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Abe started off by introducing two of his associates who came with him today to assist with their presentation. Kim Theissen is the Associate Director of MCC Alberta and Lisa Rosenberg works with donor relations.

MCC was "born" around 1920 when approx 1 million Mennonites were mainly located in the Ukraine and in North America. The Russian Revolution led farmers in that part of the world to reach out to their North American fellows for assistance. The North American group established the Mennonite Central Committee as an entity to respond to this need. In subsequent years the Committee has branched out, covering three basic operational areas; Relief, Development and Peace Work. They work alongside churches and communities in more than 50 countries, including Canada and the United States, to carry out disaster relief, sustainable community development and justice and peace building work.



They have a long history of working with refugees, both to Canada and elsewhere, and believe that it is necessary to help establish peace in the world as their other charitable activities such as food production and education require functional harmony to be effective. It is difficult to help in these other areas when people in the area are in fear for their life on a daily basis.

Another area for their activity is the fight against AIDS. MCC was partnering in Southern Africa at the height of the AIDS epidemic in that continent, when it was affecting millions. Churches in the area were trying their best to fight the virus however they needed financial and manpower assistance and MCC stepped up in both areas, providing home based care and orphan care. They are currently involved in 30 countries providing AIDS relief.

They detailed a Peace building program sponsored here in Alberta whereby they take 10 young adults from around the world (Zambia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Palestine and Guatemala) and put them together with 10 young adults from Canada to participate in "sharing circles" where they all are encouraged to share stories from their lives,



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February 25th, 2014

Scribe: Paul Gaudet

President Terry started our meeting at 12:15. He passed the mike to Bart Dailley who advised the Club that we had recently lost a member, Lou Pomerance, who passed away suddenly while in Phoenix. Funeral arrangements are yet to be announced. Terry then asked for a moment's silence in remembrance of our friend.



Terry then introduced "Oh Canada" and "Rotary Grace" led this week by George Van Schaick.

He noted that Paul Gaudet would be today's Scribe, and then called on Al Holt to introduce our visitors and guests. Today we had only 34 members in attendance at this excellent

location (Willow Park Golf Club) and 6 guests for a total of 40. This attendance number is quite disappointing even considering the number of snowbirds who are currently in the South.

In his Sunshine Report, Harry advised that Lyle Davidson was having a chemo treatment tomorrow and asked that members reach out and call Lyle as he enjoys keeping in touch. Harry hasn't been able to contact Dale Perret, however Hank had spoken to her and reports that she is slowly gaining strength and looks forward to attending Rotary again in the near future. Harry noted that John McBean was suffering from a nerve ailment which was still being diagnosed.

Minutemen:



(1) Hank Popoff asked once again for our members to consider nominating one of our own as the "Distinguished Rotarian" for this current Rotary year. The only condition is that the nominee has to have been a member of the Chinook Club for a minimum of ten years. In addition, Hank advised that the committee has contacted all members who have been members for at least 10

years, asking them to fill out a questionnaire which is designed to help the committee to consider their case should they be nominated. It would be helpful if appropriate members would



complete this form and return it to Hank.

(2) Paul Gaudet asked Terry to report on the recently completed Rotary Curling Bonspiel and Terry, being an experienced leader, handed Paul the mike and asked for him to do it. Our Rotary curling league (playing at Huntington Hills this year), had four teams attending this year's Bonspiel (three of which were Chinook teams) out of a total of 25 teams. Interesting to note that Grand Prairie had 6 teams in attendance. The Bonspiel was held in Spruce Grove (just west of Edmonton) from Thursday to Sunday and they did a wonderful job. Our teams were skipped by Norm Moro (consisting of Norm, Paul Gaudet, Ted Wada and Ian Burgess), Terry Green (consisting of Terry, Neil Beatty, Kim Kartushyn and Maureen Tynan) and Paul Hussey (consisting of Paul, Tom Sorenson, Hank Popoff and our exchange student Berto Damini). The latter two teams made it to the playoffs on Sunday and did very well. Berto not only curled well but he entertained the group by playing his Brazilian guitar at the Calcutta on Saturday night.

