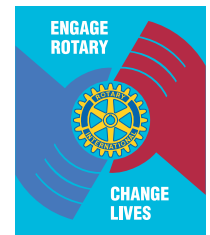




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## ALBERTA RAT PATROL Phil Merrill, Inspector

by Alex Soutar

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Bart Dailley introduced our guest speaker Phil Merrill, inspector with the Alberta Rat Patrol.

Phil has been with the Provincial Government for over forty years as a Problem Wildlife Specialist, and as an Inspector for Regulatory Services. He recently became the Provincial Rat and Pest Specialist in 2012.

Phil reports there are twelve different rat species, and no other rodent is as destructive, and has outwitted man in his efforts to exterminate it.



Rats seldom venture far from their nest, and are nocturnal. Rats are a warm climate rodent, and burrow in ground, or live in a warm building. Rats must have a supply of man's food like grain, stored food or garbage. They contaminate more than they eat and destroy approximately 20% of the world's stored food.

Rats adapt to their environment. Swimmers can access a building through toilet traps. The climbers access a building by climbing electrical or support wires. Rats destroy property by chewing---their teeth continually grow.

Rats are sexually mature in seven weeks, and a pair can have a litter each month, which can result in 15,000 offspring a year (as the offspring also reproduce).

The Alberta Rat Control Zone was created in 1951 to try to eliminate rats from Alberta, and maintain a rat free province. Alberta's success staying rat free depends upon a network of pest control officers across the province, the support of all citizens to report rat sightings and destroy rats.

Pet rats sold by pet stores are also reported, and must be destroyed.

The costs are substantial---\$3 million each year to control these pests, and \$10 million each year in food contamination and damage.

Alberta continues to be the only rat free zone in North America.



"Rat Patrol Dave"

## Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook

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Moe Tynan and George Van Schaick welcomed our members, including two guests, for a total of 65 attendees for our Tuesday meeting.

President Dave opened the meeting at 12:20 pm followed by O Canada, and Rotary grace. President Dave thanked Betty French for her accompaniment.

President Dave chaired an emergency board meeting at 11:00 am today with a focus on assistance to help flood victims, and passed a motion to forward \$11,000 in reserve funds to the flood response fund.

### MINUTE REPORTS

- Paul Gaudet reminded the club of the upcoming baseball game on June 30 in Okotoks with special arrangements for tickets and refreshments for our club members and guests.
- Paul also commented that refreshments for parkers at Spruce Meadows would continue to be water and granola bars in the foreseeable future. Paul continued on to say there were a total of 50 spaces still remaining for the North American.
- Dick and Betty French will be on the move to Grand Prairie in the near future to be much closer to family members living there.
- Jim Thompson gave a brief report on the condition of the nature park. There is currently no access to the park as a result of the flooding, however Jim thought all of the structures would still be in good shape. This has delayed the park cleanup, but should be done in time for our "picnic in the park" scheduled for July 30th.

- Peter Bickham reminded the membership of the club match for donations to the Rotary Foundation.



- John Beatty commented that our exchange student Janos Takats was busy today helping out flood victims along with members of the Sarcee Rotary club.

### 50/50

Fred Jessie was the recipient of the 50/50 draw at today's meeting, which was donated back to the flood response effort.

Tammy Truman gave a timely presentation on insurance information, covering the full spectrum from vehicle policies, to household sewer backup which is an optional purchase. There is no flood insurance available in Canada for residential properties. The exception being an optional flood policy for commercial / business properties only.



On the good news / bad news front there were several responses by President Dave, Dave Wylie, Sydney Richmond, Ian Burgess, Stephen Pick, Linda Colclough, and Rena St. Clair.



Bart Dailley introduced our guest speaker Phil Merrill, inspector with the Alberta Rat Patrol.

President Dave thanked Phil for his presentation and closed the meeting at 1:30 pm.

