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The Salvation Army Cliff Wiebe and Jayne Forster

George introduced our two guest speakers from the Salvation Army (SA). Cliff Wiebe joined the SA one year ago after a number of years working both internationally and domestically in addressing poverty in our world. He worked with Samaritan's Purse and Mustard Seed. He is the Executive Director of SA in Calgary. Our second speaker is Jayne Forster who has been with SA for over 20 years, working with children and families, and most recently with their Christmas toy program.

Jayne started off by thanking us for inviting them to speak to our Club. She then told us about the history of SA. It began in England in the late 1870's and came to Canada in 1882, and to Calgary in 1887. Their first activity in Calgary was to develop a home for unwed mothers. Another of their early projects was to petition the Government for a parole program for those incarcerated. SA established a number of "Grace Hospitals" across Canada, and began their thrift store activities. Their phrase "Soup, Soap and Salvation" described their philosophy. They are the largest non governmental provider of social services in Canada, and also welcome new immigrants and help them thrive in their new homes. SA is currently active in 130 different countries. Jayne then called up Cliff to tell us more about their operations in Calgary.

He pointed out that SA's operation in Calgary included three separate locations each of which has a different focus:

A) Centre of Hope — located at 420 - 9th Avenue SE — focuses on men and offers an 80 bed Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing and facilities for parolees through Corrections Canada.



**Giving
Hope
Today**



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April 5th, 2022

Scribe: Paul Gaudet



President George called our meeting to order at 12:15, welcoming all participants. We joined in our version of O Canada, which sounded reasonably good.

After a lovely salmon lunch, George recalled our meeting to order at 12:35. He thanked Stephen and Anne for the great job they do in creating and distributing our e-Arch, and also noted that Paul would be our Scribe for today's meeting. He encouraged our members to join Paul in taking a turn at scribing for a month. He noted that April is Maternal and Child Health Month in the Rotary Calendar.

Chase the Ace

Rob introduced our Chase the Ace segment by advising that we have 39 cards remaining, and that the daily winner will be receiving \$93. Our 'Pot' (for choosing the Ace of Spades) is currently \$1,260. The winning ticket from our last meeting was Al Holt so Rob asked Al to pick a number, so he could count down to the card Al had chosen. Al picked 14 so Rob dutifully counted down to card 14, flipped it over and it was the Ace of Spades! Congratulations to Al as he won the big pot of \$1,260!! So it was somewhat of an anti-climax when we proceeded to pick today's winner who won the daily prize of \$93, Dave Wylie. As Dave is out of town, Rob will contact him so he can try to pick the Ace of Spades and win a very modest pot (but not for long as it grows quickly).



Rob also took the opportunity to hand out \$20 bills to the recent winners from our **Flames Second Pool**. The winners were Bart, Paul G., George K., Tammy, Janet, Moe, and President George. There is one month left in the hockey season after which Rob hopes to set up our usual playoff pool.

Sunshine Report

George asked for any information on the health of our members. Hank reported that Al Pettigrew is up and around and "getting along" after a health issue. George noted that Ian Burgess was scheduled to be at our meeting today but was recovering from knee surgery, and was experiencing some mobility challenges.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

Good News/Bad News

- Bill Stemp reported that he won a bet with Rob on the Super Bowl and was donating his winnings to the Club. He reports also that his daughter has accepted a first officer's role with Southwest Airlines.
- Rob reported that his daughter Kayia, who recently bowled at the Nationals in Calgary, was part of the bronze medal winning team.
- Ron May told us that his daughter has recently joined Atco in an exciting new role after working previously in the oilpatch.
- Pat Hutchinson told us that his granddaughter, who is an international model, is currently being shown on posters at Holt Renfrew here in Calgary.
- Joe Hooper told us about his son Dale being interviewed on television regarding the online gambling business (which he represents) that is entering the Canadian market.

Rotary Minutes

- Joe Hooper advised that with Bruce and Bernice taking an extended vacation, he would be organizing our upcoming **Casino being held at Elbow River Casino on Thursday and Friday, June 16th and 17th**. We need volunteers to staff this very important event. Kindly check your schedule and contact Joe to sign up for this opportunity which funds a significant portion of our Club activity.

President Elect Bev, looking tanned after travelling to Mexico, announced that our **District Conference** will be a one day event this year in Cochrane with a theme of supporting the environment. All members are encouraged to register (\$100) prior to May 6th and attend. She also highlighted our **International Convention** which is being held in Houston from June 4th to the 8th. Attendees will have to either be fully vaccinated or provide proof of a recent negative test.

- Rob advised that **RibFest** is a go for this year, and will be held at McMahon Stadium on September 9th, 10th and 11th. It will be in the festival format (not a drive through), and we will be working in partnership with Calgary East and Calgary Centennial Rotary Clubs. Anyone interested in being involved in the planning process please contact Rob.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rob apologized for not having the video for our



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Donate used clothing & household goods



We have heard from a number of our members who are already collecting bags from neighbours, friends and families. It's a great time of year to clean out and renew your home, which inevitably means there are some items that no longer fit in. Bag them and donate to our collection!

We are now a week+ away from our delivery date (April 27th) and we hope you are in the process of completing your collection of "gently used" items for delivery or pick up.

As a reminder, we are collecting a varied group of items:

- soft goods (which include clothing, bedding, shoes)
- small houseware items
- furniture
- sports equipment
- toys
- books

Don't Forget! 

They have also asked that, approximately two weeks out from our delivery date, we provide our best estimate of the number of bags

and boxes we will be delivering. This will allow them to be prepared at the store. As a result, next week we will be asking you to provide this estimate so please give it some thought. If you already know this number, please let me know.

