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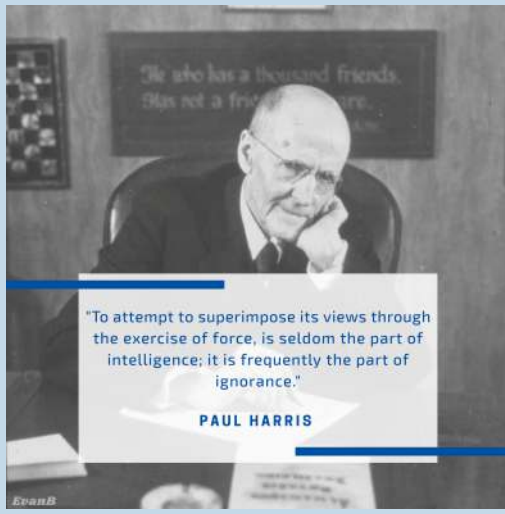
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May 27th, 2021

Scribe: Paul Gaudet

As this is the fourth meeting of the month, we are hosting an evening meeting to which visiting guests and Rotarians from other Clubs are regular attendees. While we had a small group attending, we had members participating from Calgary Fish Creek, Calgary East, Calgary Sarcee and of course our own Chinookers.

Rob opened the meeting by welcoming all participants and then presented a delightful version of our Anthem, presented by the Tenors.

He then introduced our guest speaker, Bruce Groberman, who is a Director of North Point Financial Academy, and is joining us to tell us about North Point School's K to 9 boys school, and their unique approach to financial education. The school offers a number of different lines of education including Financial. For example they also offer Academy learning in STEM (works with Roots 2 STEM), Engineering, Academics. Choir, Comedy and Athletics.



The Financial Academy at North Point School provides students with economic and personal financial literacy and entrepreneurship lessons. This state-of-the-art program is designed to engage a student's understanding of financial literacy as a critical life-skill. It consists of weekly personal financial lessons that include instructional materials, video

presentations, activities, integrated testing and student recognition. Lessons are geared towards specific age-group: K-2, Grades 3-6, and Grades 7-9.

Their comprehensive classroom-tested curriculum and instructional materials meet the highest standards of personal financial education for Grades K-9. Classroom instruction is delivered by qualified financial education instructors using learning techniques that motivate and inspire students to make life-long financially responsible decisions.

The Academy believes that there are a number of benefits to a financial education: an improved lifestyle later in life, more free time, more freedom to pursue other interests, independence, an improved ability to make a positive impact on others, and an ability to help others.

Their "Business Fair" is an annual project which takes place in June each year, and allows North Point students to experience the entrepreneurial process.

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It unites the local community and provides a marketplace for our future businessmen. Over the course of several months, each student decides on their product or service, develops a business plan and marketing strategy, and manufactures their product or service to sell at the Business Fair. They encourage all to be creative, successful and profitable in their ventures! Bruce played a video of the fair which took place in 2019 (2020 had to be postponed due to COVID) which showed a large crowd and many energetic and enthusiastic students. At this fair they generated \$16,000 in revenue, and earned an estimated profit of \$10,000 (which stays in the hands of the students).

The Academy is described as a non-profit private school, and further information can be found by searching 'northpoint.school' on your browser.

Rob thanked Bruce for his informative presentation and advised him of our donation to Rotary's Polio Plus program in gratitude for his speaking to us this evening.

Rob then gave everyone an opportunity to provide a comment on their business or personal matters. We won't list everyone's subject herein, but encourage everyone to join a networking meeting as the comments are interesting and often quite useful. A few examples:

- Rob reported on their newest Podcast (Dollars and Sense with a Couple of Gents) which has a real estate update by Spencer Tonkinson ... give it a listen.
- Barbara from Fish Creek reported that their annual Golf Tournament on July 17th is fully booked already.

- Brian Carnahan from Calgary East reported on a fund raiser they are conducting jointly with a Club from India to support COVID relief in that country.
- Bev told us about the Rocky Mountaineer Trip fellowship opportunity, July 14-15th — a great deal at a great cost. Contact Bev if you would be interested in joining the trip. Anthony also added that if you are a single, there is a \$125 supplement cost.
- Dean advised that Roots 2 STEM is experiencing a very busy sign-up for their summer schools — great news!
- Rhea reported on the NGSE Youth Exchange Program which recently virtually hosted a young lady from São Paulo, Brazil to visit various cities and clubs in Southern Alberta for a two month period. It was very successful.

Rob recommended that everyone should sign up for the House of Friendship Virtual Fair being held via ZOOM on June 9th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Each person gets to select their favourite 4 sessions (out of a total of 16) to join for 20 minute presentations. Take a look and join us for what promises to be a very interesting evening.

Rob thanked everyone for attending this evening and noted that our next "Dixon's" evening meeting will be held on Thursday, June 24th. Our speaker for that meeting has not been confirmed as of yet, so we will advise further shortly.

Our next regular ZOOM meeting will be held next Tuesday, June 1st, at which our speaker will be Randy MacDonald, Regional Manager of Samaritan's Purse. Hope to see you there. Have a great Rotary week!

