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Let's All Leave a Legacy Ken King, President, Calgary Flames



Our guest speaker today was Ken King-President Calgary Flames and others, and was ably introduced by Tammy Truman.

The current topic is shall we build a new Stadium, Arena and Field House in West Calgary or not. Since the current proposal is the polluted land in west Calgary and Gary Bettman (the President of the NHL) is in town – it is a current topic. The proposal is clean the land up and build a Public/Private finance

complex. The method of financing was discussed in detail. The project would be sustainable on its own.

Ken showed a short video at the start of presentation promoting the city and its future. Calgary has to keep up with the complexes in the Edmonton, Detroit and others and keep the city up to date with the CFL/NHL in other cities. Additionally the City needs a field house.



The current McMahon Stadium is out of date, and the Saddledome cannot attract the big shows due to the structure of the building. At the new site of the stadium, it would be expanded and meet the current building standards, and the new Hockey arena would not be expanded from Saddledome but meet the current standard of construction and be modernized throughout.



King mentioned that West Calgary was only one of the sites, and a couple of others were discussed plus if anyone has an alternate site in mind, they would be pleased to consider it. The current site under consideration is polluted with creosote from days gone by and at the time, the Province took on the responsibly and let the company off the hook. So part of the cost of the new project would be disposing of the soil polluted by the creosote. How to dispose of the polluted soil is being discussed.

Besides building the new complex, there is the problem of what to do with the old McMahon Stadium and the Saddledome. The Football Stadium is on University of Calgary land so discussions are underway with the University about them taking over the Stadium for nothing. The Saddledome could become a trade centre or other such space. Due to the type of construction of the Saddledome there are only limited structural changes that can be made.

A number of questions came from the Rotarians such as:
Q: If the West Calgary sites was chosen, what about

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January 12th, 2016

Scribe: Gord Billings



The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by President, Dale Perret.

The introduction of guests was performed by Steve McAuley — Kristina Shields guest of Tammy Truman, Dean White guest of Gwynneth Gourley, and Bill

Fitzsimmons guest of Stephen Pick. As well, we had Terry McDonald from the South Club.



Norm Moro reported on behalf of the Sunshine Committee that Jim Thompson



was not over his knee operation and the results should be clearer later this week. Also it was reported that Tom Ranson was back in the hospital with a heart condition -- it is expected that he will be in for about 2 weeks – no visitors.

It is reported by the President that Jack Steen was missing last week and missed out on his birthday. His

only comment was where is the wine?



The Minutemen:

- The District Conference is coming up May 13 to 16th at Canmore. Please register.

- Parking: Paul Gaudet had a request from Spruce Meadows for 7 parkers on Friday the 15th from 9:00 to 11:00 at Congress Hall for a Funeral. Those interested – the signup sheet is going around.

- Wayne Wiebe requires help at the Mustard Seed serving supper on January 27 6:30 to 8:30 in Foothills. The signup sheet is going around.

- The Tonkinsons are holding a Beer & Pizza Night on January 23rd at 6:00 at their house – all welcome. The cost is \$20.00 per couple. The sheet for signing up was going around.

The 50/50 draw was won by Gwynneth Gourley.



The Sgt. at Arms was Peter Bickham who fined a lot of people and did not pull any favourites. He ended his session with a joke.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Photos courtesy Stephen Pick



Meeting Minutes

January 19th, 2016

Scribe: Gord Billings

The President called the meeting to order exactly on time. The front table was marked "Reserved" but Dale invited the membership to sit at it.

The introduction of guests was announced by Norm Moro – there was only one guest and that was David Trefry, Kitchen Manager from the Mustard Seed, accompanied by our member Wayne Wiebe.

Sunshine Committee: Norm Moro (on behalf of Harry Nazarchuk) announced that Jim Thompson was progressing well and Tom Ranson was back home and not feeling well – a Get Well Card to Tom was available at the back desk for your signature.

President Dale read a number of items that had come to her attention. Namely:

- A number of the Rotary Chinook members have not renewed their clearance by the Police Department -this is required to deal with Seniors, the Mentorship Program (with Fairview School and others) and Youth Exchange Program. This is to be submitted to District for them to have it on file.

Tammy Truman described how easy it was to renew. She described how you could run a test on line to see if you passed before starting the formal process.

