

Help for the Highlands of Guatemala Society

Bill Skinner

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Peter Bickham put in a plug for the Rotary Foundations before introducing the speaker Bill Skinner from the Heritage Park Club.

Bill spoke about an ongoing project in Guatemala where he works with the local Highlands of Guatemala Society and a local Rotary club to make life better for the residents of a small village. He is known as "the giant" by the locals as he is tall even by our standards and very much taller than the locals. The women in the area are said to be the shortest in the world.

The project varies from year to year and is funded from private donations as well as from Rotary District 5360, Rotary clubs (Chinook gave \$2000) and government matching grants. In 2016 their budget was \$52,000. Local labourers using local materials do much of the work. In recent years they have built and installed 39 biosand water filters, 51 latrines and 39 wood burning stoves. They have also provided speakers for the women's group, and made micro credit loans to help buy such items as a loom to weave material, which is used to make cloth bags, and a loan to build a chicken coop.



For 2017, they have reduced the budget to \$18,000 because they will no longer need to install stoves or latrines in that village. They are looking for another village to focus on in the next few years.

President David thanked Bill and presented him with the usual certificate indicating our donation to Polio Plus in his name.



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Rotary Remembers November 11th, 2016

Our Club joined with the other Clubs in Calgary, at the Carriage House, to jointly honour the men and women who serve, and who have served in the military over the years.

The 300+ Rotarians and guests gathered at 10:00 for fellowship, and at 10:30 the meeting was opened with O Canada with PDG Mike French in the Chair.

Robin Gray sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth" followed by the blessing of the gathering by Harold Aikenhead (sp). Roger Fayne recited "In Flanders Fields" prior to the assembly standing for the playing of the "Last Post" and the customary two minutes of silence for personal reflection on past wars and the people we knew who served.

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November 1st, 2016

Scribe: David Irving



November is a very busy and interesting month for Rotarians and for the Club. This is Rotary Foundation Month and the time of year when we are asked to make a contribution to the Rotary Club of Calgary Foundation. We will be hearing more about these two foundations later this month and all members will be given the opportunity to make contributions. The earnings from these help the Club fund both local and international projects. We will also be taking time to honour the men and women who have served in the military.

Anthony reminded us of World Polio Day on October 24, and we had 25 members pledge at least \$26.50 to Polio Plus.

Garth Sabirsh pleaded for members to help fill the 132 vacant shifts at the upcoming Christmas Market at Spruce Meadows.

Tammy spoke about the Seniors Christmas lunch on December 6th. We will have 250 seniors there, and there will not be room for our members to sit and partake of the turkey dinner. She encourages us to have a late breakfast or early lunch before assuming our duties. Tammy also promoted the Club's Christmas Party on December 13th.

Terry Green and Jim Hennessy promoted the "all Calgary Clubs" Rotary Remembers lunch at the Carriage House on Friday, November 11th. Sign up on our list or on line by November 4th.

Rob (the Pool Guy) passed out money to the winners of the Flames Goal pool and the NFL Pool. Hank won enough to cover Janet's and his trip down western North America, and Ryan McLean also hit pay dirt. Both must be experts in American football. I was out after the second game. Rob is now running a Grey Cup pool that will help fill the coffers of the Club while distributing some to the lucky winners.

Pat Hutchinson announced that the son of former member George Graham was killed in an accident.

Lucky Ernie Hawrylyshen won the 50-50 draw.



We were greeted by new member Ryan McLean and long, long time member (1978) Norm Moro. Ryan latter introduced the guests, including Muriel Wiebe who played the piano while we did our best to sing the national anthem and the Rotary grace.



Many thanks to Muriel.



Bev Tonkinson announced the birthdays of our members and their spouses, wedding anniversaries and Club membership anniversaries. Seven members and five spouses celebrate

their birthdays in November. Some of the birthday members were enjoying a glass of white wine but they didn't offer any to your scribe so I won't mention their names.



Ian and Gwen Burgess have been married for 56 years and Ted and Grace Wada have enjoyed 44 years of married bliss. Joe Hooper has been a member of this Club for 34 years, and Harry Nazarchuk has been here for 37 years.

President David announced a Board meeting on November 9th.

