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CLASSIFICATION TALKS

Bev Tonkinson



Bev has been well known to our Club for many years in her role as wife to Past President and long term (26yrs) member Anthony. She was born in Golden, BC, however met Anthony, married, and started her family in Squamish. They have lived in Calgary now for over 25 years. They have three adult children; a teacher, an accountant and the youngest who now works with Bev in Real Estate. They also have two young granddaughters who currently reside in Vancouver.

Bev has had a varied business background including banking, surveying, and just to prove she is truly a risk taker, opened her own restaurant in Squamish (sold when her first child came along) and then a second in Britannia Beach. Upon arriving in Calgary she worked with Anthony in their Travel Business. She subsequently got into the real estate business in 1996 and currently works with Re/Max.

Bev is enjoying this field and took some time to outline a few of the key aspects of her business. She is a Certified Condo Specialist and sits on the Condo Task

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Evelyn Stewart



Evelyn opened by telling us what she does ... she raises funds for worthy causes with a specific interest and passion for seniors.

She started as a young woman working at the zoo, giving seniors tours with a youth program operated by Red Cross. This ultimately led to a wonderful yet challenging 17 year career with Red Cross, starting out by managing the door to door campaigns across Alberta and the NWT, and leading to a number of promotions including Regional Director based in Edmonton.

Somehow amidst all this work and travel, Evelyn found the time to get married and help raise two wonderful daughters.

Her family moved to a warmer part of Canada, Victoria, where she continued to work in the fundraising industry, specifically a home for veterans and seniors. It is here that she learned that a Lieutenant General is in fact senior to a Major General (oops).

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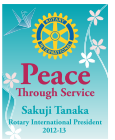
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Meeting Minutes



February 12th, 2013

Scribe: Paul Gaudet

Vice President Stephen started our meeting promptly at 12:15. He welcomed everyone to Rotary and introduced "O Canada" and "Rotary Grace" with Betty on the piano.

John McBean introduced our visitors and guests today. Our meeting attendance today totalled 60; with one visiting Rotarian, 5 guests and 54 of our own members.

Stephen called on Harry for our Sunshine Report and he advised that there was nothing new to report. Tom Ranson advised that Lyle Davidson would be starting Chemotherapy on Wednesday and would appreciate calls from his Rotary friends.

Stephen reminded everyone of the Hungarian Dinner which being hosted by our exchange student, Janos Takats (at Fran's home) on Saturday, March 9th at 6pm (dress code casual). Janos is attempting to raise some funds for his wilderness trip in June and it would be great if we could add our support. Tickets are limited and cost \$25 each.

Peter Bickham provided his regular Rotary Foundation update and advised that donations are always appreciated. Jeff Evans was presented with his Paul Harris pin (plus 2) and we congratulate Jeff, who, as a relatively new member, is leading by example in his support of Rotary's many initiatives.

While this week's minutemen were coming up to the podium, President Dave took the opportunity to announce that we have a few Fellowship opportunities coming up in the next few months: an evening of 5 pin bowling at Toppler Bowl on Monday, February 25th (organized by Ted Wada), a pot luck dinner event at Red Deer Lake United Church on Saturday, March 16th (organized by Anne Dale, Heide Kramer and Linda Colclough), and a short Saturday bus trip to Rosebud, lunch and play, on Saturday, April 27th (note the change from April 13th as we will be parking for the Horticultural Show at Spruce Meadows on the 13th).

Minutemen:

- Bruce Bohnet announced that our next Casino is scheduled for April 29th and 30th (a Monday and Tuesday) and that the location has been changed to Casino Calgary which is located

in the Northeast (16th and Barlow). We are looking for volunteers to assist in this important fund raising project so please contact Bruce or sign up at one of our meetings.

