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Bart introduced the guest speakers – Laverne Bissky of the Calgary North Rotary Club, and Darlene Davies, polio survivor. Both these speakers will be part of the programme at the May District Conference of Rotary in Canmore so we are urged to be there.



Laverne Bissky

Polio is often now perceived as a sickness from long ago and far away simply because it is gone from North America. It still exists in the world and the word Fear still describes peoples' feelings when exposed to it. Polio is caused by a virus which most often attacks children under age 5, but can strike anyone who has not been protected by the vaccine. If the virus attacks the brain or spinal column, the sickness can result in extreme breathing problems, paralysis and severe pain. The disease started in the 1800's in Europe and the vaccine was developed in

1955. The countries now that still experience polio are India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria, although India has not had a case for more than a year. It will take 2 more years before India can be deemed polio free. Nigeria is a complex and problematic country where leaders felt the vaccine was being used to kill their supporters rather than to help.

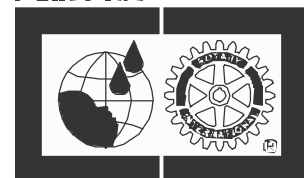
While Canada is polio free, the legacy of polio epidemics in Canada is 125,000 polio survivors and Darlene Davies is one of those. She contracted polio in 1943 at the age of 18 months. She took a trip to a farm with her mother on a bus and one person on that bus carried the virus. Within a week, 7 passengers had polio. With no car Darlene's mother walked 26 blocks pushing a baby carriage to take her to the hospital, then walked 26 blocks home with an empty carriage. When she got there she was told by her landlady that she could no longer be a tenant and must find another place to live as her daughter would not be allowed to live there. Darlene was in hospital 3 months which was quite short as the therapies then, while crude, were fairly effective. Some children did stay in hospitals for several years. Several of Darlene's friends had polio. She had difficulty walking but at age 10 got a bike which made life much better. In 1955 she and her siblings received the vaccine as did so many others.



Darlene Davies

Polio still exists in Asia and Africa, and it is crucial for health and economic reasons that it be eliminated there. As long as there is any polio anywhere there is the possibility of an airplane passenger taking it anywhere in the world. Rotary's Polio Plus has created a supply chain worldwide that will also be available for other uses especially when polio is extinguished. Polio Plus started in 1985 and the World Health Organization joined in 1988. Bill and Melinda Gates joined later with about

PolioPlus



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Meeting Minutes



February 28th, 2012

Scribe: Ed McLean

President Dave rang the gavel promptly at 12:18 p.m. and we started the meeting in the usual fashion.

At 12:43 p.m. the 2 guest speakers, 3 other guests including Bev Tonkinson and 1 Rotarian from the North Club were introduced to the 53 club members in attendance.

The good news was no report needed of any members with health problems.



Monty called on 5 members to come up and receive their winnings from the hockey pool.



Dale Perret requested members' support for the Interact

Club and Fairview School in their fund-raising activities. She will be sending an email to all members outlining the needs although the Interact Club's plans are included in The Arch dated February 21st.



Anthony announced plans for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to be held March 20th at the Cheesecake Café, 7600 Macleod Trail South. Signup sheets will be available at future meetings which will include meal selection.

Pres. Dave recognized Ann Marsh's major contribution to the success of last week's meeting featuring Amanda Lindhout as guest speaker. Amanda was given a \$2,500 donation for her charity.

Anne Dale presented a gift from Staten Island, NY.

The 50/50 won by new member Jeff.



SAA Paul Gaudet fined all hockey winners and Jeff \$1. He then covered the rest of us at least once if we are curlers, if we have not welcomed at least 4 of the 8 new members inducted so far this year, or if we have a habit of sitting at the same table every week at our meetings. The Good News came from Monty who donated \$20 because he can now drive the car again as his hip is on the mend.

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Photos courtesy of John Beatty

ROTARY POLIO PROGRAM

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\$400 million but the job is not yet done. It is estimated another \$400 million will be needed.

The other good news is the many million people in the developing world who did not get polio and the world is 99% polio free. Darlene got post polio syndrome at age 45 with pain, tripping, falling etc. She feels those with this affliction are more energetic and productive than those who don't get it. Some who do suffer from it are back to using canes, crutches, walkers and the like. Eradication of polio is not only the right thing to do, it is essential for economic reasons. It will be a Monumental Day when polio is declared vanquished.

Darlene is an admirer of Rotary for the work done to bring us "This Close" and reminds us of the importance of telling others of the Polio Plus work done.

Pres. Dave presented the usual certificates of a donation to an Add Your Light recipient.

