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FAIRVIEW SCHOOL MEETING

Patricia Garner, Rotarian and Chris Gerein, Acting Principal



Terry Green our President opened the meeting and immediately turned it over to Patricia Garner, our Rotarian, and the Acting Principal, Chris Gerein.

Our Club holds a meeting annually at the School, and since we have been involved with various programs over the decades, including this year, it felt like coming home. It was noted that

we donated \$500.00 to buy food after their annual fasting program to raise money for the poorer countries around the world. Each year that it has been held, a worthwhile dollar has been raised.

Now some stats on Fairview School: there are 770 students, 46 staff and 35 teachers. They take many students from far away countries, therefore their languages are many and varied. They have a French immersion program.

NOW! Patricia Garner and her committee have researched a Mentorship Program. They have studied various mentor programs such as: Mustard Seed, University of Calgary, and the United Way. Patricia and Chris developed a slide show to describe the value of the mentorship program and the need for it from the student's point of view.



In their studies they discovered that 25% of the students did not graduate from grade 12 on time, and if they did not receive some post graduate education, they could earn \$15,000 plus less salary per year for life.

The mentorship program will need some T.L.C. (Traditional Learning Centre) – this will help the kids who are physically awkward, have low self-esteem, sense of being and have difficulty in coping with the digital sociality.

During the introduction of the Mentorship Program to the club members, Patricia cited that in her youth she received encouragement from a Saskatchewan Rough Rider player and his encouragement helped set her on the right course.

While our Club had been involved in a mentor program on an individual basis in the past at the School, this had faded out over the years. This new program will be on a team basis which will give our members encouragement and it will accommodate the "snowbirds".

Photos courtesy of John Beatty

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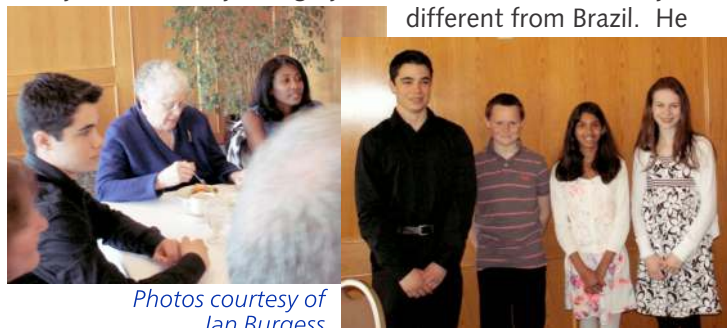
April 22nd, 2014

Scribe: Gord Billings

Rotarians arrived about 11:45 to 11:55 at Fairview School and when the classes were over for the morning most of the Teachers attended.

We started the meeting with O Canada lead by Ron May (a Rotarian and past President of our club and the former Principle of Fairview School). Terry Green our President opened the meeting and immediately turned it over to Patricia Garner, our Rotarian, and the Acting Principle, Chris Gerein.

After the presentation, Terry took over the meeting and he called on "Berto" to give a summary of his week. The highlight of his week was the Easter celebrations in Calgary compared to those in Brazil. Brazil is more religious and Good Friday was their day. Calgary's was a celebration but very different from Brazil. He



Photos courtesy of
Ian Burgess

mentioned that Ian and Gwen Burgess took him to the Earl Grey Golf Club with their family for lunch and a look around. Berto appears to have done lots of eating during the week, and he mentioned how the time was slipping by and he would soon be going home!

Bart Dailley reminded us of the upcoming meeting at the Horton Road Legion on May 6th with John Hufnagel – if you signed up, make sure you attend.

Fran Hochhausen reminded us of the "Youth Evening" next week (April 29th) – cocktails 5:30, dinner 6:30. Come see the displays and meet the students. Our guest speaker will be Laura Istead.

Terry Green mentioned that he would sign up for the Mentorship Program and the program meant to the student "Stay in School" – and maybe there would be some future Rotarians come out of it.

They had a lot of sandwiches left over, so the offer was made – take some home.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35.

