

CLASSIFICATION TALK AND MORE

Herv Lamah

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Ron Smith introduced our guest speaker Herv Lamah. Herv was born in the Ivory Coast, a French speaking country on the West side of Africa. Herv comes from a blended family of twelve children in total and is well educated with a Bachelor degree in Sociology from Abidjiam University.

Herv began his career with Lumiere Action, an NGO working with people living with HIV to help improve their living conditions. One of Herv's major accomplishments was to secure funding from a foreign donor to build the first AIDS testing clinic in the country.

One of the other major achievements was to secure funding from the United Nations with the goal to have three million HIV victims receive free medicine by the year 2005. Today his country supplies medical attention for a nominal fee.

The World Health Organization requested his guidance to establish a program to aid in the eradication of polio. Currently only 60% of the population have

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PARKING AT SPRUCE MEADOWS

Garth Sabirsh and Paul Gaudet



President Paul turned the meeting over to Garth Sabirsh and Paul Gaudet to lead the discussion on Spruce Meadows. They had passed around a lengthy memo on the subject for members to read. This will also be available to the participants from outside sources who assist us at Spruce Meadows.

We were reminded that this has been our main fund raiser since our club was formed 37 years ago. It was mentioned

that a lot of hours are required to fulfill our needs, and at least 12 hours is needed from each member although it is recognized the contribution is an individual situation. The memo contains considerable detail on

- 1) Why are we doing this?
- 2) What is expected of us?
- 3) Frequently asked questions.

It is suggested that all our members obtain a copy of this memo and keep it available to refresh the memory. It also contains a reminder that we are the first

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May 13th, 2014

Scribe: Alex Soutar

Ron Smith and Alex Soutar greeted our club members for our regular luncheon meeting. There were no guests registered. President Terry opened the meeting promptly at 12:15 pm, followed by O Canada, and Rotary grace.

Sunshine Report

There was nothing to report throughout the club membership this week.

Minute Reports

The brief minute reports were from:

- Norm Moro commenting on the cribbage year end and wrap-up tournament held at the Horton Road legion.



Tournament winners were Bob Montgomery, Barbara Dailley, Al Pettigrew, and Janet Popoff. Norm won this year's cribbage trophy, and has retired as team captain after five years of organizing this special social event.

- Dave Saunders reminded the club of the President's

Dinner at McKenzie Meadows Golf & CC scheduled for May 24th, as well as the events with the High River Rotary club.

- Garth Sabirsh reported on the volunteer dinner evening at Spruce Meadows, and was arranging the "thank you" cards to be delivered to the



Photos courtesy of John Beatty

Southern family.

- Garth reminded the club of spaces available for parking at the National June 4 to 8th.
- Linda Colclough reminded the club of the Fireside meeting at the Tonkinsons on May 26th.
- George Kimura advised our first June meeting will be held at Spruce Meadows on June 4th.
- Joe Hooper presented the club a cheque for \$4,512 for parking at the Garden & Pet show at Spruce Meadows.
- Paul Gaudet advised arrangements being made to attend an Okotoks Dawgs baseball game on Father's Day June 15 at \$30 pp including a meal.
- Terry Green announced a special event from Calgary Crowchild Rotary called the Great Gatsby Affair on June 7th at the Calgary Elks Club, and an event called Beatles & Beer, also June 7th, at the Wild Rose Brewery Taphouse sponsored by the Calgary Centennial Rotary Club .

Birthdays

Bev Tonkinson presented the May birthday table including Bill Churchward, Keith Hansen, George Kimura, Steve McAuley, and Garth Sabirsh followed by "Happy Birthday" with Ruth Wylie on the piano.



David Wartman was the recipient of today's 50/50 draw.

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Bill Churchward handled the sergeant responsibilities with a football quiz question for each of the tables, resulting in some