CPC Elevate Presents:
Here Come the 70s!
at the

Saturday, May 12th 2012
Kerby Centre 1133 - 7 Avenue S.W.
Doors open at 7:00 P.M.
\$75 per grooving guest

Hang Loose Man and Wear
your Far-Out 70s Threads!
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Upcoming Events



Literacy Month

March 6th	John Carpay, Canadian Taxpayers Federation
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, 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

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



DISTINGUISHED ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR Nominations Close March 30, 2012

Nominations for this new award should be made in writing and directed to Hank Popoff, the Chair of the Awards Committee, to be received no later than March 30th, 2012. Any club member in good standing may make a nomination.

To avoid embarrassment, it is important to keep the nomination confidential as the Awards Committee may not recommend your nominee. The Awards Committee will separately nominate its own candidate before ranking all the nominations, including its own, utilizing the preset criteria detailed on the insert of a previous club bulletin.

You do not have to complete the selection criteria form when submitting a nomination; the Awards Committee will do this. The Committee's recommendation will be submitted to the Board for its final approval.

Greeters

March 6th	Patricia Garner & Bill Churchward
March 13th	Anne Dale & Garth Sabirsh
March 20th	Brian Kinder & Jeff Evans

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

Did You Know !? (historic club tidbits)

Did you know? Our club has an incredible Historic Records Collection spanning all but one year since we were chartered. This historic collection enables newly elected board members, club officers and committee chairmen a vast resource for research and a fun way to follow our history in the development of committees and projects. It also contains the Arch issues, District Governor newsletters and correspondence over the years, photos of activities and social events, etc. All it takes is you, showing an interest ... expand your club knowledge and our association with the District and RI.

To access, simply go to Moe Tynan's office. She has provided space for the 3 double door cabinets which contain the information, presidential records in order of year. Artifacts are stored on shelves, photo albums and other memorabilia are placed with care. If you choose to take away material for research, there is a simple Sign Out system, and all that we ask is whatever you take, BRING IT BACK in a timely manner and DO NOT remove any items from what you borrow. We have had a few photos disappear over the years, and there are no records for the club Rotary year 1980/81. Feel free to make a copy of anything you wish to retain.

I have been the club historian since 1977, the records were stored in my office for over 25 years and I hope to name a successor soon. The club really appreciates Moe making the space available for continuing storage and access. Ongoing club committee Chairmen may find these records particularly helpful and informative.

Jim Thompson



THIS AND THAT



The 10 per cent

Ten percent of the people do 90 percent of the work
And they get to do it for nuthin'! And that's not the only perk,
They're asked to donate to causes, contribute their cash and
their time,
Get up early, usually stay late, and always claim they don't
mind.
They serve on boards and commissions, participate in the
potluck,
Bring snacks for the kindergarteners, for hayrides they furnish
the truck.
They take their turn on the fair board, as deacons or soccer
moms,
Jury duty or Salvation Army, ringing bells and gathering alms.
Raise funds for endless projects, the Food Bank, the FFA
Missions in far away countries, Girls Scouts and the PTA
Call on the shut-ins, fight cancer, or maybe teach others to
read,
Through Rotary, Lions or Kiwanis, they work to fulfil a need.
The 10 percent you can count on to sign up, to help and
belong,
Always ready and willing, they make our communities strong.
They often don't get the glory or noticed by everyone
But, they're easy to find at a party, cleanin' up after it's done.
What causes man to serve his fellow man? As best, I discern
Not money. Sometimes a "thanks" is all that they'll earn.
And it can't be Evolution, where only the toughest survive,

Or lessons learned in a classroom ... "Compassion, see page
25."

But it's there in certain people, giving satisfies their needs
You can't find it in a brain scan, but you can see it in their
deeds

No physical exam can spot it, it won't show up on the chart
But if I had to guess what it is, I'd say it comes from the heart.
So I'll just admit that we're lucky the 10 percent are right here
'Cause without them nothing would happen, and they do it all
volunteer.

'Vol' from the Greek meaning 'work like a horse' ... 'unteer'
meaning 'without pay'

'On the Edge of Common Sense' by Baxter Black
The Regional, Okotoks Western Wheel, February 22, 2012

Five Rules to Remember in Life from the "Duke"



1. Money cannot buy happiness
but it's more comfortable to cry in
a Mercedes than on a bicycle.
2. Forgive your enemy but
remember the bastard's name.
3. Help someone when they are in
trouble and they will remember
you when they're in trouble again.
4. Many people are alive only
because it's illegal to shoot them.
5. Alcohol does not solve any problems, but then again, neither
does milk.

Cribbage Club



Thursday March 15th
Saturday March 31st

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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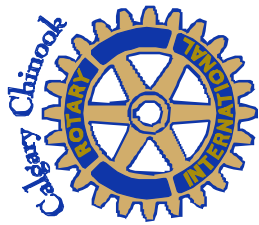
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