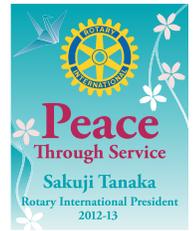




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ROTARY CHALLENGER PARK

Jim Zachowski, Executive Director *by Alex Soutar*

President elect Terry Green called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm, and welcomed 28 Rotarians to an offsite meeting at Rotary Challenger Park.

John McBean introduced our speaker Jim Zachowski, the Executive Director of Calgary Rotary Challenger Park.

Jim presented a history of the park . In 2002 the 23 acre complex was opened to provide free sport and recreation facilities for persons of all abilities. This past year some 78,000 children and adults, and more than 50 organizations enjoyed the the use of these facilities.

This leads to the areas of need for charitable groups---over head costs have become a burden. Calgary lags behind other communities in developing facilities to house charities, and the park's need to ensure sustainability of the park for future generations.

The Calgary Airport Authority donated 5.34 acres of land for a period of 42 years, and a renewal adjacent to the park, which led to the next plan: the Centre For All Abilities.

This centre is planned as a three storey 100,000 square foot affordable complex for charitable organizations, offering lease rates up to 40% below market value. This benefits Calgary's charities by freeing funds for overhead to be redirected to their services. There are also opportunities for shared services such as reception, parking, and accounting. The ongoing benefits include access to world class sport, recreation, and fitness programs, as well as meeting facilities.

The planned budget for this complex is \$33,000,000 and it is expected to open in 2018. The plan is also to include a commercial plaza.

Currently the following organizations have signed agreements with Calgary Rotary Challenger Park to be residents in the project:

- Calgary Progressive Lifestyles Foundation
- Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta
- Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta--Calgary Chapter
- Renfrew Educational Services
- Aspen Family and Community Network Society

The charitable campaign will include tax deductible receipts and opportunities for sponsorship.

John McBean thanked Jim for his presentation, and as well presented a cheque to Rotary Challenger Park.

Terry Green closed the meeting at 1:25 pm.



Rotary Challenger Park®

Where Everyone Can Play

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Spruce Meadows Dinner



May 23rd, 2013 **Scribe: Alex Soutar**

Vice President Stephen Pick was the MC at the Spruce Meadows dinner on Thursday night. This yearly event is an appreciation to Chinook Rotary, and partners, for our work in traffic control, and parking for the major equestrian events as well as other markets during the year.

Stephen introduced Kurby and Tyler who reviewed future plans for the complex, as well as some of the improvements that have been completed, such as the resurfacing of the international ring, and proposed new buildings at the international ring.



Some of the changes coming for the 2014 year will be an additional week for the Christmas Market increasing it to a total of 3 weekends, and a timing change for the Masters Tournament, holding it a week later than this year due to a timing conflict with the Pan-Am Games.

Kurby and Tyler wrapped up with a Q & A segment completing their presentation.



Stephen made a special presentation to Ron May as the Distinguished Rotarian of the Year for the Chinook Rotary Club.

Stephen then introduced Garth Sabrish who took the opportunity to thank the Chinook Rotary members as well as the partner groups which included Red Deer

Lake United Church, Knights of Columbus, Fish Creek Rotary Club, the 4H group, and Fairview School.



The sign up for the National on June 5-9 appears close to being filled.



Greeters

June 4th	Tom Sorenson and Barry Korpatnisky
June 11th	Garth Plunkett and Alex Soutar
June 18th	Bev Tonkinson

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

Photos courtesy of John Beatty & Stephen Pick



Upcoming Events



Rotary Fellowship Month

June 4th
June 5th - 9th
June 11th
June 18th
June 23rd - 26th
June 25th

Joe Hooper, Spruce Meadows Preparations
Parking @ Spruce Meadows for "The National"
Steve Allan, PDG, Calgary Poverty Reduction Initiative
Janos Takats, Exchange Student
Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal
Phil Merrill, Inspector, Alberta Rat Patrol



New Rotary Year Begins

July 2nd
July 3rd - 7th

Assembly ... Passing of the Torch
Parking @ Spruce Meadows for the "North American"



SPRUCE MEADOWS

Ron May Named 'Distinguished Rotarian of the Year' for 2012-2013

In Rotary year 2011/12, our club created a new award to annually recognize a member who personifies Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" inside and outside of Rotary. The award is named "Distinguished Rotarian of the Year" and can only be bestowed on one who has been a member in good standing of the club for at least ten years. This award recognizes a member's contribution of service over the total time that he or she has been a member of our Rotary Club and not only during the current year. An Awards Committee appointed by the Board of Directors solicits nominations from the membership at large and ranks all the nominations, including its own, against a standard set of criteria. The nominee with the highest score is selected for the award. A broad base of service contributions are considered and include 17 different activities.

A nameplate engraved with the name of the person selected for this honour is added to the trophy which is prominently displayed beside the lectern at our weekly meetings. Additionally, the award recipient is presented with a suitable recognition piece that can be tastefully displayed in his or her home or office. The keepsake is engraved with "In recognition of and with appreciation for your years of exemplary service; Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook". Congratulations to Ron who is the second club member to be honoured with this award. Last year's recipient was Jim Thompson.



by Hank Popoff

June is Fellowship Month

Rotary Fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who share a common vocation or recreational interest. Rotary Fellowships give their members the opportunity to have fun, make new friends around the world, and enhance their experience in Rotary.

