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MEDICAL MERCY CANADA

Myron & Elaine Semkuley / Chester & Bonnie Emery

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Medical Mercy Canada was formed as a registered charity in 1999 by Dr Myron Semkuleys and his wife Elaine. This built on their work that started in 1992 providing medical aid to the Burmese refugees on the Thai/Burma border, as well as to the impoverished people in villages in Western Ukraine.

In 2002 they added the development of medical aid projects on India/Burma border. In 2005, visits to impoverished and remote communities in Nepal was added to improve health care.

Both Myron and Elaine have been going to these places since the inception of this effort 22 years ago. MMC continues to expand its impact going forward.

Dr. Semkuley gave an overview of this work, then turned the podium over to Bonnie and Chester Emery. The Emerys attended a presentation on MMC in 2007, and volunteered to help out in any way they could. Initially this involved transporting medical supplies, eye glasses and solar lighting systems in their luggage to project sites.



In 2012, Dr Jan Tollefson of Add Your Light Foundation, and an honorary member of this club, donated 30 solar lighting systems to MMC. MMC installed the lights in family homes in Burma. These homes were selected with the help of the Principal of Loi Kai Wan School, being homes of students. The lighting allows the students to do homework and have a far safer home environment than dealing with candles.

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Bonnie and Chester gave an overview of the lighting installation and pictures from the area. A very interesting and moving presentation. A key part of the installation was the training of people to both install and maintain the systems. MMC is in the area for only a few weeks each year, so this was key to ensure the sustainability of the project.

The Semkuleys and Emerys thanked the club for our support of this project though a donation from our International Service committee.



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Meeting Minutes



September 10th, 2013

Scribe: Bob Montgomery

Attendance - 77

Prez Terry opened the meeting with our national anthem and Rotary grace, accompanied by Ruth Wylie on the piano.

Terry recognized Anne Dale, owner of "My Sewing Room", who was the subject of a Calgary Sun article, regarding donations of 100 quilts (called hugs of love) to flood-displaced families in High River. Well done Annie and all your helpers!! Terry also reminded us of the volunteers needed for the launch of the Greenway Project on September 18th.

After lunch, the tag team duo of Linda Colclough and Dawn Rennie introduced our 6 guests and 7 visiting Rotarians, which included out-of-town members from Australia and Norway. The introducers butchered several pronunciations and paid the ultimate penalty, as imposed later by the Sgt-at-Arms.



A special mention was made that this was the last meeting for our summer member, Tom McKee, who is returning to his home in Florida. Tom is a willing worker for Rotary, and we hope for his return next summer.

There was no Sunshine Report, as the chairman, Harry, was sick.

Minute Members:

• Jim Thompson commented on the status of McKenzie Meadows rehab after the flood. An astounding 20 acres of sod is being laid. He announced that next week's meeting, September 17th, will be held at their clubhouse. Scott Orban, club director of operations, will speak to us about the flood and its consequences and remediation. There will be tours of the course at 11:30am and 1:30pm. The driving range is open for those golfers who



wish to bring clubs. Note the email from Jim re access from eastbound 22X.

• Garth Sabirsh took much more than a minute (well worth it) to thank all who parked at Spruce Meadows. The horse show season is now over, and we have 2 months before the 3 weekends of the



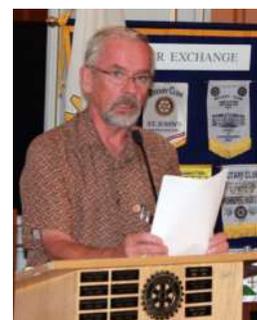
Christmas Market. Special thanks went to the S.M. committee of Paul Gaudet, Garth Plunkett, Joe Hooper, John Beatty, Bob Depledge. He also thanked Bob D. for the painted lines on the fields, which made for easier vehicle placement. Garth was given an enthusiastic round of applause for his leadership of this major Chinook fund raiser.

- Garth Plunkett, in his role as director of the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation, reminded us of the benefits of donations to our local trust.
- Norm Moro announced that cribbage will start up on October 9th, and continue every 2 other Thursday at the Horton Road Legion.
- Bruce Bohnet gave us the good news that we received \$69,000 from our latest casino.
- John Beatty, in our exchange student's absence, gave a summary of his activities, and told us that we can now refer to him as "Berto", rather than his more complicated proper name.
- Bob Montgomery announced that Dick and Betty French will be back in Calgary during the first week of October. Chinook is planning to recognize their many contributions at an evening meeting on Tuesday, October 1st.



Harold Hanna won the 50/50 - \$34.

Paul Gaudet won the auction for 2 tickets to the exhibition game between the Flames and Oilers on September 14th. He promptly donated them to John Beatty, so he could take Berto to his first game ever.



