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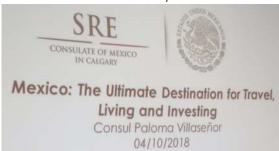
Mexico

Maria de la Paloma Villasenor Vargas, Mexican Counsul



Bart Dailly introduced Ms Villasenor Vargas, Consul for Mexico. Maria opened her speech by inviting visitors to Mexican resorts to explore surrounding cities in their vicinity.

For example, she points out that visitors to Cancun should also include the city of Merida in their





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Booze, Broads and Brothels

Kimberly Williams, MRU



Bart introduced our speaker using some of this bio, which she provided:

"Kimberly Williams directs the Women's & Gender Studies Program at Mount Royal University where she teaches courses on a wide range of topics, including:

men and masculinities in Alberta, feminist, critical race and queer theories, global gender issues, Calgary's adult consensual sex industry, and Indigenous feminisms. Her book, "Imagining Russia" (2012), won the SUNY Press First Book Award in 2009. Her current research explores the gendered, racialized dynamics of the Calgary Stampede. Today's talk, and the historical walking tour on which it is based, is part of the bigger



project. Off campus, Kimberly belongs to Cricket, a mini mystery mutt of undetermined origin, with whom she plays agility and explores Southern Alberta's awesome green spaces."



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Meeting Minutes

Scribe: Bruce Bohnet



























Greeters: David Irving and Dean White

Guests: Josie Hennessy, Maria de la Paloma Villasenor Vargas, Maria Garanage, Ruben Ordonez, Dick and Betty French (Grande Prairie Sunrise)

President Alex Soutar opened the meeting with a sombre recognition of the tragedy

suffered by the Humbolt Hockey Team. A moment of silence preceded the meeting.

Minute Men:



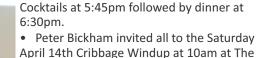
• George Kimura announced the District Conference is taking place in Calgary on May 4th, 5th and 6th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Anne Dale
brought our
attention to the
middle page of the
Arch proclaiming the
Women of Action
evening on May
31th at the Coast
Plaza Hotel.



• John Charrett

reminded us of the 4th annual Youth Dinner on the evening of April 24th at the Carriage House. This marks the 20th year relationship with Fairview School and will be attended by 15 students, along with special guests Linda and Marg Southern.



Paul Gaudet
asked for help at the
Spruce Meadows
Horticultural Show
this weekend April

14th and 15th. All positions are in need of volunteers for a 3 hour shift.



 Rob Wolfson has drawn up a pool for the Stanley Cup

hockey wars. \$20 allows you to participate in Rob's always fun program.



Pat Hutchinson reports Ernie and Helen Hawrylyshen are struggling with

their health, and Ernie is concerned it may impede his ability to participate in Rotary functions. Pat suggests a phone call from



some of us offering

words of encouragement may be in order.



50/50 Draw: Garth Sabirsh was the lucky winner. cont'd on page 3

Rotary (**)

Meeting Minutes cont'd



Sgt at Arms: Peter Bickham

- Jim Hennessy suffered a penalty for answering his phone during the meeting.
- David Irving for his less than perfect Spanish

pronunciation of some of our guests from Mexico.

- Paul Gaudet for daring to grill the Sgt at Arms.
- \$2 per member who are not yet in Rob's hockey pool.



Good/Bad News Bucks:

- Dean White announced that Roots to STEM has raised \$38K in grants so far this year.
- Jim Hennessy announced that his son has reached the age of 45 years.
- Hank Popoff generously added to David Irving's fine.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick



Meeting Minutes

April 17th, 2018







Scribe: David Irving















Nice to see the sun shining and the temperature moving up a little, but it was hard to tell what was going on outside as the dark drapes on the "pillar room" blocked are view to the outside. However, it didn't dampen the very well attended meeting (55 members and visitors), and the warm greeting we received from PP David Wartman and Dick Snel as we entered the room.