Fairview School Meeting

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We could help them with: Language, Physical Education, Increase Workload, Fine Arts & Music, Career & Technology. Rotary could help with Student Counselling and Social Awareness.

The Calgary Board of Education is agreeable with this sort of mentorship, but you do need "Police Clearance". The School had the forms available in the office so the Rotarians could apply today!

The proposed timing would be every other Friday from 12:30 to 3:30. The school is let out each Friday at 12:30, so the student would receive the required class time plus the mentor program. The teachers would select the students and providing the school, student and parents agreed, the program could commence with that student.

The floor was then opened to questions and answers:

- Bob Montgomery was involved in the previous program and he related some of his problems and how they were resolved. He speculated that the new program on a team basis would be better.
- The program would need the buy-in of the Teachers, Students and the Rotary Members.
- The start date would be September 1st 2014. There would be a 2 week training session for the Mentors, and the ratio of mentor to students would be no more than 2 or 3 students to a mentor.
- It likely would start with what would the student like?

- We would need a minimum of 6 Rotarians to start the program.

Cole, our former exchange student, who was in attendance (Cole went to Thailand for a year under our exchange program), said that he experienced help under our old mentorship program, which equipped him for his experience as an exchange student.



The Rotarians who were involved in our former program, John Beatty, Hank Popoff and Bob Montgomery, gave testimonials as to mentoring.

The Downtown Club and the South Club both have successful mentoring programs.

Patricia called for a show of hands of who would be interested in mentoring – there was a good show of hands.

There was a round of applause from the Rotarians on the work of the committee and how Patricia conducted the meeting.

In summary Patricia did a great job running the meeting.

April 29th, 2014

Scribe: Gord Billings

This was a well-attended evening at the Carriage House Hotel (about 70 Rotarians and wives and over 20 guests from the various Youth Groups).

Tammy Truman acted as Chairperson, and did an excellent job, keeping the meeting on time and on topic.



It seemed like it was 'Ladies Night', since the key Chairs were ladies, plus the Guest Speaker and of course the Chairperson.

There were a number of Youth Groups present (I apologize that I did not get all the names of the students-because there was such a crowd and I'm getting old!):

- Henry Wisewood Interact
Teacher Liz Senger
Students Michele Hua, Namratha Badawadagi
Principal Jim Scott
- Henry Wisewood Skills
Teacher Michelle Nestrovich
Students Ben Saundry & George Krastev
- Dr. E.P. Scarlett Interact
Teacher Janice Finkbeiner
Students Cassandra Betts & Gabrielle Dickson
- Fairview School
Teacher Chris Gerein and Students
- Scouts (including Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers)
Two leaders and two Scouts (Tyler & Max)

They each had a display and in many cases they sold something that they made or had as a fund raiser. As matter of fact, our Chairperson announced that she had purchased all of the lollipops that one group had for sale as a fund raiser. But many other Rotarians purchased other items to help the groups raise money for their cause.



The Chairperson brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm and Berto (our inbound student) on guitar, accompanied by Karla Tajeda (our outbound student) provided leadership for the singing of O Canada.

Tammy Truman led us in Grace. We then enjoyed an excellent dinner.

We did something original for the introducing of the many guests: table by table the guests stood up, introduced themselves and the audience gave one clap after each table, and at the end of the introductions the audience gave a resounding applause.

Dale Perret, Vice President, took the podium and thanked the committee and called Henry Wisewood and Dr. E.P. Scarlett teachers and students, and presented them with a cheque to support their causes.

Next, Patricia Garner took the podium and called Fairview School to the front and highlighted their year ...the many causes and our long association with the school. Some of their causes are:

- Shelter Boxes – they raised \$2,000
- their LIVING WALL – they are raising \$10,000
- they have declared the school plastic free (number one water bottles)
- support for Cambodia goal is \$7/10,00 and they are close to raising their goal
- the "30 Hour Famine" – they raised \$7,300 and at the end of the famine Chinook Rotary provided the meal

After reciting the many fund raising efforts Patricia presented the school with our cheque.

