

Robbie Burns Day

John McBean

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'Tis Robbie Burns Day:

I arrived at 11:30 and the Bag Pipes accompanied by a Banjo were playing.

John McBean was Chairman of the meeting and he introduced your scribe to the Scotsmen that were to help him with the meeting. They were Jim Little, Jim Osborne Jr., Ken McTavish and Jim Hope-Ross.



The Haggis ended up at the podium and Jim Osborne Jr. gave the toast to the Haggis, accompanied by the Rotarians standing and enjoying a toast of Scotch.

We sang the Scottish National Anthem (or attempted to), followed by the Canadian anthem.

The meeting started with the Piping in the Haggis which was carried by Hank Popoff (decked out in his Scottish attire). The Haggis was accompanied by the Bag Pipes and was paraded around the room for all to see.



Ian Burgess gave us a Grace to start the meeting (he also mentioned that he was wearing a jacket that he won at a Doctors' Bonspiel some years ago).



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January 26th, 2016

'Tis Robbie Burns Day:

After the Piping in of the Haggis, the Toast to the Haggis, Grace, a grand meal, and a 10 minute musical interlude, the meeting was turned over to our Past President, Stephen Pick.

It was announced that family of the late Ron Southern indicated that for those that wish to show their respects, there will be a viewing at McInnis & Holloway on Elbow Drive on Wednesday evening 6:00 to 8:00. The Thursday service, honouring Ron Southern's memory, will be held at Spruce Meadows in the morning. The Riding Hall will be the venue with the overflow seated in the Equi-Plex. All the public will enter by the Equi-plex. We will be looking after the parking (we have enough volunteers) and the other volunteers at Spruce Meadows will handle the people movers.

Minutemen:

- The Sunshine Committee (Harry Nazarchuk) had nothing to report.
- Alex Soutar announced that next two meetings would be held by the 5/10 Committee. The February 2nd meeting would be to outline the committee's mandate, and to divide the membership into 4 groups. The meeting on February 9th was to be a working meeting and the groups were to discuss what the club would look like 5 years and 10 years out.
- Ron May announced the guests which included our Scottish friends (guests of John McBean) Jim Hope-Ross, Jim Little, Jim Osborne and Ken McTavish. Also included in the introductions: Dean White guest of Gwynneth Gourley, Rob Hay guest of David Wartman, Faye Green guest of Terry

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Green, and Janet Popoff guest of Hank MacPopoff. The guests from other clubs were Bill and Gloria Kaufman from the Downtown club, and Bob Wiens from the South Club.

The 50/50 draw was won by Anthony Tonkinson.

It was noted by the acting President that it was a great party at the Tonkinsons' house on Saturday Night. The Rotarians gave them a well deserved hand.



The Sgt at Arms was Tammy Truman, and those that claimed to be Scottish were fined a dollar. Next she attacked the Irish and they were fined a dollar, and everyone else was fined a dollar as well (except guests). Ian Burgess was fined a dollar for announcing that he once won a curling match. Good news/bad news followed.

John McBean again took over as Chairman and introduced Jim Hope-Ross who outlined the life of Robbie Burns

The meeting was closed by singing the old favourite "Auld Lang Syne", with everybody locking arms a swaying to the music.

John McBean closed the meeting, and again this year he did a great job of the entire event.

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The Hotel served a grand meal along the Scottish theme and served each table with their version of Haggis.

At 12:45 we enjoyed a 10 minute interlude of Bag Pipes, accompanied by the Banjo, playing some of the old favourites.

The meeting was turned over to our Past President, Stephen Pick (see the meeting minutes on page 2).

After the business portion of the meeting, John McBean again took over as Chairman and introduced



Jim Hope-Ross who outlined the life of Robbie Burns.

Near as I could tell (I am of Irish background) he liked women and writing poetry and songs — I could not tell

in which order. Anyway he had 13 children by one woman, and who knows how many other children he sired!



Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

February 2nd	5/10 Meeting
February 9th	5/10 Meeting
February 10th	Board of Directors meeting — 5:30 pm, Horton Road Legion
February 16th	5/10 Focus Groups
February 23rd	Karen Cuthbertson — Nepal Earthquake Relief

Water and Sanitation Month

March 1st	Jennifer Pettit — The History of Freak Shows
March 8th	Janet Brown, Public Opinion Consultant
March 9th	Board of Directors meeting — 5:30 pm, Horton Road Legion
March 15th	St. Patrick's Day Meeting
March 22nd	Glenn Suart, Great Ideas Guy
March 29th	Mike Cvik, former NHL Linesman

Maternal and Child Health Month

April 5th	Ryan Geake, Director, Calgary Scope Society
April 13th	Board of Directors meeting — 5:30 pm, Horton Road Legion
April 19th	John Hufnagel, General Manager, Calgary Stampeders
April 26th	Dinner meeting — Youth Services Night

Youth Service Month

May 3rd	Jodi Hilty, President, Yellowstone to Yukon Conservative Initiative
May 10th	J. David Clemis — The Downfall of the Popularity of Alcoholism
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 follow
May 28th - June 1st	'Connect with Korea, Touch the World' — RI Convention, Seoul, Korea



Fun for Seniors

What do retired people do all day ??

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting.

Well, for example the other day, I went into town and went into a shop. I was only in there for about 5 minutes. When I came out there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. I went up to him and said, "Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?" He ignored me and continued writing the ticket.

I called him a Nazi bastard. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires.

So I called him a s---head. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes.

The more I abused him the more tickets he wrote. Personally, I didn't care ... I came into town by bus!

I try to have a little fun each day now that I'm retired. It's important at my age.

Henry Wise Wood Interact Club News

The Henry Wise Wood Interact Club had an opportunity recently to contribute to some progress in Nigeria. One of our mothers was kind enough to take donated school supplies to a school there. Our club collected the supplies and paid the luggage costs to help make this happen. Warriors and Interactors make a difference world wide!



Beer and Pizza Night

Over 50 Rotarians and spouses had a great fellowship evening at Tonkinsons'.



Great pizza and salad, and besides the beer, wine was available. Even slippers were provided as you came in from the cold. Only pop was in short supply! Then there were "beer and pizza" socks to see.



Thanks Bev and Anthony !!! for hosting a fun evening for all who attended.

Mustard Seed Meal Service

Wayne Wiebe's Mustard Seed crew prior to starting to serve. Over 250 meals were served and the place was cleaned up after. Garth Sabrish dishing up lasagna for one of those meals. Quite the king-sized 'spice rack' they have there!

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