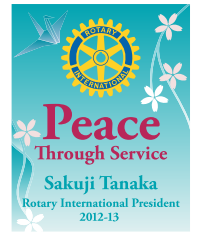




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## LIFE AFTER PRISON

Barbara Pickering and Jennifer Sputeck

Bart introduced our two guest speakers, Barb Pickering and Jennifer Sputeck to discuss life after prison.



Barb started the discussion explaining her reasons for being involved. She was entering the Masters of Counselling program at U of C, and after a while determined that she wanted to work with women who had recently left prison. She wanted to help them raise awareness in the community about who they are and to positively affect the stigma of having a criminal record. She volunteered at the transitional facility to get to know some of the women and learned of a research project called "Inside Out" which

included service providers, researchers, women with incarceration histories and correctional services of Canada looking at gaps in services for women as they exit prison. This group developed digital stories and banners with photographs much like those displayed in our meeting place today, giving individual outlines of women with prison records. The goal was to raise community awareness. It is perceived that women are keepers of social order and when healthy, contributing members of society they affect their children, their partners and their families. When a woman goes to prison that seriously, adversely affects the entire family and society. There is also the expense as it costs one and a half times as much to incarcerate a woman as a man. Locally it is about \$146,000 to keep a woman in the remand centre for a year, and up to \$250,000 in a federal penitentiary as opposed to probation, bail supervision or community supervision work orders which can be \$25 per day. A woman's reintegration into the general community is not only a socially just an ambition but an economic imperative. The average woman coming out of jail has a grade 8 education, is a mother, and was probably unemployed and on social assistance before incarceration. She probably has a history of childhood abuse and trauma which continued into adulthood, had substance abuse and is less likely than males to return to jail. Her imprisonment was not likely for violent crimes but rather property crimes and occasionally assault against a known person. Her research led her to Jen.

Jen was born in Edmonton, has 2 sisters and is deemed normal. However when she was 8, her



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# Meeting Minutes



July 24th, 2012

Scribe: Ed McLean

President Dave called the meeting to order promptly at 12:15 p.m. and in the absence of a pianist, he asked Calgary South Rotarian Hugh Delaney to lead us in the national anthem and Rotary grace.

After lunch George Van Schaick introduced 3 visitors and 3 South Calgary Rotarians, and as Betty had arrived she played the welcome song. This is Betty's birthday so we sang Happy Birthday.

## Sunshine Report:

Jan Tollefson is doing as well as can be expected.

Guest speaker Barb said that all in attendance had been given a small card on which to write a few words about any view on female ex-cons. They will be gathered later.

Pres. Dave mentioned that our former member and now Lt. Gov. of Alberta, Don Ethell, will address the Calgary North Club next Monday.

The All Calgary Clubs meeting is scheduled for November 8th with Heritage Park Club coordinating this event.

Garth S. thanked those who helped with parking last week and is sending the file around for the next event which is the "Dog Show".

Stephen and Anne Pick prepared a poster for the entrance which indicates our fund raising goal for the year, and the names of recipients from last year's fund raising.

Linda reports she has 8 group photos left if you have the need for one.

Ron Smith is still following up on changes to the roster and next week will have a camera on hand if you feel your picture should be updated.

Dale placed Globalfest order forms on tables and will be sending an email. By the way, last week your scribe in error referred to Fran as the Globalfest leader. OOPs!

Perfect attendance pins were handed out to Paul G., George K., Norm Moro, Tom R., Dave W., Bart, Lyle, Paul H., Al I. and Harry. Several were for more than 30 years!



The Pres. amused us with a joke before asking Bart to act as Sergeant-at-Arms. He started things off by saying anyone who thinks all men are created equal has never visited a nudist beach. Those fined included Hugh Delaney, and Tom McFee. Good News Bucks came from Ian, Gordon, Dave W., Garry Miller, and Tammy whose nephew was picked out of 2,000 applicants for a scholarship.

Fred Jesse won the 50/50 draw.

Bart then introduced our 2 guest speakers, Barb Pickering and Jennifer Sputeck to discuss life after prison.

