

Ferret Rescue / Education Services

Rick and Ina Bechthold

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Our speakers this week were Rick and Ina Bechthold from the Ferret Rescue and Education Society along with Willy and Fuzzy.



FRES is a non-profit charitable organization committed to the rescue and surrender of pet ferrets whose owners cannot take care of these animals due to illness, ageing or special needs.

Here are some things I learned about ferrets:

- they are meat eaters and so eat a high protein diet
- they need to run and play for 3 hours a day
- they have very inquisitive personalities
- they do have a scent gland but most are removed
- ferrets can nip and bite just like kittens
- they are not mean and vicious as depicted on television
- there are no ferrets in the wild in Alberta
- they are related to the otter family so they have tiny webbed feet enabling them to swim
- they love sleeping and do so for 15-16 hours a day
- ferrets can have adrenal gland problems which mean expensive veterinary expenses

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June 2nd, 2015

Scribe: Linda Colclough



President Stephen Pick called us to order and we sang O Canada and Rotary grace with George Van Schaick leading the singing.

We enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner with potatoes and vegetables. Dessert was a large chocolate tart. Of course a healthy salad



is always an option that many choose.



George Van Schaick introduced three guests and totally mispronounced the name of one of our guests. We all know that will cost him.

This week's Minute Men consisted of:

- Garth Sabirsh who reminded us of the upcoming Spruce Meadows "National". There are still 32 shifts unfilled. Please check your calendars for taking another shift.
- George Kimura reminded all of us of the Spruce Meadows Appreciation dinner on Wednesday June 3rd at 6:00 pm at Canada House. Please pay if you haven't already.

Welcome back Tom McKee our Summer Member from Florida!

Sunshine Harry Nazarchuk had no report -- that's good.

Winner of this week's 50/50 draw was Dale Perret.



Garth Toombs, our District Governor, presented Hank Popoff with the Governor's Award for many years of Devotion and Perseverance as the Rotary Foundation 5360 Grant Chair. Congratulations Hank!



John Barratt shared the seven members having birthdays in June along with anniversaries. This month's total of combined years of married life is 193 ... WOW!

Jack Steen was recognized for being a great Chinook Rotary member. Congratulations Jack!

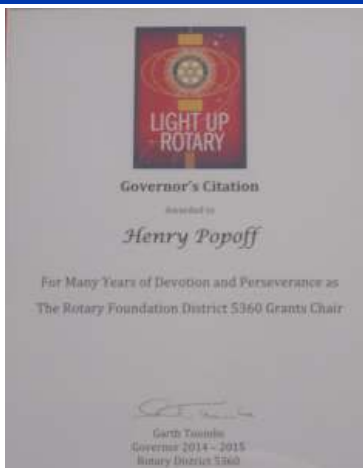


Bob Montgomery was this week's Sergeant At Arms and as always did a great job. Fines were flying in every direction including our President. Bob shared kids' answers to two questions ... 1. How do you decide who to marry? 2. How do you make a marriage work? The answers were hilarious and thought provoking from 8 year old children!

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Garth Toombs, DG & Plaque



Rotary Fellowship Month

- June 9th John Barratt, Classification Talk
- Casey Eagle Speaker — Giving in the Aboriginal Culture
- June 13th Grillin' and Servin' — Superstore, Country Hills, 3–7pm
- June 16th Gregor Sprenger, Exchange Student 2014-15 — Gregor's Wrap-up
- June 23rd Alex Neve, Amnesty International
- June 27th Grillin' and Servin' — Superstore, Signal Hill, 3–7pm
- June 30th No meeting - moved to July 2nd



New Rotary Year Begins

- July 1st - 5th Rotary Friendship Exchange Group's visit and activities
- July 1st - 5th Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The North American Rotary Friendship Exchange — Presentation on Australia
- July 2nd Changing of the Guard
- July 7th Annual Carriage House Stampede Pancake Breakfast
- July 14th Club Assembly — Introduction of the new Board
- July 21st Katherine van Kooy, Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations
- July 26th Grillin' and Servin' — Iron Man, Glenmore, 11am–4pm
- July 28th Brian Burke, Calgary Flames President of Hockey Operations



Membership Month

- August 4th Paul Ryneveld, Manager, Century Downs
- August 11th Peter Fleck, Philatelist
- August 18th Todd Standing, Sasquatch Seeker

June 2nd School Tours at Spruce Meadows

A number of our members escorted the school groups around the grounds to the various educational stations set up.



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Presentation and unveiling of statues and scroll to the founders, Ron and Marg Southern

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Spruce Meadows Dinner & Show Jumping June 3rd

Spruce Meadows treated the Club and our affiliated parking groups to a great dinner at Canada House. Following the meal, we had the chance to walk the course, and then watch the event from the gallery with a glass of wine or beer in hand.



Photos courtesy Ian Burgess

Mentoring Group Visit to Spruce Meadows

by Stephen Pick

The students in our club's mentoring program at Fairview Junior High were taken on a tour of the Spruce Meadows grounds. It was a great experience for them and for the mentors. The mentors, it seems, spend hours in parking lots, but very little time on the grounds!