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in the international language Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians — which now holds the distinction of being the oldest continuing fellowship.

The scope of fellowships has changed significantly over the years, but their purpose remains the same: to unite Rotarians in friendship and provide opportunities to enjoy favourite recreational or professional activities.

Many fellowships also use their special interests to serve others. For example, the Fellowship of Canoeing Rotarians has

organized cleanups of polluted rivers; members of the International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians conduct training sessions for Rotarians and others in their community; and members of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers join local Rotary clubs to undertake service projects on each of their diving trips.

Some examples of Fellowships:

Go to

www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/fellowships_flier_en.pdf for the full listing

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| Amateur Radio | Golf | Scouting |
| Antique Automobiles | Gourmets | Scuba Diving |
| Bird Watching | Home Exchange | Skiing |
| Chess | Jazz | Tennis |
| Computer Users | Magicians | Travel Agents |
| Cricket | Motorcycling | Travel and Hosting |
| Curling | Music | Wellness and Fitness |
| Cycling | Photographers | Wine |
| Doll Lovers | Quilters and Fiber Artists | Yachting |
| Environment | Railroads | |
| Fishing | Recreational Vehicles | |
| Geocaching | Rotary on Stamps | |



THIS AND THAT



Dedication and Focus



It was later reported that his wife got out safely, and that he did indeed par the hole ...

He says the divorce isn't going to be that bad, now that there's no house involved ...

New Member Recruitment

Check out the short powerpoint presentation on our website: "Calgary Service Clubs – See Why Rotary Might be Your Best Choice" was developed by Ron Smith and Graham Boone. They would appreciate member input and suggestions to enhance the presentation so it is an effective web tool for recruitment.

Send your comments to Ron and Graham.

Engage Rotary, Change Lives

"If we really want to take Rotary service forward, then we must make sure that every single Rotarian has the same feeling about Rotary that each one of us here has today," RI President-elect Ron D. Burton told incoming district governors in his speech unveiling the 2013-14 Rotary theme — Engage Rotary, Change Lives — at the International Assembly in January. "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 applied that lesson also to membership development, which he insisted is the responsibility of every Rotarian. He told the audience that although he 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, USA, invited him to.

Inspire prospective members by telling your Rotary story. Sometimes the most obvious choices for potential club members are the people we're closest to, "yet we look right past them," says Jennifer Jones, past governor of District 6400 (parts of Ontario, Canada, and Michigan, USA), who invited her parents to Rotary activities but hadn't considered asking them to join. While spouses, children, and siblings all are logical choices for Rotary involvement, our parents often are the ones with extra time — as well as a lifetime of experiences and skills — to share with Rotary.

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June 3, 2013

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Re: Parks Foundation Calgary - Greenway Project "Rotary Greenway"

It is with great pleasure and appreciation that we acknowledge your very generous contribution to the Parks Foundation Calgary - Greenway Project. This project will be iconic for and on behalf of the City of Calgary and will be a significant community enhancement for the benefit of all of our residents and visitors.

It is heartwarming when donors such as Calgary's Rotary Clubs are prepared to support and give back to the community and we could not be more pleased with our partnership with you. As you can imagine, we are obliged to document the nature of that contribution and our relationship which is as follows:

SPONSORSHIP OF THE CALGARY GREENWAY , to be named in perpetuity as THE ROTARY GREENWAY as per Parks Foundation Calgary's Proposal dated December 12, 2012 - to CALGARY'S ROTARY CLUBS .

Calgary's Rotary Clubs commit to make a total payment of \$5,000,000.00, over five years on a best efforts basis - as their contribution to the Calgary Greenway with naming rights to the Greenway project - as The ROTARY GREENWAY, subject to both parties commitments, - as per attached proposal summary dated December 12, 2012.

This gifting commitment shall be a binding obligation and shall be treated as a several obligation of Calgary's Rotary Clubs according to the attached schedule until fully paid.

Please assist us in confirming the above terms by signing and returning a copy of this letter to our offices.

Once again, thank you so much!

Yours truly,

Myrna Dube
CEO
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Rotary Club of Calgary - Chinook	\$50,000.00	_____	_____
Rotary Club of Calgary - East	\$25,000.00	_____	_____
Rotary Club of Calgary - Heritage Park	\$50,000.00	_____	_____
Rotary Club of Calgary - Olympic	\$50,000.00	_____	_____
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Rotary Club of Calgary - Fish Creek	\$25,000.00	_____	_____
Rotary Club of Calgary - Crowchild	\$10,000.00	_____	_____
Rotary Club of Calgary - Millennium	\$25,000.00	_____	_____
Rotary Club of Cochrane	\$7,500.00	_____	_____
Flames Foundation for Life	\$100,000.00		
Anonymous Rotarians who have committed to providing donations to complete the Calgary Rotary clubs' gifting agreement with Parks Foundation Calgary in the event the Calgary Rotary clubs have not otherwise completed the payment of committed funds by the 5th year, or earlier	\$697,500.00		