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District 5360 Governor Martin Harvey Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park

District Governor 5360 Martin Harvey



Our speaker this week was Martin Harvey, our District 5360 Governor. He was introduced by Assistant District Governor Grant MacEachren who told us that Martin had been a banker with BMO. He started a consulting company focussing on personal and professional growth for both individuals and teams.

Martin has been a Rotarian for 21 years, and has held many positions and chaired many club committees. He

is currently

Chair of the Board of Governors at a local Hospice. He likes to sing – not only in the shower – but in his church choir. Martin and Liz have 2 children and 5 grandchildren and they love to travel.

Martin was here to tell us about what he feels the International Rotary President from Sri Lanka would like us to accomplish in this Rotary year. We



are a 'Gift to the World' and our time is now so all we have to do is get out there and do it. All our clubs need to be "vibrant" and not sit around and stagnate. The district clubs are down 260 members this year. Now we need to do something about it.

He asked why did we join? Was it for fun and fellowship? Are we engaged? Do we ask people to join us and welcome them? Do we wear our pins daily? And are we enrolled in "My Rotary"? We need to invite people to come as you are and give what you can.

The Rotary Foundation should become our Charity of Choice. This supports Polio Plus which has allowed polio to nearly be beaten. Both Bill Gates and the



Canadian Government donate to the cause and with a bit of our help it will become a disease of the past. October 24 is World Polio Day.

He also talked about our youth programs, Rotaract, Interact and now Early Act which is in elementary schools for 6 to 12 year olds, which teaches them to live by the 4 Way Test. cont'd on page 2

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Meeting Minutes



August 25th, 2015

Our greeter was Paul Gaudet this week, and as he is sooo capable, he was on his own. He also introduced our guests, who were Martin Harvey our District Governor and his very nice wife, Liz, plus ADG Grant MacEachern – all from the Heritage Park club. We also had Don Bacon from the South club, and Jim Hennessy and Stefan Winter. Apologies for any mis- spelling but the signatures were hard to read.

• Rob Wolfson reminded us

about his football pool which

started this week.

Minute Men



- Anthony Tonkinson handed out Paul Harris pins to:
- * Anne Dale plus 4
- * Dave Wylie and his wife Ruth both plus 6
- * Joe Hooper plus 6
- * and Stephen Pick plus 8 and he needs a cheer!!!!



Anthony also reminded us about the Rotary Direct program that makes giving all the easier.

Arch Photographer

Please help!! The Arch, your weekly report on meetings and the goings on in the club, needs a member to volunteer as club photographer. Duties are simple ... at the meetings, snap a few photos of the speaker and any presentations, and then email them to the Arch publishers for inclusion in the next



issue. Talk to Ian Burgess or Stephen Pick if you can take on this role. No fancy equipment needed, most smart phone cameras are more than adequate.

Garth Sabirsh begged us all to try to help with the Spruce Meadows parking on the

weekend.



• John Barratt told us about the birthday people for this month and told us that all the anniversary

years for this month added up to 532 years!



Scribe: Sydney Richmond



SAA was Rob Wolfson ... he must have said something but I forgot to write it down. The Good News was that Dave Saunders donated \$50 to the pot - \$1 for every married year.

I was very lax this week — again — as I forgot who won the 50/50.

Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook Society Annual General Meeting



Chairman Hank Popoff read last year's AGM minutes for the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook Society for this meeting, and Evelyn Stewart took the minutes — thankfully as I became even more lost about then.

Board members were proposed, seconded and accepted.

Then that part of the meeting was adjourned.

Our speaker this week was Martin Harvey, our District 5360 Governor.

DG Martin Harvey.... cont'd from page 1

Martin mentioned that he's hoping to have a 'Spring Fling" for Rotarians. So watch this space for more news.

Last but not least — the next District Conference will be in Canmore in 2016 with "Celebrate, New Connections, Discover More and Rise to New Heights" as the themes.

So let's all plan to attend!

Rising to new heights



What's Up!!

Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 15th Laura Dickson, Executive Director, Women in Need Society September 16th Rotary/Mattamy Greenway Celebration — 11am - 2pm

11015 Cityscape Drive NE, North Entrance Feature Park

September 22nd

September 29th Drs Margaret Korble and Lesley Lussier — Hearing Loss

Economic and Community Development Month

October 6th Alan McMillan — Rotary Employment Partnership October 13th Anam Kazim, Calgary Glenmore MLA — SW Ring Road

October 20th Karla Tejeda-Inglesias, 2014/15 Outbound Exchange Student to Germany

October 22nd Develop the Club's long-term Membership Plan

6:30 to 10:30 pm at the Carriage House, Windsor Room A

Grillin' and Servin' — Kathy's Run for Pancreatic Cancer, North Glenmore Park, 10am October 25th

October 27th Interact

Call for nominations for President Elect, Vice President and 3 Directors for 2016/17

Rotary Foundation Month

November 3rd Ann Stang — Alberta Family History Society November 10th No meeting re Remembrance Day meeting November 11th Rotary Remembers All Clubs meeting

November 17th Nominating Committee report

Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market November 13th - 15th November 20th - 22nd Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market

November 24th **Annual Meeting and Elections**

November 27th - 29th Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market







Annual Board Meeting with the DG



The Club Board met with DG Martin Harvey and ADG Grant MacEachern before the clubs weekly meeting.

President Dale Perret gave an overview of the Club, its strengths, and the plans for 2015/16. Each of the Board Members present gave a short summary of their areas of responsibility.

DG Harvey gave an overview of what was going on in District 5360 and in RI. Issues with regard to membership and retention were discussed. He also stressed that all members should get signed-up with "My Rotary" as it is a great resource and keeps you in touch with your Club, District and RI.

"Get your ASK in gear!"

Help develop the Club's long-term Membership Plan!

October 22nd, 2015 - 6:30 to 10:30 pm Carriage House Inn, Windsor Room A coffee and light snacks provided

It's YOUR club - your input is vital!

Come out to this **members only** evening event and add your thoughts on Club membership, recruitment and retention.

What are we doing right, wrong, or not doing in our efforts to maintain and increase membership?

How can we get all members recruiting new members? Remember at a minimum each member needs to "replace themselves" in the club.

And, yes, this is a "What have you done for me lately" exercise. We know many of our long term members have brought many members into the Club over the years. We

need that to continue so we can revitalize the club to be the vibrant entity it can and has been.





An Article in the Calgary Sun

Beautiful Friendship at Spruce Meadows' Masters

It's an association with ties to almost the very beginning.

by Bryan Passifiume, Calgary Sun Friday, September 11, 2015

During grand opening festivities at Founders' Plaza earlier in the week, it was said Spruce Meadows' true founders, alongside Marg and Ron Southern, were those who helped make their dreams a reality — the athletes, the corporate sponsors, the media, and a dedicated corps of volunteers.

One of the longest-serving is the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook, who are well-known to anyone who's parked a car at Spruce Meadows over the past four decades. "Rotary's association with Spruce Meadows goes back almost to the time Spruce Meadows started," said Jim Thompson, club past president. "We were called on by the Southerns to provide parking and manpower."

Starting then and continuing to this day, Rotarians not only manage the organized chaos of parking hundreds of thousands of cars, but also man the ticket booths, collect admission, hand out programs and ensure guests entering the park do so quickly, safely and smoothly. In a world ruled by first impressions, they truly set the tone for tournament-goers.

As the club itself was chartered only a year after Spruce Meadows first opened in 1976, Thompson says the two entities have almost grown up together. "It's gone from one show initially to an almost year-round commitment," Thompson said. "We do their Christmas program, all the riding shows and dog shows, and everything else going on out there now. It's a huge program for us, and a very, very meaningful one for us."

As Spruce Meadows grew, it became clear the venue was growing faster than the club, and more help was needed. "It became a case of recognizing the manpower needs versus the growth of Spruce Meadows," Thompson said. "That's been a bit of a task as we've had to bring in extra help from other charitable groups, and that's been a big boon to us too."

In exchange for their hard word, Spruce Meadows reimburses the Rotary Club of Calgary-Chinook. "For our club particularly, it's quite solid — it's almost \$100,000 per year," Thompson said. "That all goes back into the community, there's no overhead cost for us." One project that sees a direct benefit is the 17-hectare Chinook Rotary Nature Park day-use area, located in nearby Fish Creek Provincial Park. "It's become quite a popular place, and a preservation of nature in an urban setting," Thompson said.

Many club members take pride in their work at Spruce Meadows — as a result, they rank among the venue's longest-serving volunteers. "They love the project, they really feel connected with Spruce Meadows," Thompson said. "There's a real love affair with our club and Spruce Meadows, it's a remarkable facility and we feel really proud to be a part of it."

Over the decades, the bond between Spruce Meadows and the Rotary Club of Calgary-Chinook has grown, benefitting both local show-jumping events and the community in general. "We have a wonderful relationship with them, they've been very kind to us in a lot of ways over the years," Thompson said. "They recognize that our people are active and retired business people who take the time away from their routines to help out."

