained us for 25 minutes with cowboy songs he had written and anecdotes.



Pres. Dave presented the usual certificate from Add Your Light indicating a person in the Dominican Republic had received a bio-sand water filter for the family.

Mike Burns hails from Cochrane, Alberta, where he lives with his wife, Suzann, and MacDuff "the trailer dog". He enjoys entertaining folds in the western tradition, with his smooth vocal stylings of old cowboy ballads and gospel songs. Widely known as Alberta's Cowboy Balladeer, Mike is a multi-talented performer, playing guitar, standup bass and harmonica, as well as reciting cowboy poetry and telling stories.

He writes and performs his own brand of traditional cowboy songs and poems, about a lifestyle that is still alive and absolutely refuses to turn loose of what was good from the past. With his unique blend of old and new, Mike has been a featured musician and poet at Cowboy Poetry and Music Gatherings and at Country and Gospel Music Festivals throughout Western Canada and the USA. In 2001, he was among a select group of cowboy entertainers chosen to perform at a command performance for Canada's Governor General. For his contribution to the field of traditional cowboy music, Mike was awarded the 2007 Golden Note Award by the Cowboy Poets of Idaho Inc.

A multiple independent recording artist, Mike has released three CDs. His debut album "That Old Song", recreates a retro cowboy sound reminiscent of the 1940's and 50's that bring back memories of a slower, more peaceful era. For his second CD "Songs of Faith", he recorded a collection of favourite gospel songs and hymns that have proven themselves by continued use for more than 80 years. His third album "Songs by Request", brings together twelve of the

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Meeting Minutes



March 13th, 2012

Scribe: Ed McLean

President Dave called us to order at 12:15 p.m. and with the national anthem and the Rotary grace completed, the next item was lunch.

At 12:38 Pres. Dave informed us the Millenium Club plans a special meeting at which Todd Hirsch, ATB Chief Economist will be guest speaker, and our members may be interested in attending. Details will be sent to members.

Greeter Garth Sabirsh introduced 2 guests along with Phil Libin from Downtown club, and Tony Ng and Don Bacon, from South Calgary to the 56 Chinook members in attendance.



Harry, the Sunshine Reporter



confirmed that Peter Bickham is indeed back on track, and attended the meeting today albeit he must avoid driving a car for a month or so. No other health problems to report.

P.P. George Kimura reported



attending Pets/Sets last weekend, and that 3 Chinook members made fine presentations at the District gathering namely: Hank Popoff, Ron May and Kathryn Kaldestad.

Orion reported on the Youth

Greeters

March 20th Brian Kinder & Jeff Evans

March 27th TBA

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

Mike Burns

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most requested cowboy and gospel songs for the first two albums and is dedicated to those who appreciate the tradition and values expressed in these songs. Mike's most recent project is a book of his cowboy poetry. "Trail Dust of a Buckaroo" is an eclectic collection of his cowboy poems about fun, philosophy and faith.



Exchange activity reported briefly last week.

Rena has calendars from the Downtown club that cover December 2011 to June 2013 inclusive. These are available for a donation. Rena will

have them available again next week.

Linda, the Auctioneer, auctioned a Window Cleaning package with all proceeds going to Childrens' Hospital fund. Winner Joe Hooper.



Harold Hanna won the 50/50 pot. P.P. Bob Montgomery paid 2 hockey pool winners -David Wartman (for the 3rd time) and Bruce McDonald.

Garth reminded us of the upcoming parking season at Spruce Meadows.

SAA today was John Beatty who may have started with a joke and then zeroed in on the aforementioned money winners. He also fined anyone not wearing the Rotary pin or a name badge. Ian's Good News was his curling skill and winnings, and Tammy put in some dollars with the suggestion that we watch Global TV news at 6:55 p.m. tonight. (We did and we were impressed with Tammy and her staff along with the cat!).



P.P. Bart humorously introduced Guest Speaker Mike Burns, the Cochrane cowboy poet.



