

Medical Mercy Canada Myron and Elaine Semkuley

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Peter Bickham introduced our speaker, Dr. Myron and Elaine Semkuley of Medical Mercy Canada.

Dr. Myron opened with the comment that one important thing he has learned from Rotary — Have Fun.



The Semkuleys started Medical Mercy Canada in 1992, helping Burmese refugees along the Thai River border. Since then, they have carried out numerous projects in that region and in poor regions of the Ukraine.

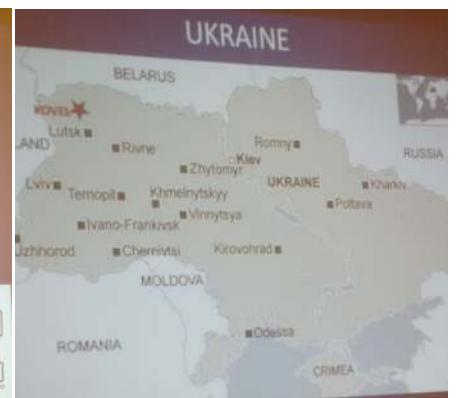
The last project that Chinook Rotary sponsored was a Solar Lights project, providing solar lights, and training local boys to install the lights, to 42 homes in a remote Thai River village. After the project was completed, the Village Head told Dr. Myron and Elaine that, "One year you 'came and saw'. The next year, you 'came back and did'. You have given us hope for our future."

Medical Marcy's current focus is the Tuberculosis Treatment Centre in the town of Kovel, Volen Province, Kovelskay Region, the poorest region in the Ukraine. Tuberculosis is rampant in the region due to the high rate of poverty. There is no government money to support healthcare in the region. The facility has not been renovated since the 1950s. Over the past few years, MMC has provided donations to make gradual improvements to the facility. When MMC arrived from Canada with funds for the projects, the local community, as poor as they are, managed to put together additional funds to help.



The current emphasis is the renovation of the X-ray room and the repair of the X-ray. The project will be completed over 3 to 4 years at an estimated cost of \$ 20,000 to 25,000 CAD. \$7,000 CAD per year will do wonders to stop the spread of TB in the region.

President George thanked the Semkuleys for their presentation with a donation in their name to Polio Plus.



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Greeters: Mo Tynan and Tammy Truman

The meeting opened in usual fashion with O Canada and Rotary Grace, led by George Van Schaick.



Visitors and Guests were introduced by Tammy Truman: Dr. Myron and Elaine Semkuley, guest speakers; Major Denise Walker, Salvation Army, guest of Bart Dailey; Francis Akinuoye, guest of Bart Dailey, Lyla Stevens, guest

of Joe Hooper; and Walter Chayka, Rotary Club of Calgary.

President George passed on the message from Jim Thompson that discussions with the City of Calgary regarding Rotary Nature Park are ongoing and progressing well.

Ten unnamed members have yet to pay their annual Rotary dues!



Pat Hutchinson delivered good news with his Sunshine report — no news to report.



Minute Persons:

- Peter Bickman announcing that the Cribbage resumes on Thursday evening, drinks at 5:30, with games beginning at 6:30 at the Horton Road Legion.
- Dean White issued an invitation to members to attend a presentation by Roots 2 Stem about the Canadian Space

Program. The presentation, part of Science Literacy Week, takes place at the Cardel Theatre in Quarry Park on Friday September 21st at 7pm.

- Anthony contributed \$5 to club coffers, proceeds from recycling beverage containers left behind after the get-together at Tonkinsons'.

Sydney Richmond announced that recipes for the popular Mexican onion torte served at the event are available. Kudos to Bev and Anthony for hosting yet another successful social event!



50/50 winner: Garth Sabirsh



Greeter Schedule



September 18

Bev Tonkinson, Jim Thompson

September 25

Bill Stemp, Jack Steen



Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 18th Club Assembly
 September 21st Roots 2 Stem presentation about the Canadian Space Program, 7pm @ the Cardel Theatre in Quarry Park
 September 25th Terry Bullick, Editor/Publisher, Apple Magazine
 September 27th Networking Night — @ Limericks, 5:30 - 7pm — contact Rob Wolfson
 Guest speaker Dean White
 Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion — fellowship/food/drink @ 5:30,
 games start @ 6:30 — contact Peter Bickham

Economic and Community Development Month

October 2nd History of Canada from the very beginning
 October 9th Gaye Watson Warthe, MRU Professor — Dating Violence
 October 11th Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion — fellowship/food/drink @ 5:30,
 games start @ 6:30 — contact Peter Bickham
 October 16th Kelly Hrudey, HNIC Analyst
 October 25th Networking Night — @ Limericks, 5:30 - 7pm — contact Rob Wolfson
 Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion — fellowship/food/drink @ 5:30,
 games start @ 6:30 — contact Peter Bickham

Rotary Foundation Month

November 20th Tom Higgins, former CFL Head Coach In Calgary, Edmonton and Montreal
 November 22nd Networking Night — @ Limericks, 5:30 - 7pm — contact Rob Wolfson
 Friends of Chinook Rotary Information Night



Fun & Fellowship at Tonkinsons' September 8th

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick



Sargent at Arms Bob Montgomery opened with a story about "Jake's dying confession ..." Bob attempted to raise funds with a quiz about our club Officers and Directors. Alas, Bob ended up paying, as most tables had the correct answers. (All on the front page of the Arch)



Happy Bucks:

- Ian Burgess's daughter performed at St Stephen's Anglican church



- Hank for a successful Grillin' and Servin' Event, and the fact that he is leaving town for a trip to Crowsnest Pass
- Fred Jesse for celebrating 70th anniversary

Proposed New Member

The following new member proposal was accepted by the Board for membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook:

FRANCIS AKINNUOYE

Sponsor: Bart Dailley
Classification: Lawyer

In accordance with Club Bylaws, Article XI, Section 5:
Method of electing New Members

"If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the Board from any member (other than Honourary) of the Club within seven (7) dates following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of admission fee (if not Honourary membership) as prescribed in the bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership. If any such objection has been filed with the Board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee, shall be considered to be elected to membership."

Paul Gaudet, Secretary
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Cribbage Club Invite

Here is an unsurpassed opportunity to see how cribbage is played or attempted to be played! We do not profess to be professional but we sure have a lot of fun. This invite also applies to any spouses or significant others, friends or family.

This season commences on 27th September in the evening at 5:30 at the Horton Road Legion. We have an hour of fellowship, followed by play until somewhere around 9 give or take. It continues almost every 2nd Thursday thereafter until March. There is an opportunity during the fellowship hour to partake of food and drink offered by the legion, at excellent prices and you can get to know your fellow cribbers in a relaxed informal setting.

If you have never played this is an opportunity to learn, if you



are unsure on your counting skills etc, our regulars will be on hand to help. The repartee is beyond question of the highest quality even if the cards prove unforgiving.

Drop me a line if you are interested and I will add you to the standard invite prior to each evening's festivities.

Peter Bickham

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