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THE GROWING FOOTHILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT Gregg Schaalje, Deputy Fire Chief

P.P. Bart introduced guest speaker Gregg Schaalje, the Deputy Chief of the Foothills Fire Department. His visual presentation was accompanied by comprehensive oral support.

Gregg was born and raised in Calgary but has spent much of his working career elsewhere. He was a hockey player some years ago in Kootenay, and is currently a scout for the Kootenay Ice team. His education includes Fire Service Leadership at Dalhousie as



well as a Bachelor degree in Major Emergency Service. He also has lengthy experience in safety training in the oil and gas industry. He has 19 years in fire service with several fire departments in BC, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Currently, as Deputy Chief, he is building the growing Foothills Fire Department.

This is his first time to speak to a service club. He has been with Foothills since 2007 which contains 3,600 sq kms and 21,000 people, with the latter increasing steadily. He and his fellow employees are dedicated to providing the M.D. of Foothills with the highest quality of service characterized by responsiveness, integrity and professionalism. Core values include teamwork, courage, compassion, integrity, accountability and training.

There are currently 5 fire stations with 11 full time and 51 part time staff, plus volunteers. They have mutual aid agreements with other municipalities which promotes good will and reciprocity when needed. Response guidelines must follow specific criteria and many calls are medically related.

Operations include training, inspection and prevention. A code of practice in place includes fire prevention as well as recruitment and retention of firefighters.



There was little time for questions as he ran a little over time.

Graham B. thanked the speaker on our behalf presenting the usual certificate.

Note: the area served by the Foothills Fire Department is shown on page 3 ...

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Meeting Minutes



September 24th, 2013

Scribe: Ed McLean

President Terry called the meeting to order and with neither a piano player or Lou, we made it through the national anthem and the Rotary grace.

After lunch Pres. Terry thanked Bev T. for volunteer work on the Greenway Project.

He then asked VP Dale Perret to inform the members of the new Interact Club formed at E.P. Scarlett High School which is to receive its charter shortly. This Interact club has been operating for a couple of years already which is a prerequisite for a charter. There will be an Assembly at the school shortly to formally present the charter.

Pres. Terry mentioned the next Board meeting will be on October 2nd at a location to be determined.

Roger Brett introduced the 6 guests and 2 visiting Rotarians from Kimberly, and 1 from Calgary South. We did an awful job of the Welcome song without a pianist!

Norm M. reports that Sunshine Harry had a bunion operation. Took a while to get this one clear.

Garth P. reported on the Rotary Clubs of Calgary Foundation which is clearly growing and generating funds for charitable purposes. He also presented a cheque for \$11,640 the club received from Spruce Meadows for the recent Masters tournament. Also a cheque for \$850 for work done last Sunday.

There will be a Pot Luck Dinner on November 9th at Red Deer Lake United Church for fellowship.

Peter B. says Rosemary is looking after the R.F. Also there will be a W.C.S. seminar on October 5th for those interested call Peter.

Geo. K. says curling starts October 9th at Huntington Hills C.C. with 5 teams from Chinook.

Monty says October 1st is an evening meeting to honour Dick and Betty French who have moved to Grande Prairie.

Cribbage

Enjoy food, fellowship starting at 5:00 p.m. Games start at 6:30 sharp. No late comers, please! **2013**: Thursdays, October 10, 24 • November 7, 14, 28 • December 12 **2014**: January 9, 23 Balance of 2014 dates to be published later. Same location for all dates: Horton Road Legion New comers welcome – Lifetime Membership \$5.00 Contact Norm Moro at nlmoro@shaw.ca Tom S. informed us a scholarship to honour Charter President, the late Father Greg has been arranged. He asked Jim T. to say a few words about the important role played by Father Greg in 1976 getting this club off to a proper start. He also mentioned the trip to Rome taken to attend the club's first R.I. Annual Convention.



The scholarship will be at St. Mary's University College for \$2,000, and is to be awarded October 3rd along with a Plaque which was presented to Dr. Jerry Turcotte of St. Mary's. He was accompanied by 2 of Father Greg's nieces.



Joe J. won the 50/50 draw which he left in the pot for the Club.

Tammy as S.A.A. explained her role then proceeded to fine a number of members for the errors of their ways. This was followed by Good News Bucks from several including guests.

