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Doctors without Borders

Dr. Mark Kotash

Anthony introduced our speaker, Dr. Kostash, who is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Anesthesia at U of C. Mark has worked in Calgary since 1993, first at Calgary General, then Peter Lougheed, and now at South Health Campus since it opened in 2013.

Mark gave a slide presentation of his volunteer work with Doctors Without Borders since he joined them in February 2006.

Doctors Without Borders (MSF) is an international humanitarian NGO best known for its projects in war-torn regions and developing countries affected by endemic diseases. Mark has completed 10 MSF missions: 3 1/2 months at Belet Weyne Hospital in Central Somalia, followed by Nigeria, Gaza, Jordan, NW Pakistan, and 2 missions in Yemen during its recent Civil War. Mark travelled to Haiti in 2014, where they performed several complex muscle and tendon reconstructions to aid quadriplegics to mobilize in wheelchairs.

Mark was invited to present a slide show of his MSF Missions in 2008 at Rotary Club of Calgary Fish Creek and has never left. He became a Rotary *cont'd on page 2 ...*



Putting Down Your Pet

Dr. Colleen Chan



Bart Dailley introduced our speaker by sharing his personal story about the family dog Kipper, a yellow Labrador Retriever, who in May was taken to Dr Chan to be 'put down'.

Dr Chan gave a slide presentation covering: pet owner statistics, benefits of being a pet owner, and outlining the steps for this process.

She stated that Euthanasia comes from the Greek word meaning "good death" — ending a life to relieve suffering and pain.

Dr Chan lead us through how a Quality of Life evaluation is used so owners can reach an educated, informed and supported choice that fits not only the pet's medical condition, but also the families wishes. The questions and handout was adapted from "Quality of Life Scale" by Dani McVety DVM, published by Veterinary Team.

One of the interesting stats: in Canada, 8.8 million people are cat owners, and 7.6 million people are dog owners.



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Our greeters today were David Irving and Bob Montgomery.

President Alex opened the meeting and George Van Schaick lead us in singing O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.



David Irving introduced our visitors and guests: Robin Rootes guest of Dean White, Ray Roth from Canmore Rotary Club, Kent and Leanne Fraser from Fish Creek Rotary, Dr. Mark Kostash guest speaker and Rotarian, and Don Bacon from Calgary South Rotary Club.

Minute Announcements;

- Garth Plunkett announced the receipt of a cheque for \$13,668 from the last 2 parking activities at Spruce Meadows, and thanked the Club members and volunteers for there help.



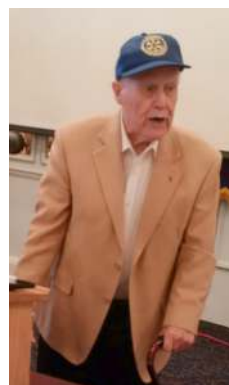
- Anthony Tonkinson (Rotary Foundation Chair) presented Peter Bickham with his 5th Paul Harris Fellowship acknowledgement.
- Paul Gaudet updated us on the

upcoming parking opportunities and circulated sign-up sheets: Rotary/Mattamy Greenway Grand Opening Ceremony on Saturday September 2nd, and Spruce Meadows 2017 Masters Wednesday September 6th through Sunday September 10th.

- Dean White's company Roots2Stem is hosting a golf tournament at Sirocco Golf Club on Thursday August 31st. They are seeking sponsors and golfers who maybe be interested in participating. Roots2 Stem is involved with our Fairview School Mentoring program. More info, contact Robin Rootes at 403.257.4200 or email robin@roots2stem.ca.
- Pat Hutchinson reported that although Barry K and Lyle



Davidson are having health issues, they are both keeping up with their Rotary club duties and activities." Way to go!



Don MacLean donned his 'Rotary' cap, and levied fines like a 'pro'.

Joe Hooper won the 50-50 draw for the 2nd week in a row. He is on a lucky streak\$\$\$!

Dale Perret raffled off 2 tickets for Global Fest. Winners were Peter Bickham and guess WHO ... Joe Hooper!