'Skip the Depot' Fundraiser #2

Hold on to your empties!!

We have arranged for "Skip the Depot" to pick up all the bottles/cans we can collect in Tonkinsons' driveway for the pick-up date, **Wednesday June 30th**.

Members and Friends, drop off your bottles/cans in their driveway on **Tuesday June 29th !!**

The address is **12119 Lake Louise Way SE**, in the community of Lake Bonavista. (phone # 403 271 4026)

Please put your bottles in plastic bags ... the bigger the better! Consider reaching out to family, friends and neighbours to increase your collection!

If you have bottles but not the means to deliver them, please contact Paul G and we will try to arrange pick up. Any members who can help pick up bottles for delivery to Tonkinsons' driveway, please advise Paul.

Special thanks to Bev and Anthony for once again hosting the pick up site at their home.



WHY ENGLISH IS HARD TO LEARN

We'll begin with *box*; the plural is *boxes*,
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *oxes*.
One fowl is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*,
Yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone *mouse* or a house full of *mice*;
But the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hice*.
The plural of *man* is always *men*,
But the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.

If I speak of a *foot*, and you show me two *feet*,
And I give you a *book*, would a pair be a *beek*?
If one is a *tooth* and a whole set are *teeth*,
Why shouldn't two *booths* be called *beeth*?

If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*,
Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a *brother* and also of *brethren*,
But though we say *mother*, we never say *methren*.
Then the masculine pronouns are *he*, *his*, and *him*;
But imagine the feminine ... *she*, *shis*, and *shim*!



- ANONYMOUS

Rotary Fellowships Month

June 1st

ZOOM meeting @ noon ... be sure to join in!

Guest Speaker: Randy MacDonald, Regional Manager
Donor Ministries — Samaritan's Purse

June 9th

"House of Friendship" Virtual Project Fair — @ 6:30pm

June 12th - 16th

2021 Virtual Rotary International Convention — details coming soon!

June 15th

ZOOM meeting @ noon ... be sure to join in!

Guest Speaker: Kirby England — Beavers in Fish Creek Park

June 24th

Dixon's Evening Networking Meeting — via ZOOM @ 7pm

Guest Speaker: TBD

June 29th

Pass the Gavel — Social Event (potentially at McKenzie Meadows if we can do outdoors safely)

and 'Skip the Depot' Fundraiser bottle/can drop-off at Tonkinsons'



New Rotary Year Begins

July 30th to August 2nd

RibFest Drive Through Event @ McMahon Stadium — volunteers needed, details to come

Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 17th - 19th

Annual Peace Park "Reach Across the Border" — watch for details



You May Want to Know!

Jim Thompson, Past President 81/82, Club Historian

Our club, as all members know, was chartered by RI in 1977 and there remain only 4 members from that charter event. I am pleased to be one of those four, and always anxious to share some of our history which brought us to where we are today.

The first couple of years were more of a 'get to know you' time, as the varied personalities gradually felt more comfortable with one another, in the common goal of Service Above Self. We were very diverse as to classifications which made for much more interest in each other, and there was a fair amount of difference in ages. We all did make-ups at the other few Calgary clubs, gaining knowledge about fund raising projects, community commitments and international experience, and generally felt pretty darn good about our team at Chinook.

We jumped into some overall Rotary activities like attending an International Convention in Rome in 1979 (our first), a district conference in 1976 (our first), and in 1981 the International Peace Park gathering in Waterton National Park in celebration with clubs from Montana pledging never to take up arms against one another. The picture is your scribe with charter member Ron Smith and his wife Helen on the grassy spot where the Waterton Hotel is perched, just after we had exchanged pleasantries with the Montana delegates. This was a full family time, lots of fun and activity, organized by the Calgary South club.



First ever attendance at annual Rotary Waterton Peace Park assembly, Judy Thompson taking the photo, 1981

In 1982 we had another first, in the conclusion of my year as club President, a year in which we had hosted for a brief time, Exchange Student Peter from Tasmania, leading to a club decision to participate in the RI student exchange program fully. Our first Out-bound Student selected was Simone Fortier of Calgary who



Our first ever outgoing student exchange, Simone Fortier, destination Australia, with club President Jim Thompson, and incoming club President John Campbell, 1982

went to Australia for a year, as our representative. She was a terrific choice and stayed in touch for many years. The last I heard she was living and working in Phoenix AZ.

Our club began a series of trips to Invermere/Panorama in 1980, one for skiing in the winter, the other a golf tournament, "The Kootenay Classic", in the spring against the Invermere Rotary Club (more on that annual event in other columns to follow). Part of the spring trip was to also have a fun softball baseball game on the Rotary Ball Diamond in Invermere which sad to say, we never won, but the fellowship with Invermere Rotarians was extraordinary.

In 1982 we introduced the Kootenay Classic major winners Team Trophy, and won it that year only. At over 100 pounds it still remains in Invermere. It had been built and donated by our 2nd President, Jim Costello, made from the cog gear of an earth mover! It wasn't held aloft by any winners!



Kootenay Classic team winners, Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook with the trophy, 1982, Invermere BC, (note John McBean in his big boy shorts!)