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Classification Talks Barry Korpatniski & George Van Schaick

The programme today is two members with Classification Talks. President Stephen reminded us of the Object of Rotary which outlines the relationship of members' vocations and the ideal of service upon which Rotary was founded and is maintained.



Barry Korpatnisky

Barry was the first speaker. He has been a member of our Rotary club since 1982, and a residential real estate agent for 33 years. Prior to that, he had been a welding apprentice and had worked with the father of former hockey professional, Tim Hunter. In 1981 he was hired as real estate agent. In the meantime spouse Cynthia had been employed as a para-legal and then got a job at Cosmic Realty and became licensed. They sold their first house in 1981. Barry was invited to join Rotary by Norm Moro and he was acquainted with Joe Hooper. The first year or two were a bit of a challenge as the unpopular National Energy Program was introduced then, which had a negative impact on the Alberta economy with the real estate market dropping 25% over the next couple of years. He was associated with Royal Trust real estate at the time, and in mid 1980s he joined ReMax where he remains. Cynthia and Barry have been partners in the business. They have seen oil prices go up and down several times since they started their real estate careers, so are not really concerned with the situation today. Actually Barry feels real estate often follows a 7 year cycle and notes the most active times recently were in 2006/07 and 2014. He and Cynthia joined ReMax Professionals in 1996 and 10 years later they joined Remax Landan. They mostly work from home. They have been highly successful in their profession indicating adherence to dedication, integrity and hard work, and were honoured recently with 30 years recognition in the profession from ReMax. They both are strong community supporters.



George Van Schaick

The second member to speak about his vocation today is George Van Schaick whose classification is Land & Real Estate Development. He has been a member of our Rotary club since 2006. He works with Walton Global Investments. Investments have long been his main interest – at age 19 he started investing personally. His career path includes time with Cisco Group Services. In 2005 he joined Walton International where investments are chiefly real estate, and has made steady progress. His days are busy with phone calls, meetings and discussions with investors. For example, the Canada Pension Plan has \$200 million invested with the company in real estate projects. There are four major development projects in the Calgary area including the Skyview Ranch, which is 2,200 acres of farmland under development. In all the company is involved in about 90 million acres in North America. The company's main function is to buy land and get it developed for profitable use. Success in this business requires maintaining and enlarging a significant group of business people and investors, which takes a lot of work, evidence of integrity, and a comprehensive knowledge of the business. He maintains professionalism by taking courses as required. He is a strong supporter of the community and a credit to Rotary.

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February 10th, 2015

Scribe: Ed McLean

President Stephen asked us to rise and accompanied by Ruth at the piano, we sang the national anthem and the Rotary grace.

Al Holt and Robert Wolfson were the greeters today. Robert introduced visitor Graham McDonald and Rotarian Terry McDonough of the South Rotary club. Later on he was fined for not introducing Gwen Burgess but evidently Ian forgot to sign her in. The visitors were welcomed in our usual fashion.

Sunshine Harry's report was very upsetting today as he had to report the passing yesterday of Helen Smith after a relatively brief illness. Funeral services are being arranged and details will follow. Harry also mentioned Marnie McBean is under intensive care at the cancer clinic. Jan Tollefson is not well due to cancer, and possibly surgery is in the offing. Pres. Stephen reminded us of the good work Jan had done for many in the Dominican and elsewhere with Rotarians. We all extend our good wishes and hopes for recovery to Marnie, Jan and others who are ailing.

Hosts for the Rotary Friendship Exchange next July are still being sought so if you can help please let Tammy know. Full details are in The Arch dated February. 10, 2015.

The club's Mentoring Programme at Fairview School is also seeking more participation by members. Details are in The Arch dated today and Patricia Garner will be glad to welcome you.

There were no Minute People today.

The 50/50 draw was won by Garth Sabirsh and he contributed it to the SAA pot.

Sergeant-at-Arms today was Bart and he reminded us that Thursday is Cribbage Night. Then he fined Robert (refer above), and Peter and Bob for getting 24 in the usual pre-meeting cribbage today. He also fined Ian and John for some misdemeanour. Happy bucks came from Pat Hutchison who had been talking to former member Garry Miller, and from Robert regarding the hockey game recently where Sid the Kid and his team whacked the Flames. Evidently Robert is not a Flames fan.

The programme today was 2 members with Classification Talks.

February 17th, 2015

Scribe: Ed McLean

As usual at 12:15 p.m. President Stephen asked us to rise and join in the singing of O Canada and the Rotary grace with Ruth accompanying us on the piano.

