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Cavalry FC

Mason Trafford, Commercial Director

Our speaker today was Mason Trafford, who is Commercial Director, Cavalry FC (football club).

Cavalry FC is a professional, community driven soccer club, that plays out of Spruce Meadows in a 6,000 seat stadium. They are a member of the Canadian Premier League, which has teams across the country ... Halifax, Ottawa, Hamilton, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria.

Cavalry FC will begin their 5th season in late April. Mason told us that there are 43 minor leagues in Alberta with 35,000 kids participating.

Following the interesting presentation, George presented him with a polio certificate.



ROAD TO THE FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP

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The Canadian Premier League champion earns a berth in the CONCACAF League. The Canadian Championship is the sole qualification route for Canadian professional clubs into CONCACAF Champions League and onto the FIFA Club World Cup.

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Greeters — Ron May, Graham Boone

President Bev and Anthony are in Mexico and attended a Rotary meeting in Guayabitos, Sydney Richmond's club.



The meeting was opened with George VS presiding. He opened the meeting by leading us in O Canada to a group of 20.

He began with our **Indigenous Fact** of the day — Close to 20% of First Nation communities are under a drinking water advisory, a statistic that has remained remarkably consistent for the past 25 years.



Ron introduced our **guests** Sharon Fraiman (potential new member), and Jeff Shaw.



Birthdays for March are Graham, Pam M, Stephen P and Garth P. No members celebrate anniversaries in March.

Chase the Ace was won by Garth S. As he was not in attendance, the draw for the ace will be held at a later date.

Membership Drive Booths, located at both Avenida and Heritage markets, are in the process of being organized. Members are advised to collect Rotary magazines for give-aways at the markets.



Sunshine — Jim T is recovering from hip surgery.



Graham gave a comprehensive review of International Service activities and contributions as follows:

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

We provided \$ 5,000 towards a \$ 132,000 global grant project to supply dental equipment to this **new clinic in Gyumri, Shirak Marz Province, Armenia**. The equipment has been provided for the clinic and for two mobile vans and it is now serving several thousand children annually free of charge. The global grant project is now considered to be successfully completed. The International Sponsor was the Sydney-Sunrise Rotary Club and that club submitted its final report on the project on February 9th. (Armenia borders on the North of Iran and East of Turkey.)



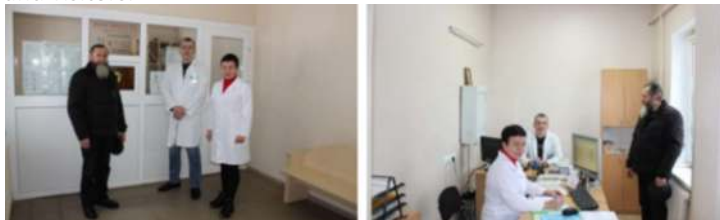
Our grant application for the **Girl Empowerment in the Dominican Republic** project was initially declined by the Foundation. The Host Club, San Pedro de Macoris, is working with the Foundation to have the application accepted within the near future. The Rotary Clubs involved are committed to the project funding of \$105,000 US.

Proinfancia, our cooperating agency in Santo Domingo has delivered hygiene kits to the girls in a school.

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Our plan was to arrange for appropriate Menstrual Health Education and hygiene kits to be delivered to 10,000 girls. Access to timely, accurate health information is critical to shattering the stigma around menstruation and building a more equitable world.

Funds were previously forwarded to the **Medical Mercy TB clinic in Kovel, Ukraine** so that the clinic could insulate and renovate its exterior walls. In spite of the war with Russia the clinic was able to recently complete the work on the exterior walls. Chinook and the District provided \$ 9,700 to pay mainly for the materials that were needed. The results appear to be very professional. The facilities are now warm and comfortable for the staff, TB patients and visitors.



For the first time in years, warm in the Registration area. Warm in the doctors' office.



Medical staff, proud of their newly renovated Centre, modern, clean, insulated to keep warm.

We were very pleased that we could provide assistance for this much needed renovation. A final report has been submitted and accepted by our District.

A cheque for \$ 4,000 was recently paid to the Rotary Foundation (Canada) to go towards **Ukraine Disaster Response**.

In addition we donated \$ 2,000 to **ShelterBox to assist its work in Pakistan**. The never-before-seen, deadly flooding in Pakistan has affected millions and left a huge portion of the country underwater. UNICEF advises that by early January 2023, as many as 4 million children were still living near contaminated and stagnant flood waters, risking their survival and wellbeing. Our donation was obviously just a pittance in the light of the damage to the country.



