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Calgary Stampede John Hufnagel

Tammy Truman introduced our guest speaker, John Hufnagel, the GM and President of the Calgary Stampede Football Club.



John focused on the changes from last season, and the challenges for the current year ahead. After attending the US rookie camps, the coaching staff invited 24 players to the rookie camp in Calgary in late June.

There are currently 16 players from last year who have no signed to continue with the Stampede for the 2017 season.

The CFL draft was held on May 7th. In the first round, the Stampede who were picking in eighth place, traded up to move to the sixth spot for defensive lineman Randy Colling. John was pleased they were able to choose a variety of player positions from returners to lineman positions within the eight rounds scheduled.

Stampede training camp is slated to open on June 28th, and the expectations appear high for another winning season.

President David thanked John for his presentation and closed the meeting at 1:30pm.

Kickin' It Country



Kickin' It Country was held last week and a great time was had by all in attendance. Initial reports right after the event indicate that this fundraiser was a HUGE success. The full details will be reported in next week's Arch. A bit of the background behind this event:

For many years Chinook Rotary has been chatting about working on a special project in the city of Calgary where we could leave our mark. Many, many ideas have been floated around over the years but nothing ever came of it. In January 2016, Peter Bickham formed a committee for various fundraiser ideas. I agreed to sit on that committee and after numerous meetings with various people and various ideas, Rob Wolfman's idea of bringing this country rising star to town for a fundraiser was chosen as the best idea. Rob reached out to me to see if I would help him bring something to fruition. I knew this would be a

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Dale Perret and Alex Soutar welcomed members and guests at today's meeting. President David opened the meeting at 12:15pm, followed by the singing of O Canada and Rotary grace accompanied by Ruth Wylie on the piano.

Alex Soutar introduced today's guests including out guest speaker John Hufnagel, and Kevin Meyle guest of Ron Hardie, and Tony Ng from the South Club.

Today's Minute People included:

- Hank Popoff reminding our members that there are three Grillin' and Servin' events for the months of June. Please sign up and support these planned events.
- Paul Gaudet reported on the progress of the sign-up for the National at Spruce Meadows, commenting a number of regular parking members would be away at the RI Convention in Atlanta, and asked the membership who will be here to contribute some additional shifts for this event.
- Paul also reminded the members of the Rotary night at the Okotoks Dawgs baseball game on June 28th. He needs sign-up names and numbers no later than June 20th.
- George Kimura announced the Appreciation Dinner at Spruce Meadows is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7th at Canada House. The sign-up is in process ... further details to follow.
- Rob Wolfson reported on the Kickin' It Country fundraiser which included an interview with Tammy Truman on QR77 radio promoting this exciting event. This may prove to be one of the outstanding events of the year, while supporting research and treatment of Crohn's and Colitis as a partner with the U of C Inflammatory Bowel Disease Unit.
- Anthony Tonkinson presented Fred Jessee with a Paul Harris award.

- Al Pettigrew was away sick, and Pat Hutchinson is off on an extended leave for treatment of Spinal Stenosis.

Sargeant duties were handled by Paul Gaudet who quizzed each of the tables with questions relating to the Calgary Stampeder Football Club. A substantial revenue stream was achieved from the members present.

Bad News from Steve McAuley reporting their home has just sold, and they are moving back to Thunder Bay Ontario.

Good News from Dave Wylie as their daughter has graduated as a biology major from Kings University in Edmonton, and will now continue studies at the U of C in a fully funded Masters program.

Tammy Truman introduced our guest speaker, John Hufnagel, the Gm and President of the Calgary Stampeder Football Club.

Club Photographer



George took on the role of Club Photographer this year, and has supplied us with a whole passel of great photographs for the Arch.

Of course being behind the camera means you never get to be featured in print. However ... there are other photographers out there, as George is now seeing!

2017 Year End & 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner



This year's annual dinner will be a celebration to not only recognize and thank our outgoing President, David Wartman, but also to recognize our 40th Anniversary as a Rotary Club, and to honour our 4 remaining original Charter Members.

In addition, we will be posthumously awarding one of the original Charter members, Ron Smith, with our Rotarian of the Year Award and his family will be attending to accept it.

Saturday May 27th, 2017

6 PM Cocktail hour - Cash Bar opens - and 7 PM Dinner
Carriage House Inn

Three Course Dinner with wine, and choice of
Lemon Honey Glazed Roasted Salmon Fillet or Grilled 8 oz New York Strip Steak

Cost: \$60.00 per person • Dress: Business Casual

There is a sign up sheet/payment envelope circulating at the luncheon meetings.
Please pay by placing payment in the envelope.

Reminder to all who sign up that we will need to confirm numbers to CHI 7 days prior to the event so anyone cancelling or any "no shows" after Friday May 19th NOON, will still be responsible for the ticket cost. Special circumstances will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Notice of cancellation needs to be emailed to Dale Perret at dale.rotary@shaw.ca before the May 19th NOON deadline.



