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Human Trafficking

Ray McPhee



President Rob introduced our Speaker, Ray McPhee who is a security, life safety, risk, threat mitigation expert, and professional consultant with over 36 years of extensive education, training, investigative and operational experience.

He holds designations as a Certified Protection Officer Instructor (CPOI), Certified Protection Officer (CPO),

Certified Instructor for PPCT, Use of Force, Threat Pattern Recognition, and is certified in further Security Officer Control Tactics. Ray is an accredited instructor for Alberta's Solicitor General Department, teaching the Alberta Basic Security Training (ABST) and Alberta Professional Investigator Training (AIT) programs. He conducts threat, risk and physical security assessments, including designing, implementing and training team members on security, surveillance and observation. Ray has a wealth of experience working with major corporations on all aspects of their security and life safety requirements.



Ray began his presentation by thanking us for giving him the opportunity to discuss this important subject, human trafficking. He advised that his presentation will be somewhat unique in that he will be using a feedback style, whereby he will ask questions in order to stimulate feedback from the audience. So as a result, it will be more of a discussion as opposed to a presentation.

He noted that victims of human trafficking can be of any sex, age, race, or nationality. He asked what types of human trafficking are generally referred to? The two common ones are sex trafficking and labour trafficking. A third type could be organ theft. Ray noted several factors that contribute to trafficking: poverty, political instability, conflict, and socially inequality. He then asked if anybody can think of any traffickers who have been in the news lately. The names of Epstein and Diddy were offered.

We then had a discussion about potential ways to stop or reduce trafficking. We agreed that one way would be to increase general awareness to all ages about the problem and the risk. It was suggested that we begin teaching the subject of trafficking and the risks involved at the school levels starting as early as possible, as children must be made aware as they are often the targets. Another idea about stopping trafficking would be to begin to develop training courses to be offered to relevant groups such as police, teachers and investigatory bodies.

Ray suggested that another area to be aware of is the hospitality industry (hotels, and motels) which are often a hub for trafficking operations. Human trafficking is often tied to some level of prostitution, and these operations are usually located in these types of businesses. He suggested that employees at these locations can often help locate offenders.

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President Rob called our meeting to order at 12:15, welcoming all in attendance.

Indigenous Fact

Modern Treaties: The first modern treaty came into effect in 1975, and many negotiations are ongoing today. Modern treaties, also known as comprehensive land claim agreements, establish nation-to-nation relationships between Indigenous Peoples, the federal and provincial governments, and, in some cases, territories. These treaties aim to improve the social and economic well-being of the Indigenous Communities in the areas they cover.

This Day In History

- 1873 Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis patent the first blue jeans with copper rivets.
- 1927 At 7:40 AM, Charles Lindbergh takes off from New York to cross the Atlantic for Paris, aboard Spirit of St Louis in the 1st solo nonstop transatlantic flight.
- 1932 Amelia Earhart leaves Newfoundland on her journey to become the 1st woman to fly solo and nonstop across the Atlantic.
- 1973 25th Emmy Awards: The Waltons, All in the Family & Mary Tyler Moore win.
- 1983 "Every Breath You Take" single released by The Police (Billboard Song of the Year, 1983).
- 1990 Hubble Space Telescope sends its 1st photographs from space.
- 1993 274th and final "Cheers" episode airs on NBC.

We had 31 participants at our meeting today, which included 6 **Guests:** our guest speaker, Ray McPhee, Jim Zackowski, GM of Calgary Rotary Challenger Park, Natasha Phillipson and Suzanne



Sils, both from Millarville Racing and Agriculture Society, Richard Brittain, guest of Rob, and Lyla Stevens, guest of Joe Hooper. Our guests were introduced by Michael Spears, and welcomed with our "Welcome to Rotary" song.

Rob **thanked** Paul G. for being our scribe today. He also thanked Michael Spears and Stephen Pick for being our greeters and for making everyone feel welcome. He thanked Stephen and Anne for all they do for our Club, and Paul H. for arranging our meeting set up. In addition, we also wish to thank both Neil and Hank for operating our payment system.

Club Business

Rob thanked all our volunteers who joined our efforts at the Calgary Book Sale last weekend. With their help we managed to fill our shifts and assist this successful fundraiser hosted by the Rotary Club of Calgary.

