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Calgary Flames

Brian Burke, President, Hockey Operations

Bart Daily gave the introduction of our guest speaker. "Born in Providence Rhode Island and raised in Edina Minnesota, he is currently the President of Hockey Operations for the Calgary Flames.

Brian has more than 20 years of NHL experience, being a GM in Hartford, Vancouver, Anaheim, and Toronto. He spent 5 years in the NHL (League) front office as executive VP." He received several honours for his work and has been GM of the US National Team in World and Olympic play. "He is a spokesperson for the You Can Play Project and supports Ducks Unlimited, the Canadian Safe School Network, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and the Special Olympics with both time and money. On top of all this, he also graduated Harvard Law School in 1981."



The Flames finished 9th with 94 points facing the Anaheim Ducks in the playoffs where they were swept in 4 games. He felt that goal tending, which had been stellar during their run for the playoffs, let them down in the Anaheim series. He believes that the goal tending problem has been fixed with the signing of the two new ones ... Mike Smith from Arizona, and Eddie Lack from Sweden. He is happy they signed Travis "The Hammer" Hamonic to give the team a solid defence. They also signed Spencer Foo, an Edmonton lad, who played in Union College in the [cont'd on page 2](#)

Alberta Wild Boars

Perry Abramenko



Bart introduced our speaker with the following message: "In July, a hunter in Arkansas bagged a 380 kilogram wild pig, a feral pig running wild. We've seen the TV shows about families hunting feral pigs and probably conclude that it's a problem in the deep south. Well it is also a problem in Alberta. Our guest today is an inspector with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. He is the lead for the Wild Boar at Large working group bent on eradicating wild boars at large in Alberta."

Wild boars at large have been an ever-increasing problem in Alberta since the late '80s. They are now classified as pests, and need to be eliminated due the damage they are causing to crops and to the general habitat. They have adapted to our climate and can stand the low temperatures we experience in the winter, so they are much different from the wild boars in the southern US.

A group is called a Founder. These animals can deliver two litters of 6-12 each year, so are multiplying rapidly.



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Neil Beatty and Ron May greeted us as we entered the meeting room on the north side of the Inn. It was nice to have a room without pillars but we did miss not having windows. Never satisfied!!

Alex got the meeting rolling with the anthem and the Rotary grace being sung by the untrained masses. We surely need a piano player. Ruth, when are you coming back?



I was sitting at a table with Rae Campbell, Harry Nazarchuk, Paul Gaudet, Paul Hussey, Bob Hansell (North Club), John Charrett, Hank Popoff, and Norm Morro. Lots of

conversation about world issues, golf tournaments and travel.

Neil introduced the visitors and guests: Bob Hansell from the Calgary North Club who was a guest of John Charrett; Kristina Shields, guest of Tammy; Lois Beatty, guest of Neil; Brian Burke, the speaker of the day. Tammy said that Kristina is one of her important staff and has assisted at several of our events.

Minutemen:

- John Charrett advised that we had funded two students on a trip to Banff, and that Bob Hansell had introduced him to our Rotary Club when he joined back in 1981.
- Hank asked for more help with the Grillin' and Servin' event at a Superstore.
- Paul Gaudet needs more help with staffing the Maniac Run and the AKC Summer Classic at Spruce Meadows.
- David Irving asked for members to come forward and act as Scribes for this high-class publication.



A draft of the Club Roster was circulated amongst the members who were asked to check their information and correct as necessary, and provide new photos to Stephen Pick if they wish to update it.

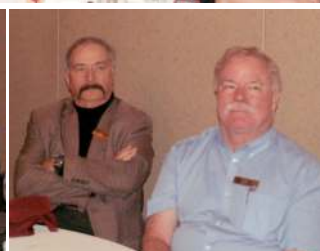
Photos courtesy Ian Burgess



Sergeant-At-Arms Garth Plunkett levied several fines on members for their lack of knowledge regarding Alzheimer and- I forget what else. I do remember that Garth won two draws for gifts at the Calgary Seniors' Golf Tournament on Monday. He forgot to fine himself for that lucky day.

Joe Hooper won the 50-50 Draw. Joe was the very capable MC at that Golf Tournament, and was also lucky enough to have his name drawn for a prize. He must be on a lucky streak — better buy a Lotto ticket Joe!