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father went to hospital with depression, then was sent to a mental institution and Jen thought her mother was trying to get rid of him. Her relationship then with her mother was not good. At age 12 she became

a runaway, and at age 16 was involved in a robbery with a sentence of 7 years. After release she moved briefly to B.C. but returned to Calgary where she got pregnant, delivering twins, one of whom is autistic. She gave up all addictions but Carlos did not, and came home one night so high on morphine that he died later that night. She was facing life with no job and two babies, and essentially no education. She discovered she was not eligible for a government widow's pension so

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## Greeters

July 31st Albert Amaniampong and Moe Tynan

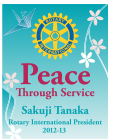
August 7th TBA

August 14th 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



## New Rotary Year Begins

July 31st

Diane Jones Konihowski, former Canadian Olympic Athlete

## Membership Month

August 7th

Glenda Standeven, Cancer Survivor

August 14th

Nature Park meeting

August 21st

Deb Tomlinson, Project Manager, Connect Family Sexual Abuse Network

August 28th

Bob Hartley, Coach of the Calgary Flames

## New Generations Month

September 4th

Rick Istead — Rotary Youth Exchange

September 11th

Tom Higgins, Director of CFL Officials

September 14-16th

80th Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Assembly at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kalispell, Montana. Districts 5080, 5360, 5370 and 5390. The Hands Across the Border Ceremony will occur in Glacier Park.

September 18th

Club Assembly

September 25th

Darrel Janz, TV News Anchor

## Vocational Service Month

October 2nd

Kevin Kaminski, Disabled Athlete

October 9th

District Governor visit

October 16th

Craig Hazle, Skyline Hikers



## Club Banners



One of the more colourful traditions of Rotary is the exchange of club banners. Rotarians traveling to distant locations often take banners to exchange at make-up meetings as a token of friendship. Many clubs use the decorative banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and district events.



By 1959, exchanging banners had become so popular that the RI Board of Directors was concerned the practice would be a financial burden on clubs. It urged Rotarians to "exercise discretion, moderation, and measured judgment in making provision for such exchanges".



The approximately 20,000 banners in the Rotary History and Archives collection reflect clubs' hometown pride and their connection with the international organization.



In addition to incorporating the Rotary emblem, banners often include symbols or imagery of a club's town, region, or country. Others represent local craftsmanship or cultural traditions by displaying leatherwork, weaving, embroidery, or hand-painted designs.

The Rotary Club of Indianapolis held a contest in 2009 called S.E.E. the World (S.E.E. stands for Schedule a trip, Exchange a Banner, Enrich your Rotary experience). Traveling members

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resorted to selling crack on the street, which she did for 10 years and stayed out of prison to raise the kids. She did some part time work and some community work. In September 2008, an Emergency Response Team raided her home where crack was discovered of course ... she pleaded guilty and received a 30 month sentence. Her children were put in a foster home. She was under strict conditions after her release and did everything asked of her, but it took 5 months to get her children back.

After 6 months she was asked to help the Inside Out research team. There was no advocate for her when she needed it so she works now to help others. She speaks to community groups about her history and the need to have advocates for women leaving prison. Female offenders are "pretty normal" and while they did something bad, they are not generally bad people, not psychopaths or pathological liars. She hopes to have an impact in her role.

Rob W. presented certificates to both speakers in which a woman in the Dominican Republic received a macro loan.

documented their experience on a short questionnaire and presented it to the club with the collected banner. This practice began when the club's history committee began taking digital pictures of each of the nearly 1,400 banners collected from around the world. They found most banners have no name, no date, and no story. S.E.E. the World is their way of capturing that experience while promoting international fellowship.



# THIS AND THAT

## July Parking at Spruce Meadows



### Stampede Humour

"Horse sense is the thing a horse has which keeps it from betting on people."

W.C. Fields

"Riding: The art of keeping a horse between you and the ground."

Author Unknown

"Horse sense, n.: Stable thinking"

Author Unknown

A cowboy told his secret to a long life. He said, "You gotta sprinkle a little gunpowder on your oatmeal, see. If you do, you'll live to a nice ripe old age."  
So the cowboy did this religiously every day, and sure enough, lived to the nice ripe old age of 96.  
When he died he left behind 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren ... and a 16 foot hole in the wall of the crematorium.



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Calgary Chinook**

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