Rob announced that the Rotary Club Of Calgary is holding a special luncheon on Thursday, June 26 between noon and 2 PM on the subject of "Addictions and Mental Health". Marshall Smith, former Chief of Staff for Premier Danielle Smith, and one of the principal architects behind the Alberta Recovery Model, along with the honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Addiction and Mental Health, and a driver behind the Alberta Recovery Model implementation, will speak at this event. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce some of the most effective and innovative Addiction and Mental Health initiatives being implemented in Canada. Anyone interested in attending can register on the Club's website www.rotaryclubofcalgary.org

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Good News/Bad News

- Rob reported on his recent 5-pin Bowling Tournament at which he came 8th and earned \$1,500. Our congratulations to Rob!
- Hank noted how great it was to see Jim Zackowski at our meeting, and congratulated him on the success of Calgary Rotary Challenger Park.

Chase the Ace

Rob asked our last draw winner (Neil Beatty) to choose a card, and he unfortunately missed the Ace of Spades. We then moved on with a draw for this week and Bob Levenson's ticket was chosen. While Bob was absent, his partner Kim was here so she chose a card for him. Once again the Ace proved elusive. We now are drawing from a 14 card deck with a \$2,586 pot (good odds!). We expect to have two draws in June so send your \$20 by e-transfer to Vlad.



Sunshine Report

- Rob noted how great it was to see George Van Schaick at our meeting today, and that he continues to recover from his surgery. George took the opportunity to thank everyone who kindly reached out to him with their best wishes.
- Rob then noted that Sandy was also in attendance today after spending another winter in Mazatlan. Welcome back.

Millarville Racing and Agriculture Society

Natasha, President of the Millarville Board and Suzanne, member of the Board, gave us a brief update on the Millarville operation and upcoming events. Their facility includes a Racetrack, Hall, Quonset structure and an Active Equine Community. It is located 35 km southwest of Calgary.



Their regular weekend markets begin in June (every Saturday commencing June 21st), and their popular Old Town Fair (118 years old) takes place on August 16th and 17th. They will also be holding their Canada Day (July 1st) Races (120 years old). They highlighted the importance of their volunteer base (400), and look forward to working with Rotarians. Their website is www.millarvilleracetrack.com

Calgary Rotary Challenger Park

Jim Zackowski, General Manager of this Park, dropped by to provide us with an update on their activities. Calgary Rotary Challenger Park is a barrier free meeting and recreational facility that is accessible to all people, regardless of their age or ability. It



is a model of community inclusiveness where persons with disabilities can play next to and with their able bodied peers.

Jim highlighted that their 2025 Family Day would be taking place on June 21st and that everyone is welcome and as usual, there is free admission to all that attend. In addition, he advised that their annual (18th annual) golf tournament is being held on Thursday, August 28th at the Winston Golf Club. He noted also that

they will be hosting 200 visiting Rotarian Convention guests at the Radisson Hotel on June 23rd.

Jim also confirmed that they are proceeding to develop some of their excess property by leasing a portion to a developer which will build both indoor and outdoor volleyball parks. This sporting theme should fit very well with their existing facilities.

Rotary Convention Host Hospitality Event

Joe reported that we are still seeking member support for our upcoming Host Hospitality Convention Event being held on June 23rd at the Horton Road Legion. There has been a great deal of interest shown by visiting Rotarians in attending such an event, so our Club arranged for us to host 60 visitors. We are seeking a minimum of 20 Chinook members and partners (or singles) to fit a seating schedule of four visitors and two hosts at each table of six.



We need at least 5 more couples (or singles) to host the tables as noted. The cost is \$100 per host, which will cover dinner and entertainment for the host and two visitors. A couple would be \$200 to cover the entire table of six. What a great opportunity to meet Rotarians from potentially anywhere in the world. Please consider joining us at the Legion for an evening of casual fellowship. Contact Joe/Neil/Bob to sign up. **We need your help.** Joe also noted that Jim Thompson and Bruce Bohnet donated funds to help finance the event, notwithstanding the fact that they cannot attend.



Guest Speaker : (introduced by President Rob)

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In just a few weeks, the entire Rotary International world will be focussed again on our Calgary, home of the annual RI Convention for 2025. Not our first rodeo as they say. We hosted the same event in June 1996 which was hugely successful, and received rave reviews from all in attendance.

