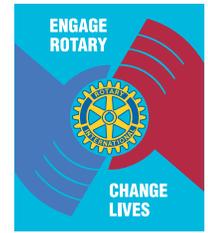




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..... THANK YOU !!!

Our speaker, Vanessa Laine-Plamondon, was introduced by Linda Colclough.

Vanessa has been in the investment business since 1997. She has many educational and business credits, including Chartered Investment Mgr, Fellow of the Canadian Securities Institute, and Chartered Strategic Wealth Planner.



She spoke about financial planning needs, followed by estate planning and charitable giving.

She also spoke about financial planning for business owners. She provided a presentation guide to each of us, which can be referred to for more detail.

FLOODING AT MCKENZIE MEADOWS GCC Scott Orban, COO

Scott Orban, COO of McKenzie Meadows G.C. gave a video and slide presentation of the flood damage and ongoing remediation efforts to the course. The only parts of the course unaffected were the clubhouse and 2 holes. 3 greens had to be replaced, the others being saved by quickly removing silt



before the grass died. The silt was over 2 feet deep in places. The irrigation system was destroyed and just restarted one week ago. Cost of repairs is in excess of \$3 million and counting.

Part of our Nature Park just visible in this view ...



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September 17th, 2013

Scribe: Bob Montgomery

The meeting was held at McKenzie Meadows Golf Club. The attendance was 47– 42 members, 5 guests

Prez Terry opened the meeting at 12:15. As there was no music box, we were spared the indignity of singing the anthem and grace acappella.

Minute members:

- Bob Montgomery reminded all that the October 1st meeting will be in the evening. Dick and Betty French will be recognized for their long and faithful service to Rotary.
- Bev Tonkinson asked for volunteers for the official opening of the Greenway Project on the 18th. Several volunteers, who had previously signed up, had cancelled.
- Dave Saunders presented a cheque for \$2,550 to the club for flood relief. The donor was his son Paul's company, "North Shore Environmental Consultants", and their employees.
- Joe Hooper presented a cheque to the club for \$5,500 from the "Ride for Cancer" parking that we did in August.



Sydney Richmond won \$22 in the 50/50 and donated it to Berto, our exchange student.

Jim Thompson donated golf caps and the winners were George Van Schaick and Bruce Bohnet. Somehow Berto also ended up with one.



Photos courtesy of John Beatty and Stephen Pick

Greenway Project Press Conference and Lunch @ Fish Creek Park September 18th





Upcoming Events



New Generations Month
September 24th

Gregg Schaalje, Deputy Fire Chief, Foothills Fire Department

Vocational Service Month

October 1st

Steven Grasby, Research Scientist (evening meeting)

October 5th

District 5360 Seminar — Foundation Gifting, Foundation Grants and Membership

October 8th

Wendy Lowe, Executive Director, Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre

October 15th

Al Coates, Hockey Canada

October 22nd

Shane Byciuk, Board Chairman, Brown Bagging 4 Calgary Kids

October 26th

Make Dreams Real Workshop @ the Marriott Courtyard Hotel, for all Rotarians in District 5360

October 29th

District Governor, Pat Killoran

Rotary Foundation Month

November 15th - 17th

Parking for Christmas Market @ Spruce Meadows

November 22nd, - 24th

Parking for Christmas Market @ Spruce Meadows

November 29th -30th

Parking for Christmas Market @ Spruce Meadows

Family Month

December 1st

Parking for Christmas Market @ Spruce Meadows

December 10th

Seniors Christmas Lunch

December 17th

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



Greenway Project Press Conference and Lunch @ Fish Creek Park September 18th



Photos courtesy of Stephen Pick



THIS AND THAT

The Rotary Foundation Receives Coveted 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator



The Rotary Foundation earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of non-profits in the United States. The 4-star rating, the highest that Charity Navigator awards, recognizes sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. Charity Navigator evaluates thousands of non-profits each year, and only one of four earns 4 stars.

This year's top distinction marks the Foundation's sixth straight, placing it in the top 3 percent of U.S.-based charities. In a letter to the Foundation, Ken Berger, the president of Charity Navigator, wrote, "This 'exceptional' designation differentiates The Rotary Foundation from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

Our Very Own Club Mystery *Final Chapter?*

In our last instalment, we disclosed Dr David Chevalier, a member who joined in 1977, had taken a holiday in Mexico with wife Bev, after selling his practise and assets in Calgary. He died while on the island known as 'Isla de Majeres' near Can Cun, not from a heart attack and drowning, as we were original advised, but of something much more mysterious. Strangers who were with them at the time, Beth Anne Hughes and her husband from New York, after all these years have raised doubts as to David's cause of death. As you'll recall, David was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital, Bev insisted he be buried there on the island right away. Bev had a casket prepared, David's remains in his new suit was placed in the casket, and within a couple of days, was buried in the local cemetery near an elementary school. Beth Anne, Bev and her husband and a handful of other resort guests attended the burial service.

In the days following the burial Bev told Beth Anne strange things like she was a "witch", had two boys from a previous marriage, that she and David attended a herbal class before coming, and the bag of capsules and tablets she had were used regularly. She also said David had a sister that had died mysteriously too. She had exclaimed the night David was pronounced dead "I am now a wealthy woman". Days later she announced that the cement cap on the grave had been poured, sealing the grave, no autopsy, no explanation from any source what he died from. Beth Anne went on to say Bev apparently bought property in BC, and called it Satori, meaning "beginning a new life", Box 36, Kootenay Bay, BC back in 1978, but she wasn't sure what surname Bev may be using.

This whole story is a new one for me. I've dealt with a number of strange things in my life, but this takes the cake, implying a murder occurred and we should somehow be involved in solving it? I

suggested to Beth Anne the RCMP and Mexican police should have been notified of her suspicions years ago, if murder is suspected. As for me, how the hell did I get selected to receive her email banter?

As a Rotarian, I ask myself, "Is it the truth? and is it fair to all concerned?" Bev, if she is still alive, will obviously have a different story of David's passing all together. Should we even be concerned about this after 35 years of silence? Why weren't the police involved, was there a death certificate issued, and why does she think our Rotary club and I should have anything to do with all this? Beth Anne has promised to go through her travel files and send pictures and names of persons, that were there at the time. Frankly I'm not sure I really want to receive anything further ... case closed for now as far as I am concerned ... unless one of you wish to pursue this?

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
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