Following lunch the President introduced the 2 guests (Ashleigh and Gregor), 2 visiting Rotarians from the South Calgary club, and Peggy Schroeder from the Coronado Panama club. Peggy exchanged banners with our club and informed us she belongs to a new club, just a year old, with 12 members. Already they have been successful in raising \$70,000 for a wheel chair for a needy person.



Harry provided us with details of Helen Smith's upcoming funeral to be held on Thursday morning February 19th. Garth Plunkett suggested those who wish to make a donation in Helen's name to the Rotary Clubs of Calgary Foundation, should let him know.

Anthony presented a Rotary Foundation pin to Joe Hooper, his 6th, and mentioned that Joe makes a monthly donation to the Foundation. This is available to all members and Anthony can advise you.

Ted Wada reminded us of the bowling fellowship event scheduled for Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m.

Patricia provided information on the club's Mentor Programme at Fairview school on Friday, and mentioned more volunteers would be welcome. Currently 7 students are participating. Talk to Patricia if you want to help.

Hank reminded us that 12 people from Australia are arriving on July 1st for the Rotary Friendship Exchange and will require accommodation by Rotarian hosts for 3 nights. Details in the February 10th club bulletin.

The 50/50 draw was won by David Wartman and S.A.A. Paul Gaudet was waiting for him. Others were fined for leaving last week's meeting in the midst of the speeches. Also Joe and Paul were fined for not volunteering to introduce today's guests. Regarding Valentine's Day, if you did not make sure your Valentine was treated with massive affection on February 14th, you were asked to pay a loonie. Also anyone not planning to attend the upcoming Brier was asked to pay. Good News/Bad News came from Al Pettigrew who has just returned from Victoria where he visited his mother on her 100 birthday. Also Hank was either happy or not about his Monday night bridge.

The programme today was member Peter Bickham, Director of International Service, and Chair of the club's

World Understanding Month

February 24th

Debbie Dunwell, Volunteer Resources Programmer at South Health Campus

Literacy Month

March 3rd

Rae Kells, International Curling Official

March 10th

Classification Talks

March 17th

Syed Soharwardy, Founder, Muslims Against Terrorism

March 24th

Dylan Jones, CEO, Canada West Foundation

March 31st

Ken Keelor, CEO, Calgary Co-op

Magazine Month

April 7th

Classification Talks

April 14th

John Gulak and Cindy Radi — Breaking the Silence on Mental Illness

April 18th

Roadtrip to Rosebud — bus, lunch and

"The Miracle Worker"

April 21st

Adam Legge, President/CEO, Calgary C of C

April 28th

Youth Services — **evening meeting**

Promote RI Convention Month

May 12th

Andrew Hart, Ornithologist

May 16th

President's Dinner @ McKenzie Meadows Golf Club

— **Saturday evening meeting**

May 19th

No noon meeting — President's Dinner in lieu

Rotary Fellowship Month

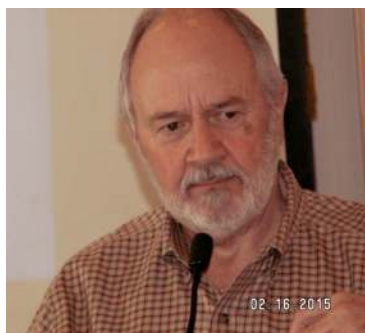
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RI Convention, Sao Paulo, Brazil



Meeting Minutes

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World Community Service Committee, discussed the WCS programmes.

The committee has 9 members with all contributing to the goals established. During the 2013/14 Rotary year the budget was \$15,000:

- \$3,000 – Lifeline Malawi

Africa water tower /drainage

- \$2,500 – Columbia solar lighting
- \$3,000 – Right to Play Benin, West Africa
- \$5,500 – Medical Mercy Myanmar
- \$1,000 – APU Scholarship, Malawi

It is important for the club to achieve our annual goal of \$50 per capita giving, which enables participation in District and Global grants.

Rotary areas of focus include alleviate poverty, education, improve health, water and sanitation, peace and conflict resolution, and economic development. Several clubs can pool their resources within the District and with district and global support, can undertake significant projects.

The Chinook Rotary Club Society is a registered charity which can be used for some undertakings and was used in the

Columbia LED lighting project which totalled \$44,000 with funds provided by our club, the Society and individual donors.

As individual members what can we do? We can donate to the Rotary Foundation and/or the Calgary Rotary Clubs' Foundation whose earnings come back to the club, or we can donate to the Society. You can also volunteer your time. Future projects are under consideration.

Clearly the WCS committee has done a lot of work and research, and with help from members, can be a leading club in this area.

Peter presented an outline of his talk to all in attendance and can probably provide a copy to interested members who were not able to attend today. (see insert for a few excerpts and photos)



Hello everyone!

