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MY MEXICO EXCHANGE

Michael Goncz

Our Guest speaker today was our former out bound Exchange Student, Michael Goncz. He was ably introduced by Fran Hochhausen.

First Michael told us about his trip from Calgary to his New Mexican home ... from Calgary to Mexico City he was flown first class, and from there he went by bus – what a let down! But in the airport in Mexico City he had a hard time finding anyone who spoke English, only Spanish, but finally he found a Policeman who spoke English and sort of got him on the right track.

Michael's new home town was "Tepic" where the average summer time temperature is 40c, and the winter is an average of 10c. He was given a warm welcome by his new host family who only spoke English; hence for the 2 months that he was with them he did not learn any Spanish! He told us about his suffering with the heat in his PINK bedroom!



His second host family (with whom he stayed for 8 months) spoke only Spanish and they were warm and friendly and became his second set of parents. He learned to speak Spanish quickly!

This family had no ties to Rotary. His Rotary club had about 20 members and perhaps 10 showed up at each meeting. He was asked to show up at only one meeting a month. This meant that his involvement with the Rotary club was somewhat limited. He felt short changed as he wanted to become more involved in the Rotary club.

Michael showed us a picture of his school where he took his studies and while he enjoyed the studies, their only sports activity was soccer, which Michael said was not his favourite sport.

His talk was accompanied by a power point presentation which made it interesting to the members.

Some of his activities:

- helping the poor – which was well received by the kids
- meeting other Exchange Students – they all became his friends, but he developed a close relationship with one or two, particularly a friend from Germany
- Mexican friends – lots of!

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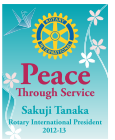
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Meeting Minutes



January 8th, 2013

Scribe: Gord Billings

The meeting was called to order by our President Dave Saunders.

President Dave had a number of announcements:

- Calgary East Club who meet at the Coast Plaza Hotel has the Mayor speaking at a upcoming meeting.
- The Calgary West Club has the tickets on sale for the Stampede Parade and Breakfast.
- Pennies for Children – the gal is going to be at our meeting next week, so if you have some more for this cause, please bring your pennies along.
- Strategic Plan – Terry Craig is working on it, but he would like more input from the members!

Introduction of guests:

Terry Green took care of this. 2 from the South Club and one from Fish Creek; but the highlight was signed in by Fran Hochhausen – our Exchange Students and Parents: Wendy Fleming, our outbound student and her Dad, Grant Fleming; and Darcy Craig, Mother of our guest speaker and returning student Michael Goncz. Also Anne Dale brought Elaine Heidecker, Heide Kramer and Melanie Magwood – Heide is joining our club. And Dave Wylie brought his wife Ruth.

New Member:

Anne Dale introduced our new member, Heide Kramer, and set the scene for adding the new member to our ranks. I guess a few years back Heide was a Figure Skater but she was added to our Club under Business. Bob Montgomery read the charge to the new member, and our President gave Heide the membership pin and other Rotary related stuff. It was noted by Mr. Montgomery that Linda Colclough was Heide's mentor.

Rotary Foundation:

Peter Bickham updated us on the progress our club is making on our goals for the Foundation. Our annual budget for the Foundation for the current year was \$30,500 and we have raised 30,000 plus, thanks to the generous support of our members-so the goal is in sight.

Polio Plus had a goal of \$2,000. and to date your donations are \$3,810. Peter reminded us that our donations are matched by the Government of Canada and also by the Gates Foundation.

Greeters

January 15th	Ron Hardy and Fran Hochhausen
January 22nd	Paul Hussey and Jeff Evans
January 29th	Pat Hutchinson and Harold Hanna

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

Paul Harris Foundation:

Jeff Evans received a Paul Harris Fellowship and was given the pin and the award.

Ruth & Dave Wylie each gave a donation to the Paul Harris Foundation and each received the pin and award.

Well done!!

Minutemen:

Garth Plunkett presented the Club with a cheque for \$9,700.00 for parking at the Christmas Market. He thanked all who helped and particularly Garth Sabirsh and Paul Gaudet who organized it.

Ted Wada suggested an Evening of Bowling and called for a show of hands – there appears to be some interest so he will try and organize it.

Dave Wylie said that there would be a meeting after, of the past president,s to discuss donations.

Linda Colclough announced an upcoming "Fireside" on Thursday, January 24th at Bev Tonkinson's home. As to tim,e check with Linda.

John McBean is organizing the Robbie Burns meeting in 2 weeks – if you're Scottish or think you're Scottish, come dressed accordingly!?

Norm Moro reminded us of the upcoming Cribbage Evening, this Thursday at the Horton Road Legion. Arrive any time after 5:30 to enjoy food, drink(s) and most of all fellowship. Cribbage at 6:30.

The 50/50 winner was Don McKenzie.

Sergeant at Arms, Bart Dailley, caught some of our members for misdemeanors – which raised some money for the Club, and there were some Good News dollars.