Youth Service Month

May 16th	Dave Read — Future Calgary Flood Concerns and Solutions
May 18th	Rotary Networking Night, Limericks Traditional Public House, 5 - 6:30 — contact Rob Wolfson
May 23rd	Julia-Maria Becker, Pembina Institute
May 27th	Year-end & 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner 6pm @ the Carriage House Inn
May 30th	Larry Albrecht — Ethics



Rotary Fellowships Month

June 3rd	Grillin' and Servin' for 700! — Brain Sprint, Edworthy Park — contact Hank to sign up
June 6th	Dr. J. Silvius, Provincial Medical Director
June 7th - 11th	Parking at Spruce Meadows for "The National"
June 10th-14th	Atlanta 2017 RI Convention
June 14 - 17th	Rotary Friendship Exchange group from Sri Lanka — contact Bev Tonkinson or David Irving if you can be a host, or have any questions
June 18th	Grillin' and Servin' for 500! — Tri for Evan, Elbow Valley — contact Hank to sign-up
June 24th	Grillin' and Servin' for 1,200!!! — Nakiska Family Run — contact Hank to sign-up
June 28th	Evening baseball game with Rotary Club of Okotoks — \$30 pp (seating, sandwich, drink) Gates open 5:30pm, game time 7:05pm — contact Paul Gaudet to sign up



Kickin' It Country

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lot of work, and the first major part was to pick which charity we wanted to make a difference for. For numerous reasons I was very familiar with the fundraising initiatives that were going to be needed to get the IBD Wellness Center up and running. So working with their administrative staff, I ran the idea about our involvement to them. To quote one of Heather's emails "we are giddy about this plan". I met with them numerous times to fully understand exactly what this new center would be, and how much of an impact Chinook Rotary could make on

the city of Calgary and southern Alberta. I was convinced then that this was a great idea so Rob, Dawn, Bev and I met and I shared the concept and idea. It was a hit for everyone but then came the challenge of getting the current board of directors to agree and let us proceed. I would not be lying if I shared that this was not an easy process and not everyone was in agreement. On August 31st, I met with Ranchman's to chat about the idea of them hosting the event. They were all in and so we began ...

Tammy Truman

After we had the Ranchman's on board, we began the process of getting our board's approval. This included both cost and revenue estimates as well market and sales ideas. The largest concern from the board was to ensure our club was not relied upon as a make or break source of funds and tickets for the event. Secondly, since we would be a partner in a much larger Calgary Health Trust Project, we needed assurances that our much smaller Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook would not get lost in the shuffle, and would garner proper recognition for our fund raising efforts. After months of back and forth with the board, which culminated in a special board meeting in October, the committee received final approval to proceed.

Next came securing the date, which we had to wait on as our headline performer (Calgarian Lindsay Ell) was signed to open on tour for Brad Paisley. This tour delayed her availability until mid-spring 2017. In early February we finally had secured our date of

May 10th, and then we really had to put on our work boots and thinking caps to begin planning. This is also when Heather Baylis joined our committee. She was a welcome addition to help us as a liaison with The IBD Centre and Calgary Health Trust. We met with Ranchman's and the name Kickin' It Country was created and the real work began.

The committee began marketing and promotion to garner auction items (live and silent), donations and ticket sales.

The marketing phase also coincidentally coincided with a board approved revitalization of our club's website (thanks to Dustin Rennie and D & D Marketing). As of the end of March, ticket sales were live on our new www.rotarychinook.ca website. A marketing poster was created by Stephen & Anne Pick at Foothills Printing. We also embraced social media with regular Facebook and Twitter activity. We attended other Rotary Club meetings to market and attempt to generate ticket sales (admittedly with little success, which highlights a fact that our Clubs need to find a way to help each other more). Thanks to Tammy Truman's work over the years with Corus Entertainment, we were able to secure a 3 week marketing and promotion package on both Country105 and AM770 radio stations. This included daily commercials about Kickin' It Country, emailed updates to their respective listener bases, and a live on air interview on AM770. As a final piece, Country 105 was live on location from Ranchman's the evening of the event, and their DJ Lindsay Rae was our fabulous Emcee for the night.

After countless hours of work and communications, our little committee ended up with approximately 45 silent auction items, 2 amazing live auction sports experience packages donated by the Calgary Flames and Calgary Stampeders, 160 guests, 2 amazing performers, and ample recognition for our Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook. We expect to announce the fruits of our labours when revenues and expenses are all full tabulated in the very near future.

Robert Wolfson



Ronald McDonald House May 13th



Grillin' and Fitness



The medaled chair of our new Club 'fitness committee'. He was able to complete his Prince's Island run and be back to serve up some great brats, salads and pickles for all the other runners. Talk to Hank about the other fitness programs he plans for the Club. Rumour has it that there is another medal recipient on the Grillin' and Servin' team, but that will remain confidential ... unless you ask Hank.

Baseball !!

Fellow Chinookers, we have been invited by the Rotary Club of Okotoks to join them on **Wednesday, June 28th for an evening baseball game**. Gates open at 5:30pm, game time 7:05pm.



Cost will be **\$30 per person** which includes stadium seating, patio on the 3rd base line for a steak sandwich and a drink.

We had 12 from our Club attend this event last year and it was great fun!

Check your schedule and advise Paul if you would like to attend. I will put together our list of attendees and forward it to our Okotoks contact. You will be able to pay at the door on the night of the event.



Paul G.

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