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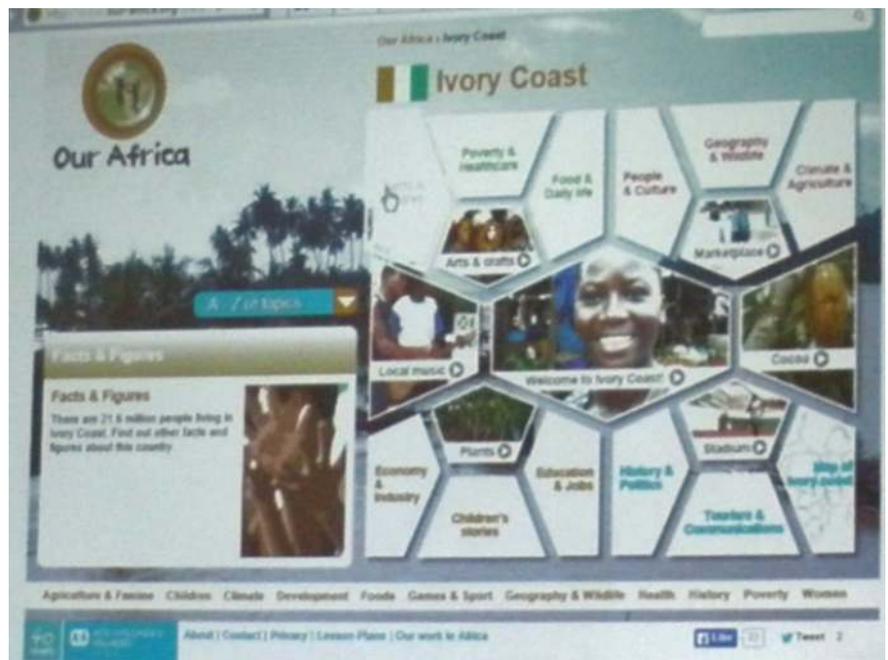
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received the vaccine. With Herv's contacts of over 800 volunteers, he helped Rotary through World Health to develop a campaign that saw over 95% coverage of the population within a three year period. With Herv's leadership skills and teamwork, they reached their target, and today the Ivory Coast is a country where polio is eradicated.

In 2007 Herv moved from his war torn country, and because of speaking French, he arrived in Montreal. Herv worked at several jobs, and realized that to succeed in Canada, he must also speak some English. He moved to Calgary to learn English and has been quite successful in a new career with Sun Life Financial.

Herv is our newest club member, and comments that after working with Rotary and polio eradication he wants to give something back to Rotary.



May 20th, 2014

Scribe: Ed McLean

President Terry called the meeting to order promptly at 12:15 p.m. and with Ruth at the piano, we opened with the national anthem and the Rotary grace. Greeter Tom Sorenson introduced the 2 visiting Rotarians; 1 each from the South Club and the Downtown club. There were no other visitors introduced.

Paul Gaudet informed us that Rae Campbell is back in hospital as he needed surgery and will require another procedure. His prognosis is reportedly good and we wish him a speedy return home. Garry Miller was welcomed back today as his health has not been good for some time. He is happy to be able to participate.



Berto reports a busy week, part of it spent with Hank at the BBQ. Did they run out of meat? A visit to the Kamp Kiwanis was part of his week which was all about music so he really enjoyed that.

John Beatty was the first Minuteman, speaking on

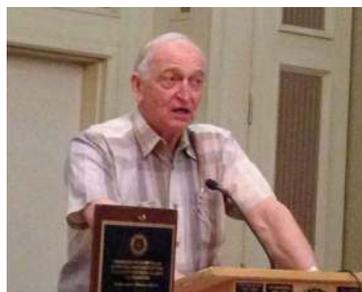
behalf of Fran regarding our incoming exchange student next August. Two more host families are required so if you or someone you know could take this on please let Fran know.

Past Pres. Dave Saunders reminded us of the President's Dinner on Saturday, May 24th, at McKenzie Meadows Golf Course. If you get your name in now you can play golf in the afternoon. The putting contest is at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner. Dress is golf casual.



Ted Wada is looking for help for Brown Bagging lunches for hungry kids. Help is needed on Thursday May 29th and Monday June 2nd starting at 8:00 a.m. for a few hours. Let Ted know if you can help and he will tell you the location.

George Kimura reported it has been arranged for us to use Canada House at Spruce Meadows on Wednesday, June 4th from 1 p.m. onwards to enjoy watching the horses perform during the afternoon and early evening. Lunch will be provided about 4:30 p.m. We will not have a meeting on June 3rd.



Hank Popoff announced a new fund raiser entailing preparation and serving of

food at local functions. The foodstuffs and means to cook will be provided by a wholesaler, and there will be a need for 5 or 6 Rotarians to do the work. The first event is scheduled for June 1st. Participants must take a course in advance which can be done on a home computer. Hank will have a follow-up message for members shortly.

Linda reminded us of the Fireside meeting at the Tonkinson home on Monday, May 26th.

50/50 draw won by Paul.



