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Paul presented our guest speakers Cindy Neufeld and Kathryn Johnson who were speaking on behalf of "Between Friends".

Cindy (Fund Development & Communications Manager) in her overview of Between Friends suggested that they are helping the disabled reach the full value of their abilities including literacy, social recreation and self developmentally.

BF is committed to help them to connect, grow and belong. Their membership contains 59 diagnostic groups. Of those over age 18, 48% have Autism (increased in characteristics and decreased in external contacts).

BF runs 130 programs including Camp Bonaventure at Sandy Beach. This day camp involves field games and creative play. When the members are over 18, they move on to "Adventurers". This is run on a week to week basis and involves programs such as WESOAR and ICAN. These leadership development programs continue from age 12 through to adulthood.

Fund raising is ongoing, but government funding is falling.



Kathryn Johnson then spoke to us and gave a moving presentation of how Between Friends had helped her family. She and her husband have two children. An 18 year old who is fine and a 15 year old who is handicapped. They struggled to help him find friends and learn and to grow. When he joined Between Friends, he found others with whom he could relate, and he began to learn games and grow developmentally. Kathryn told us the changes were dramatic and he became a much happier boy and was using his abilities to a much greater degree.

More information is available at www.betweenfriends.ab.ca

Dale adjourned the meeting after making a presentation of our usual certificates of appreciation to the speakers.



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Maternal and Child Health Month

April 19th	John Hufnagel, President and General Manager, Calgary Stampeders
April 23rd	Ronald McDonald Brunch, 9am to 1pm, 8 volunteers needed, contact Gwynneth
April 23rd	Year End Cribbage Tournament "The Suckling Awards" @ Horton Road Legion, 10am - 4pm
April 26th	Dinner meeting — Youth Services Night

Youth Service Month

May 3rd	Jodi Hilty, President, Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative
May 10th	Calgary Bluegrass Group — The History of Bluegrass Music
May 11th	Board of Directors meeting — 5:30 pm, Horton Road Legion
May 13th - 15th	'Rising to New Heights' — DisCon 2016, Canmore, Alberta
May 14th - 15th	Casino — details to come
May 17th	J. David Clemis — The Downfall of the Popularity of Alcoholism
May 24th	Naheed Nenshi, Mayor (tentative)
May 28th - June 1st	RI Convention, Seoul, Korea — 'Connect with Korea, Touch the World'
May 31st	No meeting .



Rotary Fellowships Month

June 3rd	President's Dinner
June 7th	Roger Chaffin, Calgary Police Chief
June 8th - 12th	Parking at Spruce Meadows for the "National"
June 14th	Shibanne Verma, Health Care Consultant — How to be a Good Patient
June 21st	Paige Macpherson, Alberta Director, Canadian Taxpayers Federation
June 28th	Passing of the Gavel — out with Dale Perret, in with David Wartman



Council on Legislation — 2016

The 2016 Council on Legislation may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history.

Not only did this Council grant clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership, it also approved an increase in per capita dues of \$4 a year for three years. The increase will be used to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, and add programs and services to help clubs increase membership.

The tone for this year was set early, when the RI Board put forth two proposals that increase flexibility. The first measure allows clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The second allows clubs flexibility in choosing their membership rules and requirements. Both passed.

Representatives also approved removing six membership criteria from the RI Constitution and replacing them with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.

The \$4 per year dues increase was based on a five-year financial forecast that predicted that if Rotary didn't either raise dues or make drastic cuts, its reserves would dip below mandated levels by 2020. The yearly per capita dues that clubs pay to RI will be \$60 in 2017-18, \$64 in 2018-19, and \$68 in 2019-20. The next council will establish the rate after that.

The dues increase will allow RI to improve My Rotary, develop

resources so that clubs can offer a better membership experience, simplify club and district reporting, improve website access for Rotaractors, and update systems to keep Rotary in compliance with changing global regulations.

The distinction between e-clubs and traditional clubs will be eliminated. The council recognized that clubs have been meeting in a number of ways, and given this flexibility, the distinction was no longer meaningful. Clubs that have "e-club" in their names can keep it, however.

Go to My Rotary to see the full report.

Parking at Spruce Meadows



Dave Saunders' worked his last shift parking at Spruce Meadows.

Hopefully he picked up some hints at the Horticultural Show for the longer growing season he will be dealing with soon!

April 12th, 2016

Scribe: Ian Burgess

President Dale called the meeting to order at 12:15pm.

Peter Bickham introduced the guests and visitors including Jim Henessy, guest of Joe Hooper; Sara Joy, guest of Dawn Rennie, and the guest speakers Cindy Neufeld and Kathryn Johnson. We also had two out of town guests from Grand Prairie Sunrise club, Dick and Betty French. Jim Edzowich and Harry Pelton from Calgary South were also serenaded with our welcome song.

Dale noted that Garth Toombs from Calgary (Downtown) club was looking for volunteers to sit on "Support the Refugees" committee. She also noted that this is National Volunteer's Week.

Minute People were next presented:

1. John Charrett reminded us of the Youth Dinner meeting on April 26th at 5:45, with dinner served at 6:45pm. There will be approximately sixteen youth providing us presentations.

2. Anne Dale who had recently been in Salem Oregon, announced how happy she was to be back in Canada.

3. Hank Popoff presented a pair of gloves left at Spruce Meadows on the weekend. (The owner turned up and claimed his property – did he get fined?)

Hank also repeated the pitch for the Lobster Dinner on May 28th at 6:30pm in High River. He has tickets.

There is also a Grillin' and Servin' event on Sunday. Volunteers welcome, but you have to do your food preparation course first!

4. Rob Wolfson reminded us of the Painting Event on April 28th. The only requirement is to let Rob know you are coming.

Rob also managed to distribute a bundle of money including various pool prizes — \$165 — and \$380 for the club. Tammy Truman was a four time winner in the hockey second draw, and Gwen Burgess won the last second for the year.

5. Anthony made some Rotary Foundation announcements: Geoff Skillen was given a certificate for 100 points towards his Paul Harris Fellowship, and Steve McAuley received his fourth Paul Harris jewel.

Anne Dale won the Rena St. Clair sponsored draw for lunch.

Sergeant-at-Arms Paul Gaudet first brought greetings and thanks from Spruce Meadows.

- He then advised us that we had to take the Food Preparation Course if we wanted to help in the Grillin' and Servin' events that Hank has us doing.

- He also reminded us all that misfortune can hit us all! Even Erne Els on the first hole at the Masters tournament when he 6 putted for a total of 10 on the first par 4.

- He covered a few more points and then welcomed Dick and Betty French who are old friends of the club visiting from Grand Prairie.

A couple of members, Hank Popoff and Bev Tonkinson, both donated some of their winnings this week, back to the club.

Switching from SAA to Membership official, Paul presented our guest speakers Cindy Neufeld and Kathryn Johnson who were speaking on behalf of "Between Friends".

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