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BIG GIVE PROJECT Dave Wilder, Co-Founder

Bart introduced guest speaker Dave Wilder, co-founder of The Big Give Project who agreed at the last minute to speak as the scheduled speaker, Jason Glass, 2013 winner of the Stampede chuckwagon races had to bow out.

Dave thanked Bart for inviting him to speak and recognized the roomful of volunteers by observing that "I feel like I am teaching my Dad how to make babies". Bart had read an item in Metro on the work being done for the community by The Big Gift Project. Their goals are to support equal opportunity for students to thrive in sports regardless of social and financial restraints, and to invest in the sports community as a whole through sponsoring school athletic departments and summer camps. They level the playing field in high school and younger sports.

The organization started over a glass of wine, and donations grew over the years from \$50 to as much as \$50,000. They started with jerseys for schools, then started giving tax receipts, became partners with KidSport, and allied themselves with the Calgary Foundation.

The three Pillars of the organization are Baseline (basketballs, uniforms, player fees), Programming (summer camps, club sports, tutors, YMCA memberships, Send-a-Kid-to-Camp), and Infrastructure (finding Champions of their own cause, International Arts Centre). Baseline is all the little things that make sports possible, Programming is what keeps kids interested, and Infrastructure addresses the root problem of a neighbourhood.

The Founders have succeeded because of passion for the cause with daily involvement, rarely say no to a needy child, put fun back into fundraising and push themselves to do more. As they were coaches, they saw the need and no project was too big or too small. They treat donors as customers with lots of

options and ensure they receive more than just a tax receipt. The organization saw a need and created a solution to solve it including accountability to donors. So far this year they have raised about \$350,000 and over \$1million in total so it is no longer a hobby. The very

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Promptly at 12:15 p.m. Pres Stephen called the meeting to order suggesting we sing the national anthem and the Rotary grace. As there was no pianist, 64 separate voices could be heard distinctly but hardly in harmony ... reminded me of the meetings years ago pre-pianist.



After lunch Barry K was asked to introduce the 5 guests and 4 visiting Rotarians. Our guests included Graham McDonald, Bruce's son, and Dave Wilder, the guest speaker.

The other guests were current inbound Exchange Student Gregor Sprenger, Ashleigh Metcs the 2011/12

Exchange Student to Austria, and Barb Kranjcec who spent part of 2011 as the inbound Exchange Student from Croatia. All 3 addressed the meeting briefly and seem to be having a fine time with their lives and their relationships with Rotary. Gregor expressed thanks to Tammy Truman for paying his expenses to take a trip to Long Beach, California to participate in a basketball competition.



Sunshine Harry reports Mary Ellen Boone is still in hospital recovering from the surgery. Also Rae Campbell is still unable to attend our meetings but we hope he recovers soon.



Pres Stephen mentioned that as the Rotary curling is now on Tuesday evenings starting at 4:45 p.m., if we have an evening meeting we may schedule it for a later start than usual. Our members are busy with curling on Tuesday, cribbage on some Thursdays, and bridge on some Saturdays.

Minute People included Ron Smith who spoke about the need to recruit new members to meet our goal of 93 by June 30th and to ensure our ranks grow with younger members.

Bruce B reminded us of the Casino scheduled for October 26th & 27th at the Elbow River Casino. We need a few more volunteers so please sign up if you can.



Linda spoke on Fellowship and the arrangements the committee has made for a Potluck dinner at the Red Deer Lake Church on Saturday, October 25th. Wear your Halloween costume for the games, food etc. A sign-up sheet will be available next week.

Linda auctioned hockey tickets for this Thursday at the Saddledome for \$2 each with Heide the winner. The tickets, which were donated by Paul Gaudet, realized \$80 for the club. This was the 3rd consecutive week that a raffle was held.

The 50/50 was won by Bruce Williams who donated his winnings to the club. Bruce also returned the cheque he received from the club for hauling the trailer to our BBQ fundraiser events. He has done both multiple times this year ... THANKS Bruce!



S.A.A. Don McLean asked all club directors to stand and any who did not attend last week's meeting to hear Preston Manning were fined \$2. Don fined a few other members for actual or perceived peccadilloes and several members donated Happy Bucks.



Tammy announced that the Club Christmas party has been rescheduled to Wednesday December 17th because of the conflict with the Rotary Interclub curling event.

Bart introduced guest speaker Dave Wilder of the Big Give Project.

District Governor Visit



October 7th, 2014

Don't miss this meeting !

Make sure to attend and meet your District Governor Garth Toombs !

