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#### 2012-2013 CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Dave Saunders, President Terry Green, President Elect Stephen Pick, Vice President Dave Wylie, Past President Steve McAuley, Secretary Lew Christie, Treasurer

David Wartman, International Service Fran Hochhausen, New Generations Ron Hardie, Community Service Linda Colclough, Club Service Paul Hussey, Club Operations Garth Sabirsh, Club Financial

the Arch



### CLUB ASSEMBLY - PRESIDENT'S REPORT Dave Saunders

#### World Community Services:

- Budget \$30,000 Sunshine funs, \$5,000 Casino funds
  - Lifeline Malawi being resurrected
    We are able to use the \$18,800 provincial CIP grant to assist Lifeline.
    Committee will be working with Lifeline to work out how these funds may best be used, subject to approval of the Province.
  - Malawi Girls School \$3,000 to provide tuition, room, board for 3 students for the year. School came to us 2 years ago when founder Christie Johnson from Victoria gave a presentation to club. Strongly supported by a number of Canadian Rotary clubs. For more info go to www.malawigirlsonthemove.com
- WCS providing \$1,000 in seed money to Sydney Richmond's Rotary Club of Jalemba Bay, Mexico to provide educational support for local children in very poor villages. Funds to be used to start a book mobile & repair sewing machines in their local learning centre. For more information, contact Sydney at sewingsidney@hotmail.com

#### **Community Service - major projects:**

- Rotary Nature Park Providing \$6,000 for local park improvements this year. Jim Thompson working with Alberta Infrastructure & Alberta Parks & Rec to preserve the integrity of the park.
- Inglewood Wildlands Park

Supported by Calgary Rotary clubs. This year specifically, clubs are providing funding for new signage throughout the park. We have provided \$2,000 toward this project.

- Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park Cochrane Rotary Club is the lead in supporting this park. Although this is not our project, we will provide help on an as needed basis but only so far as we have resources available.
- Seniors Christmas Lunch Led by Tammy Truman, this year it will be held at The Carriage House on December 11th. Using \$7,000 from Casino funds to support this endeavour.

#### **Club Operations:**

• Strategic 3 year Plan

To commence this fall under the guidance of Terry Craig. Significant topics to align with District Strat plan include:

- Developing a strategic growth and retention strategy
- Develop an internal & external communication strategy to stakeholders
- Also a major topic will be to develop a long term financial strategy including:
- Future of Spruce Meadows increasing demand, decreasing of our club's capacity
- How much do we need, what kind of fund raisers will our club support
- Charitable status being led by David Wartman, ties into our strat plan, hopefully proceeding to the CRA in the near future.

#### District Rotary Leadership Institute Program:

• Founded to assist in improving the Rotary knowledge and leadership skills of future club leaders, not necessarily future presidents

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## **Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook**

Chartered March 14th, 1977





## **Meeting Minutes**



#### September 18th, 2012

#### Scribe: Rae Campbell

Some hardy visitors and guests were introduced despite this week being Club Assembly. The Sunshine Report was excellent. David Irving coughed up \$40.00 to celebrate.

Bob Montgomery and Ron Smith introduced and inducted Jim Stomp as the club's newest member. Jim was born in Winnipeg and now lives near Millarville. He has been with Alberta Parks for 36 years. His interests include dogs (setters and pointers), hunting and riding. He has received awards for his volunteering in Alberta. Jim's classification is "Provincial Parks Management". Welcome Jim!

Tuesday October 9 is District Governor Dinner day. Don't come for lunch, there will be none.

Rotary curling starts October 3. There is still room for regulars and for spares.

Thanks were expressed for the parkers at the Glenbow Park event. A cheque was received from Spruce Meadows for \$11,292 for Masters parking. Well done! There will be no meeting November 6 because of Remembrance Day. Instead, there will be an evening meeting on November 8 at the Kensington Legion, starting at 6PM and finishing at 830PM. Spouses are invited. Cost is \$25/head.

Several Viagra jokes got into the program (they were all bad!).

Ed McLean donated his draw winnings to the exchange student. I think Ed's conscience is bothering him.

Treasurer Lew presented information about this year's budget. Total "giving" funds are \$114k, split between sunshine funds and casino funds. Fran gave a good report on New Generations. Linda reported on Club Service. She and her committee are determined that we shall have FUN. Examples are the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on October 23, and the Christmas Dinner on December 18. She is waiting for Paul's report on other activities, but Paul has been too busy having fun to get it finished. President Dave wound up with reports on World Community Service and Club Operations. There were a few questions from members. Requests for accurate member phone lists led Past President Dave to suggest that everyone should have smartphones.

## **Rotary Music and Motion - Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park**

A few pictures from Glenbow Ranch and our parking experience. I really was impressed with the young lady from the children's run! I spoke to our baker (Lakeview Bakery) who helped organize the races and he was thrilled with the event and the response, and said he'd be back next year. Don't know if that meant he'd organize again, but he certainly will run! A positive experience all around! Helped that it was a beautiful weekend!

