

Aleppo Savon, A Canadian Success Story Abdulfatah Sabouni, Owner

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Abdulfatah, the Co-Founder, and President of Aleppo Savon, was introduced by Bart Dailley.

Abdul has worked in the soap industry for over 25 years, starting with opening his first factory at age 20 in Aleppo. His passion for soap has brought Abdul much success in the industry. In 2012 he left Aleppo to open a factory in Jordan.



In 2016, not speaking English, he immigrated to Canada, settling in Calgary. He opened a factory in his home. He now has 6 employees.

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Report on Calgary Jeromy Farkas, Calgary City Councillor



Jeromy Farkas was our speaker today, and what a nice young man. A born and bred Calgarian, he lives in Palliser, and he is now serving as the youngest Calgary City Councilman.

He talked about the need to reform the "Golden" city hall pensions, and he has opted out of the pension scheme — leading by

example.

The next thing that needs to be sorted out is the total shutdown of 14th Street last weekend when everything hit the wall at once! Even Emergency Access was not available for the area. He feels all the departments involved need to coordinate with each other.

Questions were asked by a few club members ...



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what can the general public do outside elections? Attend open door meetings. Not necessarily vote for well known names — find out what other candidates have to offer. Otherwise not much can be done.

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Alex Soutar presented April Stallings with a cheque for \$10,000 for the Children's Wish Foundation.



Opening:

Past President Alex Soutar chaired the meeting. Ruth Wylie played the piano for O Canada and Rotary Grace.

Welcome Guests:

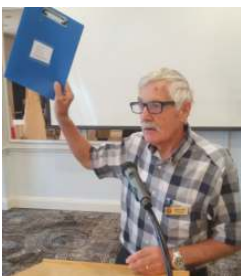
Fred Jessee and Jim Thompson were greeters. Fred

introduced guests April Stallings from the Children's Wish Foundation and the guest speaker Abdulfatah Sabouni.



Minute Speakers:

- Rob Wolfson on the Networking & Social Gathering @ Limerick's on May 23rd from 5:30 to 7 pm.



- Anthony Tonkinson circulated a signup sheet for those who would like to attend the soccer game at Spruce Meadows on Saturday May 25th.



Chase the Ace:

50/50 was won by Anthony Tonkinson — no Ace ... the pot grows!



Sargent-at-Arms:

Joe Hooper got into everybody's pension fund.



Guest Speaker:

Abdulfatah Sabouni, Owner of Aleppo Soap (a Canadian success story).

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

Truism

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



Acadia DFG's Sewing Team Held at My Sewing Room



Anne Dale had an Information booth at the House of Friendship May 3-5 at Olds College during the Rotary Building Community District Conference. Rotary Clubs are always seeking projects for International Service.



A first time volunteer



A regular volunteer sewer



Faye Green and neighbourhood friend volunteer



DFG's Volunteer opportunities are advertised at www.mysewingroom.ca

Aleppo Savon

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Through consistent research, and product development, his all-natural soap has been a great success. It is sold locally in Safeway and Sobey's. Abdul is now wholesaling soap throughout Canada. Production has reached 1000kg a day.

Abdul concluded by saying he is very happy to be living in Canada.

Alex presented him with the certificate indicating a donation to Polio Plus in his name.



Abdulfatah Sabouni is a fourth generation soap maker. Making soap has been his family business for more than 125 years. Even his last name, Sabouni, means soap maker.

The centuries-old tradition of Aleppo soap making — which uses no chemicals or other additives — involves secret family recipes handed down for generations. In the 11th century, the Crusaders brought Aleppo soap back to Europe, starting a centuries-long love affair with the olive oil and laurel oil based soap, said to be intensely moisturizing. Aleppo soap is thought to be one of the world's oldest types of soap, and also said to have been the inspiration for the equally famous Marseille soap of France. Although claims of its great antiquity abound, such as references in the popular press to Egyptian Queen Cleopatra and Queen Zenobia of Syria using Aleppo soap, these claims have yet to be verified by Scholarly method.

"Aleppo Savon manufactures 100% natural, hand-crafted, superior personal care products. We promise and guarantee that there are no artificial lathering agents, synthetic additives, preservatives, petroleum products, parabens, fillers, alcohol, GMOs or animal by-products in our products."