Our 50-50 winner this week was Peter Bickham who donated the proceeds to the Club.

Ian Burgess took the podium as our Sgt at Arms and started out with fines for those missing pins and those who had initially gone to the Carriage House rather than Willow Park Golf Club for today's meeting. He then told us a tale of how Berto had been asked to pick a ticket for the 50-50 at Saturday's Bonspiel Dinner and somehow managed to pick Hank's number, winning him over \$700. It must be said that Hank was very generous at the Dinner with these funds, donating much back to Rotary, however Ian felt some fine was still in order. Hank agreed to make a \$100 donation. Ian then went quickly around the room, asking each table a question and fining everyone when the answer was wrong. Needless to say the questions were a challenge and the fines frequent.



Good News/ Bad News:

Gord Billings told a story of a life Insurance salesman who had lost his hair and when asked about it replied, "Hair can't grow on a busy street", to which his wife replied "it can't grow on concrete either". Ian, as this was his final Sgt at Arms meeting for a while, donated \$5 for his many transgressions during the month.

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Photos courtesy of Ian Burgess & Stephen Pick

Literacy Month

March 4th
March 11th
March 18th
March 25th
March 25th

Miriam Dreher, Yodelfest Organizer
Eliese Watson — Alberta Bees and Beekeeping
St. Patrick's Day Festivities
Robert Greenwood and Dana Luebke, Sun Ergos Theatre
Mustard Seed — food service

Magazine Month

April 1st
April 6th
April 8th
April 11th -13th
April 29th

Ton Loszchuk, Woodshop Manager, Calgary Drop In Centre
Ronald MacDonald House — meal prep
Alessandro Massolo, Urban Coyotes
District Conference, Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre
Youth Evening Meeting



Meeting Minutes

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Bart Dailley was called up to introduce our speaker, Abe Janzen, who is the Director of Mennonite Central Committee Alberta (MCC). Abe will tell us about this international agency, which does many good works throughout the world as well as locally in Alberta. Abe was born in Saskatchewan, grew up on a farm, studied at U.of S. and St.F.X., and was a teacher by training. He worked 10 years for MCC in Bolivia and Guatemala and for 11 years in Northern Alberta at



Fairview College, and since 1996 as Executive Director of MCC Alberta.

George Kimura thanked the Speaker and presented him with our Certificate noting a donation in his name to our "Polio Plus" Campaign.

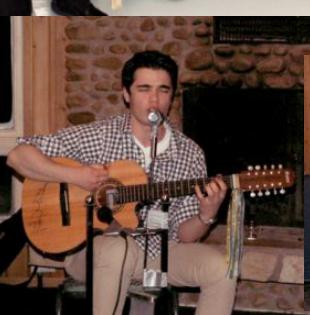


President Terry closed the meeting by thanking all in attendance and reminding us that next week's meeting will be held back at our regular home, the Carriage House.

Curling Bonspiel Spruce Grove

February 21 - 23

Photos courtesy of Ian Burgess



Lou Pomerance passed away suddenly on February 24th in Phoenix. Lou suffered a massive heart attack. He was alive when he arrived at the hospital but passed away before the doctors were able to do anything.

Lou was just 8 years old when his parents and older brother and sister moved to Calgary from Montreal in 1939. Lou attended Western Canada High School and then as a teenager started working with his dad in their store, Western Outfitters on 8th Avenue. Eventually the business belonged to the Pomerance brothers, Lou and Phil. People from all walks of life went through Western Outfitters and the walls of the store had hundreds of photos of Lou with athletes, entertainers and politicians.

Lou married Edith and remained married to her for 57 years. They have 3 kids and numerous grandchildren.

As a youth he was a part of Shaary Tzedec Synagogue. Later he became an integral part of Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Lou served a president of the B'nai B'rith Lodge, he sat on the board of Beth Tzedec and emceed many, many 'Man of the Year' and 'Sportsman's' Dinners. Lou was a long time Rotarian, more than 20 years in the Downtown Club and more than 5 years in the Chinook Club.