Next Fran Hochhausen, Chair of our YOUTH SERVICES, introduced the Scout Group that we helped sponsor some years ago (#264 Bridlewood). They are a thriving group with strong leadership and embracing all the elements of Scouting. Each fall our club members support the Group through the "popcorn sales".



Fran went on to introducing her committee and thanking them for their efforts over the year.

John Fortunka, from Fish Creek Club was our minuteman and he spoke on his trip to Mexico to deliver 5 ambulances plus one other vehicle to selected towns in Mexico. Our outbound Student Wendy Fleming, who is in Mexico, acted as interpreter (since most of the Canadians could not speak Spanish and most of the Mexicans could not speak English). Wendy ably translated both ways. John was most impressed by Wendy. (see article and photographs elsewhere in this issue)

Tammy Truman, our Chairperson, keep the meeting moving on time and introduced the guest speaker, LAURA ISTEAD speaking on "Two Wheel View". As a matter of interest Laura's Dad is a member of Fish Creek Club, and Chair of District 5360 Youth Exchange.



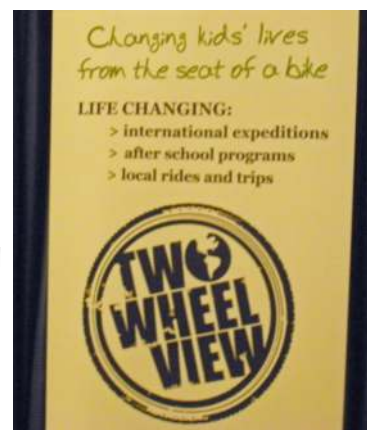
Laura is the Program and Communication Coordinator for "Two Wheel View", a Calgary based charity.

Their theme is "Changing kid's lives from the seat of a bike".

Laura holds a Masters of Environment Education and Communications from Royal Roads and a number of other degrees. She manages the social Media accounts for Two Wheel View, The Calgary Women's Lacrosse League, Minibytes, and she volunteers at the Social Media Breakfast Calgary, and also volunteers for other groups in the Calgary area.

The Two Wheel View organization helps youth along the way. They obtain bikes, repair them and give them to deserving young youth along with a helmet. It has a positive influence on kids. The Group also organizes trip to other countries ... of course on bikes.

Laura's speech was accompanied by a slide show. For more information on the group, their activities, and the trips planned, please go to their web site: twowheelview.org



To thank our speaker we called on Cole (our outbound student to Thailand a few years back). He spoke of the positive influence that he experienced such as Leadership and storytelling. Cole presented Laura with our usual gift to a guest speaker ... the club made a donation to "Polio Plus" on behalf of Laura as a thank you.

Tammy closed our meeting with a salute to the youth for their good deeds over the year.

Photos courtesy of John Beatty

We adjourned at 8:15pm.



Proposal for the Fairview School Mentorship Program



Fairview School "Soar with Eagles"

- Alberta has one of the lowest graduation rates in Canada at 74%
- 25% of Calgary students fail to complete high school on time
- Only 58% of Alberta high school graduates go on to further education
- 65% of new jobs will require some form of post secondary training
- The estimated annual cost to society of a high school dropout is \$15,850 in earnings loss, use of social assistance, health care, crime, and tax revenue loss
- 100,000 jobs will go unfilled in Alberta by 2017

The goal of this program is to establish a working partnership between Fairview School and Chinook Rotary by providing mentors to work with select students who would benefit from an increased amount of social interaction and experience.

By serving as role models, the Rotarian Mentors teach by example the importance of respect for self, others and the

Patricia Garner has put in hours of research to develop a Mentorship Program at Fairview High School that not only fits the needs of the students, but also fits with the dynamics and demographics of our club.

The need is great. According to the United Way Calgary:

environment. These are the three pillars of the partnership program with Fairview school

The Program will be structured with the following key components:

- Group mentoring vs One-on-One : members do not need to commit to being there every time, allowing for holidays and time away from Calgary
- tapping into the Youth Exchange and other Rotary youth programs
- mentors asked for a one year commitment
- Sessions will be scheduled likely twice a month on Friday afternoons
- regular communication with the school will be obtained
- a police check is required and will be arranged through the school office
- pre-training will be done

Proposed start up is September 2014. For more information please contact Patricia Garner.



