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Classification Talks

Michael Spears



The first of two classification talks was Michael Spears. Michael was born and raised in the Toronto area. Michael and Tania have been married for 27 years, and in 1996 were commissioned as Officers in the Salvation Army Church. This role moved them to Fort St. John BC, where their first two children Julianne and Timothy were born. Then in 1999 they moved to Terrace BC where their son Mark was born. Michael was a member of the Terrace Rotary Club until 2001 when they moved to Calgary. Michael has remained busy and is currently a life insurance broker. Michael plans on being more involved with Chinook and the community we serve.

Francis Akinuoye



The second classification talk was with Francis Akinuoye who began life in Nigeria. Francis and their family immigrated to Calgary to join their father Joe in 1976. Their family settled in the Dover area of Southeast Calgary, and adapted to the winter sports available-mostly hockey. Francis earned a BA in Political Science, Bachelor of Laws, Master of Laws, and owns and manages a law firm consisting of five lawyers. Francis is a member of the Law Society of Alberta, British Columbia, and the Canadian Bar Association. Francis has been practising law for five years and has appeared at all levels of court in Alberta. Francis is eager to be involved in the community with Chinook Rotary.



President George adjourned our meeting at 1:30 pm, wishing our membership a good Rotary week and a Merry Christmas.

Sewing Seeds Canada Kelly Grams, New Project Developer



Our guest speaker was Kelly Grams, the New Project Developer for Sewing Seeds Canada. This organization is active in Sierra Leone, Ukraine, Peru, Mexico, Haiti, and soon Guatemala. It establishes teaching centers to allow citizens to learn a skill which will support them and their families. They teach teachers to help others through sustainable life programs. A video was shown of their activities in Haiti, where they are providing instruction in sewing, primary school, medical clinic, and construction. A question/answer session followed.

Our newest member, Francis Akinuoye, took notes as a scribe training exercise, as follows:

Question - What have been the results?

Answer - The schools are averaging 60 to 70 graduates per year.

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President George called our meeting to order at 12:15 pm with O Canada, and Rotary grace accompanied by Ruth Wylie on the piano.



Our members and guests were greeted by Rob Wolfson, and Michael Spears. Our guest today was Dorothy Van Schaick, guest of George Van Schaick, and was welcomed

in our usual unique Chinook fashion.



Our **Sunshine Report** from Pat Hutchinson revealed the ongoing hospital treatment for former member, Ed McLean, who has limited mobility in a wheel chair.

Minute People included:

- Neil Beatty who presented Ted Wada with a gold medal for first place in the Monday seniors curling league.

- Paul Gaudet announced an increase in lunch costs of \$1.50, to \$24.00 a week, effective January 8, 2019. There is no increase for the coffee category at lunch.



- Paul also conducted a raffle for a pair of Calgary Flames tickets donated by David Townsend of the Sarcee Rotary Club. The tickets for January 9th were won by Peter Bickham.
- Rob Wolfson announced two winners of the Flames Minute Lotto, John Charrett, and Jack Steen each receiving \$20.



- Rob also reported on the results of the fundraising survey:
 - Option A (go it alone) — 10 votes / 18.51%
 - Option B (partner up) — 26 votes = 48.14%
 - Total casino votes — 36 votes = 66.65%
 - Option C (self fund) — 15 votes = 27.78%
 - None of the above — 3 votes = 5.57%

The committee will reconvene in the new year.



- Winner of the Heads and Tails Contest was Stephen Pick.



- Anthony Tonkinson presented Wayne Wiebe with a Paul Harris award, and also commented on the successful day trip to the Rosebud Theatre.

- Tammy presented a Christmas gift to Connie Hussey as a thank you for the many duties involved with signing members and guests in, and processing the lunch tickets throughout the year.



President George recognized Al Holt for **Outstanding Service** to Chinook Rotary at today's meeting. Al joined Chinook Rotary in



1986 sponsored by Ron Smith and served as Club President in 2000-2001. Al's father was a Rotarian at the same club as Jack Steen's father in Toronto, sparking a keen interest in Rotary for Al. Al is a strong supporter of the Rotary Foundation, and as well has been

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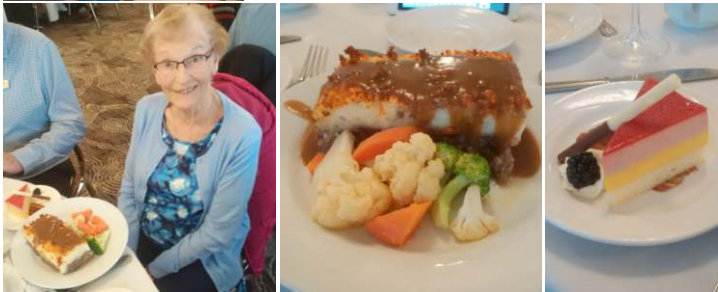


We were greeted today by one of our charter members, Herb Imler. The club was chartered in March, 1977, so Herb has been a Chinooker for 42 years. Well done, young man.



The meeting was opened with O Canada, followed by Rotary grace, with Ruth Wylie, on the piano.

Lunch followed with a portion of shepherd's pie, large enough for three. (I'm told it was delicious).



Four guests of members were introduced.



Birthdays: Bruce B, Gerald P, Jack S, David I, Tom S, Imma D-S, Dick S, George VS.

Anniversaries: Bill & Peggy Churchward had the only January wedding, 42 years ago.

Anniversaries of club membership: Terry G - 28 yrs, Gerald L - 24, Anthony - 32, Garth S - 11, Michael S - I, Dawn R - 7, Bob M - 23, Stephen P - 18, and Anne D - 7.