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October 1st

October 5th

October 8th October 9th

October 15th

October 22nd

October 26th

October 29th

Upcoming Events



Vocational Service Month

Steven Grasby, Research Scientist (evening meeting)
District 5360 Seminar — Foundation Gifting, Foundation Grants and Membership
Wendy Lowe, Executive Director, Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre
Curling starts at Huntington Hills C.C. with 5 teams from Chinook
Al Coates, Hockey Canada
Shane Byciuk, Board Chairman, Brown Bagging 4 Calgary Kids
Make Dreams Real Workshop @ the Marriott Courtyard Hotel, for all Rotarians in District 5360
District Governor, Pat Killoran

Rotary Foundation Month

November 9th

November 15th - 17th November 22nd, - 24th November 29th -30th

Family Month

December 1st December 10th December 17th

2014

Magazine Month April 11th -13th

District Conference; Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Room

Rotary Fellowships Month June 1st - 4th

Rotary International Convention; Sydney, Australia

Fellowship Event — Fall Harvest Pot Luck Dinner

Parking for Christmas Market @ Spruce Meadows

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Seniors Christmas Lunch

Club Christmas Party

at Red Deer Lake United Church basement ... details to come



District Grants Seminar November 2nd, 2013

Attendance in person by at least one member from your club is required to qualify the club for District Grants, Global Grants and District Designated Funds (DDF).

For clubs interested in District Grants only, attendance by one or more club members can be in person or by webinar.

Training will be provided in the process of applying for grants and DDF online. A team from the Government of Alberta shall also be making a presentation on the requirements and process of applying for grants to support both local and international projects.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS - 15 OCTOBER 2013

Locations for the seminars in Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, and Red Deer are shown in the registration pages.

To register, please go to the District 5360 website: <u>www.rotary5360.ca</u>

Parking for Christmas Market @ Spruce Meadows





THIS AND THAT



Club of Calgary Chinook in Greg's memory.

I had the pleasure of speaking briefly about Father Gregg

Greg was drafted in 1976 by the South Rotary club and

of our club. Members of both those clubs were asked to

earlier in the year. As one of the 5 remaining founding

one 'married to the church'.

before the presentation, and only highlighted a few memories

of his contribution to our club and his unique personality. He really was a true Rotarian in the truest sense of the word.

Calgary Rotary club, our sponsors, to spearhead the formation

submit suitable candidates to join Rotary, in what was then an

all male organization. Greg was a member of South Calgary, having transferred there from the Medicine Hat Saamis Club

members of the club, I must say I was a little cautious, thinking

a Roman Catholic Priest, recruiting members for a service club

might not be a real good fit, especially as we had been told of

the wonderful fellowship of Rotary, and men of God struck me

as being a lot reserved when it came to socializing, especially

I was wrong. Greg was an all round guy ... in fact many, on

first meeting him, couldn' believe he was a priest! He was a

priest into the world of Rotary International. He encouraged lots of fellowship and participated in every type we came up

with – family BBQs, annual golf and ski trips to BC, soft ball

November 16th 1976, he stated "there is an evident sense of

humour, there is both youth and experience" in reference to

When he produced our first newsletter, Vol 1 No.1 on

games with the Invermere Rotary club, etc.

true mentor to our band of founders, all strangers lead by this

The Story of Father Greg McLellan and the Memorial Bursary at St. Mary's University College



those of us making the move to become the new club. Some dropped by the wayside but the rest of us where there for our Charter presentation March 14th 1977 lead by Gregg, through our first full year ending June 1978. He made reference to odd names to consider for our newsletter, 'The Shoelast', 'The Shoestring', 'The Shorts'. He never did explain where he was going with these but I managed to talk him into the name, 'The Arch' a special warm friendly wind from the west, known as a Chinook. He loved it and the name debate was over. Newsletters have been produced weekly ever since.

I touched on the fact that Judy and I travelled with him to the Rotary International Convention in Rome in 1979, the first convention our club was represented at. Not being a Catholic, I was amazed at his knowledge of the geography of Rome and the Vatican, and all things Catholic there, despite the fact that he had never been there before!

He would say grace often, at our luncheon meetings, most times laced with a little humour, sometimes a little too long but always with a good punchy message. He was a good athlete, golfed well in his prime, ate like a sparrow, but seemed very fit. A true priest, he had little in the way of personal property, a true Rotarian in always practising the motto "service above self". Reading his President's file and viewing the photos he submitted for preservation in our historic records, is a worthy read.

He was the right Rotarian from this club to be memorialized by

this Bursary, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook, at St Mary's University. Club members can take comfort in knowing this was a good thing.