- The Main council of Rotary in Chicago forwarded President Dale 455 pages that could be on the agenda – the President was willing to share the task of reviewing the 455 pages with someone from our club!

Minutemen:

- It was announced again about our District Conference in Canmore on May 13th to 15th, and the fact that our Club would pay half the Registration fee for first time attendees.
- Peter Bickham advised the Flames were offering the various Clubs (Lions, Rotary and others) around town a deal on tickets to the Game on March 7th at the Press Level for \$36.00 but the Club only paid \$26.00. Therefore the Club made \$10.00 on each ticket sold.
- He also announced that various Exchange Groups were coming to town on July 8th to 19th – July 6th to 18th – and July 14th to 21st. They are looking for accommodation. Peter will announce the coming of the Exchange Groups at future meetings.

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Vocational Service Month

January 26th Robbie Burns meeting

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 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



DisCon 2016



Rising to new heights



Speaker

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transportation to and from the complex.

A: The city needs to deal with the Crowchild interchange and the other roads in the area, but the new consortium would provide 6 buses to pick people up from the downtown area. Therefore the traffic problem would be solved or no more than the problem at the current sites. The current Government is actually more environmental in their thinking than the old Government, therefore the cleaning up of the creosote is under discussion.

Q: Attracting the amenities such as hotels, restaurants etc. — would that cost money

A: King said that he would go to New York to promote the Centre and he said that he would do that!

The speaker went over time discussing the plan ... there were many more questions and Mr. King stayed after the meeting was adjourned to answer all the questions from the attendees. Bart Dailley thanked the speaker and gave him our usual gift that is awarded to the guest speaker.

Proposed New Member

At the last Board meeting, the following new member proposal was accepted by the Board for membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook:

DEAN WHITE

Sponsor: Gwynneth Gourley
 Classification: Principal Engineer

In accordance with Club Bylaws, Article XI, Section 5:
 Method of electing New Members

"If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the Board from any member (other than Honourary) of the Club within seven (7) dates following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of admission fee (if not Honourary membership) as prescribed in the bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership. If any such objection has been filed with the Board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee, shall be considered to be elected to membership."

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- George Kimura spoke on behalf of the challenge received from Fish Creek about bowling ... so far there is only 1 person signed up.
- Also when George was at the podium he announced that the second half of the Curling season was starting to night.

Rob Wolfson gave out a few dollars for those who bid on the Flames (their last goal – the seconds). Rob still has a few dollars to give out for those who did not attend this meeting.

Rob also announced a new game ... he would have a new sheet drawn up into squares which he would sell for \$20.00 each citing the team that would LOSE ... the Flames vs the other team. An e mail from Rob will be going out to everyone, setting out the rules etc.

Dawn Rennie won the 50/50 draw.

Hank Popoff was the Sgt at Arms and he fined those that didn't have their Rotary pin on, and those who didn't have their Name Badge on, and oh yes, everyone else that hadn't been fined! There were lots of good/bad news from the members.

David Wartman introduced the 5/10 year program. He is a Chairman along with Alex Soutar, and 6 others are on their committee. The committee mandate is what our club would look like 5 and 10 years out.

The plan of the committee is that on the meetings February 2nd and 9th, we would be divided into 4 groups and discuss a given set of questions. The groups would act as a focus group and submit their results to the committee and they would decide from there.

David Trefry, Kitchen Manager of the Mustard Seed, was presented with a club cheque (as a donation) for \$1,000.00 by Bev Tonkinson (a Director). Bev was accompanied by Wayne Wiebe. Our cheque will be used to purchase from Canadian Tire a commercial Kitchen Aid Mix Master. This will cut down on the kitchen staff's time in preparing meals, and it is much appreciated by the Mustard Seed.

President Dale wrapped up the meeting 15 minutes early and she announced that next week's meeting would be dedicated to Robbie Burns, and that John McBean would act as chairman.

Rotary Friendship Exchange

We have received an inquiry from the District Rotary Friendship Exchange requesting interest in hosting an exchange for three or four days, as well as a club co-ordinator to arrange an itinerary in the community. There are two exchanges---the India exchange is split between two weeks.

