

Meeting Minutes

July 4th, 2017

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The members and guests were greeted by Al Holt and that great hunter Gordon Billings. They didn't have many hands to shake as the attendance was low with many away on vacation or, no doubt, doing community work someplace else.

Soon to be Past President David opened the meeting on time, and George Van Schaick led us in our version of O Canada followed by the Rotary Grace.



It was good to see Tom McKee has returned for the summer, and has already signed up for several shifts of parking at Spruce Meadows. He said he did not have any trouble crossing into Canada, but returning to the USA in the fall may be more troublesome because of the recent change in attitude by the new US President.

Paul Gaudet was at my table part-time, and spent the rest of the time working the crowd to get more people to help park cars at Spruce Meadows. He sure puts a lot of effort into managing that event, and the Club benefits greatly from his work.



Stephen Pick reminded us that it is time to review our individual data and photo in the Roster to assure it is accurate. If you have had a face lift and want a new picture taken, please advise Stephen.

President Elect George Kimura reviewed the free Appreciation Dinner and equestrian event at Spruce



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Meadows this Thursday evening. By the time you read this you will have already enjoyed the event, or are sorry that you missed going.

Garth Sabirsh thanked the members who have signed up to park at Spruce meadows for the "North American" that runs from July 5th to July 9th.

Honourary Life and Charter Member Jim Thompson announced that we will be

having our yearly picnic meeting at the Rotary Nature Park on August 8th. Contact Jim if you can spare a few hours to help him clean up the Park. He is still talking with the City about the problem with their surface water flow into the Park.

Garth Sabirsh won the 50-50 draw.



George Van Schaick told us that Lyle Davidson is recovering from his fall at his home, and expects to be back at our meeting soon. Pat Hutchinson is also at his home recovering from his ailments. Barry Korpatnisky will be in the South Campus Health Unit for the next couple of days and would welcome visitors.

Soon to be Past President David gave a summary report on the past year, and will make a full report available to the membership at a later date. I will let you read that report rather than try to capture all of the details here. We thank David for his year of leading our Club.



Our new President Alex Soutar assumed the Chair and introduced the 2017-18 Board.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick



Stampede Breakfast

July 11th, 2017

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The regular meeting was replaced by the annual Stampede Breakfast at the Carriage House Inn.

The weather didn't cooperate as it rained fairly hard all morning. Rhea Graham was the only Rotarian that I saw at the event. The others must have been there

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Photos courtesy George Van Schaick





Rae Campbell and Joe Hooper welcomed us to the meeting room on this sunny, warm July day.

Our new President, Alex Soutar started the meeting one minute late with a short moment of silence for the passing RI President Elect Sam F Owori of Uganda. Mr. Owori

passed away due to complications developed during surgery. He was to be the first African President of RI.

George Van Schaick did his best to have us sing O Canada and the Rotary grace.

The Carriage House staff quickly served the leg of a lamb or a salad to the small gathering of members and guests.



David Irving acted as Sargent-at-Arms and gathered a few shekels for the Club from the willing members.

Graham Boone won the 50-50 draw. Graham will be my partner in the upcoming Seniors' Golf Tournament at Mackenzie Meadows so I expect he will buy the refreshments for the foursome.



Joe Hooper introduced three visitors: Ray Ross — a visiting Rotarian from Canmore, Irene Pfeiffer — guest of Bart, and the guest speaker Ron Freckleton.

Paul Gaudet talked about parking for the upcoming Rugged Maniac Run, where we will be parking cars, and the AKC Summer Classic, where we will be driving people

movers and doing some gate work. Sign-up files were circulated and the sheets are also on line. Paul announced that he is training Jim Hennessy to take his position of coordinating the Spruce Meadows activities. Thanks to Jim for volunteering for that important task.



We were all pleased to welcome Pat Hutchinson and Barry Korpatnisky back at the meeting and looking healthy after recovering from their ailments.

*Photos courtesy
George Van Schaick*

Grillin' and Servin' Auburn Bay July 23rd



New Rotary Year Begins

July 25th

Brian Burke, President, Hockey Operations, Calgary Flames

July 27th

Rotary Networking Night, Limericks Traditional Public House, 5-7pm — contact Rob Wolfson

Membership and New Club Development Month

August 1st

Perry Abramenko — Alberta Wild Boars

August 8th

Annual Nature Park Picnic Meeting

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



SPRUGE MEADOWS

Basic Education and Literacy Month

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

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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before 8 o'clock or were too fatigued from parking cars that they were resting.

The Carriage House did a great job of protecting the cooks and supply tables from the rain and allowed the guests to eat in the hotel, or at least under the overhang on the south side of the building. The orange juice, pancakes, sausages, beans, muffins, croissants and coffee all tasted great despite the weather.



The rain and cooler temperatures were welcomed

after the heat we experienced when we were parking cars at Spruce Meadows during the North American event, but it could have come at another time.



Nature Park Clean-up



Pictured are the members of this year's clean up committee: Jim Thompson, Nature Park Committee Chairman, Susan Mackell, a volunteer and Paul Harris fellowship recipient of the club, and the always-willing-to-help member, Hank Popoff. We were joined by 2 members of the McKenzie Meadows GC staff, supplying equipment and manpower at no cost to the club. The committee has declined in numbers over the years ... hopefully a correction in numbers willing to help, will occur next year.

The Nature Park is located directly below the community of Cranston along the banks of the Bow River. It is the largest urban park Rotary project in the district, and comprises over 100 acres, including 2 large ponds. The annual Club Picnic in the Park takes place there August 8th, catered by McKenzie Meadows Golf Club, in place of our regular meeting at the Carriage House.



Speaker July 18th — Dealing with Dementia

Ron Freckleton



Bart introduced Ron Freckleton, our speaker. Ron and his wife Joan enjoyed 58 years of married life in Liverpool England, Scotland, and then Calgary. Joan passed away in 2014 after ten years of Alzheimer's.

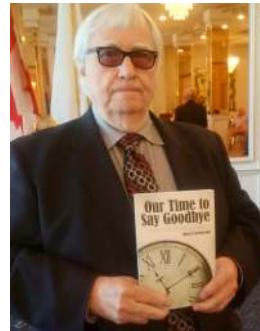
Ron stayed by her side doing all he could for as long as he could until his doctor told him he needed to have more help as his own health was suffering and he would be no help to Joan if his health failed. Joan was institutionalized for her last few months. During the ten years that Joan was afflicted by that terrible ailment, she gradually needed more and more help with the daily living activities such as shopping and in the kitchen. Ron said that he took on the kitchen duties and learned to cook reasonably well.



Ron decided to move into the Trinity Lodge so he and Joan could be together again; however, before he could move, Joan stopped eating and passed away. Amazingly, Joan could not speak but was able to play the piano up until a couple of months of her passing.

Ron did move to the Trinity Lodge where he decided to write a book about their life together. He needed to take courses at the U of C in writing and using a computer. He sent his book to two different publishers without success until he contacted a branch of Amazon where he was successful. He titled the book 'Our Time to Say Goodbye'. All profits go to the Alzheimer Society.

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Spruce Meadows Parking for the North American



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