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Service Canada

Ray Ivanus, Citizen Services Specialist

Our speaker today was Ray Ivanus who is a Citizen Services Specialist with Service Canada. Service Canada was created in 2005 to improve the delivery of Government programs and services to Canadians by making access to them faster, easier and more convenient. They work with community partners to provide information on programs that benefits all their clients, including Indigenous Peoples, families and children, newcomers to Canada, persons with disabilities, seniors, Veterans and their families, youth and students.

Through Service Canada you can access more than 70 services including (to highlight a few) Employment Insurance, CPP, OAS, Passport Services, Veteran issues, Canada Summer Jobs, job bank and many more.



Ray reviewed numerous aspects of CPP, OAS and the Guaranteed Income Supplement, and rather than attempt to repeat everything here, we will simply highlight a number of his major points and provide his contact information for further questions.

Points of Interest

- Check the www.canada.ca website for details on all their programs
- It's a good idea to consult a Financial Planner before finalizing retirement
- Calgary's Kirby Centre can help by providing information and filling out necessary forms
- OAS is portable to other countries
- Everyone should consider setting up a "My Service Canada Account" which opens the door to many programs and related information
- He suggests you call the government at 8:30 sharp midweek, never on a Monday or Friday (for the best service)

Disclaimer notice

Information provided in this presentation is based on the current procedures and directives of our organization as of January 17, 2023.

For the most current and up to date information on the topics discussed in this presentation, please refer to Canada.ca

Canada's Retirement Income System

Public		Private
Canada Pension Plan	Old Age Security Program	Private pensions and savings
Quebec Pension Plan		

Qualifying for an Old Age Security Pension

To qualify for a full OAS Pension:

- You must have resided in Canada for at least 40 years after age 18 and before your application is approved.
- If you have not resided in Canada for 40 years after age 18, you may qualify for a full pension under other residence rules.

To qualify for a partial OAS Pension:

- You must have 10 years of residency in Canada after the age of 18 (can be met through an International Social Security Agreement with another country).
- You must have one full year of residency in Canada at the time of pension approval (partial and full).

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President Bev called our meeting to order at 12:15, welcoming all in attendance, followed by the singing of O Canada. Our single guest today was our speaker, Ray Ivanus from Service Canada. We had 29 participants at our meeting.

Our Indigenous Fact for the day
In September, 2021, Suncor Energy announced a partnership with 8

Indigenous Groups and First Nations located in the Oil Sands area, permitting them to purchase part of the existing northern courier pipeline. These partners will purchase 15% of the pipeline with a value of \$1.3 billion. This will provide stable revenue to these communities for decades to come.

Bev thanked Monty (who has volunteered to take our meeting minutes during February) for being our scribe today (see Sergeant at Arms below). She also thanked John Charrett and George Kimura (our greeters today) for making everyone feel welcome.

While lunch was being served, Bev told us about their trip to Mexico. They had an opportunity to attend a Rotary meeting at the Club (Guayobitos) in which our "Friend" and frequent volunteer, Sydney Richmond, is a member. They heard about their various community projects and discussed how we could work on joint projects. Bev also noted that she and Anthony were able to attend a few Rotary meetings by using Zoom which allowed them to keep in touch.

Sunshine Report

George reports that Pat Hutchinson is recovering at home. Apparently he cannot drive currently due to the level of medications he is taking. He passed his best wishes to all his Rotary friends.

Bev noted that Ruth Wiley was at our meeting and asked her for a health update. Ruth confirmed that she is doing well.

Slate of Directors Update

George advised us that our Club was still in need of two additional

Directors (for Community Service and Club Service) to serve on next year's Board. This is a great opportunity to join our leadership group for a two year term and we hope two of our members will step forward to volunteer. On a positive note, George announced that Rob Wolfson has put his name forward to serve as President Elect next year, and therefore will follow Anthony into the President's chair. This news was met with a hearty ovation from those in attendance.

Rotary Minutes

- Bev told us that the Chinese New Year was upcoming on January 22nd. This will be the year of the Rabbit and leads to a 15 day celebration worldwide.

We currently have a group 13 attending the "Larry Kwong Dinner" which is being held at the Regency Palace Restaurant on Centre Street on January 27th at 6pm.

- Anthony announced that our District Conference is being held this year in Lethbridge, and that registration is open through the District Website. The regular cost is \$350 with an Early Bird cost of \$325. The event takes place on May 5th and 6th.

- Paul took a moment to remind our members of our upcoming bottle/cans collection day on Tuesday, January 24th at the Tonkinson residence in Lake Bonavista. As Bev and Anthony are back at home, we can actually drop our bottles off any day up until the 24th. Please try to join us in raising funds for our various activities.

