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A Grey Cup Story Bruce Covernton

Bart introduced our speaker, Bruce Covernton, who visited us today to tell us about the 1992 Grey Cup in which he played a significant role. Bruce was 1st team All American at Weber State and attended the NFL combine in 1991. He was selected first overall by the Calgary Stampeders in the 1992 Canadian College Draft. Bruce was voted the West's top Rookie in 1992, and top offensive lineman in 1993. He was part of our Grey Cup Championship teams in 1992 and 1998.

Bruce opened his presentation by showing us his own personalized Grey Cup, a smaller version of the real thing. He also passed around his actual Grey Cup Ring from the 1992 Championship, lots of diamonds on a very large ring! Bruce



took the opportunity to comment on the most asked question of this week, "what did he think about Edmonton's decision to kick a field goal late in Sunday's Western final?" "Dumb, dumb, dumb" was his answer.



in doing so, someone was heard commenting that perhaps his nickname should be the "Little Tuna".

Another anecdote referred to the tradition by the offensive line of playing "fat man football" the night before a big game. This involved these large players scrimmaging by themselves. Inevitably someone got injured and had to hide it from their Coach or they would all be in trouble. This led to a change in the tradition from scrimmaging to playing Bocci, a much safer pastime.

The trip to Toronto in 1992 brought pressure on all the players, especially since they had lost in 1991 and were determined to win this year. A big part *cont'd on page 4 ...*

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Our greeter today was Bruce Bohnet, who provided a warm welcome to both members and guests.

President Alex started our meeting at 12:15. He introduced "O Canada" with Ruth Wylie on the piano, followed by Rotary Grace. He noted that Paul Gaudet would be today's Scribe, and then called on Bruce to introduce our visitors and guests. Today we had a total of 44 in attendance, which included 2 guests and Ben Steblecki from the South Club.



Our first order of business was to induct Imma Dike-Shittu as our newest regular member. Imma was introduced by her sponsor, Dean White, and inducted by Paul G. She is an accountant operating under the name of Beacon Accounting Services, and was heartily welcomed into Chinook Rotary.



Pat Hutchinson provided a report on the health of the Club. He advised that he had spoken with John McBean who is doing as well as could be expected, and is doing shifts at Spruce Meadows. Pat also told us that Ron Hardy is having eye surgery and is expecting a full recovery and looking forward to getting to a meeting soon.

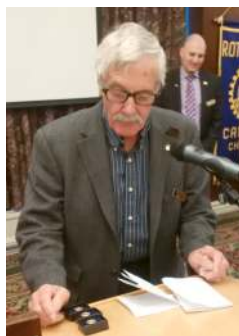
Greeter Schedule



November 28th	George K and Dave W
December 5th	No greeters
December 12th	Tammy and Pat H
December 19th	No greeters

Minute Men:

- Dale followed up on her recent email regarding our new initiative to ensure spouses of deceased members are not forgotten. She is seeking any members who have a close relationship with such spouses to aid in our ongoing communications and support.
- Bart advised that there is a December 5th deadline for bringing filled shoeboxes to our meeting, so please bring them in by then.
- Garth S. updated us on the Christmas Market at Spruce Meadows. We have completed the first of our three long weekends, and continue to count on the support of our members to get the job done.
- Tammy reminded us about the December 5th Seniors Lunch and the need for additional volunteers to properly serve our guests. Please consider signing up if you haven't already done so.
- Tammy also reminded us about our Christmas Party being held this year at Toscana Italian Grill (with Chance Devlin on the piano), on December 19th. Tickets are a great deal at \$50 per person, so please contact Tammy and join our group.



supporting our International Foundation.

• Anthony presented three Paul Harris Fellowship pins to: David Wartman (+2), Tom Sorenson (+2) and Alex Soutar (+4). Congratulations to all three and thanks for



Rotary Foundation Month

November 28th Michelle Douglas, Director, Dogs with Wings
November 28th Rotary Curling @ Garrison Curling Club @ 4:45 — contact George K

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 1st-3rd Parking for the Spruce Meadows Christmas Market — sign up on line
December 5th Annual Seniors Christmas Luncheon
December 5th Rotary Curling @ Garrison Curling Club @ 4:45 — contact George K
December 7th Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter B
December 12th Club Assembly
December 12th Rotary Curling @ Garrison Curling Club @ 4:45 — contact George K
December 19th Annual Christmas Party — eat, drink & dance @ Toscana Italian Grill with Chance Devlin — contact Tammy T
December 21st-22nd Casino at Elbow River Casino — sign-up sheet will be circulating, or contact Bruce B
December 26th No meeting

