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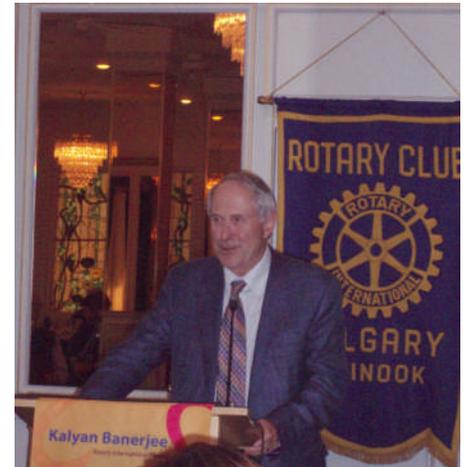
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..... THANK YOU !!!

Bart Dailley introduced today's speaker, Dr. Tom Flanagan. Tom is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Calgary.

Tom has authored several books and has served as a advisor to the Conservative party at the Federal and Provincial level. He is currently serving in an advisory capacity to the Alberta Wild Rose Party.

Tom shared some of his observations on both the Federal and Provincial scene.



The Federal Scene:

Things look good for the Conservative majority government as the next election will not likely occur until the fall of 2015. The Conservatives will be able to enact promised legislation during this period because of their majority.



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The phasing out of the voter subsidies will financially impact the ND and Liberal Parties. Tom also indicated the fact that the Conservative having a majority without the Quebec vote will make governing easier. This will be especially true when dealing with MP seat redistribution.

The Provincial Scene:

Tom indicated that Gary Mar will likely win the Conservative leadership race which will be decided October 1st. There is not likely to be a Provincial election this fall – an election will likely occur in the time frame of next March after a new budget is introduced.

The Wild Rose Party has become a creditable force with polls showing 25% voter support. This has made politics in the province much more interesting. The Conservatives face threats on two fronts: from the ND and Liberal Parties on the left, and the Wild Rose Party on the right.

Question time:

Tom stated that four of the main issues the public had with the current Stelmach government are: the handling of the oil royalty structure, the failure to present balanced budgets, the health care issue, and the property rights issue.

'Vote Farming' is an issue at the provincial level – this is where party memberships are bought for individuals so they can vote for leadership candidates.

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Meeting Minutes



September 27th, 2011

Scribe: Tom Sorenson

The meeting was called to order by President Dave at 12:15 p.m. Betty French played the piano for the singing of O'Canada and the Rotary Grace.

Introductions:

Ron Hardie introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians. There were 73 in attendance – 5 guests, 2 visiting Rotarians and 66 club members.

President's Announcements:

President Dave thanked Roger and Donna Brett for hosting a BBQ for the Rotary Guests from England. He also presented the Club with the banners from the UK clubs.



Sunshine Report:

- Don McLean reported that his knee surgery has gone well and he hopes to be driving soon.
- Exchange student Barb is well after a few day of being under the weather.

Rotary Youth Exchange:

- Barb Kranjcec spent most of the week ill in bed, thus her activities were limited. It was good to see her at the meeting and feeling better.



Paul Harris Presentation:

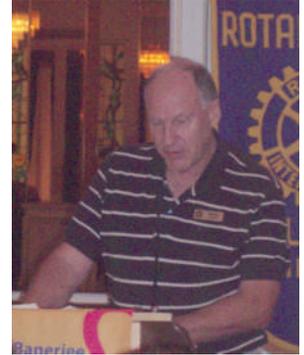
Peter Bickham presented Bill Worthington with his Paul Harris Award for donation of \$1,000 US to The Rotary Foundation. Peter encouraged others to consider a donation – it can be done on a sustaining basis.

Minute Men:

- Bob Montgomery thanked all who assisted with the Rotary Friendship Exchange. Our guests especially appreciated our singing of "God Save Our Queen" and the receiving of White Hats from Tourism Calgary. Bob also had special thanks for our host couples, Jim and Judy Thompson, Dave and Margaret Irving, Linda and Cam Colclough, and his wife Edith. (Scribe note ... a big thanks to you Bob, for coordinating the visit.)



- Bruce Bohnet reminded members that the club is hosting a casino on September 28th and 29th at the Elbow River Casino. All shifts were filled at the close of the meeting.