I visited the Value Village that we will be delivering to and it is easily found at the corner of Southland Trail and Macleod Trail, on the north west corner behind the Esso station, in the shopping mall area. You may know the building as a Safeway store, as that what it was until recently. They have a driving lane specifically for donors.

On the **27th of April, at or near 1:30 pm**, you can drive through and drop off your bags and boxes. Advise the attendant that your bags are part of the Rotary Chinook Fundrive. We'll have volunteers on site to ensure your bags go to our collection.

Their staff will categorize our donations into the proper groups for weighing, we only need to show up with our bags and boxes. We do not have to categorize our own donations.

We have two pre-drop-off sites, at my home in Parkland and at Bob Montgomery's home (for those who will not be able to deliver their bags on the 27th). Please call ahead to ensure we are at home prior to dropping by. If you wish us to pick up your bags please contact Paul at gaudetco@shaw.ca or call at 403 278 1029.

We have decided to donate the funds raised to Ukraine Family Relief so this is another motivator to get involved.

We are still looking for volunteers to collect bags for others at their own home, to use their vehicle to help deliver bags for others, and finally to attend the Value Village for an hour or two on the 27th to help us organize the actual delivery. Please advise Paul if you can help with any of these tasks.



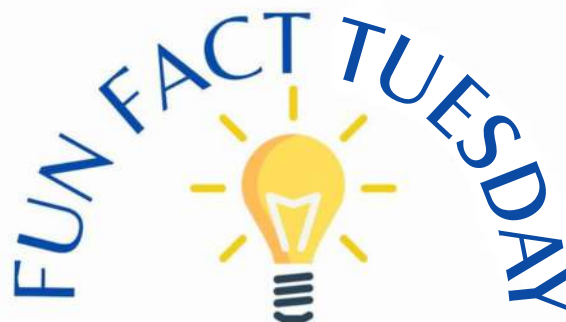
June 16 & 17 Casino



Our major fundraising event is coming up
June 16 & 17, Thursday and Friday.

Please sign up for this very important program. If you are able to sign up for both days/nights, we would be most appreciative. If friends or family are able to help, please encourage their participation. I have sent a volunteer application form to all members via ClubRunner. Kindly fill it out and deliver it to Joe Hooper, as I will be away for the month of April. AGLC requires these forms by April 16.

Yours in Rotary, Bruce Bohnet



The first service project completed by the first Rotary Club was the installation of public toilets in Chicago in 1917. The project established Rotary as the World's First Service Club!

Maternal and Child Health Month

April 19th
April 27th

Mike Moore, VP of the Calgary Roughnecks and Calgary Hitmen
FunDrive Fundraising Project delivery date — collect gently
used clothing, books and other household items!

Youth Service Month

May 17th

John Hufnagel, President and General Manager, Calgary Stampede

Rotary Fellowship Month

June 16th & 17th

Casino Fundraiser at the Elbow River Casino — please help!
contact Joe Hooper for info and forms

Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 9th, 10th, 11th

RibFest at McMahon Stadium



Relief for Ukrainian Refugees ... and Closer to Home ...



Our member, Anne Dale, is contributing to the Ukraine relief fund, and closer to home to feline rescue, by offering an opportunity for her customers to help out when they purchase items from her store.

You can check out these items on line at
www.mysewingroom.ca



Every dollar counts ... the profit from the sales of these blue and yellow fat quarter bundles will be donated to a Ukraine relief effort.



Until April 30, \$10 from the sale of every Cat Placemat 2-Pattern bundle will be donated to Feline Rescue Foundation of Alberta.

The Salvation Army

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B) West Campus — 1731 - 29th St. SW — focuses on women through their Women's Shelter. This property was donated to SA over 100 years ago when it was still farmland. It was originally an orphanage and school, however has added additional facilities over the years.

C) East Campus — 1826 - 36th St. SE — focuses on families with programs for adults, youth and children with a literary emphasis, and an outreach to people experiencing homelessness.

Cliff noted that while his presentation was about their facilities and what they are designed to do, in the end it is all about the people they serve. He related a couple of examples of individuals who benefited through their association with SA, one by acquiring a proper "ID" which helped to open many new doors, and the other who was able to acquire a new set of teeth, he can't stop smiling.

Cliff turned the microphone back to Jayne who told us about their Christmas Toy Program and Kettle Fundraising. Both of these crucial programs are entirely made possible each year through the generosity of donors and volunteers. This year they provided toys to over 1,000 families, which is a lower number than usual due to the constraints caused by COVID. Jayne commented "SA sees the need, they are out there, and then raises funds and gathers volunteers to help treat the need".

They wrapped up their presentation by thanking Rotary for everything they do.

Meeting Minutes

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regular birthday/anniversary announcements, and promised to have it available for our next meeting. We did however enjoy the Sergeant at Arms video which had a dog theme and was shown with the "who let the dogs out" music background.

George introduced our two guest speakers from the Salvation Army (SA, Cliff Wiebe, Executive Director, and Jayne Forster who works with their Christmas toy program. After their presentation, George thanked Cliff and Jayne for presenting to us today and advised them that in appreciation we would be making a donation to Polio Plus, Rotary's program to eradicate polio from our world.

President George called on **Harry Nazarchuk** and thanked him for all he has done as a member of Rotary Chinook over the past 44 years. Harry is a Past President (1987-88) and has been active in all aspects of our Club, from service to fellowship and we are honoured to have him as a member.

Our **next regular noon meeting** will be in person at the Carriage House on Tuesday, April 19th when Mike Moore will be our guest speaker. Mike is VP of the Calgary Hitmen and the Calgary Roughnecks.

George thanked everyone for attending today, and offered best wishes to all.
Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