The road to hosting the 1996 convention began with a bid submission to RI in 1990. I was very proud to be selected for the bid committee. We travelled to RI's headquarters to meet with the selection group, had a warm reception, but left with a tall order to prove accommodation goals. We succeeded, then the work began! Chaired by Gardie Shaw PDG, co chair Doug Martin PDG, supported by Mayor A Duerr and the city convention board, the host Executive Committee was formed, and once again I was honoured to be included.



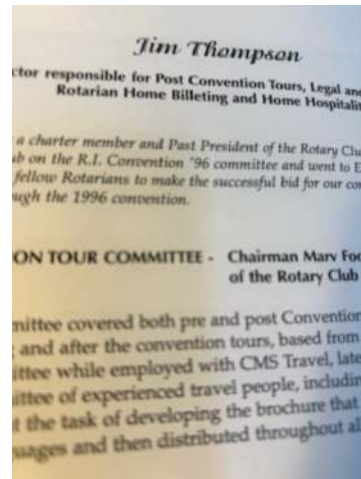
We had many enthusiastic sponsors. We raised \$\$ selling the "96 license plates", and enlisted 1,400 volunteers! Gardie's executive assistant, Anita Anderson, was a super assistant. PM Jean Chretien was invited to open the event, but had a conflict in PQ. We got Governor General Roland Le Blanc instead, an excellent alternative.

When the convention began on June 23rd, we had 24,963 registered attendees from 126 countries!! Our host committee was introduced on stage at the opening ceremony. How proud we all were to be introduced in such fashion, to the international attendees.



Our club members were among the 1,400 volunteers. Some notables included the late Ron Smith, chair of the home billeting committee, the late Ed McLean, post office/souvenirs, the late Bruce MacDonald, promotions, former member Pat Mahoney, legal, and Joe Hooper, handicap attention. The Calgary Stampede mini version and the entire entertainment package was beyond everyone's expectations, and RI declared it the best and most profitable in the 87 year history of this annual event.

Attend this year to get a taste of the excitement of being a member of this amazing international service club that you are a member of, and prepare to be proud beyond your own expectations!



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Dates to Remember

- Our Board Meeting will be held tomorrow night at the Legion.
- We will be having our regular evening get together at "The Pointe" on May 29th at 5:30 for fun and fellowship.
- Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, June 3rd at noon at the Carriage House. Our speaker will be Leny Smith re Pediatric Dentistry.

Rob thanked everyone for attending today, and asked all to stand and help close our meeting with a reading of Rotary's 4 Way Test.

Remember, "The Magic of Rotary". Have a great Rotary week! Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.



The Importance of Walking...



I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

I joined a health club last year - spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

Every time I hear the dirty word, 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story, and I'm sticking to it.

Rotary Fellowships Month

June 3rd Leny Smith — Pediatric Dentistry
 June 10th Evening dinner meeting at "Broken Plate",
 WillowPark Village, 10816 Macleod Trail SE
 (no pub evening meeting re the Convention)
 June 17th Off-site meeting @ Millarville Racing & Agriculture Society
 June 21st - 25th Rotary International Convention (BMO Centre & Saddledome)

Maternal and Child Health Month

July 1st Canada Day - no meeting
 July 8th Passing of the Gavel
 July 25th Okotoks Dawgs baseball game, first base patio booked

Membership and New Club Development Month

August 19th Annual Nature Park meeting, with sandwiches from MacKenzie Meadows GC



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At the end of our discussion, we all agreed that we must find ways to increase awareness, which hopefully will lead to the arrest and the prosecution of offenders. We need to reach out to government officials and advise them that we need to have more awareness and education. It was suggested that we should take the view that dealing with such problems begins at home. As

we agree that the answer lies in improving awareness and education, which environment is better than our own homes?

Sharon thanked Ray for the discussion of this important subject, and advised him that we would be making a donation to "Polio Plus" in appreciation of his joining us today.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick



Dawgs Baseball !

Many of us do enjoy a summer baseball game at the home of the Okotoks Dawgs! So we have arranged (rented a patio) to attend on

Friday evening, July 25th.

This year we have successfully booked the first base patio so we won't be as blinded by the sun!



Check your summer schedule, and if possible Save the Date for this evening event, for a warm evening of fellowship watching the Dawgs win another game (three time Champions).

If you wish to attend, please arrange to pay \$45 per person to Paul Gaudet.

e-transfer is easiest to: gaudetco@shaw.ca

A typical baseball meal is included which we will arrange in July.