Bill Churchward was Sergeant-at-Arms today. He fined Ron, Tom and Linda for unbecoming conduct. He also fined members at 2 tables which increased the take for the day. Happy Bucks, some in \$20 bills, came from several members, i.e. Al Holt, Bob

Montgomery, Dave Wylie, Garry Miller. Our summer member from the U.S., Sydney Richmond, also contributed as she is happy to be back in Canada.

Connie was greatly missed today as she is always early and looks after us all. We hope she is back next week.

President Paul turned the meeting over to Garth Sabirsh and Paul Gaudet to lead the discussion on Spruce Meadows.

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Parking at Spruce Meadows

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persons who visitors to Spruce Meadows meet at these events, so we must greet them with a helpful smile. We are ambassadors for both Rotary and Spruce Meadows.

There was considerable discussion on the proposal for the club to buy about 35/40 new vests to replace the ones now in use. The new ones will have some reflective material making us more visible, especially at dusk and early mornings. The Rotary wheel will be on the vest as will the name of our club. Members will be able to purchase a vest solely for their own use if they wish. There was also some discussion of getting Rotary hats for participants to wear.

Pres. Terry thanked the S.M. committee for their work preparing and presenting today's programme and adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.



May 24th, 2014

Scribe: Alex Soutar

Past President Dave Saunders welcomed everyone to begin the evening. This was followed by the singing of O Canada, and a Rotary Grace by Joe Hooper. After the introduction of Rotary members and guests at the tables, an excellent buffet was presented by the staff at McKenzie Meadows Golf & Country Club.



Linda Colclough kept everyone's interest by distributing gift prizes through out the evening.

Our exchange student Berto performed an impromptu duet with Hank Popoff which was quite entertaining.



George Kimura began with an introduction of President Terry, then turning it over to Ed McLean to add a lot of levity to the evening with his humorous stories.



President Terry first met Faye in Oyen Alberta, and soon after they were married. They now live in Okotoks. Terry was sponsored into the Chinook Rotary Club in 1991 by Don McKenzie, and it has been a successful number of years. One of Terry's highlights was attending the International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal. One of Terry's favourite projects this year was a close association with Fairview School, instituting a mentoring program with Fairview to begin this September. Terry also thanked the club for the help in the flood restoration projects in High River. Other projects from his year was the participation in the Greenway Path System, the club obtaining Registered Society Status, and reconfirming the status of the student exchange program for the future.

In closing Terry thanked the current board members, presented a Paul Harris pin to Joe Levy, and a special award to Dr. Ian Burgess as this year's recipient of the Distinguished Rotarian of the Year.



Dave Saunders wrapped up by thanking the members and staff of McKenzie Meadows for hosting this very successful event.



We now have a new fundraising activity for our club. Westrow Food Group, a food distributor, has provided us with the opportunity of providing food services to their Community Events Program. Our job will consist of grilling bratwurst sausages and cooking small potatoes on a barbecue at various locations around Calgary. We will also serve the sausages, small potatoes and prepared salads to the public. 5 to 6 persons from our club will be required for each of the events. Eight events are presently planned for this summer. Our Rotary Club will receive \$900 per event for providing this food service. Typical venues for this program include marathon runs, seniors' lunches, Superstore parking areas, Co-op parking areas, etc.



The event dates firmed up so far for this summer are June 1, 3, 20, 24, 26; July 26. We have enough volunteers already confirmed for June 1 and June 3. For those who wish to see first-hand what is involved before committing to volunteering, come have a look at the setup either on June 1 or June 3. This is a great opportunity to sample the grub that we are cooking.

The details are as follows:

- June 1 Parking Lot, SE corner of Kensington Rd & 13 St NW
10 am to 2 pm
- June 3 Kerby Center, 1133 - 7th Ave SW
11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Signup sheets will circulate at meetings for the remaining dates after June 3rd unless enough members willingly offer to help without signup sheets. This is clearly an activity for both Rotarians and partners – one or both will be welcomed with open arms. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 403-271-0131. I look forward to your support of this new fundraiser and having some good fun in getting it done.

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steady donations to the pot as most of the answers were incorrect. The Good News/Bad News was quite varied from Norm Moro, Bev Tonkinson, Ernie Hawrylyshen, Dave Wylie, Dave Saunders, Jim Thompson, Heide Kramer, Linda Colclough, and John Beatty.

Guest Speaker

Ron Smith introduced our guest speaker, Herv Lamah.



Berto and his new Uke !

Close

President Terry closed the meeting at 1:35 pm.

Committee Lists

The committee sign-up list has been circulating by email, and copies at the meetings.