2014 Rotary International Convention



Sydney ...
'sunset over the Arch' !??

Stephen and Anne, publishers of the Arch are attending the RI convention.

There will therefore not be an Arch published during the month of June.

Because there isn't a meeting July 1st, and the July 8th meeting is the annual Carriage House Stampede Breakfast, the next issue will be published on the 15th of July. Suspect it will be LARGE one !!??



Future Rotary International Conventions

Okay, it's a bit late for you to drop everything and head over to Sydney Australia in 25 days, but there some upcoming conventions to consider:

2015	June 7-10	Sao Paulo, Brazil
2016	May 29 - June 1	Seoul, Korea
2017	June 10 - 14	Atlanta, Georgia, USA
2018	June 24 - 27	Toronto, Ontario, Canada

(Tentative dates and locations - source RI)

Committees 2014 - 2015

Sign-up sheets will be emailed out, and also circulated at the next meeting (May13th).

Be sure to sign up, letting us know your committee preferences!



An annual project for the Rotary Club of Lethbridge Sunrise is to deliver surplus ambulances from southern Alberta to smaller towns in Mexico. This year's trip also included a Handy Bus. The ambulances are driven by the club members from Lethbridge to the Mexico destination with help from the local Mexican Club for the importation documentation.

The vehicles are cleaned up and serviced and Rotary and other decals installed before the trip. This year's trip was a relatively uneventful drive, but in past years, with older vehicles, stuff has happened. All part of the adventure.



Photos courtesy of Lethbridge Sunrise and also John Fortunka



This year was a moment of great pride for our club. Fran Hochhausen received an email from John Fortunka (Fish Creek) who attended the Los Amigos ambulance delivery in Mexico. Our outbound Exchange Student, Wendy Fleming, acted as their interpreter for the day. They were so impressed with her. John will attend our Youth Night meeting and give us a "minuteman" update on their day with Wendy.

It is great to know that a D5360 Exchange student was able to assist a Rotary club from D5360 in their charitable service efforts.

The photos are of Wendy involved in a Rotary Club meeting; the hand-over ceremony of one of the ambulances donated, and at leisure on the beach at the end of a very busy day for her.

As for Lethbridge Sunrise, work is already started to locate six vehicles for the spring 2015 trip!



Follow Los Amigos on Facebook:

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Read all about it here:

www.country95.fm/news.asp?ID=8224

See more at:

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Promote RI Convention Month

May 6th	John Hufnagel, Coach and GM, Calgary Stampeders — meeting to be held at Horton Road Legion (\$25pp)
May 10th	Annual Spruce Meadows Volunteer Appreciation and Information Night
May 13th	Herve Lamah — Classification talk and more
May 20th	Garth Sabirsh — Parking @ Spruce Meadows
May 24th	President's Dinner @ McKenzie Meadows Golf & Country Club — evening meeting
May 27th	Karla Tejeda, 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



New Rotary Year Begins

July 2nd - 6th	Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The North American
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New Generations Month