It was the first meeting of the month, so Dale Perret listed off the Birthdays, Anniversaries, Spouse's birthday, and a list of those who joined over the years this month. She noted that over the past few years we have acquired a lot of good new members to the club.

Dale noted that there were nine birthdays this month – five members where present: David Irving, Ed McLean, Tom Sorenson, Jack Steen and George Van Schaick. Missing were: Bruce Bohnet, Ann Marsh, Jim Stomp and Janet Tollefson.

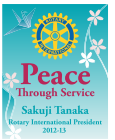
Sunshine Committee:

Harry Nazarchuk-said Father Greg is doing okay and still has his sense of humour.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 1:35pm.



Upcoming Events



Rotary Awareness Month

January 15th	Club Assembly
January 22nd	Robbie Burns meeting
January 29th	Classification Talks

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 Champ
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Magazine Month

April 29th - 30th	Casino @ 'Calgary Casino' — contact Joe Hooper for info
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Promote RI Convention Month

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

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

- archeological sites explored *.... cont'd from page 1*
- deep sea fishing – caught a 55 pound fish! and it took him an hour and a half to land it
- scuba diving – it was an experience but they forgot to tell him about the jelly fish and their stinging habits!
- surfing – he thought that he would like it but it didn't happen!
- driving the sand dunes – lots of fun

On his bucket list was to:

- eat some strange food – he ate some "Monk Fish" which was an ugly looking fish – he showed the dish prepared – I am glad that it was Michael trying to eat it!
- absorb the Mexican Culture – which he obviously did and he enjoyed it

What's next? – he has work lined up for the summer in Prince Edward Island.

Michael was thanked for his presentation by our member Keith Hansen.



Did You Know !? (historic club tidbits)

Did you know? The first Seniors Christmas Luncheon party we hosted was during Past President Jim Costello's term 1978/79. The party was at our then home, The Tradewinds Hotel, situated at the north east corner of Glenmore and Macleod Trails.

The party served two purposes; one to provide a nice festive lunch for some residents of senior homes in the area, and two, to provide financial support for the Bowness Boys Choir, a long established group in need of financial support. They entertained us while we had a traditional Turkey lunch with all the trimmings. The boys, in their matching tunics, arrived by school bus, treated us to a series of Christmas songs, then dined on hotdogs, chips candy bars and soda, (their request for quick performance and departure) then exited with our donation cheque.

We lacked funding to hire commercial carriers to pick up our guests so instead club members volunteered to pick up pre selected guest from each of the nursing homes participating.

Jim Thompson

A "Show me" item that deserves another look ...

"Show me a man who thinks he is smarter than his wife ... and I'll show you a man with a very smart wife!"

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned most people die of natural causes.



THIS AND THAT

5360 District Conference 2013



Happy New Year Rotarians!

Early Bird Registration for the 2013 District Conference is NOW OPEN!

Register today to save \$50/person and to secure your seat for one of Friday's diverse and delicious dining options.

Visit www.discon2013.com for information on the program, registration, accommodations and to contact the organizing committee.

Yours in Rotary,
District Conference 2013 Planning Committee

5360 District Conference
May 3-5, 2013
Lethbridge, Alberta

Mark your calendars!

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Uganda Youth Scholarships Fundraiser

Elijah Kyamuwendo Banquet

In partnership with The Strongest Oak Foundation, the University of Calgary Rotaract Club, and Rotary Clubs of District 5360, we are hosting a fundraiser on January 25th at The Danish Canadian Club in support of The Uganda Youth Scholarships, in honour of Elijah Kyamuwendo.

Elijah Kyamuwendo succumbed to cancer in July 2012, yet as the CEO of Kulika Uganda and as a friend to the Rotary (and Rotaract) community, Elijah touched the hearts of many Rotarians who had the privilege of working alongside him towards a better future for Uganda.

In support of this scholarship program, we are hosting a banquet and silent auction on January 25th – with all proceeds going directly to tuition fees. With tremendous support from Rotary Clubs within the district, this event is being hosted by Rotaract students who had the privilege of working with Elijah in May 2012.

Tickets can be purchased for \$80.00 each. Corporate and private donations are also sought. If you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring a Rotaract student (for \$80.00) to attend. To purchase tickets or provide a donation, please contact Simon Hasan at sahasan@ucalgary.ca (403-809-4769) or Darren Grierson at griersond@shaw.ca

Yours in Rotary,
Simon Hasan, Past-President, UC Rotaract Club

Cribbage Club

Horton Road Legion
9202 Horton Road SW
(close to the bar)

Arrive anytime after 5:30 to enjoy food, drink(s) and most of all, fellowship.



Start play: Tables of four to be ready to start play at 6:30 sharp.
Membership: New members are welcome. Lifetime Membership is \$3.00
Thursdays January 28th February 14th February 28th
March 14th
March 28th – final game for the Lew Reid Memorial Trophy and possible Cash Tournament, if there's enough interest.

Questions, contact Norm Moro at nlmoro@shaw.ca

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