Lou Pomerance helped everybody, volunteered for everything and spent his waking hours trying to make this world a better place. I believe that my dear friend of 36 years was very successful in doing that.

Mennonite Central Committee

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leading to rich and inspiring communication opportunities. This idea originally was adopted from a Ugandan experience.

Lisa took the floor to speak about one of their Kenyan projects whereby they build concrete water "dams" to retain the monsoon floods to use during the dry seasons. This system has been very successful and has led to such benefits as children having more time to attend school (whereas they previously had to haul water all day) and the creation of large community gardens located close to the water source. These structures cost \$15,000 to construct but can provide benefits to approx. 8,000 families. Different communities work together to educate each other about the construction and ongoing maintenance of these systems, and when asked how this was now possible when in the past they would fight and squabble over most issues, a local leader replied "we have decided to love each other".

Another story was about MCC's "Global Family" program. It is dedicated to supporting community based education around the world. It works with local schools and organizations to determine the needs within their community. In some communities lunch programs are needed to help children focus on school. Sometimes school supplies or uniforms are what is needed. In other communities, teacher training, peace education or vocational courses are the key to community transformation. A co-worker in Uganda, working with MCC's Global Family program, was asked why she likes working with MCC and she replied "because you show up". Consistency of support and caring is often the key to long term and sustainable relief programs.

It is impossible to convey or discuss all the activities provided around the world by the MCC in such a brief presentation. They have simply provided a glimpse and encourage us all to take a more detailed look by going to their website at:

www.mmc.org

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Aa

is for

ARVO

The time after midday and before evening.

Bb

is for

BRISIE

The capital of Queensland. Also known as Brisvegas.

Cc

is for

C'MON

A cheer of encouragement, yelled at sporting events. ([Come on!](#))

Dd

is for

DINKI DI

True blue, patriotic.

Ee

is for

EAR

In this spot. As opposed to "there". As in, "come over ear!".

Ff

is for

FROG & TOAD

The road.

Gg

is for

G'DAY

A greeting. The most widely used Aussie term.

Hh

is for

HAROLD HOLT

Run. As in, "do the Harry Holt" (do the bolt). Also our 17th Prime Minister.

Ii

is for

IFFY

Dodgy, dodgy, shonky, shifty.

Jj

is for

JOE BLAKE

Snake. As in, "I just saw a Joe Blake on the Frog & Toad so do the Harold Holt!"

Kk

is for

KWEE

The opening words of a request as in, "Kwee have lunch at Macca's?".

Ll

is for

LUCKY COUNTRY

This great land, Oz, Down Under, Stralyan.

Mm

is for

MATE

A friend, or stranger - anyone. Used at the end of most sentences.

Nn

is for

NILLY

Close, soon. "You nilly hit me!"

Oo

is for

O.S.

The rest of the world. ([Overseas](#))

Pp

is for

PROLLY

Likely. "I'll prolly be home late". Gen Z would say "probs".

Qq

is for

QUID

Money. "It'll cost you a few quid".

Rr

is for

RIPPER

Great, fantastic. Normally proceeded by "you little..."

Ss

is for

SNAGS

When cooked on a barbie and eaten on bread with sauce, it's a national dish!

Tt

is for

TRACKIE DACKS

Tracksuit pants. Worn by men and women - and often shared. Unofficial national dress.

Uu

is for

UTE

The Aussie car of choice. To call it a "pickup truck" would be, well, un-Australian.

Vv

is for

VEG OUT

To relax. What the younger generations may call "chillaxing".

Ww

is for

WHATCHAMACALLIT

A thingo, a whatsit, a dooberwhacky.

Xx

is for

X

Great when cooked on the barbie. Plural of egg.

Yy

is for

YESDEE

The day before today.

Zz

is for

ZACK

Money. As in, "He hasn't got zack".

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