Please review and get changes/sign-ups to Evelyn Stewart by hard copy or email.

Committees do the work of the Club, so please sign up asap.

PolioPlus



PolioPlus ... Been there, got the shirt !

Did You Know? A few nights ago (May 24th, 2014), we held our annual President's tribute dinner at McKenzie Meadows Golf Course Cart Barn venue. This is the first dinner of this kind we have had there for our club. It is been a very popular venue for Tournament banquets and other private parties ... has been for over 15 years, interrupted last season by the horrific flood. Our Food & Beverage staff did a bang up job of the meal and service, as many attendees acknowledged ... and yes, we do prepare our meal offerings on site, by very skilled chefs, of whom we are very proud. We really appreciated President Terry asking to have his party at Mckenzie Meadows, with a more casual mixer approach. It was fun for the 80 who joined in, and for our staff to serve everyone too.

Our club has visited McKenzie Meadows a few other times in the past, the first for a 'vocational tour' in 1996 when we were about to open. Another time, a few years later when we held a fund raiser 'Pro-Am golf tournament', that turned out to be a fundraiser for the Pros, not so much for the club! We moved on to other money raising endeavours but still have the Herb Assman Trophy, which was donated by Herb when he was a member, to be awarded to the winner. Some other club visits involved a few annual work bees in the Nature Park, using our club house as the point of relaxation over a pint or two after the job was completed, or a game of complimentary golf, for those who helped and

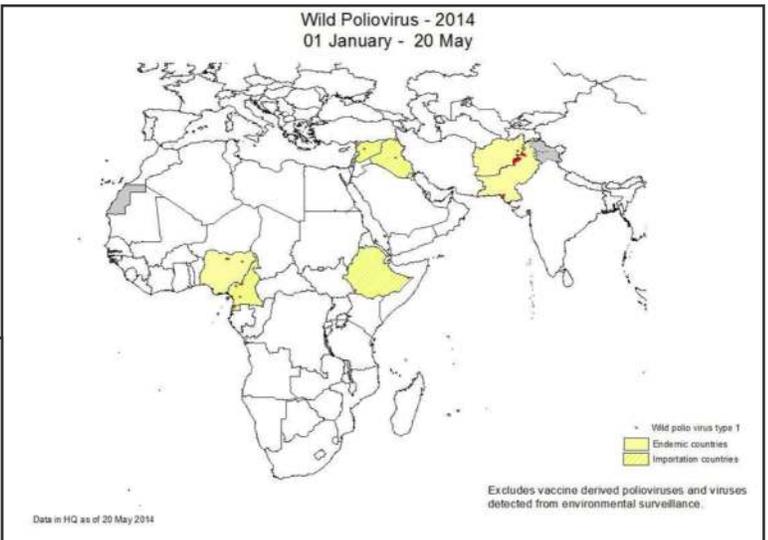
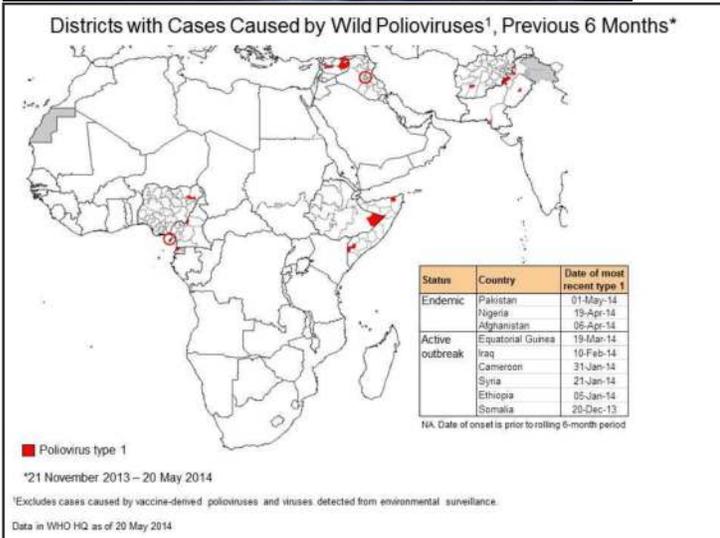
enjoyed a little more fellowship after the job was done. We still provide the picnic food and beverage service for the club's annual "Picnic in the Park" held every summer, except last year. As we began the restoration of the entire golf playing area and several out buildings, our Rotary club held a regular meeting there, in the club house bar and grill. The program was to demonstrate, through a presentation by former member Scott Orban, COO, what Mother Nature is capable of when angry ... hopefully only once every 100 years or so. We sincerely appreciate our Club's support, and the patronage of several other Rotary clubs over the years since we opened. A tribute to Rotary is displayed on our 10th hole tee box.

