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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT Fran Leggett

President Dave Saunders introduced ADG Martin Harvey, who in turn introduced our guest speaker, District Governor Fran Leggett. DG Fran is a native Albertan, born in Lacombe. She is a graduate of Trent University (BSc, Honours) and has a Doctorate from the University of Alberta. She is an Agriculture Canada scientist at the Lethbridge Research Station, specializing in electron microscopic research into animal and plant viral diseases. by Stephen Pick

Station, specializing in electron microscopic research into animal and plant viral diseases Fran has been a member of the Polio Plus Committee, Treasurer and President of the

Rotary Club of Lethbridge East. She is Past

President of the Waterton Glacier Peace Park Assembly, Past Assistant Governor, member of the Strategic Planning Committee, a Rotary Leadership Institute trainer, and Chair of the Peace Committee.

Rotary is a journey which is best traveled by finding your passion within the many activities and objectives of Rotary and becoming engaged.

Rotary has five major areas of concern, and the objective is to find sustainable ways to address them:

- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Maternal and Child Health
- Water and Sanitation
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development



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Meeting Minutes



October 9th, 2012

Scribe: Gerald Langereis

The meeting opened at 6:35pm and was somewhat lightly attended.

After the introduction of wives and guests, a Paul Harris Fellow award was presented by the District Governor Fran Leggett to the retiring Marg Zankl for her years of dedicated service to the Chinook Rotary club. The Governor explined that the battle against polio is gaining ground but still has a long way to go. It should also be realized that, without sounding too pessimistic, this will not end with successful eradication in one area of the world, and may worldwide never be possible.

Rotary International President Tanaka is fighting hard to get the Peace and Conflict resolution generally accepted.









Photos courtesy of John Beatty

Remembrance Day All Clubs Meeting

Thursday, November 8th, 2012

His Honour Lieutenant Governor Donald Ethell and his wife, Her Honour Linda Ethell, are attending the Remembrance Day program on November 8th. The ceremony is being held at the Kensington Royal Canadian Legion

1910 Kensington Road NW

Bar: Remembrance Program: Refreshments: 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$25.00 Kegister your attendance in advance.



This week's Greeters ... Janos Takats and Barry Korpatnisky



Upcoming Events

Volunteer Appreciation Night — 5pm drinks, 6pm dinner @ Cravings

Remembrance Day All Clubs Meeting — 6pm @ Kensington Legion



Vocational Service Month

October 16th October 21st October 23rd October 30th

Rotary Foundation Month

November 6th November 8th November 13th November 16th - 18th November 20th November 23rd - 25th November 27th

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Family Month		1
December 4th	Duke Duplessis, Alberta Oil Sands	
December 11th	Seniors Christmas Luncheon, 12 noon @ The Carriage House Inn	
December 18th	Club Christmas Party — evening meeting @ The Carriage House Inn	
December 27th	Fellowship Meeting	

Jason Kenney, Federal Minister of Immigration

Parking @ Spruce Meadows Christmas Market

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Craig Hazle, Skyline Hikers

New Generations program

moved to November 8th

Gerry Dattilio, CFL Veteran

Club Assembly

Rick Istead, Rotary Youth Exchange

2012

May 3rd to 5th

Promote RI Convention Month

District 5360 Conference 2013 "Peace, Passion & Partnerships" in Lethbridge

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT

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Our donations of time and money make a difference in all of these areas. Donations from Rotarians sustain the Rotary Foundation and enable it to meet its objectives. Half of the total donations flow back to the originating Districts to fund their initiatives, both local and international.

DG Fran spoke to us about the current Rotary year theme, "Peace Through Service", as enunciated by RI President Sakuji Tanaka. Peace can have many definitions - freedom from war and conflict, freedom from illness and hunger, freedom from bullying. By helping others, even in small ways, peace can be achieved.

Peace is a major objective of Rotary. To this end, Rotary supports masters programs in Peace and Conflict Resolution at 6 universities around the world. As well, a number of shorter term programs are sponsored every year.

There will be great attention paid to membership in the next few years. Membership has been stuck at 1.22 million for some time, and it is Rotary's objective to grow that number to 1.3 million by 2016. Rotarians are encouraged to spread the word about Rotary, and to seek out new members to expand and invigorate club membership.

Polio eradication has been a major project of Rotary for years, and since 1988, the incidence of polio has been reduced from thousands each year to just a few cases reported so far in 2012. These are in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. India has just been declared polio free. While we are "this close" to eradicating polio, continued efforts are needed as just one inadvertent air trip could

re-introduce it to another country if vaccinations are allowed to get lax. Continued vaccinations worldwide are key to the eradication goal.

