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Acadia Food Pantry Donna Gordon and Helen Tubrett

Dale introduced our two speakers, Donna Gordon and Helen Tubrett, who told us about the Acadia Food Pantry.

Donna is a long-time Calgarian, a retired educator who attended school in Acadia, and who has a passion for community service. Helen has been a community volunteer in Acadia for 5 years, commencing as a Director with the Acadia Community Association, and then moving on to the Acadia Food Pantry. She believes that voluntary service is essential to a community's well being. Dale knows this operation extremely well as she has been volunteering with them for some time, and is proud to welcome them both to be our speakers today.

Donna made the actual presentation, and Helen conducted the "Q&A" session thereafter. Donna thanked Chinook for inviting them to speak about the Acadia Food Pantry, and also for providing financial support to assist their efforts. She gave a special thanks to Dale for her tireless volunteer work.

The Acadia Food Pantry (AFP) collects and distributes food on a monthly basis to people experiencing food insecurity. It was set up to service the vulnerable people in their community, but no one is turned away. It operates on the third Tuesday of each month from noon to 12:45, and emphasizes folks who are able to show up, come to pick up what they need. For people who are unable to attend, delivery can be arranged.

Many families on limited income live with food insecurity as part of their daily lives. Food is a basic need to which everyone should have access, regardless of their financial situation. Acadia, Fairview and Kingsland have a relatively high population of residents living near or under the poverty line. In 2022, the AFP served an average of 167 individuals per month, which is up 65% from 2021. Donna advised that many of their visitors are immigrants, refugees, single parent families, families experiencing job loss, and seniors with a very small income.

The AFP is funded mostly from support provided by several community churches, as well as community service providers and donations from kind supporters. Food is provided from a number of local businesses such as Cobs Bakery, the Italian Market and Good Bread. Community Kitchens provides fresh produce and other perishable items. If their cash donations are sufficient, then they can acquire fresher goods for their "patrons".



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President Bev was back from Australia (she and Anthony attended the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne), and at the podium to chair our meeting today, and called it to order at 12:20.



She began by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending today. We had 29 attendees, which included six guests. Our **guests** included Cindy Booth (prospective member), Lois Beatty, Vlad Sasarman (visiting Rotarian), Jim Zackowski (GM of Challenger Park), and our two guest speakers from the Acadia Food Pantry.

Bev introduced our **Indigenous Fact** for today which she had heard while in Australia at Rotary's International Convention. Every session at the convention started with a land acknowledgement, indicating that Canada isn't the only country doing this. One of the oldest living cultures in the world is the Australian Aboriginals, which is at least 50,000 years old.

Bev thanked Paul for being our scribe, as well as Bruce and Stephen who were our greeters for today. She thanked Stephen and Anne for the great job they do in creating our e-Arch, and then thanked Paul Hussey for his work in organizing our house committee, which sees to it that our meetings are set up properly with Greeters to welcome us. We also thank Neil and Hank who stepped in as our at-the-door payment persons, complete with a working credit card system. Bev thanked George for chairing the previous meeting while she was in Australia.



Bruce introduced our guests and everyone enjoyed our standard welcome song.



Bev related a **Rotary Fact** — The Rotary Foundation gave its first donation in 1929 of \$500 to the National Society for Crippled Children, which ultimately became Easter Seals. This charity had been founded in 1921 by Rotarian Edgar F Allen of the Rotary Club of Elyria, Ohio. Paul Harris served as Chair of this organization.

Club Business:

Birthdays / Anniversaries:

George VS announced our five **birthdays** for June: Syed Ahmed on June 4th, Dave Wylie on the 12th, Joe Hooper on the 15th, Al Pettigrew on the 22nd, and Rhea Graham on the 28th.

We have three **spousal birthdays** during June: Michael Dale on June 5th, Madalene Imler on the 11th, and Barbara Plunkett on the 27th.

We have three **anniversaries** this month: Peter and Sharon have their 52nd on June 5th, Al and Jeanette have their 50th on the 16th, and Anthony and Bev have their 45th on the 17th.

Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Sunshine Report:

Pat reported that Bart Dailley was feeling poorly, and Joe Hooper reported that Bev Pettigrew's brother had recently passed away. Jim Thompson is slowly recovering from a fall. Anne Dale is with her son who is currently in intensive care, thankfully showing some improvement. We hope everyone feels better soon. Bev highlighted how good it was to have Fred Jessee in attendance today.

