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CALGARY DROP-IN & REHAB CENTRE Tom Loszchuk

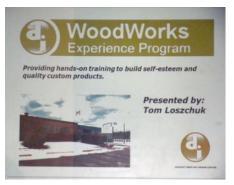
CALGARY DROP-IN & REHAB CENTRE (the DI), Where People Matter



Our guest speaker was introduced by Bart Dailley. Tom is an Apprenticeship Cabinet Maker, he graduated in 1984 as a Journeyman, and he has worked in several jobs over the years. He joined the DI 6 years ago to teach in the Wood Shop. On a personal basis, Tom has been married 23 years, they have 3 teenagers and they currently have 2 foster daughters aged 3 years

The Calgary Drop-In Centre provides many services; for example, they had over 1,100 sleeping at the DI last night, they serve 3,500 meals a day, and they are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year. They provide the necessities of life and train the people so they can get back on their feet. The workers are dedicated people who do their best to help these less fortunate people.





The area that Tom is concerned with is those people who want to earn a wood working trade. They have a shop and school in the central area of Calgary, not far from Tynan Furniture ... we note that in 2009, 20 students benefited from learning carpentry and life skills.

While the numbers of students are low in numbers, the school turns out qualified tradespeople who are in demand in the industry; they receive a

number of requests from companies who are looking for good tradespeople.

The shop is self-sufficient and pays its own way through jobs that they take on, such as a Golf Course dining room and pro shop, Vogel Law firm refurbishing and others. Tom stated that they tended to concentrate on commercial rather than residential.



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Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by Terry Green at 12:15.

Ruth Wylie was still missing in action, so O Canada and grace was led by George Van Schaick. George did a great job and most of us finished the same time as George.

Our Greeters were Dawn Rennie and Garth Sabirsh and they had Berto, our exchange student, read out the names of those visiting the club (who did a very commendable job!).

Berto is on spring break and told us about his marks. Also he met the out bound students and one of them is going to Brazil near where he is from – small world. Hank Popoff took him dog sledding – the way Berto explains it Hank led him astray! Now over the winter our curling league set Berto up with a team or teams and to commemorate the occasion (of him curling), John Beatty presented Berto with a plaque that he could take back to Brazil and show the home club and others. See if any one in Brazil knows what curling is!

It is to be noted that one of the visitors was Dermot Baldwin, from the Drop-in Centre ... some years back we made him a Paul Harris Fellow.

It was the first meeting of the month, so Bev Tonkinson announced the Rotary birthdays, spouse's birthdays, anniversaries, and anniversaries of joining the club. It was a long list so I'll just list the Rotarian birthdays: they are Ian Burgess, Al Imler, Dale Perret, Dan Scrivens, Norm Moro, David Wartman, John Beatty and our own Berto Damini Jr.!



Harry Nazarchuk (our Sunshine man) announced that Rae Campbell was back home and doing okay. Norm Moro and his wife were away watching his Grandson play baseball in Arizona, and on the last day he fell and broke his knee cap — it's painful but he is doing okay.

Minute persons:

- Fran Hochhausen our inbound student 'Gregory' still needs a counsellor and one host family.
- Garth Sabirsh advised that for Parking at Spruce Meadows, we still needed 3 parkers on Saturday and 6 on Sunday.
- Paul Gaudet, as a spokesperson

for Norm Moro, regarding the cribbage on Saturday, April 5th – it is on unless Paul advises other wise. He will let us know by e mail if it's not happening.

• Rob Whitfield, our High River man, came to announce the Lobsterfest at High River. If you wish tickets contact Rob Whitfield. Also a number of members where inquiring about how he made out in the flood – their basement was



damaged but it is pretty well fixed now.



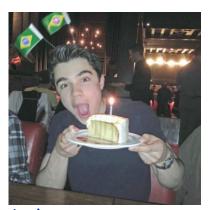
Sergean-at-Arms: was Paul Gaudet – he reminded us to read the current edition of the Rotary Magazine (it is Magazine Month) and an article about a US Club along with a Tokyo Club raised funds to help rebuild a school in Japan flooded away by

the tsunami. He then fined all who had filed their income tax.

The 50/50 draw was won by David Wartman and he donated it back to the club.

Good News dollars came from Hank Popoff, Bev Tonkinson and Rob Whitfield.

The meeting was adjourned by Terry Green at 1:30.



Happy Birthday Berto!!