Ian Burgess



### CLUB ASSEMBLY - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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- Generally the program provides overview of Rotary knowledge including where Rotary has been, where it is now and vision for the future
- Curriculum takes 3 full day sessions, taken over a period of a few months, several date options are available
- Ideal candidate is a newer member just starting out in their Rotary career with a strong interest of learning more about Rotary
- Club pays for the courses, and there are couple of slots left. Hank Popoff is part of District RLI team



# **Upcoming Events**



#### New Generations Month September 25th

#### **Vocational Service Month**

October 2nd October 9th October 16th October 23rd October 30th

#### **Rotary Foundation Month**

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

#### **Family Month**

December 4th December 11th December 18th December 27th Darrel Janz, CTV News Anchor

Kevin Kaminski, Disabled Athlete District Governor meeting Craig Hazle, Skyline Hikers Volunteer Appreciation Night Rick Istead, Rotary Youth Exchange

moved to November 8th Remembrance Day All Clubs Meeting at Kensington Legion Jason Kenney, Federal Minister of Immigration Parking @ Spruce Meadows Christmas Market Gerry Dattilio, CFL Veteran Parking @ Spruce Meadows Christmas Market Club Assembly



Duke Duplessis — Alberta Oil Sands Seniors Christmas Luncheon, 12 noon @ The Carriage House Inn Club Christmas Party (evening meeting) @ The Carriage House Inn Fellowship Meeting

### **New Generations Report**

Our vision for all students is that they will continue with Rotaract after high school, and continue to live their lives as Rotarians.

#### **Educational Partnership**

Chair, Patricia Garner

Patricia will be working with Staff and students at Fairview Junior High School, assisting with various "Global Air" projects through the school year, encouraging participation in the "30 Hour Famine", and supplying dinner at the end of the famine. Patricia would also like to work with the students on a special project, such as "Inn for the Cold: in and effort to bring awareness of the needs of those in our own community. Patricia's vision is to have more student involvement, and prepare them for joining Interac as they move on to High School, and instilling "service above self".

#### **Interac Club**

#### Chair, Dale Perret

Dale is currently working with Henry Wisewood High School and Dr. EP Scarlett High School, with the ESL program. The Inerac Clubs will be working at fundraising for local and international projects. Once again they will be knitting scarves for those in need within our community. They are just now in the initial planning stage of their programs, and we are looking forward to hearing about the projects as they unfold. I am hoping for mini pumpkins again this year, just getting a word in now, Dale!

#### **RYLA/RYPEN**

#### Chair, Tom Sorenson

Chinook Rotary will continue to provide bursaries to students in seven schools in the Calgary district for \$5,600 each. We have received a grant from the District for \$1,000, which will be divided

amongst the seven bursaries to increase each one to \$650.

#### Youth Exchange

Chair, Fran Hochhausen

Outbound Counselor Orion Taylor will keep the club up-to-date with Cole through their monthly communication. Outbound student Cole Demorest is immersing himself in the Thai culture. His recent Facebook post was: "Update from Thailand ... I love my life! Keep on rockin' exchangers. Don't take this experience for granted, it won't be here for long ...." I think this says it all!

Inbound Counselor John Beatty has been working closely with our Inbound Student, Janos Takats, who is immersed with his schoolwork at Dr. EP Scarlett. We attended the "meet the teacher" evening, and all of his teachers know who he is, and expressed great pleasure at having him in their class. Janos and his host family have formed a very special bond. He has joined community basketball, and has mastered the 'waving of the flag' with guidance from John Beatty and Peter Bickham at the Masters, and says that he had a great time. Janos is looking forward to more parking adventures at Spruce Meadows. He attended the Peace Park Assembly this past weekend, and he will be giving us updates in the Arch.

As well as he is doing on his own, Janos has earned and deserves simple experiences with you to allow him to fully appreciate our culture. He is available this weekend during the day.

Youth Exchange has received one application for the 2013/14 exchange year and we are looking for more applicants before mid October.



# THIS AND THAT



### A Note of Thanks

August 14th, 2012

To the Members of the Chinook Rotary club,

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Dr. EP Scarlett high school graduat

Thanks you very much for bestowing me with the honor of receiving the Academic Excellence Award in June of this year. The \$600 I received is going towards paying for my tuition at Carleton University, In Ottawa, Ontario, where I will be studying Journalism and International Relations. I plan to join the Ottawa Rotaract club and hopefully apply to be part of the Ambassadorial Scholarship program.

