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TAKING THE BITE OUT OF HUNGER

Marilyn Gunn, Community Kitchen Program

Our guest speaker today was Marilyn Gunn of Community Kitchen Program. Marilyn was introduced by Doug Fosbrooke of Heritage Park Club.

Marilyn has an interest in the poor of the city and she is a self-motivated person. She saw a need in the city for someone to help the poor of our city – through teaching them how to cook, budget, the care of food and how to prepare meals and lunches. Some 20 years ago, she started in her basement and the organizations have grown from there.

She has started several organizations that help the needy, and in her efforts she has received the assistance of several Rotary Clubs in our city – and indeed the Government of Alberta through a grant of \$750,000. Over the past 20 years she has seen a need to help the poor and she has added the needs as she came across them.

Many children go to school without breakfast or lunch – her program is now in 31 schools in the city and in addition to providing lunches through her volunteers, they teach the kids manners, how to buy food and how to make lunches.



It was brought to her attention that in the summer kids are dropped off at the city parks for the day without food or money to buy anything. They now provide 200 hot meals and 450 snacks – it is interesting to note that the crime rate has gone down in the surrounding areas.

They have started to put together "Food Boxes" for the needy – 50lbs of food at a cost of \$30.00 ... a value of \$77.23. The street people who qualify for a residence receive a food hamper from them to get started – this is done twice a year, until they get established.

They have grown and they now operate a warehouse in northeast Calgary and they use street people who are recovering from whatever, and have no skills, as their warehouse people – in 6 months they are fully trained and ready for the job market. This has been very successful.

She organized the Charitable agencies in town that depend on handouts from grocery stores and other stores – into a coop to purchase bulk supplies. The



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Meeting Minutes



January 29th, 2013

Scribe: Gord Billings



Our Chairman today was President Elect Terry Green.



The introduction of guests was conducted by Harold Hanna.

SUNSHINE Committee:

Harry Nazarchuk reported that Father Greg was low and failing. Several members had seen him during the past week. Terry Green read a letter from Ann Marsh saying that she appreciated the flowers and that she would return to Rotary after she is over her illness.

Hungarian Dinner:

Our inbound student, Janos Takats, needs to raise money for his Wilderness Trip in June. In order to do this, Janos will be cooking and hosting a three course Hungarian Dinner on March 9th. The cost is \$25.00 per person. There are only 20 tickets available. It will be at Fran Hochhausen's house – 244 Mt. Sparrowhawk Place SE Calgary. The time is 6:00PM. Dress code is "extremely casual" as they have a dog and 2 cats .. blue jeans recommended! Please note: Janos is an exchange student so he cannot serve alcoholic beverages, so if you would like some wine or beer-please bring your own!

Rotary International:

Peter Bickham gave out Paul Harris pins to Stephen Pick (+4), Will Schmidt (+1) and Anne Dale (+2).

Classification Talk:

Rena St. Clair has been a member for about 1½ years. She is married to Guy and they have 2 children. Their daughter is an Artist, doing oil paintings, including portraits. Their son took Math & Economics at University and he has returned to his studies at the U. of C.

Rena was born and raised in Estevan, Saskatchewan. She met Guy, eloped, and from there they started their odyssey to many cities on the prairies, and overseas, but for the last 8 years they have lived in Calgary. Rena is a Mortgage Broker and Guy has his own company in the oil industry.

Just to show that the seed does not fall far from the tree, their son announced during a recent week that he was getting married on the next Friday. So much for planning!!

Rena likes to do volunteer work, hence Chinook Rotary.



Classification Talk:



Our next new member to give his classification talk was Jeff Evans.

Jeff was born in Chicago and as a result he is a "Cubs" fan, and then the family moved to Calgary, and he became a "Flames" fan -boy he knows how to pick'em!

Jeff is a graduate of the University of Lethbridge. He described how he met his wife Paula – he was at a bar and he went to play pool leaving his coat on the chair to hold the chair.

When he returned, a women was sitting on his chair and coat – anyway he met Paula, and living happily ever after.

They never moved around like Rena and her husband – they moved to Calgary. They have a son taking a Business degree at Mount Royal, and a daughter who is about to graduate from High School and take Nursing.

Jeff works in Financial Services and he decided that he wanted to do some volunteer work for the community. Our club and Rotary was recommended by our old member, Ghalib Abdulla who worked across the hall from his office. Jeff says that he enjoys meeting our Club members and he endorses the Rotary goals.

50/50 draw was won by Al Pettigrew.

Our **Sergeant at Arms** was Bart Dailley who started his job with a poor joke ... but who can say anything to the Sergeant!? He fined all and sundry, including our Classification Speakers, and a member whose cell phone rang. There were Good news and Bad news bucks, and he ended with a contribution to the pot for a 4th Grandchild that was just born.

Our Chairman Terry Green wrapped up this long meeting and he wished everyone a good week.

