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CLUB ASSEMBLY

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THANK YOU !!

President Terry opened the business part of the meeting by thanking the Board for all the "wonderful" help they had provided during the year. He advised that Secretary Evelyn kept him on the "straight and narrow" and that Treasurer Al Holt, President Elect Stephen Pick, Past President Dave Saunders, and PP once removed, Dave Wylie were all generous with their support and guidance. He again thanked all the Directors for their contribution.

Youth Services

Fran Hochhausen was the first Director to deliver her report on Youth Services. She started out covering Interact, noting that both our clubs, Henry Wisewood and Dr. E.P. Scarlett, were doing well and presently planning their Spring fundraisers. She thanked Dale Perret for being an excellent program Chair for the past several years, and advised that with her taking on other responsibilities next year, we will need a volunteer to take over this position. The meetings are usually once per month at lunch at the respective schools, generally 30 minutes or less. Our role is to offer advice and assistance, not to tell them how to proceed. If interested, please contact Dale for more information.

Fran then discussed Educational Partnership which involves our long term relationship with Fairview School, currently being chaired very well by Patricia Garner. Patricia reports that the School is actively working on several charitable projects including Shelter Box, fundraising for a well in Cambodia and a solar array to power their first solar garden currently in active growth. She and her teacher contact at Fairview are putting together a power point presentation outlining their mentorship program for presentation hopefully to a joint group of our members and the Fairview staff. This would promote a deeper commitment and understanding between the school staff and our members.

Regarding PSC's (Police Security Checks), Fran reports that almost all of the committee members for youth programs have completed their applications. All members of Chinook Rotary are encouraged to go through this process (it's quite painless) as it is strongly recommended by Rotary International and is also a potential liability issue for our Club. This is no different than the security check we have done in order to work a Casino, to volunteer at your child's school or to coach children in sports.

Fran's final topic for her report was Youth Exchange. She confirmed that our outgoing student, Karla, has been confirmed for Germany. Karla is excited and is working hard to develop some German words and phrases before departure. If anyone knows of a German tutor, please let Bill Stemp know as he is her outbound counsellor. The District Committee has decided to do a District to District exchange so our inbound student next year will be from Germany. We currently have two host families lined up for next year however still require at least one more. We are also looking for an inbound counsellor for the coming year as it's time for John Beatty to step back after doing a truly wonderful job for the past two years. This incoming counsellor will be able to draw for support and guidance on both Fran's and John's experience.

Fran asks for assistance in getting contact information for past youth exchange students, both inbound and outbound. Her records go back only five years and she would like to create a regular feature for our ARCH called "where are they now". If you have such contact information, please let Fran know. Alberto is

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February 18th, 2014

Scribe: Paul Gaudet

President Terry started our meeting at 12:15. He began our meeting with a request for a moment's silence in tribute to Jim Costello, a charter member and second President of our Club, who passed away on February 11th at the Resthaven Lodge in Sidney B.C.

Terry then welcomed everyone to Rotary and introduced 'O Canada' and 'Rotary Grace' accompanied by Ruth Wiley on the piano.

He noted that Paul Gaudet would be today's Scribe, and then called on Ron May to introduce our visitors and guests. Ron started out by telling us about this cross-eyed teacher he knew who was fired because she couldn't control her pupils. (Yep, Ron's back!)

Ron asked Berto to help with the introductions and he did a fine job introducing Cole Demerest, a recent outbound exchange student (2012-13 to Thailand), who is back in Calgary for a brief visit (attends school in Thunder Bay) and wished to drop by for a visit. Ron then introduced two visiting Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Fish Creek, and two from the Rotary Club of Calgary South. The total attendance for our meeting was 55.

Harry's Sunshine Report contained no news, however he asked members for input and we learned that Dale Perret is at home and not feeling well, battling an infection. Best wishes to Dale and we hope she feels better soon.

Minutemen:

(1) John Fortunka, from the Rotary Club of Fish Creek, thanked us for our fine hospitality and proceeded to tell us about their Club's upcoming "Southern Fair", a fundraiser being held on the first of March. Several local restaurants take part by showcasing their best appetizers, and there is a Band and also a Casino (using funny money), with a ticket price of \$60. All are welcome.