Bart Daily gave the introduction of our guest speaker, Brian Burke, President of Hockey Operations for the Calgary Flames.



Calgary Flames

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US. TSN quoted AGM Craig Conroy saying "My expectation (is) for him to push and make the NHL club." However, Burke told us that the Flames need to stop pushing their draft choices to play with the big club too early. They need time to develop. Burke was referring to Juuso Valimaki, the defenceman who was their first pick (16th overall) in the 2017 Entry Draft.

They signed Ferland and Lazar thus having no arbitration cases which can be nasty with all faults of the person been exposed leaving some bad feelings in the player-management relationship.

Burke sees the Flames having a better run at the Cup this coming season with the new players and internal improvement in the young guns.

When asked about his views on the proposed new arena he said, "I am not directly involved in the discussions but the City needs a new arena." He went on to tell us that having a professional hockey team in the city creates a financial benefit for the province, the City and for many other businesses.

He is against removing hard contact such as cross-checking and pushing in front of the net as that is what sells tickets — if you want to watch no contact hockey, go to Sweden, he said.

President Alex thanked the speaker and announced that we had made a contribution to Polio Plus in Brian's name.





Atsikana Pa Ulendo (Girls on the Move) is a school for girls in Malawi. Most of the girls require financial assistance in order to attend the school due to their family's limited resources.

The standard of academic excellence at APU continues to climb. The pass rate on the most recent National Exams was an astounding 99%, compared to the national pass rate of 52%. Over 70 of their graduates are in universities in Malawi — 80 graduates have become primary school teachers and are in classrooms across the country. 50 are in nursing schools and most of them, regardless of their post secondary education status, are engaged in small business ventures, adding much needed income in support of their younger siblings. Most importantly, all 800 have had their lives irrevocably changed by the education they have received at APU. And they know, first hand, that women can be leaders. That women can affect change. That women can demand, expect and receive respect from men. They know this because they have had it modelled right before their eyes by their own Director, Memory Mdyetseni.

Chinook Rotary has been supplying funds to APU for several years to permit various girls to carry on through some of their high school years. APU decides how our donations are allocated and which girl needs assistance.

We are pleased to advise that one of the girls we sponsored, Pemphero Kachidowo, has recently been accepted into the University of Malawi, Chancellor College to study Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Cultural Studies. Her photo here is from when she was in Form 2. Along with Pemphero, 22 other girls were accepted into various Universities in Malawi.

Education in Malawi helps girls to avoid a marriage while still being a child, becoming pregnant at age 14 or 15, finding it necessary to sell herself in order to live, placing herself at risk of disease, and living subsequently in poverty.

We have donated funds to the Rotary Club of Lethbridge in support of its Global Grant application for funds to support a solar project to supply better power to the school, to assist in teacher housing, to possibly build a dam to assist in agriculture, and to provide laptops for the students. The total project is estimated to be worth \$ 315,000.

Chinook Rotary members should really be quite pleased with their support of Atsikana Pa Ulendo!

July 27th Networking Meeting



Alberta Wild Boars

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They consume anything organic and enjoy freshly planted grain crops, but will also raid and consume the nests of wildfowl. Shooting is not a solution, as these very intelligent animals will convert to being nocturnal when one is shot. The government is attempting to trap the animals and then dispose of them. They are using a drone to track the pigs back to their nests where the entire Founder can be destroyed. There is more information on the Alberta Agriculture website.



President Alec thanked Perry in the usual manner by presenting him with a certificate indicating that we have made a contribution to Polio plus in his name.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick



Peter Bickham was the lone greeter that we saw as we found our way into the meeting. Perhaps there was a second member serving as greeter but, if so, he or she must have been in hiding. In any event, Peter did a bang-up job of making us feel welcome.

George Van Schaick gave us the right pitch to help guide us through the National Anthem and the Rotary Grace.

Paul Gaudet put out a call for members to fill the vacant shifts at the AKC event coming this weekend.

Hank is still wanting members to help with the Grillin' and Servin' at the Coventry Hills grocery store on August 26th.



Peter introduced the visitors and guests: Gary Ladouceur from the High River Club, Imma Dike-Shittu guest of Dean White, Gordon Charlton guest of Bruce Bohnet, and the speaker Perry Abramenko.

Bev Tonkinson announced the birthdays etc ...

