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My Alberta Vision Jason Kenney, Leader, UCP



Bart introduced our speaker, Jason Kenney, and said that he poured coffee for his tablemates, which may qualify him to be a barrista, if things don't work out this spring.

As Mr. Kenney's accomplishments are many, included is the intro:

"Jason is the MLA for Calgary Lougheed and leader of the United Conservative Party (UCP). He was born in Oakville, Ontario, and grew up in Wilcox, Saskatchewan, where he attended the Athol Murray College of Notre Dame. His later studies took him to St. Michael's University School in Victoria, and then the University of San Francisco. In 1989 he joined the Alberta Taxpayers Association and quickly rose to become president and CEO. In 1997, he became a Reform Party member of Parliament. He was re-elected as part of the Canadian Alliance, and then re-elected 4 more times with the Conservative Party. Federally, he has served as Parliamentary Secretary for the Prime Minister, and as a Cabinet Minister, with portfolios of Multiculturalism, Employment and Social Development, National Defence, and Immigration. He left federal politics and became leader of the Conservative Party of Alberta, and then, the newly formed United Conservative Party."

Jason acknowledged Bart's intro, and told him he had a great face for radio (best line of the day!).

For the most part, Jason's excellent presentation stayed away from partisan politics, and he said he disagreed with the politics of personal destruction. He praised Albertans for their identity of taking personal responsibility, risk taking and entrepreneurship. His remarks included much about pipelines, and lack thereof, and tied much of the obstructions to the Rockefeller Foundation, whose stated goal is to lock in Alberta's "tar sands". They are financiers of many protest groups.



He speculated on the reason these groups focus on Alberta is

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Greeters were missing today. Following lunch, Dave Wylie stepped into the breach to introduce our one visitor, Rotarian Kurt Schuler, from Calgary West.

Kurt was in attendance to promote his club's annual fund raiser



wouldn't accept responsibility. Various slights of showing no respect, were recognized, together with those who didn't take a chance on a ticket for the Chase the Ace fund raiser.

Rotarian Recognition — Prez George recognized old faithful, Rotarian Gordon Billings. Gord joined Chinook, after having



been a member in Regina. He was introduced by Joe Hooper. Gord is a RI supporter, having a Paul Harris plus one. He has served on our board as a director. Gord was a faithful supporter of our

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— Valentine cupcakes. Cookies have been added to the offering this year. Pat H. mentioned that he buys every year to give to his condo neighbours. They are a big hit.

Minute Members:

- Bart cracked a couple of funnies. He then announced that he had received 30 responses to his question regarding next week's speaker, Jason Kenney, with 100% acceptance.



Chase the Ace — \$45 was won by Rhea. For the big pot, she drew a black ace, but it was the club. The rest of us live again.

SAA Peter B began and ended with a joke. In between he tried to fine Anthony for having no greeters, but he was absent. Bev



Submitted by Rhea Graham

Dear Rotarians,
my name is Sanjana. I was able to attend the RYPEN camp this year because of the efforts you have made to make this possible. I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to make new friends and learn how I can become a leader in my community. I enjoyed going to RYPEN a lot because I was able to try new things and meet new people. I learned how to communicate better with my peers and be a role model to others. Through this experience I was also able to learn more about myself and my strengths and weaknesses as an individual. Aside from learning a lot I also had fun and made memories that I will always remember. I was only able to do all of these things because of the time and work that you put in to this experience. Thank you for allowing me to attend RYPEN.

Sincerely,
Sanjana

RYPEN,

% Rotary Club,

Rotary District 5360,

Calgary, AB.

Dear sir/ma,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION ABOUT THE RYPEN 2018 EXPERIENCE

Hello, I hope your day has been going well. My name is Oyin Adabs and I am one of the two Fairview School students that was selected to attend the RYPEN Camp organized by the Rotary Club on September 20th-23rd, 2018. The reason for this letter is to express my appreciation for sponsoring me. I was able to gain unforgettable memories, make new friends and acquire new leadership skills that will help me in the future. I was able to discover more about myself and learnt a lot of life's lessons.

I was informed at the end of the school year by my English Language Arts teacher that I had been selected to attend the RYPEN camp because of my good leadership skills and willingness to help others. I felt very honored that I had been chosen and very grateful to be given a once in a lifetime opportunity. Upon arriving at the camp, I met two people from my school who were selected last year and felt a lot safer as they are very responsible people whom I trust. I was also introduced to the other participant that was chosen from my school and we instantly hit it off although she is a grade lower than me.