Happy Bucks:

- Bart Dailly got a \$5.00 gift from a lady at the Dog Show. She was so impressed with the work that Rotary does. Bart said Garth can add that to his \$13,668 !
- Dick Snel announced he is travelling this week to Europe to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the raid on Dieppe with 60 soldiers of the Calgary Tank Regiment (now called King's Own Regiment). A monument will be unveiled. An emotional trip to say the least.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

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member at Fish Creek and has travelled to Mexico with Homes of Hope projects, putting his woodworking skills to work.

President Alex thanked our Rotary colleague and announced that we had made a contribution to Polio Plus in his name.





ALEX SOUTAR

Let's take a peek into the life of our President and see where he has come from, who he has as a family, and where his interests lie.

Alex was born in a hospital in Carman, Manitoba just after the end of WW II. His parents lived in the small town of Sperling (population of about 400 counting all the cats and dogs) where his father owned and operated a farm equipment dealership. Little Alex trotted off to school in Sterling until the school closed and he had to be bussed to Carman. After finishing high school in Carman, he entered trade-school in Winnipeg where he completed an apprenticeship program in refrigeration and air conditioning. Alex and Nancy, the girl he met in high school, were married in 1968.

He spent several years in Winnipeg working on servicing commercial refrigeration equipment and in appliance repairs. His last employer in Winnipeg, Thomas Rathwell, asked him to move to Thunder Bay. It was here that he made the move to sales, and where their two children were born. His five years there were spent travelling northwest Ontario selling appliances and electronics. One of the manufactures of the appliances he was selling was Whirlpool and they

gave Alex an offer he couldn't refuse — move to Edmonton to be their original field representative, and to train their repair depot staff. He soon finished the training and devoted his full time to sales in northern Alberta and part of B.C. Around 1980, he was asked to move to Regina for 6-8 months to help a struggling branch get back on winning ways. This move lasted 12 years. He finally got transferred to Calgary in 1992 but Whirlpool downsized in 1994 and gave Alex a retirement package.

Alex, sometimes with his friend Garth Plunkett, tried various types of work until 1994 when Frigidaire hired him to sell their appliances. This gig lasted until 2006 when he retired, again.

Alex got to know Harold Hanna at Midlands United Church where they both worked on fund raising projects. Harold sponsored him to join our Club in 2006, and he was put to work right away filling in on the Board for a Director how has been transferred. After completing that year, he was elected to the Board for the following two years. He has worked on most committees and served as President Elect last year before becoming our President this year.

Son Mike and wife Tania live in Regina with two their children. He is a pipefitter by trade and is the job estimator for his company. Daughter Andrea is single, living here in Calgary where she works in the personal investment area of the ATB.

Alec not only sold furniture he has also made many a piece. He also curls with the Seniors on Monday morning in the winter, and is a spare with the Rotary curling group. Joe Hooper got Alex involved with the United Way calling on six corporate accounts.

Alex attended the RI Convention in Atlanta this past June. He was awed by the event and came away with a much better understanding of Rotary as an international organization.

Rotary International Conventions

Submitted by Rhea Graham

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Calgary in the running to host global gathering of Rotary clubs

Rotary delegates and their families will make a huge economic impact on our whole city and in fact all of southern Alberta.

Calgary is on the verge of being awarded and International Rotary Club Convention, which could bring millions of dollars in revenue to the city. The city is currently on of five shortlisted to host the convention in either 2023, 2024 or 2025. The decision on which cities will host is expected to be announced by the end of September. If Calgary were to be awarded one of the dates, the convention would be held over four days in the month of June. However, according to Mark Starratt, co-chair of the Host Organizing Committee, there are also events leading up to, during and after the convention as well. "Not only are the delegates coming in to enjoy travel and tourism before and after, but there's a lot of adjunct events happening as well," said Starratt. "There are going to be a lot of events leading up to the convention that focus on what it is we're doing in the community, highlighting our volunteer support and looking to grow our membership."

The last time Calgary held the convention was in 1996, which saw nearly 25,000 Rotary delegates from around the world descent on the streets of Calgary. "That's still considered to be one of the best Rotary conventions ever held in the world," said

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Starratt, adding that if Calgary were to host again, organizers would capitalize on that legacy. The estimated number of delegates that would attend such a convention would be around 30,000, not including any family members who might accompany them. That means there would be a significant boost to Calgary, economy. Meetings and Conventions Calgary, which has been working closely with Starratt and co-chair Craig Stokke on the bid, told Postmedia the convention could generate nearly \$13.6 million based on 41,300 hotel room nights.

