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..... THANK YOU !!!

In the introduction of Steve we learned much of his background and qualifications. These were verified throughout his talk so that by its end we verified so many things that Rotary is in Calgary and District and our enthusiasm and pride in being a Rotarian heightened throughout. Thank you, Steve.

To cite but a few, Steve is from the Rotary Club of Calgary and is a former President of that club. He is vice-chair of Pure Health, is a co-chair of the Calgary Poverty Reduction Initiative and much more. He started at this point and emphasized how he would share with us "about the need in our city for such a strategy". In order to do this he emphasized some of the uniqueness that our city has. He further emphasized how difficult it is to "end poverty in Calgary and enhance the well-being of all Calgarians". We saw then how his vast experiences gave him support in the poverty reduction initiative process. He has been Chair of the Stampede Board, and research that was done with the Calgary Foundation's Vital Signs Report on our community. We are not just another big city, but we are Calgary. We are friendly, we work hard being volunteers, entrepreneurial and hospitable, and we have a "can-do" attitude.



We have a Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. His involvement with Rotary gave him insights and experience to take this on, and he shared a few examples. Kids need warm winter clothing, not just coats but also boots and mittens. There are often complex situations where many factors are present such as income, social circumstances and other difficulties that have to be addressed. As he described these issues to us we realized how much this help was needed even though children are resilient and resourceful. His experience with their stories and needs brought forth ways that worked wonders in many cases. A "multi-sector approach" was developed by looking at the many aspects of poverty and the people within it. Many groups and stakeholders were brought on board with the initiative. We certainly saw the complexity of it all.

Recommendations were set forth on structural changes, which meant choosing charities and handouts to focus on direct help communities and allow individuals to have a say in dealing with their own challenges. In doing this we gained a deeper understanding of poverty and its causes. It changes us, too.

We learned that a quarter of Calgarians are foreign-born and almost 120 different languages are spoken. We volunteer more than most communities. Calgary is the business and financial centre of Western Canada and the second largest head office city in our nation. We have the youngest, best educated workforce and 60% of us have post-secondary education. Even McLeans has often said we are one of Canada's most cultured cities and Money Sense this year recognized us as Canada's best place to live. Wow!

Even then, poverty remains an issue here. We have the lowest high school graduation rates. We have a widening gap between rich and poor, and some aboriginal and immigrants experience higher levels of unemployment and lower income. All this, in part, results from our economic boom and explosive population growth which puts pressure on

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Meeting Minutes



June 11th, 2013

Scribe: Keith Hansen

The meeting was called to order and we were informed that Ed McLean and his family had lost Sheila Dawn, a daughter. The room was quiet as we pondered the loss, and so it was without further talking we observed those moments of silence for a loss so close to one of our members. Later we were told during the Sunshine Report that Sheila Dawn in Powell River had been doing well, but not for long enough and had died from acute kidney failure. The quiet was intense as each of us thought of Ed and his loss and how such a loss would effect us. This reporter of the minutes has two daughters and three grand daughters, and couldn't help but feel for Ed and his family. There was added silence at our table I'm sure because we were thinking of Ed and wondering how he was doing and how we would be under similar circumstances.

Guests were introduced and included: Dave Stretz, guest of Jim Thompson, Tom McKee from the Safety Harbor Rotary in Florida, past member Norman Myden now of the Rotary Club of Nanaimo, Sigi Schaul of the Haifa Rotary Club in Israel, Steve Allan and Phil Libin from Rotary Club of Calgary. Michael Zacharhi and Terry McDonough were visitors from the Rotary South Club. Welcome all.



Sigi Schaul from the Haifa Rotary Club in Israel

While we were eating, forms were circulated explaining and seeking input on how each of us felt about again having sandwiches at parking events. So if you haven't done the form or given it back, please do so as soon as possible.

Paul Gaudet expressed his thanks to the club and individuals for their parking services at Spruce Meadows. He expressed appreciation for the large number who stepped up and donated energy and time when it was needed. We have even received e-mails about our service and good efforts.

Announcements:

- We were reminded about "THE RIDE FOR THE CURE" forthcoming at the Grey Owl Casino.
- It was great and appreciated that FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE needs are now fulfilled. Thank you everyone.
- We were reminded of and invited to join the HIKE TO GRASSIE LAKE. Come and see some Indian writing on the wall. The car pool leaves at 9 am. Bring a lunch and lots of water. A folder was circulated at the meeting. Please contact david.irving@shaw.ca for more detailed information. See you there!

Greeters

June 18th	Bev Tonkinson
June 25th	Moe Tynan and George Van Schaick
July 2nd	TBA

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

- Norm Moro reported on Betty's Run for ALS. 200 "Team Moro" t-shirts were sold and much money was raised at the event. Thanks to all who donated to ALS - and also for the Club's matching funds. Past funds raised by the society provided Norm's daughter in law Karen with a chair with large wheels for her and her husband's trip to Europe.



2 x Norm Moro

- THE NORTH-AMERICAN at Spruce Meadows is now on-line so please sign-on soon to get the best spots that suit you.
- We were reminded that our Rotary year-end is approaching, so there is much everyone needs to do, including annual fees where applicable.

The 50-50 draw was made and Gerald Langereis won just over \$53.

SAA Ron Hardie did his best to match Tammy Truman's efforts as SAA last week and raised a considerable amount of money. Those who didn't help at SM were fined, but then even those who did were encouraged to "add to the pot".