Greeters

February 5th Gerald Langereis and George Kimura

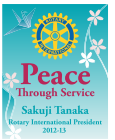
February 12th John McBean

February 19th Don McKenzie and Ed McLean

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 5th Jim Button, Co-Founder, Village Brewery
 February 12th Classification Talks
 February 19th Myrna Dubé, CEO, Parks Foundation Calgary and
 Jenna Findlater, Project Manager — Calgary Greenway Project
 February 26th Bill Dunn, Foothills Historian

Literacy Month

March 5th Ed Lukowich, former Brier and World Curling Champ
 March 19th Fairview School Lunch

Magazine Month

April 2nd Kim McConnell, CEO, AdFarm Canada
 April 9th Harry Sanders, Calgary Historian Laureate
 April 29th - 30th Casino @ 'Calgary Casino' — contact Joe Hooper for info

Promote RI Convention Month

May 3rd to 5th District 5360 Conference 2013 "Peace, Passion & Partnerships" in Lethbridge

Rotary Fellowship Month

June 23rd to 26th Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal



TAKING THE BITE OUT OF HUNGER

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31 agencies save about 35% on the bill by doing this way.

The organization that she started now has a building in north east Calgary with 10,000 plus square feet with refrigeration in some of it. Marilyn Gunn started in her basement a few years back.

Here are the figures from 2012:

Total Cost Savings in Calgary	\$4,099,213.00
Clients Served	197,928
Children Fed	77,444
Adults Fed	107,336
Senior Fed	20,265
Good Food Boxes Delivered	10,009
Total Welcome Home Hampers	468
Total Volunteers	2,858
Total Volunteer Hours	11,001.5

She quoted a couple of mottos:

"A hand up not a handout"

"Making Calgary a better place"

Marilyn held a Question and Answer session with the Rotarians. One of the questions: What is the next step?

They need a refrigeration truck so they can deliver perishable food (meat) to the peoples' homes – cost is \$140,000 – it would last 20 years plus.

Pat Hutchinson gave a thank you certificate to Marilyn indicating that as result of her speech we have given a Shelter Box to a person in need.

Tentative Fellowship Events

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

February 21st Bowling – Ted Wada is contact.

March 16th Pot Luck dinner at the Red Deer Lake Church. Facility is booked. Anne Dale is contact.

April 13th Trip to Rosebud Theatre. We have been approved for the bus. Paul Gaudet is contact.

Calgary Stampede Parade and Breakfast July 5th, 2013 Calgary West Rotary Club

Tickets are now available.

This event always sells out very fast so purchase your tickets now; and let friends and relatives know that the ticket window opened today. For groups of 25 or more, we will block off seats. For groups of 50 or more, we have corporate sponsorships available.

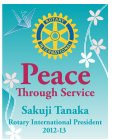
Please contact me for more information. Purchasers with disabled persons in their party should contact me to ensure appropriate seating arrangements are made.

Dust off your hats, scuff up your boots and we'll see you on July 5th!

Gail Williams
 Calgary West Rotary Club
 403-270-2763



THIS AND THAT



'Engage Rotary, Change Lives' is 2013-14 RI Theme

RI President-elect Ron Burton will ask Rotarians to "Engage Rotary, Change Lives" in 2013-14.

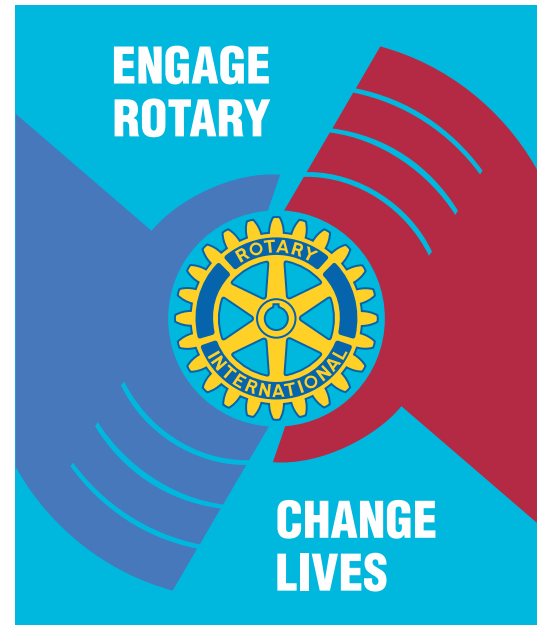
"If we really want to take Rotary service forward, then we must make sure that every single Rotarian has the same feeling about Rotary," Burton said. "We need to make sure that every

Rotarian has a meaningful role to play, that they're all making a contribution, and that their contribution is valued."

Burton said the July launch of The Rotary Foundation's new grant model, Future Vision, makes it an exciting time to be a Rotarian. "It takes everything that is wonderful about Rotary and raises it to a new level — by encouraging bigger, more sustainable projects while providing increased flexibility for local projects, both of which address the needs of the community being served."

Membership development is the responsibility of every Rotarian. The new RI President had been an active member of the Key Club, a youth program of Kiwanis International, he went on to join Rotary simply because the Rotary Club of Norman,

Oklahoma, invited him to. You have to ask. The job doesn't end when a new member joins: "It's not done until that new member is engaged in Rotary, inspired by Rotary, and uses the power of Rotary service to change lives."



by Daniela Garcia Rotary News -- 14 January 2013 Excerpt

Cirque Du Soleil

Amaluna - May 3rd, 2013

Boys and Girls Club of Calgary

We are extremely fortunate to have received a great fundraising opportunity to help us kick off 2013, thanks to Cirque Du Soleil. They have once again provided us with 350 tickets to their Friday, May 3 show of Amaluna.