"The 1996 Rotary International convention was an outstandingly successful event for both our city and Rotarians from around the world," said Clark Grue, President and CEO of Meetings and Conventions Calgary. "Rotary delegates and their families will make a huge economic impact on our whole city and in fact all of southern Alberta."

The convention would also provide a boost for areas surrounding Calgary, including national parks. "It's really an opportunity for these travellers to see our area and our city, and maybe even choose to come back again," said Starratt. "It's kind of like an economic multiplier in terms of bringing these Rotarians from all around the world. The impact it will leave on the city is pretty amazing."

He added when a convention of this size comes to any city, it's not often the citizens are aware that it's going on. "That will be different if the Rotary convention comes here. We'll take the opportunity to highlight the partnerships and what we've done in the community, and look to the community for support in terms of making a difference," said Starratt. "Whether it's the homelessness problem or housing or whatever the case may be, there's a lot of things that are passionate to Rotarians and there's a lot of things in our city that need to be done."

Did You Know ?

by Jim Thompson

On May 27th 2017, the Club celebrated the year of now Past President, David Wartman 2016/17, and the 40th Anniversary of the Club.

The Club received its Charter from RI, on March 14th 1977. The dinner party, held at the Carriage House Inn, was well attended by members and guests, four of which are the last active Charter Members, and their escorts. Aside from the honours bestowed on David and others, the four Charter Members and Past Presidents — Jim Thompson (1981/82), Tom Sorenson (1983/84), Herb Imler (1986/87) and Ian Burgess (1989/90) — were asked to give, in random order, a brief speech about the highlights of their Rotary years. Each did so and each received a wonderful plaque commemorating their status as Charter Members and this occasion. It should be noted that the Charter Members have actually served Rotary beyond 40 years, as the Club began its formation in the latter half of 1976! We were delighted and flattered by the special recognition.

Later, I was reflecting on the other Past Presidents and wanted to share some additional interesting facts with our current members.

Father Greg McLellan was our charter President. He was a member of Calgary South, recruited to spearhead the start of our club. He effectively served as President for 1/2 year before Charter and a full year afterwards. Greg, along with Judy and I, attended the RI Convention in Rome in 1979, the first year our Club had voting representation at an RI Convention. He is now honoured in perpetuity by a bursary in his name, sponsored by our Club, at St Mary's University here in Calgary.

The next RI Convention attended by voting representatives of our Club, was in 1982, in Dallas Texas. Herb and Marg Imler, along with Judy and I attended, with a large number of Calgary Rotarians from other clubs.

The High School Debate program launched by Tom Sorenson, was so unique and successful, it won the District Project of the Year Award shortly after it started. I believe it was called the Patterson Award, at that time.

Ian Burgess, like Greg, did a little extra duty as President when Jim Galpin, President 1988/89, was transferred to Edmonton midway through his year. Ian took over and served through his own year 1989/90, as well.

George Kimura who served as President in 2009/10 will become our first 2 term leader next year, a cycle that has been followed in many smaller clubs, with long years of service and fewer Presidential candidates.

We have had one only female President, and have never had a District Governor appointed from our club ranks to date, which frankly is surprising.

Of the 40 Presidents, six have passed away over the years, another ten have resigned from the club over the years after completing their term as President. Several of those actually retired and moved to other locations in Canada.

Incidentally, the Club chuckwagon sponsorship at the Stampede in 1990 was a direct result of a couple of us attending the 'Client', a brokerage firm event related to their sponsoring a wagon, and becoming inspired to do likewise. Nothing in the 4 way test about 'Plagiarism', in fact isn't it the best form of flattery!? The driver's name was Stan Robertson. The Client's driver, a year earlier was Leonard Ross. The launch party was held, with all Calgary clubs joining in, and fund raising was a blast!

Just a little more history trivia, stay tuned for more. Cheers!