Another point I would like to make – all this is Fellowship, either as a formal organized activity or just coming together and getting to know each other better – it is the glue to keep Rotary clubs together, interesting and growing. After over 37 years in this club, my fondest memories are of the fellowship, including the ski trips and golf trips to Windermere, the family picnics, etc and many other social get togethers.

Congrats to Jeanette Holt, winner of the Ladies putting contest, and George Van Schaick, winner of the Mens. As we say at Mckenzie Meadows, "Thank you and please come again and again".

Polio Update

Polio cases : 83 (2014 YTD) vs 33 (2013 YTD)



the Arch — Notice

A reminder! We are travelling to the Rotary International Convention in Sydney, and will be spending a extra couple of weeks afterwards in Australia. There will not be an Arch published for the next 3 weeks. We will try to put one together for the June 24th meeting (but no promises!). Keep the content coming as usual so we have stuff to work with on our return.

Stephen and Anne

Promote RI Convention Month

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!
 1 pm at Canada House, lunch provided at 4:30 pm
 June 4th - 8th Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The National
 June 10th Fran and Andy Porter — Borderline Personality Disorder
 June 15th Okotoks Dawgs Ball Game
 June 17th Stuart Watkins, President, Trailriders of the Canadian Rockies
 June 24th Club Assembly — Passing of the Gavel



New Rotary Year Begins

July 1st No meeting — Canada Day
 July 2nd - 6th Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The North American
 July 8th Carriage House Inn Stampede Breakfast
 July 15th Club Assembly
 July 22nd Ashid Bahl, For the Love of Children Society

New Generations Month

September 10th - 14th Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Masters

Rotary Foundation Month

November 14th - 16th Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market
 November 21st - 23rd Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market
 November 29th - 30th Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market

Fireside Meeting May 26th

by Stephen Pick

Anthony and Bev Tonkinson hosted a Fireside event at their home last night. It was well attended by Charter members, Presidents (Past, Current & Elect), Committee Chairs, Directors and Herv our newest member.

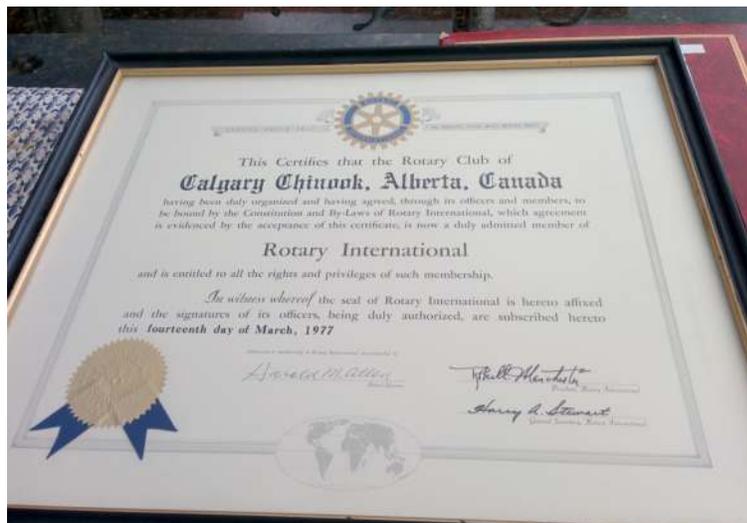


participation in a Foundation that pays an annual return on investment to our club to augment our fund raising efforts

- History/Archives – return of some borrowed items would be appreciated!
- Nature Park – work is ongoing to restore, but it will be different. Lunch in the park to be scheduled once repair work is completed.

Presentations covered the gamut of many topics impacting on the club. To cover just a few:

- Membership – need revitalize our focus to retain and increase
- RI Foundation – participation in this excellent charity is only around 30% of our club members. Why not more?
- Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation – again only 25%



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- Donation Committee – discussion on giving parameters, committee structure, and current High River George Lane Park project
- Communication – concerns on getting information to members. Perhaps more Club Assembly question and answer style meetings, electronic distribution of the Arch ?



There was a lot of discussion on what Rotary means to you, how you can help Rotary, and how Rotary will help you in your life and career.



Add wine, beer, appetizers and fellowship ... it all made this a very enjoyable evening. As PE it provided me a lot of items to consider as we go forward into my year.



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