Tickets purchased through our Club are \$135, and a \$25 tax receipt will be provided with each sale. All of the proceeds from these 350 tickets will go directly to the programs and services that support our children, youth and families. Our goal is to sell all 350 tickets and raise \$47,250.

We are reaching out to the Calgary community and asking them for their support. We hope that you and your members will consider our request. Not only will you be supporting disadvantaged children in Calgary, but you and your members will be treated to an unforgettable show.

To purchase tickets, please contact Cory Wilson, Manager of Fund Development at 403-717-2693.

Thank you,
Andy Tse, Fund Development Coordinator
Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary

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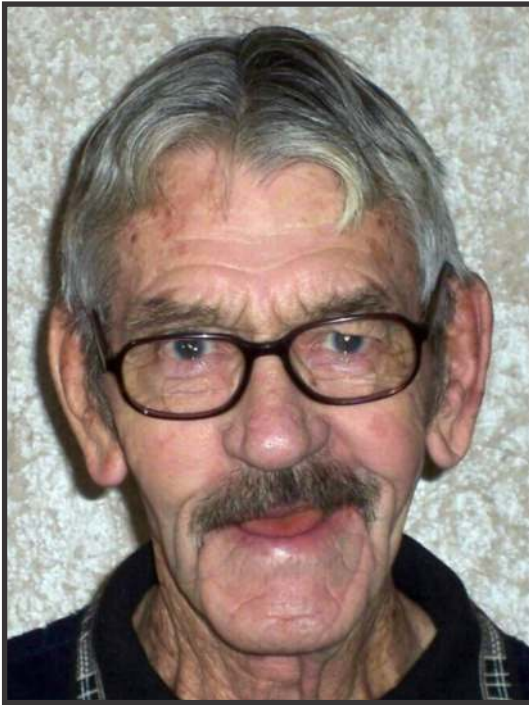
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Memories of Father Greg



I first met Greg in 1976. He was a member of the Rotary Club of South Calgary and & had been recruited by that club and Rotary club of Calgary (downtown) to head up a group of new members to form the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook. He had most recently been a member of the Medicine Hat Saamis Rotary Club before moving to Calgary. A devout but kind of casual Roman Catholic priest, he was immediately likeable, put all of us recruits at ease, and displayed an interest in the vocation of every single one of us being brought forward as a potential member of this new club. He knew all about Rotary, its history, its founders' ideals and its goals on a local level. He was all things Rotary and an excellent mentor.

After several months of meeting and expanding the base of our membership, he lead us through the charter process and in March 1977, we became Calgary's newest club. We established our meeting place at the Tradewinds Hotel and from March 1977 through June 1978, he was our President, the Charter President. We were underfunded and looking for projects to raise money, and projects that would see us assisting in the community. New members were being recruited constantly and in those days, we were a male only service club.

We, being the new 'guys' in Rotary, created and participated in many fellowship activities, including some that involved the whole families of each member. Greg participated in all, and the bonding of the membership became stronger. In 1979 Judy and I decided we should attend an RI convention, it was in Rome

that year. The club wasn't in a position to help defray costs so we were on our own. I appealed to the Board, headed by Jim Costello, to let Greg become our first ever official voting delegate at an RI Convention and join us on the trip to Rome. The club Board agreed and contributed \$1000 towards his cost. Selfishly, Judy and I now had a personal guide to the history of Rome and Catholicism, and Greg was off to see the Vatican, a life time dream of his. We did it all ... the convention, the sights of Rome, the fun of travel with Rotarians. It was a marvellous, experience for all 3 of us ... the post convention tour took in sights and cities in northern Italy, Monaco and parts of the French Riviera.

When we returned Greg continued to join his fellow members on the ski trips to Panorama, the golfing challenges with Invermere (the Kootenay Classic) and other Rotary golfing events. He was an amazing athlete, choosing to carry his clubs and walk the courses, whenever possible ... well into his 70s! His sense of humour was legendary, among all Rotarians and those outside of Rotary that had the good fortune of really getting to know him. He may have shocked a few from time to time, with his humour, that didn't know the character he was. "Is that guy really a priest!?" I never saw him wearing the formal collar of a priest, he was much more casual than that, but he was a true man of God, through and through.

I am so glad I had the chance to visit with him one final time on January 15th, before leaving for the south, and to share with fellow charter members, Tom Sorenson and Ian Burgess, in letting him know his memory will live on through a scholarship in the name of our club and in his name, at St Mary's University here in Calgary.

Father Greg will be missed.

Jim Thompson , Charter Member, President 81/82

Funeral Mass

The Prayers for Fr. Greg will be on Friday, February 8th at 7:30 pm

The celebration of the Funeral Mass will be on
Saturday, February 9th at 10:00 am, presided by Bishop Henry

Both will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral at 219 – 18th Avenue SW