Support of our youth, through programs such as Youth Exchange, RYPEN, RYLA, ROTARACT and INTERACT, is the future of Rotary. ROTARACT is now 50 years old, and there are 4 Clubs in the District. Youth programs will be highlighted and form a key part at this year's District Conference in Lethbridge.

It is up to us as individual Members of Rotary to make a difference. Rotarians never say "there is nothing I can do", but do say "how do we get it done?".

Following a short question and answer session, President Dave thanked our speaker and presented her with our Add Your Light certificate.

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.

Note !! Date change ...



Monday November 5th *** from Thursday the 8th **

Questions, contact Norm Moro at nlmoro@shaw.ca



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A vocational training team (VTT) is a group of professionals who travel to another country either to learn more about their profession or to teach local professionals about a particular field. Under Future Vision, Rotary Foundation district, global, and packaged grants all support VTTs, but each grant type has different requirements.

VTTs build on the Foundation's long-standing commitment to vocational training, first formalized with the establishment of the Group Study Exchange program in 1965. VTTs take the GSE concept of enabling young professionals to observe their profession in another country a step further by offering participants the opportunity to use their skills to help others.

Hands-on activities vary from one team to the next but may include training medical professionals on cardiac surgery and care, sharing best practices on early childhood education, or explaining

new irrigation techniques to farmers. A successful VTT increases the capacity of the host community to solve problems and improve the quality of life.

Foundation staff do not assist districts in finding partners for VTTs. Rotarians are encouraged to identify needs and find partners through ProjectLINK, the District



Grant VTT Partner Forum on LinkedIn, and matchinggrants.org/global, or by developing relationships at international Rotary meetings or project fairs.

Proposed New Member

At the last Board meeting, the following new member proposal was accepted by the Board for membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook:

ROSEMARY CRAWFORD

Hank Popoff Sponsor: Classification: Retail, Furrier

In accordance with Club Bylaws Article XI Section 5:

Method of electing New Members If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the Board from any member (other than Honorary) of the Club within seven (7) days following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of admission fee (if not Honourary membership) as prescribed in the bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership. If any such objection has been filed with the Board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee, shall be considered to be elected to membership.

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Letter from District Governor Fran Leggett



Monday, October 15, 2012

Dear Dave,

I enjoyed meeting your board on Tuesday and speaking to your club that evening.

Rotary International is asking its Districts to work on membership retention along with increasing membership over the next three years. Pat and his strategic planning committee will be rolling out an extensive plan in 2013-2014. I know you are working on Membership retention and that will be the emphasis in future years. I will share any membership tips I learn at the zone with the club presidents when I return.

I see giving to the Foundation as important to our organization to help us achieve our goals, both locally and internationally. Your club has a good record of giving to Polio and the Annual programs fund.

This recent announcement pledges a match for giving to Polio: "The Pennies and More for Polio initiative invites Canadians to join in the fight to



eradicate polio. The Government of Canada, through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will provide funds to the World Health Organization's Global Polio Eradication Initiative at a ratio of \$1 for every \$1 raised by Rotarians in Canada, up to a maximum of \$1 million. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will likewise provide funds of equal value, at a ratio of \$1 for every \$1 raised by Rotarians in Canada. This would result in every \$1 raised by the Rotary Foundation leveraging an additional \$2."

You are very active in your community and I always like to see the sweat equity programs. I think this helps increase awareness in the community of our organizations and our service to the community. It is good to see that you also have a Seniors Dinner. I think with our emphasis on Youth we sometimes forget our seniors.

The newest Avenue of Service is New Generations. You support our Youth in so many ways with your scholarships, support of RYLA, RYPEN the YEX program and Interact. I am attaching the Four Way test contest file and a PDF about RI's postcard contest. One thing that I would like to see is some program that promotes our theme of "Peace through Service" this year, perhaps with your Interact clubs.

MDR is scheduled for October 27th at the Greenwood Inn in Calgary. This is a great way to learn about Rotary in an atmosphere of enthusiasm and engagement. Your President Elect is already paid for but I would encourage you to send other members. The fee is \$50.00 for the day and includes lunch. You will see an invitation to the event and find more information in the newsletter this month. We are inviting youth to the event and you will have received a note from DGE Pat about a subsidy program for them to attend.

The qualification seminar for District Grants is November 3rd. The organizers have reconsidered and if you aren't applying for a global grant you do not have to attend in person. One of your members will need to attend the seminar, if you are considering applying for a global grant or to be a partner in one. The representative from the CIP Alberta Grants will be at the webinar to talk about applying for grants. The District grants committee has guidelines for receiving grants and they can be found at

http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?did=5360&pid=58589&accountid=50011 This will be held at the Four Points Sheraton Calgary Airport, 2875 Sunridge Way NE.

Please encourage all of your members to attend the District Conference. The conference will be May 3rd to 5th in Lethbridge. This will be held at the Lethbridge Lodge. We will be including a youth conference for Interact and Rotaract and hopefully including youth from the other programs as well.