- Bart Dailley reported that we received a note from the Hon. Jason Kenney, Federal Minister of Immigration, who spoke to us recently and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity.
- Neil Beatty advised that the Seniors Curling League, which play on Mondays at 9am at the Gerrison Club, is looking for spares (both men and ladies are encouraged to play). If you are interested, please contact Neil.
- Norm Moro stepped up to remind us that our Crib fellowship evening at the Horton Road Legion would be taking place this Thursday (February 14th) at 5:30 pm for fellowship, with the games starting at 6:30. Take your partner out for an evening of fun and cards.
- Ted Wada announced that the bowling evening has been scheduled for February 25th at Toppler Bowl with an optional visit to Cravings (just down the hill from Toppler) for a bite to eat after all that exercise.

Our regular 50-50 draw was won by Barry Korpatnisky in the amount of \$27.

Peter Bickham took the podium as our Sgt at Arms and proceeded to tell a funny story about three elderly ladies who weren't sure whether they were coming or going ... just a regular day's experience for most of us in attendance. John McBean was fined not shaking everyone's hand in his role as greeter, Rena for not wearing her name tag, Ted for arriving late, Harry for reminding us all of the need for hearing aides, and Bart for his line about the next best candidate for Pope.

Good News/ Bad News:

Bob Montgomery donated a dollar in return for Peter not fining him for winning at crib during their regular pre-meeting cribbage match at Starbucks. Dave Wylie donated \$5 Bad News bucks for the recent experience of sitting through the City's decision to approve the developer's plan for the former Shawnee Slopes golf club lands. Dale Perret donated Good News dollars as her grand daughter, who recently relocated to Ottawa, has landed a job as an assistant to an NDP member of Parliament. Graham Boone also donated Good News bucks in recognition of his church receiving \$80,000 from the Provincial Government's Community Enhancement Program. Graham learned of this program through his role as Treasurer of our Club.

Stephen announced that next week's speaker would be Myrna Dube, CEO, Parks Foundation Calgary (speaking on Calgary's Greenway Project), and in closing our meeting wished everyone a "great Rotary week".

Greeters

February 19th Don McKenzie and Ed McLean

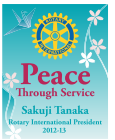
February 26th Ron May and Ann Marsh

March 5th TBA

If you are unable to GREET on your assigned day, please contact Barry Korpatnisky so he can get a replacement ... 403-278-8982



Upcoming Events



World Understanding Month

February 19th
February 22nd - 24th
February 25th
February 26th

Myrna Dubé, CEO, Parks Foundation Calgary — Calgary Greenway Project
District Curling Bonspiel in Stettler
Fellowship Event: Bowling
Bill Dunn, Foothills Historian

Literacy Month

March 5th
March 12th
March 16th
March 19th
March 26th

Ed Lukowich, former Brier and World Curling Champ
Jocelyn Davis, 17 year old Philanthropist
Fellowship Event: Potluck Dinner at Red Deer Lake Church
Fairview School Lunch
Shibanee Verma, Strategist in Health Care Space

Magazine Month

April 2nd
April 9th
April 13th
April 27th
April 29th - 30th
April 30th

Kim McConnell, CEO, AdFarm Canada
Harry Sanders, Calgary Historian Laureate
Parking for the Horticultural Show at Spruce Meadows
Fellowship Event: Rosebud Theatre – lunch and play
Casino @ 'Calgary Casino' — contact Joe Hooper for info
Jungle Jim Hunter, motivational speaker and former Olympian



Promote RI Convention Month

May 3rd to 5th
May 7th

District 5360 Conference 2013 "Peace, Passion & Partnerships" in Lethbridge
John Hugnagel, Head Coach and GM, Calgary Stampeders

Rotary Fellowship Month

June 23rd to 26th

Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal

CLASSIFICATION TALKS – Bev Tonkinson

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Force Committee at CREB (Calgary Real Estate Board), which works on policy and database issues for its members with respect to condos. She works both sides of the business, representing either buyers or sellers, and goes out of her way to ensure her clients understand the process of buying and selling. All her homes are fully "staged" with a professional photographer taking the photos.