Ruth Wylie did her usual masterful job of trying to keep us together as the National Anthem and the Rotary Grace was belted out after President Alex got the meeting going on time.

Good to see Keith Hansen at a meeting, and to welcome back Rae Campbell and Sydney Richmond from their winter stays in Arizona and Mexico, respectively.

Pres Alex encouraged us to attend the District Conference which is taking place here in Calgary at the Hyatt Hotel on May 4th to 6th.



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Needless to say, it has been a bizarre winter for those Albertans unable to escape winter's extended clutches, on the weather in the Wild Rose province. Judy and I once again were able to log over 100 days at our home in Arizona, where the weather has been wonderful, except far too dry and in some months, a bit too hot, all adding up to drought conditions. Could Biden be right? Some east of here might start to think so. Our daughters in Calgary have kept us posted , as well as a few fellow Rotarians. We were pleased to have missed it all, to say the least!

Spending this much time in the USA, with little Canadian news, is not new to us, BUT this year has been a collection of very unusual events ... many very disturbing and worrisome. It prompts me to move into an unfiltered mode and examine what is happening, by applying the Four Way Test of Rotary to some of the incidents drawing international attention.

Is it the TRUTH? ... We can see clearly why most politicians, in both countries, would have trouble meeting this test. The behaviour of our leaders, in terms of TRUTH, is clearly very distorted.

Is it FAIR to all concerned? ... Not even close! Both countries are ripped apart by the lack of truthfulness, in the political arena. Examples occur and are reported on daily.

Will It build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? ... Not a chance! In the USA two party system, there is no friendship that appears able to be stronger than political loyalties. The apparent division at home in Canada is dividing the country more than in any decades before.

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? ... Apparently not. Vision is clouded by political PERSONAL conviction ,rather than the good of the people, on both sides of the border.

The Four Way Test is the ideology of a service club that declares 'Service Above Self' as a motto. I have known many Rotarians that struggle with the Rotary Four Way Test too, some even mocking it with comments like, "I believe in the Golden Rule ... the man with the gold rules", or "what good are friends if you can't use them", or "pay yourself first", etc, etc — maybe they would be better suited to careers in politics??

Booze, Broads & Brothels

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I'm sure we all learned from the talk that Kimberly presented ... things that we didn't know about the sex industry past and present, but probably not many of us are going to check out her walking tour where the ladies of the night ply their trade. She told us that, in the 1800's when there were about 500 women in Calgary, the women were either married or worked the sex trade because there wasn't any other opportunity for employment. Thank goodness times have changed!

The walking tour that she is involved with is entitled "Booze, Broads & Brothels". It seems that the walk is designed to walk the same streets that were walked by the ladies-of-the-night. "You'll

hear some unbelievable stories about the people, places, and politics of Calgary's still robust sex industry, which, although begrudgingly acknowledged, is rarely visible to those who aren't looking for it." As stated on her handout ... Go for it if you dare!!

President Alex thanked her for the presentation.

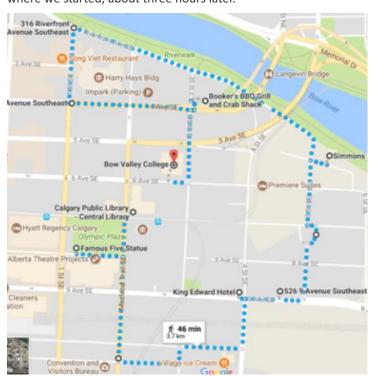


Tour Info:

The map is an approximate tour route. The route may be modified at the discretion of the tour guide pending construction, road conditions, and other unforeseen situations.

We set off from the Famous Five Statue. The closest C-Train station is City Hall, and the nearest cross street is 8th Avenue SE @ 1st Street SE.

We walk at a comfortable pace and make several stops, including rests and bathroom breaks as needed. Our journey will take us south to Victoria Park, past the Stampede grounds, then through the East Village . We then head west along the south bank of the Bow River toward Centre Street, venturing into Calgary's last official "red light district" before finishing up within a block of where we started, about three hours later.