The effort that Rotary clubs like the Chinook Rotary Club put in towards giving young adults the opportunity to travel while learning about the world around them is very important to me, because travelling is one of my passions. I think that we as a society cannot underrate the importance of travel because whilst seeing other parts of the world, we learn many lessons about empathy, understanding and responsibility. I think that everyone should carry with them the responsibility of promoting initiatives to create a more internationally connected world; whether that be through travel, volunteer work, or simply writing a letter to a pen pan from a foreign country. All of these acts allow us to understand what people from other countries, potentially in worse economic situations than us, are doing to live their lives in the best possible way, and most importantly how we can help them.

Once again, thank you very much for the award, I sincerely appreciate it.

Kevin Nimmock Dr. EP Scarlett High School graduate 2012

### Chinook Rotary 2012/13 Budget ... Breakdown of "Giving" Funds

	SUNSHINE FUNDS		CASINO FUNDS		TOTAL FUNDS		<b>COMMUNITY</b> includes: community projects, park
COMMUNITY	\$	13,750	\$	21,000	\$	34,750	projects, seniors lunch, donations YOUTH includes: group study, educational, youth
YOUTH INTERNATIONAL	\$ \$	4,870 31,000	ې \$	18,100 5,000	\$ \$	22,970 36,000	exchange, youth group sponsorships, school sponsorships
CLUB	\$	3,750	\$	11,872	\$	15,622	<b>INTERNATIONAL</b> includes: world community services, polio plus
OTHER	\$	5,000	\$	0	\$	5,000	<b>CLUB</b> includes: transfers to club operations, Legior
TOTAL	\$	58,370	\$	55,972	\$	114,342	costs, District & RI dues paid <b>OTHER</b> includes: contingency fund



August 14th, 2012 Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook To the members of the Chinook Rotary Club.

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Once again, thank you very m

Kevin Nimmock



## In Memoriam CHUCK BURY - 1922-2012





Chuck Bury had an extremely eventful life. Chinook Rotarians did not get to know him well, as he has had several health issues which restricted his time with us, since he joined us in 2005.

The following will fill you in on some of his life:

Chuck was born in Saskatchewan in 1922 and raised in Victoria, B.C. Upon his finishing High School at 17, Canada had just declared war on Germany, and as he was under-age for military service he joined the Bank of Commerce. At age 19, he joined the Army and served in Chilliwack, Red Deer and Edmonton, after which he shipped out for Europe. By the time he reached England, the Battle of Britain was over, but devastation was everywhere.

Several days after D Day, his unit left for the Normandy coast. Once landed after wading ashore, they set up camp near the Belgian border, and remained there during the Battle of the Bulge.

Following VE Day, he spent time in liberated Holland where his job was to get Canadian troops sorted out and on their way home. Chuck's comments on the war: "my time in Europe left its mark on me for a long time. I had no desire to talk about any part of it, but eventually I was able to think about where I had been and what had happened."

Before leaving Canada for Europe, Chuck had army experiences, which can only be described as incredible. They left their mark for the rest of his life. His own words are as follows:

"Strangely, it was an experience right here in Alberta which has been the hardest to bear, when I was involved in experimental exercises dealing with chemical warfare. We were sworn to secrecy with the threat of treason if we told anyone what had been going on. The bond of secrecy was not lifted for sixty years - we never broke our word. The experience was not pleasant. Some of my comrades died almost immediately from the affects of the Operation. I have carried the scars and disabilities with me until today. My health has never been what you would call robust. Over the years, although I had poor health, I was never able to tell the doctors what I have been through so it was difficult for them to help me. Even Glad was in the dark as I was unable to tell her about it until I got a communication in 2005 from the Government of Canada advising me that I was released from my vow of silence. Since then, much of my ill health has been traced to the chemical warfare experiments, but now I am allowed to inform the doctors who look after me. The Federal Government had a lovely reception for us in 2005 at the military station in Suffield, Alberta. They unveiled a monument in our honor and those of us still surviving were treated as heroes."

After the war, Chuck returned to the Bank of Commerce and remained with them in B.C. until his retirement. Chuck was a man of many talents. He acted as a model in movies and commercials, the latter for Canadian Airlines and Sony, among others. He was also a singer of note and he and Glad were members of a choir "Let's Sing Again", which carried for several years on CBC.

His Rotary career began in 1950 when he was transferred to Revelstoke. The branch manager there was a Rotarian and introduced Chuck to the local Club. It was his "2nd marriage made in Heaven". (Glad was his 1st). He remained a Rotarian for the rest of his life. He served the bank, and Rotary in Victoria, Smithers and Surrey, in which he participated in the start-up of the Club and was its charter treasurer. He was a member there for 40 years, until he moved to Calgary and joined Chinook.



As a Rotarian, Chuck was recognized several times for distinguished service. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship, before members could buy one.

There is much more that could be said about this dedicated husband, father, grandfather and Rotarian, but let's finish by saying that Chinook Rotarian, Gwynneth Gourley, his daughter, joined our Club in honor of her Dad, and someday, his grandson Ethan, also plans to follow in his granddaddy's footsteps.