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Calgary Winston Churchill Society James Maxim, Vice President



James Maxim, VP of the Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary was our guest speaker.

James has been an entrepreneurial land man in the oil and gas industry for more than 30 years. He has established both public and private businesses, and has organized political campaigns for federal candidates, and even run himself. He holds political science degrees from U of C. Fun fact ... he and Bob Gentles went to school together.

He has been involved with the Sir Winston Churchill Society since 2013. This Society has been very

involved with education, promoting and teaching the art of debating, organizing mock courts and giving scholarships. Leadership is very important and being involved with this



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Vecova Centre for Disability Services and Research Joan Lee, CEO

Our speaker this week was Joan Lee from Vecova Industries where she is the CEO.

This not for profit sector serves the area of disabilities and charitable organization, and Joan has been involved for over 41 years working in this area, leading with innovations and social enterprises.



Vecova's Mission is building the capacity of persons with disabilities and enriching communities through leadership innovation and

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We were greeted by Mo Tynan and Alex Souter who introduced our 2 guests, Nic Blanchet and James Maxim.

Our President opened the meeting on time, telling us his "time" is nearly up.



Pat Hutchison reported that all was well on the weather front.

Minute Men were few this meeting:

- Rob Wolfson



the next meeting at Limericks would be on **Wednesday June 26th**, starting at 5:30 as usual.



Paul Gaudet asked us to fill in the committee membership forms he had left at the back table. He then asked for 4 parkers for the upcoming event to be held at Challenger Park on June 22nd from 10 am to 3:30pm. Challenger Park is a sports facility designed to allow full access for disabled people that the Rotary Clubs of Calgary helped establish.



Peter Bickham was **SAA** and he fined various members for digressions they had (or might have) done.

Good news for Ron Hardie ... he sold his house in Calgary, but bad news for us, as

he's leaving the club and moving to Victoria.

Chase the Ace was won by Tammy Truman last week, who promptly won today's game too ... but didn't draw the Ace this time.



Chinook Rotary Recognition for Outstanding Service — today Dave Wylie was in the spotlight. Dave joined Rotary in Grande Prairie in 1983 and served in various roles during his 16 year tenure. He and his better half, Ruth, moved to Calgary in 1999 where he joined Calgary West, and then decided Chinook would be a better place. He has served as president, Club Director and Assistant District Governor to 3 District Governors. Dave was a regular parker at Spruce Meadows and helper at the Casinos. Hosting exchange students from around the world and providing homestead accommodation for out of country visitors was something else both he and Ruth enjoyed doing. Attending International Conferences around the world made him many friends. Both he and Ruth are outstanding supporters of the Rotary Foundations at PHF+6, and are Bequest Society Members. On top of all this he also volunteers outside Rotary. Dave truly believes in "Service above Self".



Rotary Fellowships Month

June 25th
June 26th

Year End Review and Passing of the Gavel
Networking & Social Gathering @ Limerick's, 5:30-7 pm
Speaker: Bill Stemp (Will and Estate Planning) — contact Rob Wolfson



New Rotary Year Begins

July 2nd
July 9th
July 16th
July 19th
July 23rd
July 30th

Club Assembly
Greg Wigle — The History of Cigars
Dr. Ryan Hoffman — Feldenkrais
President's Dinner @ McKenzie Meadows Golf Club
Shigenobu Koayashi, Consul General of Japan
Christine Rendell, District Governor



Membership and New Club Development Month

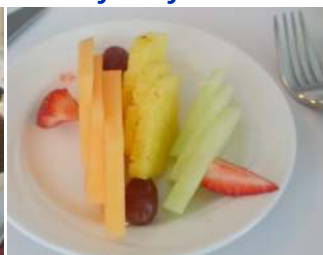
August 6th
August 13th
August 20th

Alexandra Kushliak — AHS Greensleeve Project
Rotary Nature Park Meeting
Fairview School Mentoring Partnership

Meeting Minutes

June 18th, 2019

Scribe: Sydney Richmond



We were greeted today by Bev Tonkinson and her invisible partner. Bev introduced our lone guest, speaker Joan Lee.

The meeting was called to order on time.



Paul Gaudet introduced some **changes to the bylaws** that concerned dues. There was a quorum of members present.

1. Elimination of initiation fees. Not much money will be lost. The proposal was carried.
2. Regular review of the dues

every 2 years. (Al Holt tried to explain with limited understanding by some)

The proposal was carried.

3. Dues payment — July 1st is the annual date for payment. These can also be paid semi-annually.



Chase the Ace was won by Ian Burgess, but he didn't pick an Ace!



Minutemen:



- Anthony Tonkinson told us that over \$1.2 million has been put into Polio Plus in 2018. The only reported cases in the world are 33 cases of a Wild Polio virus.
- Rob Wolfson has come up with a fund raising proposal — a "Rib Fest" to be held on the Stampede grounds on



September 6, 7 and 8. Chinook Club will be joined by the Centennial Club and a youth group from Airdrie. He will provide further details at next week's meeting.

Chinook Rotary Recognition for Outstanding Service — Garth Plunkett was our Rotarian of note this week. He started in Rotary in 1986 in Thunder Bay, and migrated to Winnipeg and Saskatoon

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Winston Churchill Society ... cont'd from page 1

program will help the young people. Leadership was portrayed by Winston Churchill. Churchill was a visitor in Calgary in 1929 and apparently enjoyed his stay here, touring the area and doing paintings in the Rockies. He wrote extensively.



The Society is trying to raise funds privately to build a tribute to this man that would include a statue and a reference library, as he truly believed in freedom and showed great Leadership.

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before settling here in Calgary. He has put in many, many hours on Spruce Meadows fundraising, liaising and parking. He has served on the club's committees, casinos and many other positions, and of course attended both International and District Conferences. Truly "Service above Self".



Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

Vecova Centre for Disability Services and Research

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collaboration. Vecova's Vision is of persons with disabilities that are valued and are integral members of society.

Some frightening statistics

- 1.4 billion people in the world have some form of disability
- 5.3 million people = 16% of Canadians have a disability
- 1 in 7 people currently in Calgary, and in 5 years it will be 1 in 5
- 7% of Calgary youth between 15 to 24 years have a disability and it is the fastest growing group



Vecova is planning for the future, not the here and now, by building a new and larger centre on the same site they have now. This centre will support people from the age of 16 to the end of life. The Centre will employ people with disabilities and provide wellness services, employment and enterprise, living support services, social research and innovations. The partners in this enterprise are the community sector, Calgary Airport, and Rockyview School District.



Truisms

Isn't it ironic that the colours red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you!

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.

I changed my password to "incorrect" so whenever I forget it, the computer will say, "Your password is incorrect."

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