Berto's Moving Day



Photos courtesy of John Beatty



Upcoming Events

Magazine Month

April 8th Alessandro Massolo, Urban Coyotes

District Conference, Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre April 12th -13th

April 12th -13th Parking @ Spruce Meadows for the Horticultural Show

April 15th Roger Kingkade, CHQR Talk Show Host

April 22nd Fairview School Meeting

April 29th Youth Meeting — evening meeting



Promote RI Convention Month

May 6th John Hufnagel, Coach and GM, Calgary Stampeders — meeting to be held at Horton Road Legion

Harry Lamah — Classification talk and more May 13th Garth Sabirsh — Parking at Spruce Meadows May 20th

President's Dinner @ McKenzie Meadows Golf & Country Club — evening meeting May 24th

May 27th Karla Tejeda-Inglesias, Outgoing Exchange Student May 29th Brown Bagging for Kids — lunch bags prep

Rotary Fellowships Month

June 1st - 4th Rotary International Convention, Sydney, Australia June 2nd Brown Bagging for Kids — lunch bags prep

June 3rd Meeting moved to June 4th

June 4th Fellowship Event @ Spruce Meadows — a non-parking event ... watch the horses jump!

June 4th - 8th Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The National

June 24th Club Assembly — Passing of the Gavel (telling Terry to Hit the Road!)

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Tom mentioned that the Province of Alberta recognizes the shortage of tradesmen and they announced that they would be putting \$200 million in the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund. He hoped that they could qualify for some of these funds so they could get newer up-dated equipment.

Tom conducted a Question and Answer period after his presentation, and there were a number of questions from the Rotarians – of a positive nature.

He pointed out a display, located at the back of the room, that they had completed for the Downtown Club to announce the donors to the Rotary Foundation. Also he noted that the South Club donated some funds for a new piece of equipment.

Tom held a draw afterwards for a cutting board make from a fancy wood from a faraway land. The winner was Will Schmidt.



Parking !!!

Parking Season 2014 is here !! We're about to gently ease back into Parking, starting in April:

Spruce Meadows Horticulture Show Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13, 2014 8:00am to 5:00pm (people movers until 6:00pm)

Please sign up on the web at www.chinookrotary.org and pick the shifts you can assist with, or look for the signup sheets at the meetings.

Rotaract Club of Calgary

Come and join the Rotaract Club of Calgary on April 26th as we embark on the next step in the growth of our Club.

Our inaugural fundraising event "The April Affair: A Bourbon Street Masquerade" is sure to be a fun-filled, New Orleans styled adventure. Our event will feature live music, entertainment, refreshment, and a silent auction. Please join us in a night of revelry and help us raise funds for our club's local and international efforts.

Calgary Rotaract

Rotaract stands for "Rotary in Action" and has the following goals:

- To develop professional and leadership skills
- To provide opportunities for personal and group activities to serve the community and promote international understanding and goodwill toward all people



Interact Chair for July 1, 2014

Interact Clubs are part of our club's culture – Henry Wise Wood for over 10 years, and Dr EP Scarlett for the past three. The clubs have had amazing success (thanks to Norm Moro and Tom Sorenson who were the original starters of HWW), and are true examples of the Rotary's "Service Above Self". They support local and international projects through their fundraising. Many of the students carry a heavy load but still manage to achieve great results both academically and through participation in Interact. The annual budget for Interact in our club works out to less than \$20.00 per student. How is that for value???

The current committee members have indicated that they are not in a position to assume the role of Chair, but will remain on the committee. Without a Chair, the Committee will no longer be active. That leaves these two Interact clubs without the mentorship, financial support and member involvement of Rotary through our club. How sad would that be – for them and us!!

We owe it to them to find a way to continue with our sponsorship and that's where YOU come in. Anyone with an interest in our youth, able to be enthused by and supportive of their efforts, willing to spend a couple of days a month to attend their meetings (noon - 12:30), liaise with the Club Facilitator/teacher and the executive, promote and encourage their fundraising efforts would be welcomed with open arms. You will have the full support of the existing committee members. There are plans in the year(s) ahead to connect and possibly twin with other Interact Clubs around the world – perhaps to be involved in joint ventures in areas that improve the lives of others.

Wouldn't you like to be part of that? If you are that Rotarian, contact either myself or our incoming 2014-2015 Director of Youth Services – Rena St Clair.

My email oninten@shaw.ca, phone # 403 454 4700 Let's talk ... !

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- To recognize, practice, and promote ethical standards as leadership qualities and vocational responsibilities
- To develop knowledge and understanding of the needs, problems, and opportunities in the community and worldwide

We are an established Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30 in the Calgary area. We are committed to addressing the needs of our local and international communities, while providing opportunities for members to network, socialize, and have fun.



Have questions about Calgary Rotaract presents "The April Affair – A Bourbon Street Masquerade" ? ... contact Rotaract Club of Calgary at www.calgaryrotaract.com