On the first day, we were splitted into color teams and I was on the white team. At first, it was really awkward because none of us knew each other but that changed when we received our first team building exercise. We had to build a free standing structure that everyone in our team

performances like slam poetry, interpretive dancing, a Ted talk inspired performance and so much more. I even gathered up all my courage and sung "Eyes Nose Lips" by Taeyang.

When the fourth and final day arrived, I felt really sad because I was leaving such a wonderful and amazing place. We had time to talk with our group and recapped everything we had done and answered questions like what our favorite part of the camp was, our favorite and least favorite activities and so much more. Before we left, all the color groups and staff members sat in a circle and each one of us shared what we gained from our RYPEN experience. I gained two important life lessons from the camp. The first was that I should live my life how I want to instead of living up to other people's ideas and expectations of who I should be and how I should act. The second life lesson I gained from the camp is that not all team work is bad and it can actually be fun when all members are involved. Personally, I do not like working in teams because most of the time, I end up doing all the work, but after being with my team for a lot of team building exercises, I learnt the true value and joy of teamwork.

In conclusion, my trip to the RYPEN camp was truly a life changing experience. I got to meet new people and learnt a lot of new skills that will help me become a better leader. I got to experience a lot of fun team building activities and became friends with a lot of different and unique people. I was able to discover more about myself and what are important to me like family, friend, religion, education and a supportive environment. I am really grateful for the opportunity and I hope to go next year. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Oyin Adabs

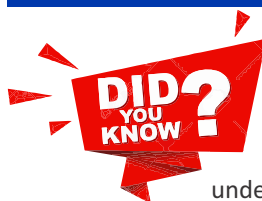
could fit under and could only use newspaper and tape. The challenge was difficult but my team succeeded because we worked really well together and everyone's voice and opinions were heard which isn't always the case in the real world because brilliant ideas are often overlooked for one reason or the other.

In the afternoon of the second day, a guest speaker came and spoke to us. She is an Indigenous woman who has had a lot of amazing adventures and is still striving to change the world for the better. She told us the story of how she got Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) when she was aboard a sinking ship which resulted in her being stranded at sea for about 40 hours. Thankfully, she later overcame it and decided not to let fear take control of her life. The message she wanted to pass across was that we are the future and have the power to change the world and not to live our life for other people because at the end of the day, all that matters is you.

The third day was my favorite because we got to do lots of amazing activities. The first activity my group did was to go on this giant swing like machine. You would be hooked onto a safety harness and the people at the bottom pulled on a long rope. With each pull, you would rise higher and higher into the air. Once you reach your desirable height, the people at the bottom would let go and you would begin swinging back and forth. At first, I was a little bit scared because it was really high up but I decided to go and I didn't regret my decision because the view and the feeling were phenomenal. My second favorite activity was a wood breaking exercise. We had to write our fears on one side of the board and on the other side, we wrote our qualities and positive things about ourselves. Then we had to break the board as a sign of letting go of our fears. Later that night (which was our last night), we had a Talent Show. I got to witness amazing



Did You Know?



I have always had a very good memory, that stores all kinds of experiences, memories of things that are good, bad, happy and sad. My memory of things Rotary mostly come under the good category but there are a few exceptions. Take for example, when RI mandated that we should not deny women for seeking membership in this all male service club.

We responded positively as a club to accept proposals for female members, on the same classification basis we had all faced for membership ... recorded proposals in the Arch, then to be inducted if no objections with merit were received on an individual basis. We honoured Marg Southern with an Honorary membership for community service in 2001 ... a natural, given the amount of support shown for our club. But prior to that, we had our first female member, Moe Tynan, proposed by yours truly, in 1992. She remains an active member, classification "Furniture Manufacturing". Her induction set the stage for many quality female members to follow, but the ceremony had a sad part when a male member, openly and vocally opposed to female membership, stormed out of the meeting in mid-introduction of Moe.

Fortunately there have been no further incidents like that. Moe is the Club's Historic Records custodian, now storing 4 full filing cabinets of our club's Presidential records, filed annually and a variety of memorabilia including photo albums, trophies and awards, souvenirs and club banners from clubs all over the world. All Club Presidents except 2, from 1977 to date, have filed a couple of binders containing information from their year of service, such as all the newsletters for the year, final financial statements, committee final reports, written correspondence, photos, etc. Since most have attended the RI convention, prior to the commencement of their year as President, there is usually some information garnered from that experience too.