Realtors are licensed and trained professionals in this Province, and are regulated by the Real Estate Council of Alberta under the Real Estate Act, which protects the rights and interests of its customers. Realtors also carry errors and omissions insurance (similar to the legal profession). Realtors assist in many and varied aspects of a sale/purchase including such things as appraisals, legal work, real property reports, title insurance, market information, listings on MLS and identification of any relevant issues.

The CREB Foundation celebrated its 25th anniversary by making 25 donations of \$25,000 each to groups in need in Calgary and the surrounding areas. These organizations included vulnerable populations, shelter, and community enhancement. The real estate industry, through its Foundation, is clearly an industry that "gives back" to the community it serves.

Bev wrapped up by telling us how much she looks forward to

her time in Rotary; both the fellowship of all our members as well as serving others, both locally and internationally. She thanked Bart Dailley for sponsoring her into our Club.



Distinguished Rotarian of the Year

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

This award is presented annually to a current or honorary member in good standing with ten or more years of service who personifies "Service Above Self" both in Rotary and otherwise.

Submit your nomination in writing to Hank Popoff, Chair of the Awards Committee, **no later than March 29, 2013**. Please handle your nomination in a confidential manner to avoid embarrassment to all nominees. Selection criteria is available from Hank if you need it.



THIS AND THAT

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It is also in Victoria that she first became involved in Rotary, with the Club of Royal Oak Centennial. Her business and volunteer training led to her fast tracking through the ranks to becoming President of that Club. She learned a lot and quickly but clearly was an enthusiastic student. The works of Rotary both locally and internationally were of great interest and reward to Evelyn, from Shelterbox to ending polio in our world, and she met the two goals of her Presidential year – updating their By-Laws and completing their first international project.

Evelyn lost her husband to brain cancer two years ago, and feels that her Rotary friends and supporters were key to getting through this difficult period.

She waited a year after this loss to consider her options and ultimately decided to relocate back to Calgary, her former home.

She secured a position with the Father Lacombe Care Centre Foundation, (the fundraising arm of the Centre). This care facility is run by the Sisters of Providence and is open to all those in need of such care. It was in this position that she met and became friends with our Club's charter President, Father Greg. We are indeed fortunate that Evelyn was on hand to help Father Greg during his final weeks as well as keeping us informed of his situation. Father Greg saw within Evelyn a fantastic potential member for our Club, and with Tom Sorenson's help, it all worked out for the best (certainly from our perspective).

Evelyn spoke to us about the great need in our City, the Province and indeed the entire country, for more long term care beds. There are more than 2,000 Albertans currently waiting (in hospitals, taking up valuable acute care beds, and

in homes, causing challenges for family and other caregivers). In addition this situation will clearly get worse before it gets better given the current "baby boomer" demographics.

Evelyn is currently working on a plan to build an expanded facility close to the current Father Lacombe Care Centre, at a cost of \$35 million. Her job is to raise \$11.6 million by working with her Board of Directors as well as several committees. She is involved in educating as many as possible about the need for this specific facility, as well as planning and conducting many and varied fundraising projects. Evelyn feels lucky to have such a wonderful job as she sees first hand what the generosity of donors and supporters means to the folks who live in such care homes.

The connection between her passion to help others and her interest in Rotary is very clear. As she says, "they both are in line with my values". To Evelyn Rotary is a verb, not a noun.

We welcome both Bev and Evelyn to the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook, our Club became stronger with your joining our ranks.

Fellowship Events

More information on these events to follow. Keep the dates free for fun and fellowship!

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| February 25th | Bowling – Ted Wada is contact. |
| March 16th | Potluck Dinner at the Red Deer Lake Church. Facility is booked. Anne Dale is contact. |
| April 27th | Trip to Rosebud Theatre. We have been approved for the bus. Paul Gaudet is contact. |

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