*Welcome back Don McLean !*

*Photos courtesy of John Beatty*

## Dawgs Ballgame, Sunday June 30th





# Upcoming Events



## New Rotary Year Begins

July 16th  
July 23rd  
July 30th

British Exchange Rotarians  
Kelly Falardeau, Burn Victim  
Bart Dailley – History, 7 Years War (Picnic in the Park cancelled)

## Membership Month

August 6th  
August 13th

Mike Drew, Calgary Sun Photographer  
Cole Demorest, returning Exchange Student

## New Generations Month

September 4th - 8th  
September 10th  
September 17th

Parking @ Spruce Meadows for "The Masters"  
Representatives from Medical Mercy Canada  
Sophie Serafino, Founder of Everywoman Foundation



## Vocational Service Month

October 8th

Wendy Lowe, Executive Director, Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre

## Good-bye Party for Janos @ Hochhausens' on June 22nd



## RI President Ron Burton: Engage Rotary, Change Lives

I'm looking forward to the 2013-14 Rotary year and the immense and humbling privilege of serving as your Rotary International president. During my presidential year, I'll let you know on the Rotary International president's Facebook page and in blog posts about some of my travels. I hope this will help you experience some of the magic of Rotary.

I have to admit, during my first year as a Rotarian, I almost missed the magic of Rotary. I didn't always care for the food and programs at the weekly club meetings, and I thought I had better ways to spend my time. But then my club president asked me to chair the Rotary Foundation committee. Rotary started changing for me after that. I found that the more engaged I became in Rotary and the work of The Rotary Foundation, the more I saw the magic of Rotary and how it changed lives.

That magic may be a little bit different for each one of us, but it's there for all of us when we really put our hearts into some

aspect of Rotary service. For me, my heart is in the Foundation. I feel that every time you donate to the Foundation you're saying, "It's my resource, as a Rotarian; and it's my responsibility."

Your new governors already have joined me in this and led by example, with 100 percent of them donating to the Foundation. I thank them for their commitment to Rotary, which they've shown through their donations as well as facing the challenge of inspiring new members to get more involved and learn about the true meaning of Rotary.

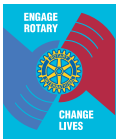
When we really engage Rotary, that's when lives change. And, at the end of the day, no matter how many lives you reach out to change, the life that will change the most will be your own.

That's what our theme for 2013-2014 is all about. Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

Posted on July 1, 2013



# THIS AND THAT



## The new Rotary year: Changes you should know about

For three years, 100 districts have been testing Future Vision, a pilot of The Rotary Foundation's new grant system, which was designed to increase Rotary's effectiveness during the next century of service. As the new Rotary year dawns, the future has begun. All districts begin using the simplified grant structure 1 July. There will be three types of grants: global, district, and packaged.

Also on 1 July, new leaders will take office at the club, district, and international levels:

- Ron D. Burton, of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA, will become Rotary's 103rd president and will encourage Rotarians to Engage Rotary, Change Lives
- Anne L. Matthews, a member of the Rotary Club of Columbia East, South Carolina, USA, will become the first woman to serve as vice president
- Dong Kurn Lee, of the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang, Korea, will take over as Rotary Foundation trustee chair

Other changes for 2013-14:

- Rotarians will be allowed to form satellite clubs, whose members meet at a different time and location from their parent clubs
- Districts will be able to form an unlimited number of e-clubs
- The name of Rotary's fifth Avenue of Service will change from "New Generations Service" to "Youth Service"
- The dues Rotary clubs pay Rotary International will increase US\$1 to \$53 per member
- A redesigned Rotary website will be launched in late summer
- The RI Board of Directors will seat nine new directors 1 July, along with 2013-14 President-elect Gary C.K. Huang, of the Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan
- The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees will seat five new members including Monty J. Audenart, of the Rotary Club of Red Deer East, Alberta, Canada

by Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary News -- 1 July 2013

## Janos and the Stampede Parade

Beti and I were watching the Parade when the local Hungarian Association came by with a small group of dancers. The Rotex group was sitting a few sections west of us. We heard a loud cheer and the next thing we knew, there was Janos, on the street, in the parade, dancing and conversing with the folks locally associated with his homeland.

Not only did he attend the parade, he participated in it! Wonderful to see. Here is a picture to prove the point.