- Tom Sorenson – a presenter is needed to attend the Academic



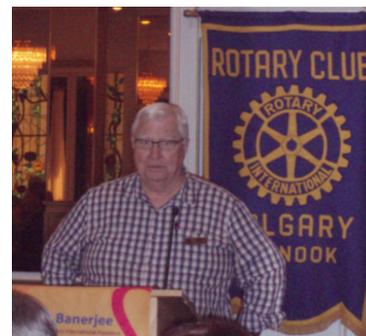
Awards Ceremony at Alternative High School at 11:00 am on Friday October 14th. Please contact Tom if you could represent Chinook Rotary at this function.

50/50 Draw:

The winner was Tom McKee. Tom donated the \$33 to Exchange Student Barb.

Raffle:

Flames Tickets were won by Paul Hussey. \$48 was raised for the club. Linda Colclough could not remember who the handsome gentleman was who donated the tickets, but their generosity was greatly appreciated.



S.A.A.:

Bart Dailley, in his humorous manner, extracted some loonies from three or four members. There were several members who had good news to share with the club.

Greeters

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| October 4th | Fran Hochhausen |
| October 11th | Joe Hooper and Alex Soutar |
| October 18th | Terry Green and Paul Hussey |
| October 25th | Pat Hutchinson |

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



Upcoming Events



Vocational Service Month

October 4th	Rick Hanson, Calgary Police Chief
October 11th	District 5360 Governor Mike French – evening meeting
October 18th	Paul Dunphy, Global TV Meteorologist
October 25th	Randy Crosson, Operation Christmas Child



Rotary Foundation Month

November 1st	Gordon Court and Colonel Slade – Burrowing Owls Experts
November 8th	Lieutenant Governor Don Ethell
November 15th	Cassy Welburn, Calgary rep for T A L E S
November 18th - 20th	International Christmas Market @ Spruce Meadows – mark your calendars for parking
November 25th - 27th	International Christmas Market @ Spruce Meadows – mark your calendars for parking

Family Month

December 6th or 7th	Seniors Luncheon
December 13th	Club Christmas Party
December 20th	Dave Madder, Ice Road Builder

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Rotary Awareness Month

January 10th	Bob MacPhee and Mel Kirby, Calgary Opera
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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

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Tom indicated that the Separatist movement in Quebec is at its weakest point since the early 1960's.

Voter turnout is declining at all levels – federal, provincial and civic. This is especially true for the younger voter. Not sure why. It is an International problem.

President Dave thanked Dr. Flanagan for his interesting and informative presentation.

Quote of the Month

Youth's great possibilities
Rotary International News -- 19 May 2011

"The youth of every generation has stood in a critical position, for the scales have been tipped one way or the other by the training they received from their elders. This is particularly true today. Our boys and girls have greater freedom, exercise greater power, and have more opportunities for both good and evil, than ever before. How important it is, therefore, that youth's great possibilities for good be realized and developed!"

— Angus S. Mitchell, 1948-49 RI president, address to the 1949 convention in New York City

Vocational Service Month

Vocational Service Month promotes business integrity, professional development

Through the Avenue of Vocational Service, Rotarians contribute their professional expertise and skills to address societal problems and needs, promote high ethical standards in the workplace, support career planning and other vocational activities, and represent the dignity and value of their profession.

"Rotary's focus on ethical practices as part of vocational service has been a central part of my success in my business, professional, civic, and personal life since I became a Rotarian", says Paul A. Netzel, vice chair of the Vocational Service Promotion Committee and past RI Director.

Rotarians have two benchmarks for promoting professional integrity: The Four-Way Test, and the Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions.

Rotarians can support vocational service by:

- strengthening the emphasis on professional diversity in member recruitment
- identifying ways to emphasize professions in club activities
- placing a stronger emphasis on business networking with integrity at the club and district level -- which also is a means of attracting and mentoring the next generation
- emphasizing the connection between The Four-Way Test and the Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions, and their importance to the values of Rotary



THIS AND THAT

Rotary Year History



Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins 1 July? The International Convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first Convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the Convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 Convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the Convention and Board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual Conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary Year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.



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