I showed you Rotary in Motion, a publication from Australia. I would like a document or two highlighting your projects both local and international. I am sure I will find a way to get this published. Can you also send me digital images of your projects so I can start putting together my video about the Clubs in the District?

You have a strong club and I know you will have a successful year.

Fran Leggett District Governor 2012-2013



RYE Thailand 2012-2013 Cole's Communications



Monday, October 8, 2012 Life is Good

So you know those days where you feel like nothing in the world could ever go wrong again? The days that seem like the sun could never set on you, and darkness could never touch you? The kind of day where invincibility isn't part of some far off realm, but a real sensation coursing through you? When sheer elation overwhelms you and your thoughts during every minute moment of the day?

Yeah... that was today...

To all my friends and family and Rotary members and anyone else who helped put this experience together for me, I need you guys to know how much I appreciate what you have done for me. The people I am meeting, the experiences and adventures I am having, and that are yet to come, are inconceivably extraordinary, and without your support I would never have had this opportunity. I've been here less than 2 months, and the journey you have laid before has already begun to weave itself into the very fabric of my being, to create vivid memories, relationships to last a life-time and mind opening life-lessons.

This is one big helluva thank you to every body who has contributed to the person I am today. I'll never be able to appreciate you enough...

Much love, Wanlop Watcharawichet William Cole Demorest

Tuesday October 9, 2012

Makes Ya Stop and Think ...

So just another day in the life of an exchanger. Wake up, eat breakfast with the fam, head to the National Park for a "run", hang out with friends; the norm. However, tonight something rather out of the norm happened.

We had our weekly Rotary meeting, and everything proceeded as usual. The main topics that we covered were about the 4 students from my city going to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), a 4 day leadership camp in Chiang Rai, and our Northern trip, an 8 day trip with all the inbounds touring Northern Thailand. All 4 of us were going to RYLA, but 1 of my friends couldn't afford the Northern Trip, so she wasn't able to go. We were all really bummed, because she would miss out on a week of crazy cool adventures, like cave exploring, seeing the Long-Neck Hill-tribesman, and visiting a royal mountain top garden; Doi Tung. It was kinda tough to be talking about it for the majority of the meeting, even though we had mostly come to terms with knowing that she wasn't coming.

As the meeting was wrapping up, our club president (the host mother of the girls who couldn't go) said her final comments and then started walking around to many of the people present who had started to pull money out of their wallets, 100, 500 and 1,000 B bills were being taken out and handed to our president. We didn't understand what our president had said at the end of the meeting, but we guessed that she was collecting gas money for someone to drive us up to the meeting location for our trips. It's about an 8 hour drive, and LPG burns pretty quickly, so we would have to fill up quite a bit.

After all the money was collected, our president counted it up, gave a bit of a nod, and everybody smiled. Most people then proceeded to turn to us, still smiling, as we sat there kind of awestruck. I mean, we get stared at a lot when new people see us, but we had attended these meetings before, so it was rather peculiar. A few of them started to point over at us, and particularly the friend of mine who couldn't go on the second trip. Her host mom then walked over to her, and through broken English and hand gestures, let us know that the people who barely knew us, many of whom have no direct implications in our lives, had just pooled together enough money to pay for my friend's entire trip... We don't have a very big club, so there aren't a lot of members, and the trip costs around 15,000B. That means that each contributor put forward a substantial amount of money for her and the trip.

Many Thai people don't necessarily have a lot to give, so this gesture towards this girl means that much more. From what they have to begin with, they can still find it within themselves to give that kind of money to someone who is almost a complete stranger to them. Their actions brought a tear to my friend's eyes, who graciously and very humbly took their gift. She was very considerate and appreciative of it, and while she was individually thanking people, not a single person who contributed seemed to have even the slightest inkling of regret or a sensation of being forced into it. They all just seemed happy to be able to give her the opportunity to go on the trip...

What these people did tonight will undoubtedly have a profound affect on my friend. I hope that she can see the good in these people and remember what they had done for her, and learn form it moving forward, but even if that isn't the case, she will now be able to participate on a trip where she will see and experience things the she otherwise may never have had the chance to do. Things that she can take back to her home country with her, and share with all her friends and family, and that she can cherish forever.

Whether or not I believe in the whole Buddhist vision of Merit and Karma, I damn well hope that these people get all the good luck they can, and have their prayers answered. Their completely unselfish and communal actions will go towards sending a young girl on a trip of a lifetime, and for that, they deserve some good coming back around to them.

I wish more people could see things the way these Thai people did tonight, and I truly hope that I can learn from this, and maybe start to see things in a slightly different light, a less selfish and more openminded light.

Just something to think about...

Much Love, Cole

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