Meeting Minutes

David Wartman introduced our visitors and guests:

Anne Tremblay guest of Sydney; Pat Wicrzba guest of blank; Shiro Johnson guest of Dave Wylie; Kimberly Williams guest speaker; Honorary Member and member of Calgary Downtown, Bruce Williams; as well as Hans Tiedemann and Syed Ahmed from the Calgary South Club, and Rob Whitfield, former member of our Club and now in the High River Club.



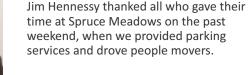




Rob Whitfield advertised the High River Club's June 2nd Lobster Dinner. He gave tickets to Hank to sell for \$75 if you have a lobster and \$65 if you would rather have a

steak. (Alberta beef, I assume.)

next Tuesday is an evening meeting (bring your partner) when the youth of the City will be featured. Social time from 5:45 until 6:45 when dinner will be served.



Jim also promoted our June 5th meeting when Sargent MacLeod from the Police Services will provide information on scams and other topical subjects. He encouraged us to bring a guest for the informative

Pat H advised that Ernie Hawrylyshen is not driving now and is spending time caring for Helen who is still recovering from her heart surgery. Give him a call and perhaps offer him a lift to one of or meetings.



Sgt-at-Arms Ian fined Sydney, John C, Jim H, Neil Al P, and himself for various

transgressions and Hank for making money at bridge.

Hank gave us good news in that Bruce Williams has arranged for our Club to provide staffing for three Cookin' & Servin' events. Thanks Bruce.

David Wartman announced that he and his partner will be joining the Friendship Exchange to Peru.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick



First Spruce Meadows Parking Event of the Season





















An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly." The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What's the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"



Youth Night

Scribe: Bruce Bohnet

Members arrived to find that the youth groups supported by the Club had set up tables in the lobby highlighting their activities. The groups included: The Alternative High School, Henry Wisewood Interact, Spruce Meadows Bursary recipients, Scouts, Fairview School, and Roots 2 STEM. With a beverage in hand one could talk to each of these groups in turn and learn more about them.

The meeting for the Annual Youth Services Night was begun by the Master of Ceremonies, John Charrett. Following Oh Canada and Rotary grace, dinner began. Rotarians were spread around the various tables such that we all had representatives from one or two of the youth groups at our tables. Each of the groups was identified and we welcomed them in our normal fashion.

Following dinner, Club Secretary Paul Gaudet came up and gave an overview of the Chinook Rotary Club, and the charities and activities that the Club is presently involved in. (see April 10th issue of the Arch for the details)

Each of the youth groups was given the opportunity to come to the podium and speak about their programs.

Rhea Graham introduced the Youth Programs that Chinook Rotary Club supports at Fairview High School. This includes RYPEN, the Mentoring Program and support for the activities of the Social Awareness Society.

Two students from the Interact Club at Henry Wisewood H.S. addressed the meeting talking about their activities and also their RYLA experience. Members from the Dr E P Scarlett Interact club unfortunately could not attend.

Leaders and members of 264 Somerset Bridlewood Scout Group came up and talked about their program. Chinook Rotary has traditionally been a sponsor of the Scouts and have done so for the past 11 years. This group has 120 youth members at present. They participated in the Scout Jamboree in Halifax NS last year with 20,000 other scouts from around the world.

The Alternative High School was represented by the Vice Principal and Tia, the recipient of our Club's bursary this year. They have over 120 students in grades 10 through 12, and have had 20 years of partnership with Rotary.

In addition to the Alternative High School, the Club's bursary program supports students in 5 High Schools.

The Spruce Meadows Scholarship supported by Chinook Rotary was spoken about by Linda Southern-Heathcott. She introduced Nicholas and Joe as the two recipients of this award. Both of these gentlemen exemplify the term "Excellence" as defined by Ron Southern. Linda went on to thank Chinook Rotarians for their participation in an event that has progressed from 15 days some 40 years ago, to almost 365 days of activity at present.