I know it's been a while and I'm so sorry, but things have just been so crazy. Everything after Christmas has moved so quickly.

I've moved out of the tenth grade and back into normal high school classes again which I'm enjoying a lot more. Now that I can follow more attentively in classes, it's nice to be learning something interesting and finally feeling like a normal student again. Granted, I'm not taking every single test with my class, and just because I understand the language, doesn't mean I can always follow biology lessons or math lessons, but I'm trying.

Soccer is at four times a week now which is good because I need something to help me combat the exchange student weight. I eat so much bread and chocolate here, it's incredible! We had a tournament a couple of weekends ago and we placed third. My coach let me play almost every game in its entirety and at the end she congratulated me and let me accept our trophy and certificate. Bärbel Wohlleben is the coach for women's and she's one of the most important women in German soccer. In Germany there's a series highlighting the goal of the month called Tor des Monats, and she was the first woman to be featured on it. Needless to say, she's very passionate about women's soccer and also very strict. It felt so good to finally have earned her approval because she's someone I've come to admire so much. She dedicates her time to training these women even though girls' and women's soccer isn't so popular in Germany and a lot of the focus goes to the boys' and men's teams. After the tournament I came home, exhausted and more than a little bruised up, and my host mum greeted me with a hug and offered to make me some eggs for dinner. It was just such a mom reaction, to ask me how the games were, to offer to make me food, to beam with pride as I showed her the trophy that the team had let me keep. And the egg yolks were a

perfect consistency and it felt so nice to just sit and eat and be with my family. It wasn't this huge gesture but it meant so much to me and I remember it so clearly.

Things are looking pretty great. I'm consistently happy and I've established a routine here. I can see the progress that I've made now and it makes all the hard work feel worthwhile. When I first arrived I could hardly run 5km, now I'm running 10km with my host dad and gearing up for the half-marathon. When I first arrived I just knew some basic sentences in German, now I can tell a funny story about my day in German. When I first arrived, I felt like I needed to tiptoe around the house, now I can manoeuvre all around the house in the dark and get myself a glass of water in the middle of the night. I know where the spare key is hidden, I know how to slice bread evenly, I even know how to say "good morning" in the dialect from my region. These are just little things but they mean that I live here. It means that I'm not just a visitor anymore.

The deadline for booking my return flight is looming and I'm feeling a sort of premature homesickness because I know I'll have to leave soon.

On a happier note, it's carnival (Karneval, Fasching, Fastnacht, etc. – different names depending on what city you're in) and I'm actually typing this update whilst wearing a Dirndl (a traditional dress, more popular in Bavaria) and listening to carnival music. Evidence of the festivities is everywhere, streets are filled with people milling around in costumes, greeting each other with the customary "HELAU!" (I've asked and no one seems to really be able to define the word. It's simply a sort of carnival exclamation.) The history behind the holiday is actually quite interesting. It's the last big celebration before lent begins and it's celebrated a lot in the old Catholic cities like Mainz and Cologne. On Monday I'm going to the parade since it's a holiday from school, and I'm meeting with a lot of exchange students. I'm really excited to finally have an occasion to wear this Dirndl even though it's sort of out of place. Usually they're worn during Oktoberfest, but they're growing in popularity here.

Anyways, sorry for such a long update. I hope everyone is doing well back home.

Viele Grüße,
Karla



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What is Vocational Service?

If you are an active, engaged Rotarian, you probably view Vocational Service as a way of life, even if you find it difficult to articulate a clear definition. So let us first go to the Object of Rotary.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world

fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action?

- Talk about your vocation in your club, and take time to learn about fellow members' vocations.
- Use your professional skills to serve your community.
- Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through your own words and actions.
- Help a young person achieve his or her career aspirations.
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development.

If you do any of these things, you are performing Vocational Service. And if Vocational Service motivates and energizes you, then you're in the right place, because Vocational Service is the very essence of Rotary.

It is what sets Rotary apart from other service organizations.

World Community Service Presentation

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- Peter Bickham – Club Chair
- Hank Popoff – District Grants Subcommittee Chair
- John Barratt
- Neil Beatty
- Graham Boone
- Ian Burgess
- Steve McAuley
- Alex Soutar
- Rena St. Clair



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Form 1 - 2014/2015
Atsikana Pa Ulendo

APU Girls School – Malawi



Lifeline Malawi
Palliative Care to Dying Patient



Medical Mercy Canada – Solar LED Lighting System Installation



Life Line Malawi – Giving Birth

Future Project Possibilities 2015 & Beyond

- LED/Solar Lighting (Myanmar)
- Scholarships for Girls (Malawi)
- Health Worker Training (Malawi)
- Aquaculture Training (Congo)
- Wheelchair Purchase & Distribution