Secretary Paul announced that Stephen's mother passed away at the grand old age of 98 ¾.



Minute Members:

- Anne Dale advised that the club has an opportunity to host a friendship exchange July 10 - 14. She is seeking interest from members who would be willing to be home hosts.



- Rhea spoke of our mentorship with Fairview school. It again will be held at Dean White's Roots 2 STEM laboratory/school, beginning March 18. This program has been well received by teachers and parents, and needs Chinook volunteers to help with supervision of the grades 5 to 9 students.

- Anthony gave a summary of our

2018 R.I. Foundation giving, whereby 38 of our members donated a total of US\$ 10,943.

- Rob, the pool guy, awarded Flames last goal \$20 winners: Terry G, George VS, Garth S, and Bruce B.



He also gave final results for the NFL losers pool. 48 started, with most falling out early. Paul G was our only club member still standing

at the end. He won \$95 for third place, and \$232.50 in a tie for first. The club's portion was \$370.



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Vocational Service Month

January 15th Mark Stinson, Communications Director, Calgary Pickleball
 January 22nd Club Assembly
 January 24th Networking Night — @ Limericks, 5:30 - 7pm — contact Rob Wolfson
 Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham
 January 29th Jason Kenney, Leader, UCP

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

February 5th David Este, U of C Professor — Black History Month
 February 12th Tommy Wheeldon Jr, Coach/GM, Calgary Cavalry
 February 14th Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham
 February 19th Cory Gross, Glenbow Museum — The Ice Age
 February 26th Martin Parnell — Afghanistan Marathon
 February 28th Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham



Meeting Minutes December 18th

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the Club Treasurer for many years, as well as Treasurer for the District, and he has also participated in the District Development Society. Al participated in parking at Spruce Meadows, worked the casino fundraisers, and led the club in fundraisers for Scouts at Spruce Meadows.



Winner of the card draw today was Hank Popoff.



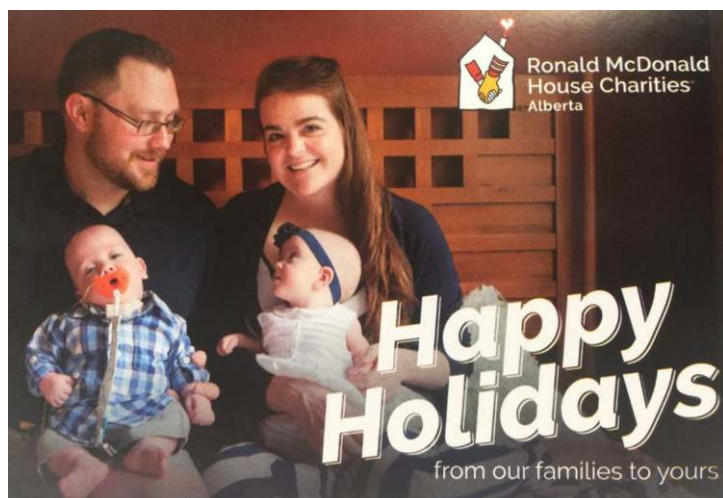
Sergeant at Arms today was Bob Gentles who very effectively imposed fines for all of the tables at our meeting.

No speaker today ... we had Classification Talks from Michael Spear and Francis Akinnuoye.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for making this year a great success, your support and time in the kitchen, has served over 500 meals to families. Thank you for making an incredible difference. I look forward to working with you in the New Year.

Warmest Regards
 Jenni Thompson, Recreation Coordinator



Rotary Networking Event

Please join me on **Thursday January 24th from 5:30 - 7:00(ish) at Limericks Pub on 7304 MacLeod Trail SE** for our first Limericks Rotary Networking event of 2019. We have a room booked on the 2nd floor (go right at the top of the stairs).

Long-time club member Dave Wylie is going to join us to talk to us about his experiences with the R.F.E. (Rotary Friendship Exchange) Program. He is going to share his Rotary RFE stories both from an outgoing participant, and also from hosting visiting Rotarians to Calgary in his home.

As always, everyone in attendance will also have an opportunity to provide an update in their business or industry. I would encourage you to share any broad goals for your business for 2019.

Also bring any potential new full members or new Friends of Rotary. This is a great way to make business referrals and introductions, or to bring new potential Rotarians out to introduce them to other club members so they ask questions and speak to other members in a more casual environment.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending and if you have any guests to bring.

Yours in Rotary, Rob Wolfson

Pres. George recognized Bruce B for his service to Rotary. Since joining Chinook in 1986, he has served as a Director, and been involved in many activities, including Chair of Casino Committee for the last 3 years. He is a supporter of the RI Foundation, with the status of Paul Harris plus one.



SAA - Rob didn't collect many fines, as he wanted to give the members a talk on the history of New Year's day and resolutions. He snuck in one fine to Dave Wylie, who used a bad word at his table ... "Trump".



Sewing Seeds

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Question - After going through the sewing program, how do they get a machine?

Answer - Sewing Canada seeks out micro-lending facilities in the area to finance them.

Question - How is Sewing Canada funded?

Answer - We are operating on a budget of \$250,000. We have a growing list of donors, and we hold an annual October gala.

Question - Where do you source the sewing machines?

Answer - Brother International, out of New Jersey.



Following the presentation, Anne Dale thanked Kelly, and presented a Polio Plus certificate.

PS - Thanks to Francis for volunteering to be a future scribe. David Irving is ecstatic.



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