1. New Orleans, USA July 8-19, 2016
2. India (D3132) First group July 6-13, 2016
3. India (D3132) Second group July 14-21, 2016

If interested, Chinook Rotarians please contact Alex Soutar at asoutar@telusplanet.net.

Draw Winner!



Bev Tonkinson was the big winner of an autographed Flames jersey provided by Ken King.

By coincidence it was Sam Bennett's, who would score 4 goals at the next game. Bennett (age 19) at 6 foot 1 inch and 190 pounds is a bit larger than Bev as the photos clearly demonstrate!

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Ronald D Southern C.C., C.B.E., A.O.E., B.Sc., LL.D. 1930 - 2016

On January 21st, 2016 the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook lost a great friend and strong supporter of the Club and Rotary, Ron Southern.



The Club's relationship with Ron Southern and Spruce Meadows began shortly after the Club was chartered in 1977, just short of 40 years ago. Over the years, members have helped with the car parking logistics at Spruce Meadows in all types of weather. The relationship has been one of mutual benefit. Not just a fund raiser for the club, it was a way to provide service to our community by being involved in this world class venue for international show jumping, as we saw it grow under his leadership and vision.

Ron and the Southern family have been strong supporters of the Club, providing space for Club events from time to time, and giving donations to the Club over and above what we earned through our parking efforts.

Many members will miss the occasional encounters and brief chats with Ron as he toured the grounds at the various events. He remained involved and invested in this superb facility until the end. We saw his search for excellence for the facility in his attention to the smallest details and making a special effort to see Spruce Meadows grow and evolve.

The Club and its members are deeply saddened by his passing and express our deepest condolences to the family.





“Rotary Serving Humanity”

President-elect John Germ announces his 2016-2017 theme.

“I believe everyone recognizes the opportunity to serve Rotary for what it truly is: not a small opportunity, but a great one; an opportunity of a lifetime to change the world for the better, forever through Rotary’s service to humanity.” — RIPE John Germ

2016-17 Theme Address by RIPE John Germ - summarized

My friends, my fellow Rotarians,

A Greek philosopher once wrote that great enterprises begin with small opportunities. That sounds good, doesn't it? But you know what? I don't think it's true. Great enterprises don't begin with small opportunities. They begin with great opportunities. It's just that great opportunities sometimes have a way of looking small.

Every one of us here has been given a great opportunity. And I'm not talking about the opportunity to serve as a district governor, or even the opportunity I've been given, to serve as RI president. I'm talking about the great opportunity that first set us all on the path to being here today. That opportunity didn't come with the phone call saying, “Congratulations on your nomination.” It came in the form of a Rotarian saying, “I'd like to invite you to a meeting of my Rotary club.”

It might have seemed like a small opportunity at the time. But for whatever reasons, for each of us, it also seemed like a good idea: an interesting chance to meet some good people, and do some good work, and have some fun along the way. Looking back on that now, I think every one of us recognizes the opportunity to serve through Rotary for what it truly is: not a small opportunity, but a great one — the great opportunity that led all of us to the great enterprise that is Rotary. And what I want all of us to take from that — today, tomorrow, and in the year ahead — is that the only difference between a small opportunity and a great one is what you do with it.

All of us are here in San Diego this week because we've been given an opportunity: an opportunity to motivate, inspire, and direct our clubs to better, more effective, and more ambitious service. What we do with that opportunity — that's up to each of us. But the decisions we make won't end with us. The effects of our work, our decisions, will ripple out all over the world to people we'll never meet but whose lives Rotary will change.

Like the women who, right now, at this moment, are walking down dirt paths with water jars on their heads, on their way to get water from a polluted stream that's an hour away from their homes. Next year, they won't have to carry that water anymore, because of the bore wells that Rotary will dig. The girls in India, who have to leave school at age 12 or 13 because their school has no toilets. Next year, those girls won't have to leave, because of toilet blocks that Rotary will build. And the children in Pakistan and Afghanistan, who live every day with the risk of being paralyzed by polio. Next year, they won't have to worry about that, because we'll have vaccinated those children. And soon, their countries and the whole world will be polio-free.

All of that can happen if you, and your club presidents and your Rotarians, recognize that the opportunity to join Rotary was the opportunity of a lifetime. A great opportunity to change the world for the better, forever, through Rotary's service to humanity.