Funds were transferred previously to Guatemala to support a

\$142,000 US + RACHEL Children's Educational Project. The project will provide RACHEL servers and laptops to 16 schools in the first year of this three year project. As a supporting Club and



with the approved grants, our collaboration provided \$11,000 towards this ongoing project. The Rachel Plus units provide access to a mini internet which has been designed to be quite suitable for children.



Calgary North intends to carry out a **Global Project in Nigeria** involving the supply of 4 compressed brick making machines to assist in the reconstruction of demolished houses. We agreed to act as a Supporting Club for the project. Calgary North has advised us that their grant application is in the hands of the Foundation for review. Our Committee agreed to support this \$68,147 project. Our Club put up \$2,000, the District granted us \$5,000 and the Rotary Foundation will provide \$4,000 if the project is approved. The \$2,000 of Club funds will therefore be levered up to be worth \$11,000.

We previously supported the **drilling of a borehole close to the Kambule Provincial STEM Secondary school at Mongu, Zambia** to provide all the boys and staff with clean water. Drilling was successfully completed. We provided the Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club in the United Kingdom with 1,500£ to help them carry out this very successful drilling.



We agreed to support the **Escuela Moises Agustin School in Guatemala**. The school looks after 85 children in the pre-K to Grade 1 range. Our project supplied 85 desks and chairs for the children, desks and chairs for 5 staff members, mirrors to help the children with their hygiene and restore a rather dilapidated entrance gate. Our Club's commitment for this project was \$2,400. With an approved District grant of \$7,172 we forwarded \$9,572 to Club Rotario Los Quetzaltenango. All purchases have been made and we have just received a final report from that Club. Our final report to our District is in progress.



Students at their old desks, Chairs for the children ... they will be aware of Rotary for a lifetime! and new desks and chairs

We forwarded a net amount of \$1,600 to the Club Rotario Bahia de Jaltimba La Penita to pay for **electrical upgrading work at the Colegio Patria school in Mexico**. The work has been completed but it requires an inspection by local officials.

The **Creamos Charity** which works around the largest dump in **Guatemala** may be reviewed shortly to see if they might have a project that we could support. Creamos tries to foster self-esteem, wellness, leadership and financial independence for women who have historically relied on collecting, recycling, reusing and reselling items scavenged in the garbage dump to make a living. Since its inception, Creamos' primary goal has been to provide an alternative form of income, resulting in a safer and healthier family environment. Some 40,000 citizens live around the dump and 15,000 (estimates vary) of them currently work in the dump trying to make a living. We have been advised that the RC of Weymouth, Mass. has a global grant in process for \$30,000 of computer equipment for the future training of women by Creamos.



An application for a **grant of \$30,000 from the Alberta Community Initiatives Program** to cover some hosting cost for Ribfest 2023 has been carried out by Dean White. This is not an International Service project, but Dean volunteered to make the application for the Club. His application was filed with the Alberta government on January 15.



A water project in Burundi in a very mountainous region sponsored by the Markham Sunrise RC is under review by A. Soutar. The source to be used is a natural spring at the foot of a mountain. There will be pipes running (2.9 km)

from the source to the first stop at the centre of the village where there will be the main tank, then continue to the school where there will be a school tank. The good news is that the system will be gravity fed. There will be no need of pump/engine or high skilled operators. The Masango Primary/Fundamental School, 55km east of the capital, Bujumbura, is one of many rural schools without access to water and basic sanitation. It has about 1600 students but the nearest reliable source of water is over 3 km away and children have to bring their own water to school, which is difficult given the long distances many have to walk each day to get to and from school (up to 7 km each way). Toilets are also insufficient and inadequate, with only 5 useable pit latrines (without doors) for 1600 children. These conditions, coupled with poverty and malnutrition, result in hygienic diseases, high absenteeism (especially for females during menstrual period) and drop outs. Sanitation and hygiene remain the major health concern, especially during this COVID-19 time. The project will be reviewed by our Committee in March to determine if we wish to support it. There will be 2 phases to the project. The first phase will transfer the water to the village. The second phase will move the water to the school and help resolve the inadequate toilet facilities.

The Rotary Club of Heritage Park and the Rotary Club of Los Altos Quetzaltenango want to proceed with a **water and sanitation project in the community of Quiacquis, Guatemala**. We will put up \$2,000 for the project as a Supporting Club and request a District grant of \$5,000. The Foundation would provide an

additional \$4,000 grant if the project is approved. Our Committee has approved the project as a Supporting Club and a grant application has been put into process. Water meters will be installed in all houses, to ensure as much as possible the sustainability of the project. Each family (user) will contribute a connection service payment that should cover the house connection cost. This is required to promote the community's sense of ownership. The funds will be collected and managed by the community based organization, which should also be in charge of procuring specific materials as indicated by the constructor.



The community members will provide unskilled labour, which has been considered in the \$150,000 to \$200,000 preliminary budget.