At the close of the meeting, John Charrett called on a student representative from each of the groups to come up and receive a certificate representing a donation to Polio Plus made in each group's name.





What's Up!!

Youth Service Month

May 1st	Eva Friesen, CEO,	Calgary Foundation
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May 8th John Hufnagel, President and GM, Calgary Stampeders

May 11th Roots 2 STEM Mentoring Program for Fairview School students

May 15th Jeromy Farkas, Calgary City Councillor May 22nd

Katie Graham, Alberta Speleological Society

May 24th Networking Night @ Limericks, 5:30pm — contact Rob Wolfson May 25th Roots 2 STEM Mentoring Program for Fairview School students

May 29th Dave Sibbald, President, Calgary Exhibition & Stampede

May 31st Rotary Women of Action in support of 'Days for Girls', 7-9pm, Coast Plaza Hotel



Rotary Fellowships Month

Staff Sgt Andrew MacLeod, CPS — Cybercrime June 5th

Mexico

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agenda. Places like Merida offer a close up look at the real Mexico including the arts, history, music, culture and daily life. Calgary has direct flights to Mexico City which allows direct flights to a vast number of South and Central American destinations. Most aquatic marine life visits either of the Mexican coasts at some point in their travels, and the Sea of Cortez is a breeding area for many whales that call North America home. Festivals and Carnivals are popular attractions for tourists and locals alike. There exists 34 historical sites such as Chichen Itza, Tulum and many others open for adventurous travellers.

As the 11th most populated country in the world, Mexico offers great opportunities for investment. The median age is 27 years old and are highly educated. The country is the 8th largest economy in the world and offers residents the 3rd lowest tax burden. Canada is the 4th major investor in a country that boasts 46 free trade agreements worldwide.







Days For Girls Workshop

The Sewing Room A Days For Girl's workshop was held on Saturday April 15th at Anne Dale's 'My Sewing Room'. The 107 Pathfinders Girl Guides group have been regular volunteers!



Parker, who was at our Mix and Mingle and found out about the volunteer opportunity, also came to help!







Rotaract News

Rotaract clubs around the world earn awards for excellent service

The 2018 Rotaract Outstanding Project Award recognized the Rotaract Club of Edulink International Campus, Western Province, Sri Lanka, for a project that teaches entrepreneurial skills to women with HIV to empower them to earn a living.

The club created the Dream Store online platform, where the women can sell products they make and have their earnings go straight to their bank accounts. After meeting with the women to assess their abilities, the



Join us for a fun and inspirational evening to support Days for Girls (DfG) and hear Celeste Mergens, DfG founder, tell the story of the organization. Each ticket purchased (\$30) supplies one menstrual hygiene kit to keep a girl from missing up to three months of school each year.

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club partnered with local experts and Rotarians to expand the women's skills or teach them new

ones. The women also received training in basic business and personal finance.

The club arranged with several leading companies, including the largest gift shop in Sri Lanka, to carry the women's products to ensure they had a customer base. The club hopes it can remove some of the stigma around HIV and AIDS by allowing the women to showcase their talents, giving people a way to support them through commerce, and holding events aimed at educating the public about the disease.

The award for best multi-district project went to the European Rotaract Information Centre, a multi-district organization that promotes collaboration and development of service projects among 115 districts and 24,000 Rotaractors in more than 45 countries. The organization compiles project descriptions and uploads them to a library, where results can be shared. A "twinning accelerator" serves as a search engine to connect clubs with mutual interests in service and friendship.

For this year's awards, more than 470 projects were nominated in 59 countries. In addition to the best single-club project and multi-district project, the awards recognized outstanding service projects in each of six geographical regions. The best single-club project and best multi-district project receive \$1,000 each for future service activities, and members are invited to inspire other Rotaractors and Rotarians at the Rotaract Preconvention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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