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

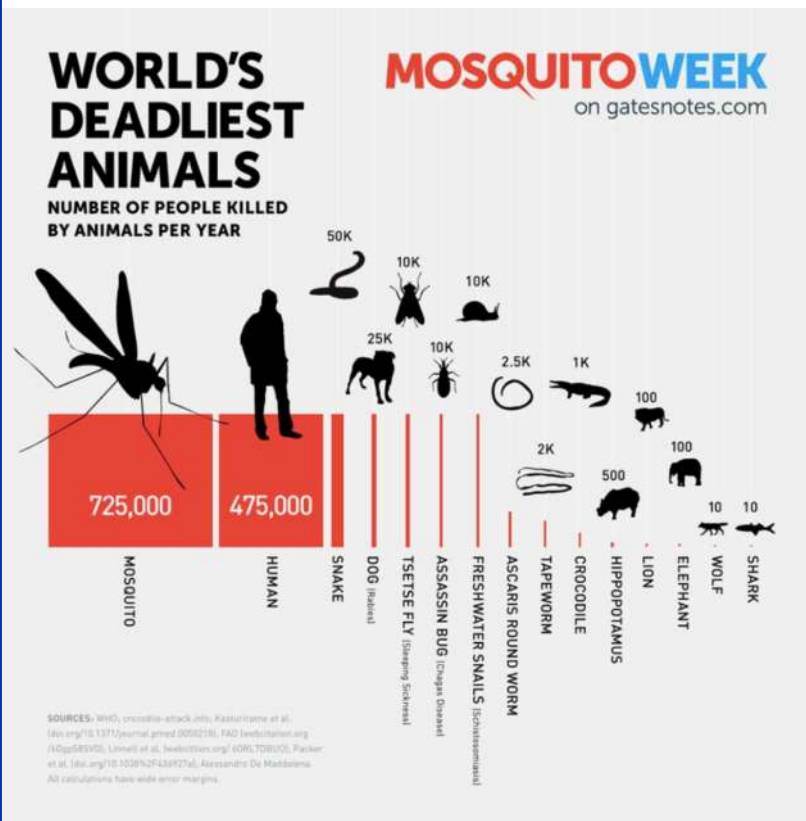
November 14th - 16th	Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market
November 21st - 23rd	Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market
November 29th - 30th	Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market



SPRUGE MEADOWS

Mosquito Week

Spring is coming so be aware!



A Mother for a Day

A young man was standing at the grocery store checkout line when he noticed an elderly woman in front of him. As she unloaded her grocery cart, she kept looking up and staring at him. After a few awkward moments, he asked, "Why do you keep staring at me?"

The woman said, "I'm sorry, but it's just that you look exactly like my son who recently moved across the country."

"I'm so sorry to hear that," the young man replied. "Is there anything I can do for you?"

"Yes," she said. "As I leave, if you would say, 'Goodbye, Mother' it would make me feel so much better because I need to hear his voice."

"I'd be glad to do that for you," he answered.

As the old woman was leaving, he called out, "Goodbye, Mother!"

After unloading his cart, the bill came to \$147.50. "How can that be?" he asked the clerk. "I only purchased a few items."

"Oh," the clerk replied, "your mother said that you would pay for her."

On May 3rd, Terry Green and I were invited to a luncheon with Ron Burton at Rotary Challenger Park as representatives of Calgary Chinook. Hank Popoff was also there as a District 5360 representative.

As I drove through the cold wet snow that Saturday morning, the last thing I thought of was an outdoor venue for this! Calgary Club Presidents and Presidents Elect, District 5360 and 5370 Reps and others ... around 65 of us ... kept our coats on as we huddled in the outdoor marquis tent set up for the event. Yes, with occasional leaky roof spots. The two tent heaters were simply overpowered by the cold. Two individuals were working steadily to get the accumulated snow off the roof that was beginning to sag the canvas!

Following the arrival of the head table party (note warm coats and blankets had been provided on each chair!), lunch was served. While the plates themselves were cold, the food was warm, plentiful and tasty.

However, the cold and wet did not put a damper on the event. Eva Friesen, President of the Rotary Club of Calgary, and Host for this 100th Rotary Calgary Anniversary Event, was inspirational in getting all involved and warmed by fellowship and interest in Rotary. Each club had the chance to speak on what we were proud of, what keeps us up at night, and future opportunities for Rotary.

This was followed by Monty Audenart introducing Ron Burton. Ron also spoke on the above three themes and where he saw Rotary beginning to evolve to. Plus motivational items. He said he was saving some things for the evening Gala event where he would be speaking again.

A big thank-you to Eva and the Rotary Club of Calgary for the invitation, the great food and a very interesting event.

After the luncheon, a planned tour of the Rotary Mattamy Greenway had to be cancelled due to the snow. Sherri Austin, PP of Calgary South, gave a lively and enthusiastic presentation on the plans for the park.



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