(2) Norm Moro announced that there will be no Cribbage at the Horton Road Legion this week due to a funeral commitment being held at the Legion. He also took the opportunity to announce that his Curling Team is in need of a "fill in" player for the upcoming Bonspiel being held this coming weekend in Spruce Grove.

(3) Bev Tonkinson raffled off two sets of tickets to the upcoming Home and Garden Show at the BMO Centre in late February. Thanks to Bev for donating these tickets to raise funds for our Club. The tickets were won by Paul Gaudet and John Fortunka.

Our 50-50 winner this week was Albert Amaniampong.

Ian Burgess took the podium as our Sgt-at-Arms and started out with an explanation of a math question from last week's Valentine's Dinner. He acknowledged that Berto was one of

the few (if not the only) who had come up with this correct answer.

He then fined Joe Jogia and Herve Lamah for being a little late, and anyone in the audience who hadn't yet received a flu shot. Barry had the tenacity to question the value of such a shot but our Sgt wouldn't (or couldn't) hear of it. In a high point for good humour he then fined Dave Wylie for buying Ruth only 1/2 a bottle of hair dye (as her hair was a lovely two colours today). He fined all those who had watched Olympic Curling and then nailed Ron May \$5 for a "list of sins too long to recite". Lastly, Sgt Ian wanted to fine our Youth Exchange sponsors but only Fran was in attendance. He therefore fined Fran and Norm Moro, as he was sitting beside Fran.

Good News/ Bad News:

Dave Wylie responded to Sgt Ian's fine regarding Ruth's hair colour with a further donation and a comment that he had been married to Ruth for many years and still had no idea what her natural hair colour was! John Charrett paid \$10 as thanks for the loan of a Rotary pin and a Chinook Banner to take with him on his upcoming trip to England. Cole Demerest wrapped up this part of our meeting with a donation to acknowledge how fortunate he was to be given so many blessings, for his "life being so good".

President Terry closed the meeting and reminded us that next week's meeting will be held at the Willow Park Golf Club.

Club Assembly

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doing very well, taking full advantage of all his opportunities and Fran thanks everyone for their contribution to Alberto making his visit the best it can be. He is off to Rotary's curling bonspiel in Spruce Grove this weekend, playing for Paul Hussey's team.

Fran reported in some detail on Wendy, our outbound student who is currently living in Mexico. She has been experiencing a difficult time of it through no fault of her own, however through her own commitment and with the help of Fran, Bill Stemp, and our District Coordinator, it appears now that the situation has improved somewhat. Wendy is committed to completing her year in Mexico and we are doing all we can to see that she can do so successfully.

Community Service

Next up was Bev Tonkinson to report on Community Service. She began with a big thank you to Tammy Truman and her Committee for a truly wonderful Seniors Luncheon, complete with Calgary Stampeder participation (see their video on the event on the Stampeder website). A big thanks also to the Carriage House for their excellent staff and delicious food.

Bev then discussed the Nature Park, which has been effectively closed to further improvements due to access issues caused by the flood of June 21st. The Parks staff has begun to restore the access but it is a slow and expensive process. Nonetheless,

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World Understanding Month

February 25th

Abe Janzen — Mennonite Central Committee
(meeting at 12:15 at Willow Park Golf Club)