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Vocational Service Month

January 2nd Kevin Crowe — Give A Mile Foundation
January 4th Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter B
January 9th Rotary Curling @ Garrison Curling Club @ 4:45 — contact George K — second round begins
January 18th Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter B



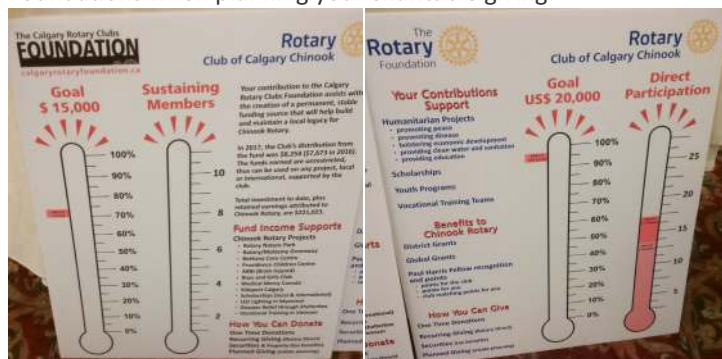
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Meeting Minutes

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• Anthony also called our attention to the two posters (professionally created by Stephen) which highlight our giving goals for both of our foundations. Terry Craig advised us that by donating online to the Calgary Clubs Foundation we can take advantage of a partial matching deal (15%) by ATB. This Foundation generates an annual interest payment back to our Club which grows as our balance in the Foundation increases. This return will go on for many years after we are all gone ... the gift that keeps on giving. Please consider both of our Rotary Foundations when planning your charitable giving.



• Bruce Bohnet reported that we still have five shifts open for our upcoming Casino event (December 21st and 22nd) so please check your schedule and help out if you can.
• Rob Wolfson paid out the \$200 winnings for our NFL loser pool to the lucky winner, David Irving. He also reported that our Grey Cup Pool (with proceeds going to Polio Plus) has been sold out so thanks to all and good luck on Sunday.

This may be a record number of "Minutemen" but is a testament to the level of activity during December in our Club. We can all rest in January!



Our 50-50 draw winner today was Ryan MacLean.



Bob Gentles took the podium as our Sgt. at Arms. He was under time constraints due to the numerous Minutemen preceding him, but was still successful in raising a few dollars for the Club. He fined everyone without their pins and then cited several dates from the past and asked if anyone could identify what happened on said dates? They included the date Pierre Trudeau resigned, the date Brian Mulroney won his majority government, and the date New Brunswick became a Province. Not sure anyone knew the answers, so money flowed into the pot!



Good News / Bad News:

• John Charrett rose to congratulate his friend from the South Club, Ben Steblecki, who had joined us today to maintain his 41 year record of perfect attendance.
• Al Holt rose to congratulate Jim Hennessy for his absolutely fantastic talk delivered at our recent Remembrance Ceremony. Jim was passionate and knowledgeable in his tale of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and did our Club proud!

Bart introduced our speaker, Bruce Covernton, who was part of our Grey Cup Championship teams in 1992 and 1998.

President Alex thanked our speaker by presenting him with our certificate noting a donation to help eradicate Polio in the world. He then closed our meeting at 1:30pm.





of the experience also involved family, friends and long lost cousins. It was a unique time and fortunately from early in the game, it was clear Calgary was going to win, and win they did, by a score of 24 to 10. This was their first Grey Cup win in 21 years, ending the longest drought at that time of any CFL city. Bruce tells about he and another teammate running into their locker room after the game to celebrate with their team, only to find they were the only two players there. They looked up on the TV screen to see that the celebration and trophy presentation was taking place on the field, a big "oops".

They got to take the "Cup" back with them to Calgary, and the City held a parade down 9th Avenue with thousands of fans cheering them on. Bruce reported that the accomplishment meant a great deal to everyone on the team, the rookies, the veterans, the stars, everyone. They even got to take the trophy down to Electric Avenue that evening to the delight of many more fans. Bruce wrapped up by emphasizing that it was a fabulous experience, and went on to predict that he was "pretty sure" we would win again this year. He stayed on to answer questions from our members.

Chinook Rotary Christmas Party

December 19th, 2017

Dinner at Toscana Italian Grill for a little taste of Italy (just in time for Christmas)

Cocktails at 6, dinner at 7, entertainment throughout!
Chance Devlin will be our piano man for the night, serenading us while we eat, drink and dance!



Tickets \$50/person, cash only. All payments are due December 5th.
If there are any questions or concerns please email Tammy Truman at tammy-truman@cooperators.ca

Networking Night November 16th



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