I remember when the Invermere BC club's meeting place was extensively damaged by fire, and how saddened they were at the

Community Service



A great group of Rotarians enjoyed preparing and serving lunch at Ronald McDonald House January 19th.

Wayne Wiebe

loss of their historic records. I remember too, during one of my two visits to RI HQ in Evanston Illinois USA, seeing the restored office of Paul Harris, set up there, with all the artifacts he had on display from his travels ... an historic tribute to our founder. It was so obvious that maintaining the history of this worldwide Service organization was paramount to its success and continued growth.

Most recently I was reminded how thorough RI's historic records are when the November 2018 issue of the 'Rotarian' was delivered to us all. Looking back on WW1 (1914 -1918) — the Great War — and the article about how the war was covered in the Rotarian Magazines, throughout the wars entirety. My grandfather was in that war for 4 years and survived! That was remarkable considering the huge losses of allied forces. He was serving with the 49th Edmonton Artillery. That war ended 100 years ago. What is remarkable too is the history that Rotary can refer to, from its own records, then distribute in many languages, to the over 26,000 clubs around the world, and the over 1.2million individual members, none of which ever fought in that worst of all wars.

I will be stepping down as club Historian soon, after 40 years of trying to keep our history intact. I hope that someone with the same interest in preserving the past takes up the assignment.

Members can review our history like going to a library. If you wish to take some thing away to review, just sign out what you take, then sign it back on return. Dave Wylie is currently photographing the 100s of club banners we have collected. We do have some historic info that has gone AWOL. If you have something borrowed, please return it after use and DO NOT REMOVE PHOTOS either in albums or lodged loosely there.

Thank you.!

by Jim Thompson, Club Historian



Greeters Rhea and Joe were busy today, with many visitors joining us to hear our speaker.



Pres Elect Paul was our meeting chair, as Pres George was attending a funeral. In the interests of time, we gave a mass welcome to visiting Rotarians and guests.

Sunshine Report — Pat advised that Ed Mclean's recovery is progressing. Subsequent to the meeting, your scribe heard from Diane, as follows: "Ed has been transferred to a personal care home. He is walking with the aid of a walker, but short term memory isn't great, so he is confused. We hope this will get better in time. These types of strokes can improve, but it could take years. He is very upset that his life is not what it was ... each day is a challenge."



Minute Members:

- Rob announced that there were 21 attendees at last week's Rotary Networking Event, representing 5 clubs. The group included 5 potential new Members/Friends of Rotary. The next meeting at Limericks will be February 28. All are welcome.
- In his role as CPG (Chinook Pool Guy), Rob enriched the following with \$20: Don M, Dawn, Monty and Anthony (twice).
- Ryan Maclean asked for members to respond ASAP to the email question



regarding joining with the Sarcee Club in their art sale fund raiser.

Anthony Tonkinson recognized two members for **Paul Harris** achievements: John Charrett PH + 3, and Rob PH + 1.

Christine Rendell, DG Elect, spoke about the upcoming Club Leadership training, and invited all members to attend.



Chase the Ace — \$100 won by Garth G. He did not draw the Ace of Spades worth \$513, so the rest of us live again!

Sergeant at Arms — Garth was restricted to 2 minutes, so only had time for a facebook joke. Bev had a \$20 Good News bulletin about her's and Anthony's son, Spencer, joining the South Rotary Club.



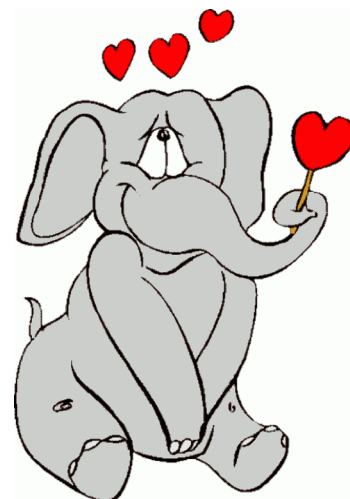
Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