Cheers,  
Paul Gaudet

## Tammy and the Stampede Parade



*Congratulations Tammy !! on your 10th year in the Stampede Parade, and for winning 1st Place in the category "Private 2-4 Heavy Horse Hitch" !!*

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July 2nd, 2013

Scribe: Ed McLean

President Dave called to order the last meeting of his year and with Betty at the piano, we sang the National anthem and the Rotary grace.

There is no speaker today as the meeting is about handing the gavel to the incoming President and dealing with any outstanding business situations.

Greeter Bev Tonkinson introduced visitors Janet Popoff w/o Hank, and Jim Bollinger, son-in-law of incoming President Terry Green, as well as 2 visiting Rotarians, Jim Shane and Al Potyoundi and their spouses, from the Calgary club. All were welcomed with our usual gusto. There were 67 in attendance at the meeting.

Bev was also Birthdays and Anniversaries announcer today. There are 13 members with birthdays in July, only 2 of them originally from Alberta. The list is too long to remember and include here. They had to listen to our rendition of Happy Birthday. There are 7 spousal birthdays in July. Eight members have wedding anniversaries this month totalling 351 years! Also there are 6 members whose anniversary date of joining Rotary is July, including 3 Honourary members.



Pres. Dave mentioned some members went to High River last Sunday to assist the flood relief. He suggests that we go to Mike French's emails for updated information on where help is needed. Our Club has allocated \$ 11, 000 to flood relief but before allocations are decided, we will seek funding needs from certain local charities. Dale is ascertaining pet needs. It has been decided to allocate \$2,000 now to the Canmore Club Charitable Relief Fund, as well as \$2,000 to the Alberta First Nations Relief Fund where the Peoples Trust will handle the money. In due time Rotarians will be informed where donations can be made with proper receipts and fund disposition clearly arranged.

- Garth S. announced there is still a need for parkers this weekend although Wednesday and Thursday are full. Check the web site.
- Bart reported satisfaction with his survey on the type of speakers members prefer. Sports figures and even politicians are fine, but there are some subjects less attractive to all.
- Dave Wartman can order more Badges for club visiting if anyone wishes.
- Jim reports McKenzie Meadows area is half size and has 100 workers trying to restore the course with the hope to open soon. Our annual club picnic at our Nature Park is still scheduled for July 30th.
- Joe H. presented to the club the \$12,000 cheque for June parking at Spruce Meadows.

*Photos courtesy of John Beatty*

Linda auctioned a box of golf balls for \$2 a ticket with 38 sold to aid flood relief. Bill Churchward won the balls.

50/50 won by Patricia who donated it to the club.

Tammy was S.A.A today announcing all funds raised today would be for flood relief. She was true to her word with hard to answer questions on previous Calgary Stampedes etc. and \$170 was raised.

Pres. Dave recognized the Board and Executive who helped him have such a successful year in 2012/2013. He also mentioned Bart's important contribution in arranging speakers and the like. Pres. Dave then handed the President's Pin to incoming President Terry Green who in turn gave a Past President Pin to now P.P. Dave along with a new gavel. The new Rotary banner with ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES on it was raised. New Pres. Terry introduced his new board and executive, whose names and assignments will be on the club web page shortly.



The only order of business today was a motion and amendment "for funding of the Father Greg Bursary for a minimum of 3 years at \$2,000 per year". Motion made by Jim T., seconded by Ian B. with amendment by Tammy. Carried-all in favour. Tom S. acknowledged Jim's successful efforts to acknowledge Charter President Father Greg's huge contribution to getting this Rotary club off to a fine start. This week's Arch includes the club's first newsletter written by Father Greg and dated November 16/76 – 4 months before the club was chartered.

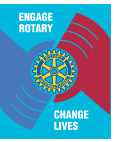


New Pres. Terry says his initial goal for the year is to carry on with the work done by his predecessors – particularly the Strategic Plan. He also mentioned the partnership with Fairview School should be strengthened, or perhaps we should find an alternative project. He also mentioned we must keep FUN in Rotary as the founder was very keen on Fellowship.

Meeting adjourned early – good start, Terry!



# Carriage House Stampede Breakfast July 9th



Photos courtesy of Linda Colclough & Stephen Pick