New Generations Month

September 30th Matt Bradley, President, Flyht Aero Solutions

Vocational Service Month

October 7th District Governor Garth Toombs' visit
 October 14th World's Greatest Meal to Help End Polio — **evening meeting @ The Carriage House Inn**
 Guest Speaker, Radio Personality Dr. J — Aging and Good Health
 October 21st Meeting will be held at the **Grey Eagle Casino** — \$25pp
 Derek Fildebrandt, Canadian Taxpayers Federation
 October 24th World Polio Day — Calgary Downtown March @ 11:20am
 October 25th Potluck Dinner at the **Red Deer Lake Church** — wear your
 Halloween costume for the games, food etc
 October 26th - 27th Casino
 October 28th Interact Meeting
 October 28th Call for nominations for the 2015-2016 Board

Rotary Foundation Month

November 4th Gregor Sprenger, Inbound YEX Student
 November 11th Joint Calgary Clubs' Remembrance Day event @ The Carriage House
 Colonel J. Miller
 November 14th - 16th Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market
 November 18th NHL Referees
 Cut-off for nominations for the 2015-2016 Board
 November 21st - 23rd Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market
 November 25th Daryl Slade, CFL Historian
 Elections for the 2015-2016 Board
 November 29th - 30th Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market

Family Month

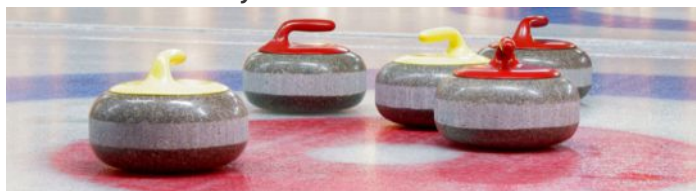
December 2nd Stuart Simpson, President, Community Mediation Calgary Society
 December 9th Seniors Lunch
 December 16th No noon meeting re Club Christmas Party on the 17th — curling Christmas party
 December 17th Club Christmas Party — **Wednesday evening meeting**
 December 30th No meeting



Our Youth Exchange Students

Rotary Interclub Curling

There are openings for senior curlers each Monday at 9:00 am at the Garrison Curling Club. Please contact Neil Beatty or Alex Soutar for details.



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first donation was \$500 to a basketball team! Schools have been helpful in identifying needy students, accepting students' word they are unable to pay for sport needs, and ensuring the organization becomes well known.

Since inception in 2000 this is a fine story about contributing to the community. Dave earned a business degree at University of Calgary in 2004 and since has been an Investment Advisor with Richardsons as well as coaching basketball to the young people where he spends a lot of time.

Pres. Stephen thanked the speaker and presented the usual certificate identifying a donation in his name to Polio Plus.

Membership Challenge

This month your Director Heide Kramer challenged the executive members to bring in two new members to the club, this Rotary year. I encourage each of you to start your search and think hard and long about who you can ask to join our club. The Membership Committee needs your help and guidance to find members.

Membership Chairman Ron Smith

Calgary Downtown March on RI World Polio Day

At 11:20am on Friday October 24th, you are encouraged to **March through downtown Calgary from Bankers Hall to City Hall** and help bring attention to the Polio epidemic, and the efforts of Rotary that could bring about its annihilation this decade.

Along the way, marchers will hand out stickers and "Make History Now" information and accept donations. These will be doubled by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation ... a \$1 donation becomes \$3. This will be a lunch hour well spent - see you there !!

At noon at City Hall, a special ceremony will be conducted to speak to the Polio epidemic and its eradication. Register for this free event, arrive and receive your purple poncho, and be in the photo at 12:15pm and let's make Polio History !!

At 5:30 pm watch Rotary International's Livestream event. Guests will include Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, celebrity ambassadors, polio survivors and special guests. Tune in at 5:30 to watch the live event and take part in the conversation. Make it an event!!!

For more information, see more at the District 5360 website, or contact:

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Cory Tretiak – 403-702-4242

World's Greatest Meal to Help End Polio

October 14th 2014
6:30pm Cash Bar • 7:30 pm Dinner
at the Carriage House Inn
Guest Speaker: "Dr J"

Tickets: \$30.00 per person

Maximum : 90 attendees (first come first served)

Sign up sheet is circulating at meetings

Note: per Club policy if you sign up, payment is expected, whether you attend or not



All funds raised at the meeting from donations, SAA fines, and ticket sales surplus will be donated to Polio Plus

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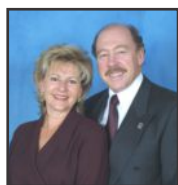
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