- John Charrett provided a report on this year's Fairview Mentorship Program with Roots2STEM. It has commenced on Friday, January 13th with 14 students attending the two hour session. John and Hank provided supervisory assistance at this first event, with Dean providing overall direction. The entire program involves 10 sessions taking place every other Friday and volunteers are needed. Please contact John if you would be able to participate.



Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

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John also confirmed that Dean's Roots2STEM operation is now an accredited STEM School, (Congratulations to Dean).

- Jim Thompson reported that he will be undergoing a second surgery on his hip to repair a problem which has developed, and would be unable to attend meetings for a week or two. He took the opportunity to tell us that he supports the Officers Club at Currie Barracks as a potential host for our two meetings each month. He asks that we take an opportunity to visit the site.



- Dave Wylie reported that we have a legal requirement to provide Board Meeting minutes and we have done so on our website, and are updating this historic record on an ongoing basis. He recommended that we take the time to check out the website and review the minutes. Any questions can be forwarded to Dave.



Rotary Foundation

Anne Dale, in her role as our Rotary Foundation Chair, announced how pleased she was to present a gift (from Anne herself) of a Paul Harris Fellow to a truly deserving Chinook member, Graham Boone. She noted that Graham has been the "glue" which has led to very productive and successful International service projects for many years. We are very appreciative of Graham's leadership and congratulate him (and thank Anne) for this recognition.



Community Service Report - Neil Beatty

Neil reported that thanks to Wayne Wiebe, we are taking part in funding and serving supper at the Mustard Seed on January 25th.



In addition, Bob Montgomery continues to organize 6 of our members for Friday deliveries of meals to the needy through the "Meals on Wheels" Program.

Neil summarized a report from Dale regarding our Donations Committee which is planning a meeting in the near future. She is pursuing the ability to use our Society Funds as a longer term funding arrangement.

She has been a part of the "All Chairs Donation Committee" for 4 years, and keeps up on what the other City Clubs are working on.

She is also on the "Rotary YYC Helps" Steering Committee that deals with finding a way to work on how charities can request donations through one application to all Calgary Rotary Clubs.

Dale sat in on a webinar this week on the Federal Community Services Recovery Fund, and hopes to provide information on potential opportunities for our Club.

Sergeant at Arms:

Rob was our Sgt for this meeting and began by advising our guest speaker that visitors are exempt from any fines. Rob then read out a rather lengthy list of "crimes" which carried \$2 fines:

- Bev for noting Bob as our Scribe today as he is actually doing February
 - again Bev for missing the "Welcome Song" for our speaker (we then did one for him)
 - George (VS) for having his cell phone ring during the meeting
 - all those who included the original wording "sons" vs "us" during our O Canada
 - all who didn't donate to either the Rotary Foundation or the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation during 2022
 - and lastly, any member who hasn't yet attended at least one of our Thursday evening fellowship meetings.
- Fine payments are subject to our 4 Way Test.

Good News / Bad News

- Monty announced that he now has a new great granddaughter and that this means that our newest member, Pam Montgomery, has a new granddaughter.
- Al Holt also announced that their family is expecting a new grandchild (due in July).
- Rob reported that he had been nominated and awarded \$6,000 through the ScotiaMcLeod's "Share the Wealth" Program. He was permitted to choose the charity which would receive this donation and he was excited to select the Variety Children's Charity of Alberta's "Go Baby Go" Program. Rob and three of his colleagues actually got to construct two toddler mobility vehicles and then present them to their new owners, Leo and Brody. All in all a wonderfully rewarding day for all concerned, and we are pleased to congratulate Rob for his choice. (Editor's note — Chinook donated funds a few years ago for a similar kid's vehicle and it also was a wonderful experience).



Chase the Ace

Rob presented our "Chase the Ace" raffle, firstly with Dick Snel picking a card to identify today's winner. We are now down to 28 cards remaining, and a pot of over \$2,000 ! Today's winner was Paul Gaudet who won \$87 (more importantly, the Club earned \$116). Paul chose a card which was a black Ace, however Clubs not Spades, so our pot remains available. The next chance to win will be at our evening get together at Dixon's Pub on Thursday, January 26th at 5:30pm.

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Thought you might be interested in seeing the chairs that were purchased for the children at the Escuela Moises Augustin (school) in Guatemala. Desks and chairs have been provided to some 80 students.