Members Minutes:

- Anthony noted that our **dues are payable** on July 1st (\$300), and funds are to be sent to Al. As important is that we need to know if you are planning not to re-join for 2023/2024, as both the District and Rotary International charge dues automatically effective July 1st, and they are non refundable. Of course we hope that all our members sign up for Anthony's year as President, and he says he will take it personally if we do not.

- The Rotary Club of Calgary has asked us to announce their **Sneak-a-Peak, on July 7th**, with a cost of \$70 per person. This price includes entry to the Stampede, dinner and the grandstand show. Tickets are available on the District website and on their weekly events digest.

• Jim Zackowski, GM of Challenger Park, highlighted that they are hosting their annual **Family Day on Saturday, June 17th** and everyone is encouraged to visit. Chinook will be providing three volunteers to help with traffic flow and information access. Admission and lunch is free and there are lots of things for your family to enjoy. Jim also congratulated Chinook on being such a friendly and welcoming Club. Challenger Park is also holding their major fundraiser (a **golf tournament**) on **August 23rd** at the 'Hamptons', and they are asking all the Rotary Clubs to have a representative join the group. The cost is \$330 per player.



from Challenger Park, Jim Zackowski, visiting us once again. Tammy rose to highlight that today was June 6th, the date when 40,000 Canadian soldiers came ashore at Normandy, noting that her dad was one of them.

Speaker's Presentation:



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Chase the Ace:

Rob announced that we have only 15 cards remaining, one of which is the elusive Ace of Spades. This week's winner was your scribe who earned \$87, and chose the 5 of Spades. More importantly our Club earned \$116 from today's draw. As Paul didn't pick the Ace of Spades, **the pot continues to grow!** There are only 14 cards remaining and the pot is over \$3,100. Pretty good odds to win!



Dates to Remember:

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| June 13th | Lager at the Legion (noon to 2) |
| June 17th | Family Day at Challenger Park |
| June 18th - 23rd | Anniversary of our Rotary Nature Park |
| June 20th | Regular Meeting at the Carriage House |
| June 21st | Board Meeting for old and new Board Members at the Tonkinsons' home |
| August 23rd | Challenger Park Golf Tournament |

Bev thanked everyone for participating today and wished them a great Rotary week. Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Sergeant at Arms:

George Kimura was our Sergeant for this meeting and was fining a loonie per offense. He started out by welcoming Fred Jessee to our meeting, and also welcoming Sandy Swan back from her winter in Mexico. He proceeded to fine those who were not wearing their pins or their name tags, and those who hadn't perused our latest "Rotarian" magazine. He also fined Paul for winning this weeks Chase the Ace.



Remember ... "Imagine a world that deserves our best."



George took the opportunity to ask for a show of hands by those who might be interested in attending an evening **baseball game of the Okotoks Dawgs**. There was a good deal of interest shown, so George indicated that we would put an event together.

Good News / Bad News:



Hank made a \$5 donation to highlight how good it was to have Vlad back to our meeting as he is relocating to Calgary and is seeking a new Rotary Club. In addition, Hank also highlighted how good it was to see our longtime friend

'Can You Help?' Update

Regarding my client who was involved in a house fire in February, here is the link for the gofund me campaign: www.gofundme.com/f/family-home-all-possessions-lost-in-house-fire

Fellowship @ The Dawgs

With a new Rotary Year beginning on July 1st, Paul G and George K felt it would be fun to enjoy a fellowship event, and decided that an Okotoks Dawgs baseball game would fit the bill. We have selected ...

Saturday night, July 22nd (first pitch at 7:05pm)

We have booked the **third base patio for our group** which will hold from 15 to 40 guests. We should arrive prior to 6:30 in order to be ready to go when the game begins. The ticket price includes your entry to the game and your dinner. Varied drinks are left to each of you to deal with directly. The **dinner has three options**: a Hamburger/Hotdog, Beef Brisket Sandwich, or a Steak Sandwich. The first two options cost \$40 per person (entry and dinner), and the steak sandwich costs \$45.

The Okotoks Dawgs won the Championship Trophy in 2022, and is off to a strong start in 2023. They play out of a well designed Park (Seaman Stadium) in South Okotoks, and enjoy a large and loyal season ticket base.