Literacy Month

March 4th

Miriam Dreher, Yodelfest Organizer

March 11th

Eliese Watson — Alberta Bees and Beekeeping

March 18th

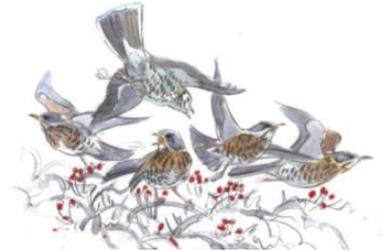
St. Patrick's Day Festivities

March 25th

Robert Greenwood and Dana Luebke, Sun Ergos Theatre

March 25th

Mustard Seed — food service



Magazine Month

April 1st

Ton Loszchuk, Woodshop Manager, Calgary Drop In Centre

April 6th

Ronald MacDonald House — meal prep

April 8th

Alessandro Massolo, Urban Coyotes

April 11th -13th

District Conference, Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre

April 29th

Youth Evening Meeting

Promote RI Convention Month

May 24th

President's Dinner

May 27th

Karla Tejada, 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



Club Assembly

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we hope to be in a position to commence some of our own improvements by May, including the addition of seating benches or large stones for seating around three sides of our assembly gazebo. Our committee has a number of specific improvements in mind and, depending on budget availability, looks forward to getting started. We plan on our regular Park clean up in May leading to our on site meeting in late July or early August. Thanks to Jim Thompson for all his leadership and guidance on this important legacy project.

The Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF) commenced in 2005 as a project led mainly by the Rotary Club of Calgary but now includes all 13 of the City Clubs. Our Club invested \$26,000 in the first year and now our investment totals \$137,497. The Foundation invests the principal and pays out a "dividend" each year of 5% or more depending on how the portfolio performs. The total current portfolio for all Clubs total \$37,500,000. Thanks to Garth Plunkett for chairing this committee. Approximately 30% of our members currently donate to this Foundation.

Bev moved on to report on Community Projects, chaired by Ted Wada. Some of the highlights this year have been Samaritan's Purse's Shoebox Campaign, Salvation Army Christmas Kettles, Mustard Seed Dinner Service planned for March 25th, Ronald MacDonald House Dinner Service on April 6th, and Brown Bagging for Kids on May 29th and June 2nd. The sign up folders for these latter activities will be available

shortly so please sign up and join in this "hands on" service while enjoying the fellowship of other members. Thanks to Ted and his Committee for all their work and guidance in arranging these rewarding activities.

Bev wrapped up her report by discussing Rotary Mattamy Greenway Project, a 138 km park system connected around the City of Calgary, linking 55 communities and scheduled for completion in 2016. Our Club has joined other Clubs in the City to contribute \$5,000,000 over five years to help this project to completion. Our specific commitment is to provide \$50,000 over the 5 years. Bev thanked John McBean, who is our member on the Advisory Committee, for all his effort.

Financial Position

Al Holt completed our program with only a few minutes available to review our current financial position. He presented our six months ending December 31st, 2013 Financial Statements for the members to review which reflect a healthy financial situation at that date. He also commented on the need for our Club to continue to use the software system "Quick Books" which will meet our needs consistently into the future. He noted that our Society has been approved for Charitable Tax Status which has necessitated the setting up of a new bank account (currently being done). Otherwise, if anyone has any questions on our financial position or on the results reflected by the financial statements, please contact Al directly.

Can't make the entire District Conference April 11-13, 2014 ???

Then why not carpool with a fellow Rotarian (or two) and take in the Saturday Speakers and activities !?

Saturday, April 12

**Keynote Speaker Dean Rohrs
"The Scars Children Should Never Have to Bear"**

This is the personal story of Dean Rohrs and her journey to find peace. Rotary International has been both a support and guide along this path. Her story starts in Zambia, ends in Canada, and winds its way through experiences which brought both scars and solace. Dean's message is that no child should ever develop a scar through the hands of another person – we need to become messengers of change and bring peace to the children of this world.



Keynote Speakers

**Christie Johnson and Memory Chazeza, and graduate Maness Samuel
Atsikana Pa Ulendo (Girls On The Move) "Giving Girls a Choice ... Giving Girls a Voice"**

Co-founders Memory Chazeza and Christie Johnson along with recent graduate Maness Samuel will tell the story of Atsikana Pa Ulendo (APU), a school dedicated to helping young Malawian women achieve self-sufficiency through education. As educators, Christie and Memory believe that education is the key to giving girls a choice in the lives that they lead. It gives them a voice to share their dreams with their communities. It is their voice that will give them the power they need to transform their lives and the lives of their future families. And Maness Samuel, a member of the first graduating class in 201, is living proof!

Saturday Only (excl. Saturday Gala) \$150
Saturday Gala Only \$100

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