Happy Bucks come next: this included one who was once chased by a bear. Those who worked in the rain needed extra attention or recognition. It was said: "You ATCO guys do a very good job". Applause was given to Garth, Garth, Paul and Joe for their leadership concerning the many things they do regarding parking at SM. It was again noted that we need to raise our profile as Rotarians doing the parking management as volunteers at SM

We then heard from our speaker. Our speaker was introduced and later thanked in our special Chinook way. Thank you, Steve Allan, for giving us such a wonderful understanding of the scope and power of helping others.

Our chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

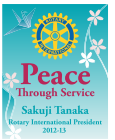
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Our greeters Alex Soutar and Garth Plunkett



Upcoming Events



Rotary Fellowship Month

June 18th
June 22nd
June 23rd - 26th
June 25th

Janos Takats, Exchange Student
'Hike for Rotarians' to Grassie Lake — contact Dave Irving
Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal
Phil Merrill, Inspector, Alberta Rat Patrol



New Rotary Year Begins

July 2nd
July 3rd - 7th
July 9th
July 13th - 15th
July 16th
July 23rd
July 30th

Assembly and Passing of the Gavel
Parking @ Spruce Meadows for the "North American"
Carriage House Stampede Breakfast
Hosting visiting Rotarians from the UK — contact Monty or Dale for info
British Exchange Rotarians
Kelly Falardeau, Burn Victim
Annual 'Picnic in the Park' @ our Nature Park in Fish Creek Provincial Park



Membership Month

August 13th

Cole Demorest, returning Exchange Student

New Generations Month

September 4th - 8th
September 17th

Parking @ Spruce Meadows for "The Masters"
Sophie Serafino, Founder of Everywoman Foundation

Vocational Service Month

October 8th
October 29th

Wendy Lowe, Executive Director, Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre
District Governor visit

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the cost of living, longer work hours, more time on commuting. It reduces our time with family and helping in our communities. We worry about it, and don't know our neighbours as we would wish. In a strong way we face a paradox between opportunity and scarcity. There are more Calgarians who are vulnerable and at risk. Many of us have a high debt load beyond our mortgage. This and other obligations affects Calgary families more than first apparent. Steve concludes that we need to look at as many factors as possible.

Personal Vulnerability is one of a number of root causes. Life's Stages, Disruptive Events and Systemic Vulnerability are others. So how do we address this vulnerability? We help Calgarians so they don't fall into poverty in the first place, and develop strategies to do this. Calgary has this incredible asset - a sense of community and we know how to volunteer and have a sense of compassion. We care for each other with our strong network and are able to work together. We know how to consult. When you do it this way it reduces, if not eliminates, poverty. It was interesting to note that Steve pointed out that Calgary communities are strong and supportive and inclusive. We have the organizations to succeed at this. Rotary is amongst these many groups. These many groups together bring change, actions and attitudes that succeed. Our goal is to reach for "everyone to have the income and assets to thrive"! It is neither simple nor immediate but ongoing. It is consistent with the community-building idea. We reach into almost every aspect of life and work to make Calgary even better and less reliant on governments to carry the financial loads. We also work to have everyone in our city have easy access to the right support, service and resources. We search for ways to create one-stop entry points.

One of our present goal is that "all aboriginal people are equal participants in our actions". We are developing a specific Aboriginal

Poverty Reduction Plan. While doing this we will develop public awareness and understanding.

Steve then left us with a picture of Calgary with poverty reduction. We will see a stay in school result, know where to go for counselling, where to or how to go for community support. Businesses and services are partners in this, staying in school is often a major factor as well, families know how to do this and be stronger as a result. We have to build a city where there is ENOUGH FOR ALL. It helps the family, the neighbourhoods, businesses and all aspects of our city.

He further pointed out that www.enoughforall.ca provides resources and educational materials. As he quoted: "if any community can - we can". There is a role for Rotary and for Rotarians in this mission and he hopes our club will join his. Will we join? The hope is "yes" and the answer is we all are in because we have so many similar actions we're already taking. There is action and power in Rotary clubs!

Roster Books

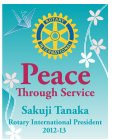
Roster Book pages will be printed early in the new Rotary year. Please send any info changes to the Club Secretary, and to Stephen Pick. If you have a different photo you would like in the roster, send it to Stephen, or ask John Beatty to take a new photo at a meeting.

Ron Smith will be circulating proof sheets at upcoming meetings. Please verify your photo and info are correct.

Please also update your Club Runner profile!



THIS AND THAT



Guiding Principles of Rotary

A new Rotary year is upon us on July 1st. As you review your role in the club and consider service on the various committees, it is time to reflect on and reaffirm our knowledge of the guiding principals of Rotary.

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Avenues of Service

For years, Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self has been channelled through the Avenues of Service, which form the foundation of club activity.

Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.

Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.

Community Service covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.

International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

Youth Service (previously New Generations) recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities as RYLA, Rotaract and Interact, service projects, and creating international understanding with Rotary Youth Exchange.

The Four-Way Test

The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

Of the things we think, say or do

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Mission

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Diversity and Rotary

Rotary International recognizes the value of diversity within individual clubs. Rotary encourages clubs to assess those in their communities who are eligible for membership, under existing membership guidelines, and to endeavour to include the appropriate range of individuals in their clubs. A club that reflects its community with regard to professional and business classification, gender, age, religion, and ethnicity is a club with the key to its future.

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