Photos courtesy of John Beatty

Mike is a lifetime member of the Alberta Cowboy Poetry Association, as well as a member of the Cowboy Poets of Idaho Inc.

Check out Mike's website at www.songsfaithministries.com



Upcoming Events



Literacy Month

- 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 Stampedede
- 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 Stampeders
- May 15th Club Assembly
- May 25th - 27th District 5360 Conference, Radisson Hotel & Conference Centre, Canmore AB

Spruce Meadows 2012

Major Event dates:

- National June 6 to 10
- North American July 4 to 8
- Masters September 5 to 9
- Christmas Market November 16 to 18 and 23 to 25

Note: there are always other smaller events through the season that will need our parking skills!

This remains a key activity for our club. It is not just fund raising, but also Community Service and Fellowship all rolled into one.

So celebrate Literacy Month by writing these dates into your calendars. To make it all balance out, we need a 12 to 16 hour commitment for each event from all able bodied members. Also volunteer your wife or significant other (not on the same shift as each other preferably), your friends, neighbours and family to come and help us out and to enjoy a day in the sun ... is it not always sunny at Spruce Meadows events!? (- with over 30 years of parking by the Club, and personally after over 12 years of parking events, I wonder what the real vs anecdotal statistics are of snow, rain...etc, - ed note).



SPRUCE MEADOWS

The Toothbrush Project

Can you help ??

When I was in Chile finishing other projects for the Rotary Club, I met with the Director Health, Sra. Pamela Herrera Gonzalez, who told me – among other thing – that 30,000 children and adults in San Felipe cannot afford to buy a toothbrush. Immediately I started to think ... what could I do to change this? I stopped in Calgary at a drug store and asked them to weigh 5 toothbrushes.

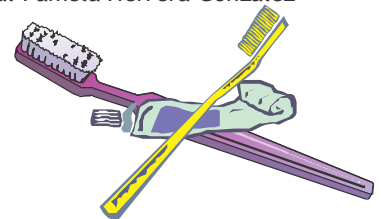
It costs \$9.71 to send 5 toothbrushes to Chile.

I cannot imagine my kids not having a toothbrush ro losing their teeth for lack of brushing at an early age.

Please help me realize this project by sending 5 toothbrushes to this address:

Municipalidad de San Felipe
Directora de la Salud Sra. Pamela Herrera Gonzalez
Casilla Postal 12D
San Felipe, V Region
Chile

Thanks!
Miguel Lopez
Swan City Rotary Club



Cribbage Club



Saturday March 31st

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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



THIS AND THAT



Famous Athletes !! (??)

Submitted by Dennis Daly

The Catalogue Order

He was just an old-time cowboy,
Nor more on the range does he roam,
Just rides a rocker on the front porch,
Of the cabin he calls his home.

He cuts wood for heatin' and cookin',
Draws water from a well our the back,
Answers Nature's call in the outhouse,
Standing down-wind from his shack.

It was on a cold winter mornin',
Frost hung in the air like a vapour,
When to his chagrin, he discovered,
He was plumb outa toilet paper.

That mornin' he mailed an order,
To the big city catalogue store,
For rolls of their best toilet paper,
Would they kindly send twenty-four?

In due time, they wrote him a letter,
"Check our catalogue, it did read,
"And give us the exact order number,
Of that toilet paper you need."

He wrote right back and told 'em,
"There's one thing I know for sure,
If I had me a copy of that catalogue,
I wouldn't need yur toilet paper."

Mike Burns, Western Singer and Cowboy Poet



A Paddy Story

Paddy and Mick get a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose. They bag six. As Paddy and Mick start loading the plane for the return trip, the pilot says, "The plane can only take four of those." The two lads object strongly. "Last year we shot six, and the pilot let us put them all on board; he had the same plane as yours."

Reluctantly, the pilot gives in and all six are loaded. However, even with full power, the little plane can't handle the load and down it goes and crashes in the middle of nowhere.

A few moments later, climbing out of the wreckage, Paddy asks Mick, "Any idea where we are?" "I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year," says Mick.

Submitted by Jim Thompson



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