Membership and New Club Development Month

August 29th
August 31st

Cindy Ady, CEO Tourism Calgary
Roots 2 Stem (Dean White's company) Golf Tournament at Sirocco Golf Club
Sponsors and golfers contact Robin Rootes at 403-257-4200 or robin@roots2stem.ca



Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 2nd
September 5th
September 6-10th
September 12th
September 15th
September 15-16th
September 19th
September 26th

Parking for the Rotary/Mattamy Greenway Grand Opening Ceremony
Classification Talks — Jim Hennessy, Ryan MacLean and Dean White
Parking at Spruce Meadows for "The Masters"
Warden Tracey Farmer, Bowden Institution
Grillin' and Servin' for 700! — Sobey's Head Office — contact Hank Popoff to sign-up
Parking for Car Show Auction. Sign up on line or in the circulating folder.
District Governor Rick Istead
Charlie Pester, Traffic Court Expert



SPRUGE MEADOWS



Economic and Community Development Month

October 3rd
October 10th
October 17th

Sgt. Kelly Oberg, Coordinator, CPS Mounted Unit
Caroline Loewen — History of Calgary Gardening
Caroline Saunders — British Consulate

Meeting Minutes

August 22nd, 2017

Scribe: Rhea Graham



Our greeters today were Pat Hutchinson and Jim Hennessy.

President Alex Soutar opened the meeting and George Van S lead us in the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace.

Jim H introduced visitors and guests: Dr Colleen Chan (guest speaker), her colleague Dr Patricia Kelly, and Ray Roth from the Rotary Club of Canmore. They were welcomed in usual Chinook Club style.

Minute Announcements:

- Rob Wolfson has started one of our Club fundraisers, a NHL Loser Pool — get 'er started Hockey fans!

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick



- Joe Hopper presented another cheque for \$4,920, from recent Club parking efforts.
- Joe also reminded members that curling starts October 3rd. New members welcome.
- Paul G announced upcoming opportunities for volunteering: Grillin' and Servin', Spruce Meadows Masters September 6-10, Car Show Auction September 15 and 16th. Sign up on-line or in the circulated folders.

50/50 draw was won by Tom Sorensen.



Our Sargent-at-Arms today was Jim Hennessy — or should I say



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DRILL Sargent !? Jim put us through a rigorous course of testing our knowledge about Canada's military involvement in the Wars. Needless to say the collection of fines was significant.

Jim is an upcoming presenter of Canadian military history this fall — stay posted for more information.

In conclusion he shared that while listening to CHQR-77 on one of their programs, Tammy Truman's company was acknowledged for their outstanding service. Way to go Tammy!

Happy Bucks:

- Rhea G shared that Anne Dale returned from Africa August 21st, safe and sound after almost 2 months there doing Rotary Service work with Days for Girls (I'm sure we will hear more in the up coming weeks).
- Hank P got a \$7.00 tip for Rotary at one of his volunteer activities.
- Fred Jessee is celebrating his wife May's 90th birthday.
- Neil Beatty listened recently to CBC and



heard Maureen Tynan being interviewed on radio. He said Maureen is an outstanding speaker and an astute business woman. We are fortunate to have her in our Club.

I've saved the best for the last — a story from Rob



Wolfson:

Rob and family were in New York City for holidays, and Rob booked tickets online for he and his wife Ang to see the Broadway production 'Hamilton'. When they arrived at theatre, they discovered the tickets were for the performance in the theatre in San Francisco (oops !!). Rob's smooth negotiation skills were able to have 2 chairs placed at the end of a row (sworn to secrecy from theatre staff). Great ending!

Proposed New Member

The following new "Friends of Rotary" member proposal was accepted by the Board for membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook:

LINDA HEIDINGER

Sponsor:

Garth Sabirsh

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."

Paul Gaudet, Secretary

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Additional info Dr Chan left with us:

- 1) Country Club Pet Resort — Pet Cemetery and Memorial Park ph 403.936.5685
- 2) Pet Loss Counselling & Grief Support - Western Veterinary specialist and Emergency Centre
1802 10 Ave SW Calgary T3C 018



President Alex presented Dr Chan with a donation certificate in her name to Polio Plus.

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