Community Service News

by Wayne Wiebe

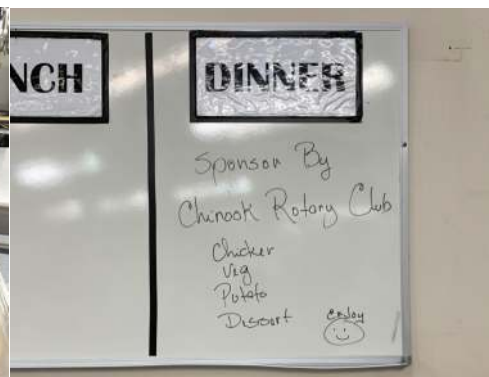
We served more than 270 homeless folks a "special" dinner on January 25th. It was special because they would normally not serve a chicken dinner with mashed potatoes, assorted vegetables and desserts! Our club's generous donation (thanks to Neil Beatty for arranging our club's contribution) allowed Mustard Seed to prepare this great dinner. Many folks that I spoke with, asked me to thank our club for a great meal! Special thanks to Bev, Anthony, Ted, Bob, and Jacob Gee (an associate of Tammy) for their help in serving this meal to very appreciative homeless folks. A great example of our club's dedication to Community Service!

We received a message from Mustard Seed the following day:

Hello Wayne,

Thank you once again for sponsoring the meal, we truly appreciate all the support.

Blessings, Zeny Etheridge, Volunteer Coordinator



A Note of Thanks

From your publishers/editors ...

A HUGE thank you to **George VS** for all the photographs he takes at meetings and events ... the Arch would be dull indeed without all those great memories in photos!! Thank you George for always stepping up and snapping those fun shots, and always getting them to us in time for the next issue!

A HUGE thank you to Paul G for stepping in so very, very often and doing the minutes of the meetings, and always getting them to us right away so we have time to work them in. The Arch would be dull indeed without!

Stephen and Anne





DisCon 2023

District Conference Registration is Open! On May 5 and 6, 2023, we will welcome you in Lethbridge for the 2023 District Convention "Dreaming Our Future".

This will be a unique opportunity for you to connect with other Rotarians, learn something new and grow your circle within the Rotary community. The planning team is finalizing guest speakers who are sure to inspire each and everyone one in attendance. In addition, the team has secured a great hotel rate of \$129 per night (plus tax).

Our early bird Conference rate of \$325 is on right now until January 31, 2023. When you act now and register, all you need to provide is a DEPOSIT of \$100. You can complete your payment sometime in 2023 before the conference! After January 31, the conference rate will be \$350 and full payment will be required at the time you register.

Don't miss this great opportunity to save some money and spread out your payment over a few months!

Register on the District website, and there you can also find the link to book your hotel room!

See you in Lethbridge for a great District Conference.



Roses, Roses, Roses @ Fairview School



Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

February 7th

Laura Chambers, Speaker from Toastmasters, who is promoted on the Rotary District Speakers website

Haggis day ... wear your tartan!

February 14th

Pints @ Peanuts at noon

February 21st

Kourtney Penner, City Councillor Ward 11

February 28th

Pints @ Peanuts at noon

Water and Sanitation Month

March 7th

Mason Trafford, Commercial Director, Cavalry FC

March 21st

Michelle Nedelec, Business Coach

Maternal and Child Health Month

April 4th

Lauren Atkinson, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada

April 18th

Elaine Wilson, Senior Director, Calgary Urban Project Society

Youth Service Month

May 5-6th

DisCon 2023 in Lethbridge — registration fee \$350, Early Bird registration \$325

May 27th - 31st

Rotary International Convention in Melbourne Australia



Meeting Minutes

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Guest Speaker

Our speaker today is Ray Ivanus who is a citizen services specialist with Service Canada.

Dates to Remember

January 18h to 24th

Drop off your bottle collection in the Tonkinson driveway

January 25th

Mustard Seed dinner service (wear your Rotary shirt)

January 26th

Networking meeting at Dixon's Pub

January 27th

Larry Kwong Dinner

January 31st

Pints at Peanuts

February 7th

Regular meeting at the Carriage House

Bev thanked everyone for attending today, and asked all to stand and close our meeting with a reading of our 4 Way Test. Our meeting adjourned at 1:39.

Roots 2 STEM January 27th



January Bottle Drop-Off



Service Canada

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Regarding the Subject of Avoiding Scams

- Don't give anyone your personal information
- Don't be afraid to say "no"
- Do your research
- Protect your computer and online accounts

Contact your local Citizen Services Specialist:

Lisa Despas 403-465-1519
Ray Ivanus 587-338-1728

Bob Montgomery thanked our speaker for providing so much useful information and advised him that as a thank you for presenting to us today we will be making a donation to Rotary's "Polio Plus" program in our effort to eradicate Polio from our world.



Larry Kwong Dinner January 27th