- Birthdays in

August: Joe Jogia (absent), Tammy Truman, Anthony Tonkinson, Barry Korpatnisky, and Neil Beatty (absent). The members present were at the birthday table with the usual bottle of the finest from the cellars of the Carriage House. Non-birthday celebrants Joe Hooper, Jim Hennessy, Al Pettigrew, and Don McLean were also at the table — not because of the wine, but to build better friendship and goodwill with the birthday people.



- Spouse Birthdays: May Jessie (Fred), Edith Montgomery (Bob), Joan Hutchinson (Pat), Anthony Tonkinson (Bev), and Lynda Heidinger (Garth Sabirsh).
- Wedding Anniversaries: Don and Jean McKenzie (59 yrs), Ron and Martha Hardie (45



ys), Keith and Janet Hansen (59 yrs), Barry and Cynthia Korpatnisky (42 yrs) and Jack and Donna Leuw (42 yrs)

- Club Member Anniversaries: Bob Gentles (1 yr), Bart Dailley (25 yrs), Gwynneth Gourley (9 yrs), Jack Steen (9 yrs), Dan Scrivens (15 yrs) and George Kimura (24 yrs)



Joe Hooper presented a cheque to the Club for work we did at a small event at Spruce Meadows .

Jim Thompson reminded us that our meeting next week will be held at the Rotary Park. If it rains, we would meet at the Mackenzie Meadows Golf Club, but if the sun shines, we will meet and eat at the Park. Cost is \$18 for lunch.



Dawn Rennie won the 50-50 draw.

Our song leader George acted as the Sergeant-at-Arms. I didn't hear any singing, only a few groans, as members paid their fines. Happy Bucks included a large contribution to the pot by Hank in appreciation for the help provided by fellow members Bev Tonkinson, Dawn

Rennie, Bill Stemp and Tammy Truman with the sale of their former residence and the move to their new condo. Jim Hennessy was happy to contribute on the first day of his second retirement. Sydney Richmond fined herself for something that escaped my hearing.

Bart introduced our speaker, Perry Abramenko, an inspector with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick



Membership and New Club Development Month

August 15th	Dr. Mark Kotash — Doctors without Borders
August 17th	Rotary Networking Night, Limericks Traditional Public House, 5-7pm — contact Rob Wolfson
August 22nd	Dr. Colleen Chan, Veterinarian — Putting Down Your Pet
August 26th	Grillin' and Servin' for 600! — SuperStore, Coventry Hills — contact Hank Popoff to sign-up
August 29th	Cindy Ady, CEO Tourism Calgary

Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 5th	Classification Talks — Jim Hennessy, Ryan MacLean and Dean White
September 6-10th	Parking at Spruce Meadows for "The Masters"
September 12th	Warden Tracey Farmer, Bowden Institution
September 15th	Grillin' and Servin' for 700! — Sobey's Head Office — contact Hank Popoff to sign-up
September 19th	District Governor Rick Istead
September 26th	Charlie Pester, Traffic Court Expert



SPRUGE MEADOWS

Economic and Community Development Month

October 21st	Grillin' and Servin' for 2,200!!! — Light the Night Leukemia, Eau Claire — contact Hank Popoff to sign-up
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Parking for the Rugged Maniac Run July 29th



"I was going to wake up early to go jogging, but my toes voted against me 10 to 1."



Our guest at the Nature Park Picnic was Don Carruthers Den Hoed, Manager of Kananaskis Parks east area, which includes Calgary and area. We toured the whole park after the picnic lunch where he answered several questions from members.

We reviewed the disastrous water quality mess in the north pond, caused by direct flushing of storm waters from east communities. We discussed the ever improving park vegetation, the better quality of water in the south pond, the newly repaved parking lot, the sad neglect by dog owners using the city path system, and ideas regarding the replanting of things around the north pond, perhaps enlisting the volunteers of Fish Creek Park. We also visited the site of the proposed natural stone amphitheatre, which could have effective use by teachers and class visits.

We concluded with agreement that we will continue to work as partners in assuring the Rotary Nature Park continues to bring pleasure to visitors. This was our 15th Annual Picnic in the park, catered by McKenzie Meadows Golf Club, and groomed throughout by MacKenzie Meadows Golf Club.



Jim Thompson

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

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