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Report on Calgary

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When asked about the qualities a mayor needs, he replied ... transparency, fiscal prudence and accessibility, and also be a coach for his team, and respect all councillors whether you like them or not.

Jeromy said he feels that Jason Kenney will stand up to Mayor Nenshi.



He also told us he was the first member of council to be kicked out of a meeting — I think he's rather proud of that fact.

When asked if he'd run for mayor in the next election, he nimbly avoided the question.

Next week there is to be a talk on cannabis — free samples I hope!

Upcoming RI Conventions

2020	June 6 - 10	Honolulu Hawaii
2021	June 12 - 16	Taipei Taiwan
2022	June 4 - 8	Houston Texas
2023	May 27 - 31	Melbourne Australia
2024	June	Singapore
2025	June 21 - 25	Calgary Alberta

Youth Service Month

May 28th

Jim Riege, Senior Director, Cannabis Calgary Cooperative Society

Rotary Fellowships Month

June 4th

Trish Lund, Alberta Guide Dogs

June 11th

James Maxim, Vice President, Calgary Winston Churchill Society

June 18th

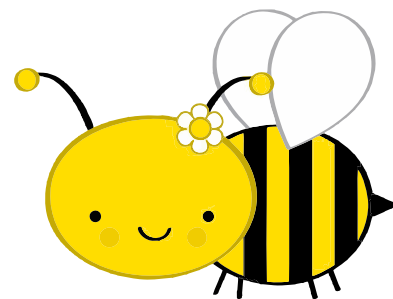
Joan Lee, CEO Vecova Centre for Disability Services and Research

June 25th

Year End Review and Passing of the Gavel

June 26th

Note the Wednesday date ... 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

Club Assembly

July 9th

Greg Wigle — The History of Cigars

July 16th

Dr. Ryan Hoffman — Feldenkrais

July 23rd

Shigenobu Koayashi, Consul General of Japan

July 30th

Christine Rendell, District Governor



Membership and New Club Development Month

August 6th

Alexandra Kushliak — AHS Greensleeve Project

August 13th

Rotary Nature Park Meeting

August 20th

Fairview School Mentoring Partnership

Meeting Minutes

May 21st, 2019

Scribe: Sydney Richmond



The meeting opened on time, as usual.

Our greeters were Jack Steen and, busy at times doing other things, George van Schaick, who later introduced our guests: Peter Szogoy, Jeromy Farkas, Margaret Irving and Barbara Larsen.

Pat Hutchinson delivered the poor weather report that a previous member John Barrett, in South Africa, has had a stroke, and Bob Montgomery is in the South Hospital with chest pains. Better weather next week, please.



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Leader Training for Counsellors for RYPEN Camp was held May 11-12, attended by Dhanya Koshti and Andre Ciupa (Sanjana Vadupu



was ill and didn't attend this session). The families of Dhanya and Andre are so grateful for this Leadership opportunity, and requested the group picture. Our Club has an Rotary Youth Interact Club at both Dr EP Scarlett and Henry Wisewood High Schools, so there is continuity in their Rotary journey. Youth are our next generation Rotaract and Rotarian.



Meeting Minutes

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Minute Men reports:

- Sarcee Club Art Auction on June 7 needs more people to buy tickets — please!
- Alex Soutar reminded us about the golf tournament — the cost is \$60 per golfer.



• Paul Gaudet said the T-shirts we ordered should be here by the end of the month, and we should pay up ASAP. \$10 per shirt.



• Anthony Tonkinson, Foundation Chair, is proud of the club's contribution of \$20,000.

He also handed out Paul Harris pins to Graham Boone and to Albert Amaniampong.

He also mentioned the soccer game at 4:30 on Saturday at Spruce Meadows.

- George van Schaick asked us to bring new or potential members to our

networking meetings. The next Limericks meeting will be on Thursday at 5:30, and the speaker will be Barbara Larsen.

Terry Green was recognized by our president. Terry has been in the club since 1991, served as president in 2013-14, and served on the club board for 10 years. He holds a status of Paul Harris +1. He has worked at Spruce Meadows and Grillin' and Servin', and mentored at Fairview School. He has attended numerous International and District conferences, and has represented the club in various ways. He has been a stalwart curler and apparently a terrible 3rd baseman.



Rhea Graham, Anne Dale, Hank and Janet Popoff are all off to the Rotary International Convention in Germany.

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