My friends, we are at a crossroads in Rotary. We are looking ahead at a year that may one day be known as the greatest year in Rotary's history: the year that sees the world's last case of polio. We are so close — so much closer than we've ever been before. All of South Asia, and all of Africa, are now polio-free. Only two countries now share one remaining reservoir of the wild poliovirus. And those two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, are giving it everything they have, with all of the help we can give them, to make this the year that polio finally falls. We started this more than 30 years ago. We've stuck with it, all this time. And soon, \$1.4 billion — and more than 2.5 billion immunized children later — we're going to finish it.

And when that moment comes, we need to be ready for it, to be sure that we are recognized for that success, and leverage that success into more partnerships, greater growth, and even more ambitious service in the decades to come. We need to make sure that everyone knows the role that Rotary has played in making the world polio-free. That is tremendously important. Because the more we are known for what we've achieved, the more we'll be able to attract the partners, the funding, and most important of all, the members to achieve even more. We're working hard to be sure that Rotary does get that credit. But it can't all happen in Evanston. We need you to get the word out through your clubs and in your communities about what Rotary is and what we do. And we need to be sure that our clubs are ready for the moment that polio is finally eradicated. So that when people who want to do good see that Rotary is a place where they can change the world, every Rotary club is ready to give them that opportunity.

We need clubs that can not only attract new members but engage them in Rotary service — clubs that are welcoming and active, that truly follow The Four-Way Test. We can't forget that the reason Paul Harris founded Rotary, 111 years ago, is still very much the reason people come to Rotary today: to find people who share their values. People who believe in honesty, diversity, tolerance, friendship, and peace, and who believe that serving humanity is the best thing they can do with their time on this earth.

Whether we're reading to schoolchildren or building a blood bank or holding a dental clinic, even as we change and adapt and move forward, the essence of who we are and what makes a Rotarian doesn't change. We're still based on a classification principle, because our diversity is our strength. We still hang The Four-Way Test on the wall, because high ethical standards don't ever go out of style. And we still believe, as Paul Harris believed, that serving humanity is the most worthwhile thing any one of us can do with our lives.

And that is why our theme in 2016-17 will be simply Rotary Serving Humanity.

My friends, we are doing so much incredible work already. Judy and I have seen so much of it this year, all over the world. But we could be doing so much more.

We need more willing hands, more caring hearts, and more bright minds to move our work forward. We need clubs that are flexible, so Rotary service will be attractive to younger members and recent retirees and working people. We need to seek out new partnerships, opening ourselves more to collaborative relationships with other organizations, to achieve even more together. And we need to prioritize continuity in our leadership. Because if there's one thing we've learned from polio, it's that if we want to go as far as we can, we all have to be moving in the same direction. We have to be serving humanity.

We're all in this together. We're all on the same team. If one of us scores, we all score. And we take just as much pride in an assist as we do in a goal. Because in Rotary, we lead just like we serve: together.

So next year, we're not going to call ourselves first or best or world or any other kind of a class. We're just going to be a team: Team Rotary. All 1.2 million of us, working together, serving together, striving together, for our shared goal of a better world. And that's the way it should be. But all of you here this week, you're different. You're special. You're the best players we've got. You're not just regular players. You're the Rotary All-Stars. And we need you — the best of the best — to lead our Rotarians in transforming the lives of the people who need our help the most. They're waiting for you. They're waiting for us — to dig the wells, to build the schools, to put an end to polio.

Every day that you serve in Rotary, you have the opportunity to change lives. Those opportunities might look small. You might sometimes think that what you do doesn't matter. But they're not small. And everything you do matters, especially to the people you help and the people you love, in this generation and the next and the next. Every good work you do in your life makes the world better for them all.

One good work at a time. One day at a time. That's all it takes. That's what we're here for in Rotary. That's what we do. And next year, it's going to be your responsibility to make sure that we do it well. To make sure that Rotary serves humanity as much as it can as well as it can, and that Rotary changes as many lives as it can for the better. So that the mothers who are still carrying water on their heads, and the girls who have had to leave school, and every one of the world's children who are still at risk for polio, see their world change for the better next year because of Rotary Serving Humanity.

Because each one of you saw a great opportunity, and you took it.

Thank you.