We forwarded \$500 to support the **Global Literacy Project** for the 2022-2023 year. GLP is one of the largest grassroots multi-club, multi-district opportunities in Rotary. Nearly 800 Rotary clubs have participated in the GLP since 1997. Approximately 125 clubs and 25 districts will support this year's Global Grant to benefit the GLP activities in Guatemala. The host club is Valle de Guatemala and the international sponsoring club is Rice Lake RC of Wisconsin.

Who are the beneficiaries? The project serves the indigenous peoples in the Western Highlands of Guatemala, where you find one of the lowest literacy rates in the Western Hemisphere.



Wow! A book to read. Thanks to the GLP.

What needs have been identified? The targeted communities in Guatemala's Western Highlands suffer from low literacy due to:

- Ineffective teaching methods: most of the instruction in primary schools is rote memorization and copying from the blackboard. Students learn to recognize words, never developing comprehension or independent reading skills.
- Lack of books: another significant contributing factor to the low rates of literacy (40% among rural adults) is the lack of textbooks in grades 7-9. Approximately 90% of these schools have no books.
- Lack of computers: in the Western Highlands, having technological literacy is also critical for getting out of poverty. Approximately 60% of entry-level jobs in Guatemala now require computer skills. The majority of schools in this area lack access to modern technology and therefore have no way to prepare their graduates for these jobs. Young people leaving school are condemned to a life of subsistence farming or illegal migration. The cycle of poverty continues.
- Pressure from peers and family to drop out: 90% of Guatemalan children living in poverty never graduate from high school. But we know that it takes 12 years of education for youth in Guatemala to break out of poverty. Many factors cause youth to drop out, including gangs, teen pregnancy, and even low expectations from their own families, who believe that there's no reason to send their kids to school past sixth grade.

Charter Night March 17th, 1977



46 years have passed since we received our Charter as a club in the RI movement. In the summer/fall of 1976, handful of candidates, selected by the Rotary Club of Calgary and the Rotary Club of Calgary South, began orientation provided by their sponsors / mentors. We met at the Foresters Club facility on Macleod Trail. By December our numbers reached 35, the application to RI was submitted and approved, and confirmed on March 14th 1977. A celebration at the Palliser Hotel on April 12th 1977 was enjoyed by all the other clubs represented in RI District 536, and the birth of the new club was acknowledged with introduction of the Charter Members, and 3 new members were added at the event. We were gifted various meeting hardware, the bell, song books, a podium and meeting banners and flags.

Today, only three of the charter members remain club connected. All three have served as club presidents in their time, and represented our club in travels throughout Rotary's world. They are Dr Ian Burgess, President 89/90, Herb Imler, President 86/87, and Jim Thompson, President 81/82.

The club moved to the Trade Winds Hotel after charter, then to the Carriage House Inn in 1985 when the Trade Winds Hotel was taken down for land redevelopment.

The first time the club had delegates at an RI International Convention was in 1979, when Charter President Greg McLellan, and Jim Thompson and wife Judy, attended the annual event in Rome, Italy.

It has been a very interesting time since, in "Service Above Self".

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Water and Sanitation Month

March 21st
March 30th

Michelle Nedelec, Business Coach
Evening Networking Meeting — Rob will provide details

Maternal and Child Health Month

April 4th
April 11th
April 8th
April 18th
April 27th

Lauren Atkinson, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada
Pints @ Peanuts
District Membership Event, 9am - 3:30pm @ Rotary Challenger Park
Elaine Wilson, Senior Director, Calgary Urban Project Society
Evening Networking Meeting — Rob will provide details

Youth Service Month

May 2nd
May 5-6th
May 16th
May 27th - 31st

Dean White, Roots2STEM
DisCon 2023 in Lethbridge — registration fee \$350
John Hufnagel, Calgary Stampeders
Rotary International Convention in Melbourne Australia

Rotary Fellowships Month

June 6th
June 18th
June 20th

Dale Perret, Acadia Food Bank
23rd Anniversary of the official dedication of our Nature Park
in Fish Creek Provincial Park
Dwayne Klassen, Life Coach

New Rotary Year Begins

July 4th

On location with Anne Dale @ "My Sewing Room" — Charities

Membership and New Club Development Month

August 8th

Meeting at Rotary Park



Rotary Provincial Bonspiel !



Photos courtesy Wayne Wiebe & Michael Spears

Proposed New Member

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

SHARON FRAIMAN

Proposed by: George Kimura
Classification: Management, NGO Fundraising

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 Honorary) of the Club within seven (7) dates following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of admission fee (if not Honorary 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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Tonkinsons in Mexico

Selling 50/50 tickets for scholarships for children in Guayobitis



Sydney Richmond and President Vern



Bev and Sydney selling tickets