February 5th	David Este, U of C Professor — Black History Month
February 7th	Community Service at the Drop In Centre, 2pm - 3:30pm — contact Alex Soutar
February 8th	Fairview Mentoring at Roots 2 STEM
February 12th	Tommy Wheeldon Jr, Coac//GM, Calgary Cavalry
February 14th	Community Service at the Mustard Seed, 6pm - 8:30pm — contact Wayne Wiebe
	Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham
February 16th	Community Service at Ronald McDonald House, 10:30am - 12:30pm — contact Wayne Wiebe
February 19th	Cory Gross, Glenbow Museum — The Ice Age
February 22nd	Fairview Mentoring at Roots 2 STEM
February 26th	Martin Parnell — Afghanistan Marathon
February 28th	Networking Night — @ Limericks, 5:30 - 7pm — contact Rob Wolfson
	Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham



Water and Sanitation Month

March 5th	April Stallings, Manager Resource Development, Children's Wish Foundation
March 8th	Fairview Mentoring at Roots 2 STEM
March 12th	Mix 'n Mingle Evening Meeting — Dan Doherty, DG
March 14th	Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham
March 15th	Fairview Mentoring at Roots 2 STEM
March 19th	Bart Dailley — Things You May Not Know #2
March 28th	Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham



Maternal and Child Health Month

April 2nd	Syed Ahmed, Community Hearing Outreach Program
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Meeting Minutes

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parking endeavours at Spruce Meadows, both in directing traffic and serving as "boss" day captain. He had a 42 year career with BNS, retiring in 1994.

ASSEMBLY

Prez George introduced members of the board of directors, three of whom spoke of their committees' activities, as follows:



Wayne Wiebe, Community Service

The club had a busy December, with members volunteering at Ronald McDonald House, Samaritan's Purse, and Salvation Army Kettles. In the new year, we are again at Ronald McDonald House, as well as the Drop In Centre and Mustard Seed. More events are being planned.

Wayne neglected to mention the Rotary Nature Park,, where Jim T has spent

countless hours in discussions with city officials, regarding damage from the 2013 flood. Stay tuned for an update from Jim in the near future.

Rhea Graham, Youth Service

Rhea acknowledged the efforts of committee chairs, as follows:

- Ron May, Interact Clubs at Dr. E.P. Scarlett and Henry Wisewood High Schools
- Dale Perret, bursaries and scholarships
- John Charrett, Fairview School Educational Partnership and RYPEN (Rotary



Youth Program of Enrichment)

- Dean White, Fairview School Mentoring with Roots 2 STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) at his "hands on" lab
- Bev Tonkinson, 5360 Rotary Employment Partnership with Inclusion Alberta



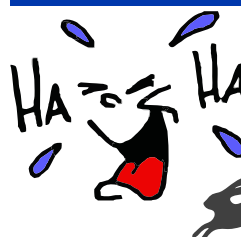
Anne Dale, International Service

Anne spoke of aid to Ukraine (your scribe missed what that consisted of). She also mentioned the matching 3 for 1 assistance to Henry Wisewood's fund raising efforts for international charities. These funds came available when a budgeted project failed to materialize.

Anne emphasized our efforts with the APU girls' school in Malawi. When we began, there were 80 girls living in tents. Now there are 400 in permanent buildings on a campus. Since inception, there are 640 alumni. Significantly, there is now training in volunteer service work, which is a concept foreign to them.

Anne has been instrumental in implementing "Days for Girls" menstrual kits, which allow students to attend classes continuously.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick



Q: What do you call a group of rabbits hopping backwards?

A: A receding hareline.





Photos courtesy Anthony Tonkinson

My Alberta Vision

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that Canadians are easy targets for generally being nice. They don't bother other crude producing countries like those in the Middle East, Africa, and Venezuela, as they would be ignored at best, jailed, or sent packing. He also ruminated about why heavy oil production under Beverly Hills is ignored by Jane Fonda, who took umbrage with Alberta heavy oil production.

Mr. Kenny believes we should demand re-negotiation of the Inter-Provincial transfer payments agreements, which give Quebec billions while they are running a surplus, and has Alberta paying billions while in deficit.

Pipeline politics have overcome Canada's legal right to build interprovincial pipelines. Recently, the Prime Minister acquiesced to Quebec, when asked about the Energy East pipeline potential.

Pres Elect Paul thanked Jason and presented him with a Polio Plus certificate.

Scribe's comments: My apologies for not being able to accurately capture Mr. Kenney's words and tone. His excellent presentation is difficult to summarize in so many words. (If I'm lucky, Chairman David will fire me for incompetence!)



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