Rotary Foundation Month

November 15th	Past DG Mike French — The Rotary Foundation
November 18th - 20th	Parking at Spruce Meadows for 'The Christmas Market'
November 22nd	Bill Stemp — Classification Talk
November 24th	Cribbage Night @ the Horton Road Legion, 5:30 to 9 — contact Peter Bickham
November 25th - 27th	Parking at Spruce Meadows for 'The Christmas Market'
November 29th	Ken Regan — CKUA AGM and elections for next year's Board



Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 2nd - 4th	Parking at Spruce Meadows for 'The Christmas Market'
December 6th	Seniors Christmas lunch
December 8th	'Business & Rotary Networking Night', Limericks Traditional Public House 5 - 6:30 — contact Rob Wolfson
December 8th	Cribbage Night @ the Horton Road Legion, 5:30 to 9 — contact Peter Bickham
December 13th	Club Christmas party — evening meeting — contact Tammy Truman
December 15th	Atlanta 2017 RI Convention — last day for early-registration discount — \$340
December 20th	Jennifer McCue, President, Bethany Care Society
December 22nd	Cribbage Night @ the Horton Road Legion, 5:30 to 9 — contact Peter Bickham



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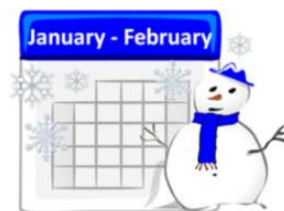
Vocational Service Month

January 5th	Cribbage Night @ the Horton Road Legion, 5:30 to 9 — contact Peter Bickham
January 10th	John Seigner — Autism
January 17th	Manon Mitchell — Calgary Civic Symphony
January 19th	Cribbage Night @ the Horton Road Legion, 5:30 to 9 — contact Peter Bickham
January 31st	Ryan Kozicky — Community Paramedics



Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

February 2nd	Cribbage Night @ the Horton Road Legion, 5:30 to 9 — contact Peter Bickham
February 7th	Brian Keating
February 16th	Cribbage Night @ the Horton Road Legion, 5:30 to 9 — contact Peter Bickham
February 21st	Sandra Sutter — Reconciliation



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Paul Gaudet, who barely had time to eat his lunch what with looking after folders and talking to people, found time and enough energy to be the Sergeant-at-Arms. He fined members for not giving out candy last night, not contributing to TRF or the CRCF in the last year, and for being a female member who did not pay a fine last week when the male members were fined.



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* You know you are getting old, when everything either dries up or leaks. *
* Old age is when former classmates are so grey and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you. *

President David joined with a representative from each club to read the names of current and deceased member who served in the military. Our members were:

Deceased: Tom Alexander
Chuck Bury
Bob Depledge
Alistair Limpitlaw
Barry Moreland
Leuw Reid
Art Severs

Current: John Barratt (South African Navy)
Jim Hennessey
Don McLean
Al Pettigrew

We are grateful for the contribution these members made in the defense of the free world and helping keep our families safe.

Our own Colonel Jim Hennessey (Ret) introduced the speaker Lt Col Ross Wickware (Ret), who began his career as a private in 1976. In 1979 he was selected under the Officers Cadet Training Plan to commence Armour Officer Classification Training. Upon completion and gaining his officers commission, he served several tours of duty in Germany, in Canada, and in the former Yugoslavia.


He retired in 1996 and upon entering civilian life became involved in several areas including real estate, software development and Internet startup companies. He also worked as the Security officer for the UN World Food Program in Afghanistan. With funding from the EU he setup a security advisory program for NGOs operating in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Upon returning to Canada in 2007, he and his partners have created the Safety in Schools Foundation of Canada which provides safety training to high school students. In 2010 he re-enrolled in the Canadian Army serving with the King's Own Calgary Regiment as well as Commanding Officer of the Territorial Battle Group. He is now retiring from the Army, again.

Colonel Wickware gave an account of his vast experiences in carrying out his duties in the many hostile environments where he served. He believes that there is no such thing as passive

peacekeeping in today's conflict areas. The peacekeepers must enforce the peace by force if necessary, and be prepared to defend themselves with force. In many cases there is not one group against one other group, but several groups trying to gain power over the area. All of the have-not groups want to become the haves and take control. It is very difficult to win over the "hearts and minds" of the local people with people in uniform carrying arms.

At the conclusion of the talk, \$5,860 was collected from the attendees for the Veterans Food Bank. Representatives from several clubs, including our Club, announced or pledged donations to this Food Bank. A group from the Aviation Program at SAIT, represented by Ethan Gourley (Gwynneth's son and a frequent parking volunteer), is collecting for this and will pick up food if we call 403-284-7018.



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