We are required to put down a \$600 deposit shortly, so we would appreciate your confirmation of attendance as soon as possible. **Please confirm your meal choice and arrange to pay directly to Paul G** by e-transfer gaudetco@shaw.ca, cash or cheque. Any questions, contact Paul G or George K.

Check your schedule and plan on joining us for a fun summer evening!!



Ribfest YYC 2023

Chinook Rotary club will be hosting the 2023 YYC Rotary Ribfest!
NOW is the time to start promoting this event
 with our family, friends and all of our Rotary contacts.

Please go to the website - www.yycrotaryribfest.ca to check out the exiting plans that are in place for us to enjoy and to share with our community. Then tell everyone about this event, and make plans for your family dinner to take place at McMahon Stadium on September 8th, 9th or 10th ! Invite everyone you know, and ask them to share, and join us in this fun family event.

Please follow the Facebook page ... Rotary Ribfest YYC and PLEASE ! ... "Like" and "Share" all the posts. AND ... go to "Rotary Ribfest YYC" from September 8th to 10th www.yycrotaryribfest.ca and read about the event and then ask others to share it as well.

THANK YOU!!

Michael Spears

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Acadia Food Pantry ... cont'd from page 1

While this operation is small, it makes a huge difference to the families it serves, and it must be highlighted that it all gets done by approximately 30 volunteers. There are no salaries or expenses (other than for food) as everyone is a volunteer!

They do offer a tax receipt for donations (using one of their Church supporters), and all such funds go to AFP. They welcome volunteers to assist picking up food, delivering food baskets, or working on their service day (3rd Tuesday).

If you are interested in helping, please contact acadiapantry@gmail.com for more information. If you would like to make a donation, go to www.mcdunited.com/donate

Peter Bickham thanked our speakers for their informative presentation and advised that we will be making a donation to Rotary's "Polio Plus" in appreciation of their presentation today.



'Skip the Depot' Fundraiser

Bring us your empties!!

Members and Friends, drop off your bottles/cans in Tonkinsons' driveway **on or before (from the 18th on) Tuesday June 27th !**

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.

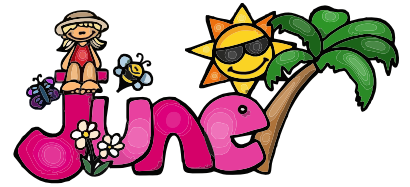


Rotary Fellowships Month
June 20th

Dwayne Klassen, Motivational Speaker and Life Coach

New Rotary Year Begins
July 4th

On location with Anne Dale @ "My Sewing Room" — Charity Work



Membership and New Club Development Month
August 8th

Meeting at Rotary Park, Jim Thompson and District Governor Kurt Kowalchuk

Calgary East Pancake Breakfast

A couple of weeks ago, Henry P, Janet, Neil B, Rhea and myself helped Calgary East at a Pancake Breakfast for Grant McEwan School. Here are some pics ... *Dave Wylie*



Proposed New Member

The following new **Member** proposal was accepted by the Board for membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook:

VLAD SASARMAN

Proposed by: Hank Popoff
Classification: Banking

In accordance with Club Bylaws, Article XI, Section 5:
Method of electing New Members

"If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the Board from any member (other than Honourary) of the Club within seven (7) dates following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of admission fee (if not Honourary membership) as prescribed in the bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership. If any such objection has been filed with the Board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee, shall be considered to be elected to membership."

Dale Perret, Secretary
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WGIPPA 2023 Assembly

Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Association



Waterton Glacier International Peace Park 2023 Assembly - September 21-24, 2023 in Waterton Lakes Park

Events:

- Waterton Peace Garden Service Project and Peace Pole Dedication
- Golf Tournament (optional \$\$)
- Waterton Lake Boat Trip to Goat Haunt (optional \$\$)
- Hike the Great Divide Trail – Goat Haunt to Waterton Township (optional \$\$)
- Opening Reception
- WGIPPA Annual Assembly with internationally recognized speakers: Fran Leggett | Jeff Mow | Cam Stewart | Jenny Feick
- WGIPPA Annual General Meeting | All Rotarians are Voting Members
- Peace Park Assembly Gala
Craig Davidson from Rick Steves' Europe | Youth Exchange Students | Entertainment
- Non-Sectarian Celebration of Peace, Love, and Life
- Hands Across the Border Ceremony

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www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org/2023-assembly