SA A Dave Wylie tried to soften us up with a story about buttercups and pussy willows. Your scribe thought it was a little over the top, but the ladies at his table laughed the loudest and longest. What does I know !?

Good News bucks were donated by Hank, Garry, Fran, Rena, Steve, SAA

"himself", and Fred Jessie, who is proud of 65 years with his bride, May. That's a big WOW!

David Wartman introduced our four guests, who spoke on behalf of Medical Mercy Canada.





Upcoming Events



New Generations Month

September 17th
September 18th
September 24th

Vanessa Laine, Financial Planner (meeting held at McKenzie Meadows)
Greenway Project Press Conference, Bike Ride and Lunch, @ Fish Creek Park
Gregg Schaalje Deputy Fire Chief, Foothills Fire Department

Vocational Service Month

October 1st
October 5th
October 8th
October 15th
October 22nd
October 26th
October 29th

Steven Grasby, Research Scientist (evening meeting)
District 5360 Seminar — Foundation Gifting, Foundation Grants and Membership
Wendy Lowe, Executive Director, Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre
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 15th - 17th
November 22nd, - 24th
November 29th -30th

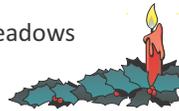
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Family Month

December 1st
December 10th
December 17th

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Seniors Christmas Lunch
Club Christmas Party



2014

Magazine Month

April 11th -13th

District Conference; Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Room



Rotary Fellowships Month

June 1st - 4th

Rotary International Convention; Sydney, Australia

MEDICAL MERCY CANADA



Flood Relief Update

The status of the club's flood relief efforts to date are as follows:

Total funds allocated from 2012/13 budget: \$11,000

Contributions:

- Canmore Rotary Foundation – \$2,000
- First Nations Flood Relief Fund – \$2,000
- Neighbourlink Calgary – \$2,000
- Trinity Place Foundation – \$2,000
- Alpha House – \$2,000
- Unallocated funds – \$1,000

Dave Saunders has received a total of \$2,550 from North Shore Environmental Consultants and their staff toward flood relief efforts. It has been proposed that this \$2,550 will be combined with the \$1,000 in unallocated funds and the total forwarded to the District 5360 Flood Relief Fund.

This does not include the many hours that members have contributed on the ground in various flood stricken neighbourhoods.



THIS AND THAT



DISTRICT 5360 SEMINAR

Foundation Gifting, Foundation Grants and Membership
October 5th • 8:30 am until noon

The morning will be comprised of 2 sequential training sessions on membership, and 2 one hour sessions on the Foundation, the first focused on Gifting, and the second on Grants.

The seminar is targeted at the Committee Chairs and members, plus those club members that might move into these positions in the coming years, as well as all interested club members.

Why will this seminar be different? It builds off the material from before, statistics (boring), and adds tools to promote the Foundation (important), and a discussion on how best to make your presentations to your members (exciting).

There are also have some fantastic targets to share with you in this our centennial year; guess what number is involved? If you can't guess, come and find out ... if you've guessed, come and see if you're right!

The session in Calgary will be at Rotary Challenger Park. Arrive around 8.30 for a 9.00 am introduction by your local AG and a 9.15 ish presentation commencement. The session will finish by noon.

To register or for more info, go to the District 5360 website, or email PDG Mike French at mikefrench.rotary@gmail.com

Couples Bridge

Couples Bridge will be starting on October 19th. We play the first two Saturdays of each month. Games start at 7:30 pm.

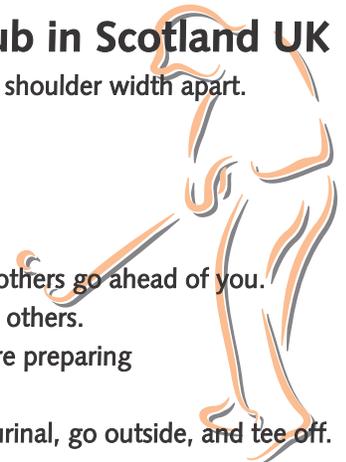
Each couple hosts two tables, once a year, with a light snack afterwards. Please advise if you wish to play this year. If you do, let us know when you cannot play and/or when you can host.

Please R.S.V.P. by September 18th.
Paul and Connie Hussey
pbhussey@telus.net



Posted at a Golf Club in Scotland UK

1. Back straight, knees bent, feet shoulder width apart.
2. Form a loose grip.
3. Keep your head down!
4. Stay out of the water.
5. Try not to hit anyone.
6. If you are taking too long, let others go ahead of you.
7. Don't stand directly in front of others.
8. Quiet please ... while others are preparing
9. Don't take extra strokes.
10. Well done ... now, flush the urinal, go outside, and tee off.



Cribbage



Cribbage starts on October 9th every other Thursday at the Horton Road Legion. Contact Norm Moro.

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