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## Charity Work

Anne Dale

Anne Dale was our speaker today as well as our meeting host.

She began by telling us about her business which began in 2001. After five years in their initial location developing her business, she relocated to her present location. They expanded again after another five years, by taking additional space to provide for more inventory and additional space for training.

Anne began her slide show presentation which described the numerous charitable activities she (and her business) have been involved with through Rotary.

She began with photos of Jennifer Jones, Rotary's first female International President (also a Canadian), from her trip to the Calgary Stampede at the beginning of her Presidency. She was part of the parade which also included Rotarians from numerous Rotary Clubs.

Anne told us about supplying 14 large boxes of sewing goods to Baton Rouge in Louisiana following the devastating hurricane Katrina to help provide thousands of shut-in individuals with meaningful activities.

She then spoke of how "Days for Girls" essentially called out to her as an important need that she could get involved with, and she really got involved. This international charity works around the world by advancing menstrual equity, health, dignity and opportunity for all. Knowledge is power, especially when it involves menstruation. Access to timely, accurate health information is critical to shattering the stigma and building a more equitable world. The kits they provide go along with health education for the users, their families and the entire community. Anne gathered a large number of her clients and friends in her own business facility where they constructed these kits for use in Africa. They also helped by sending supplies to the Dominican Republic when that country ran short. All the Rotary Clubs in the Dominican signed on to a MOU to provide support for their girls by creating kits and establishing a new well to provide necessary water.

Rwanda in Africa is another area of the world with no infrastructure and no resources. Hope Rwanda and Hope Ethiopia were established by recruiting local women and training them how to prepare kits. Anne gifted kits and stayed on (in Rwanda) to train the next group of girls. Also in Nepal, Anne visited the country and helped them get established.

In addition to this worldwide commitment to "Days for Girls", Anne worked through our own Rotary District to mentor immigrants, specifically a family from Syria. She also participated in our District's Entrepreneurship camp

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Our first meeting of the new Rotary year was a **roadtrip** to Anne Dale's place of business, "My Sewing Room". As our Host, Anne welcomed everyone to our meeting and chaired the meeting. She had an interesting set-up with three large screens showing the podium area, and also making it easy to see and follow her presentation.

We had a good turnout today with 33 attendees which included 8 guests. Our **guests** included 4 visiting Rotarians, Don Watkins from Peterborough and three from Calgary, our DG Kurt Kowalchuk, his wife Manon Mitchell, and Rhea Graham who is now with Calgary East. We also had 4 other guests. We should also highlight that Anne had set up a Zoom system which allowed 6 additional 'virtual attendees' to take part in the meeting, 3 of

our own members who were otherwise unavailable, and 3 of Anne's contacts. Paul introduced our guests and led our usual welcome song.

Anne invited Kurt to open our meeting with an **Indigenous land acknowledgement**.



Anne provided two

**door prizes** to those in attendance. The first was drawn early with Ted Wada being the winner, and the second at the end of our meeting with Paul Hussey winning.



## Club Business

### Birthdays / Anniversaries

Paul announced our five **Birthdays** for July: Bart Dailley on July 5th, Jim Thompson on the 12th, Bob Montgomery on the 15th, Bev Tonkinson on the 17th, and Herb Imler on the 18th.

We have one **Spousal Birthday** during July, Bernice Bohnet on July 17th.

We have 7 **Anniversaries** this month: Jack and Patsy Steen have their 55th on July 26th, Bart and Barb Dailley have their 52nd on the 31st, Bruce and Bernice Bohnet have their 51st on



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the 8th, Paul and Beti Gaudet have their 49th on the 6th, Anne and Michael Dale have their 28th on the 30th, Ron and Lise May have their 27th on the 6th, and Rob and Angela their 23rd on the 22nd.

Congratulations and best wishes to all !!

### Chase the Ace

Rob announced that we have only 12 cards remaining, one of which is the elusive Ace of Spades. This week's winner was Ruth Wylie who is enjoying the summer in BC, so Rob will contact her so she can pick a card. The pot is over \$3,400 !! Pretty good odds to win!



### Speaker's Presentation

Anne Dale was our speaker today as well as our meeting host.

### Dates to Remember

- July 12th Board Meeting
- July 18th Regular Meeting at the Carriage House
- July 22nd Passing of the Gavel and intro of the new Board
- Baseball game at Seaman Stadium

Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm. *Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*



## Charity Work

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to assist in building future business owners.

She gathered and donated older, used sewing equipment and recycled it to the local Newcomers Centre to give them the ability to create clothing and other items for their own use.

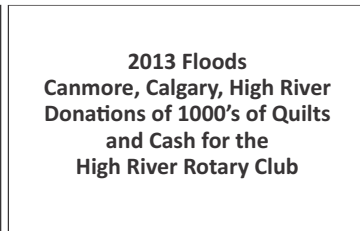
She and Rhea went on a Rotary Friendship Exchange to the Vermont area and found themselves picking fresh apples from the local orchards, a lot more fun than you might expect.

She joined a group of "Women in Rotary" to participate in a speaking panel sponsored by our District as part of the Indigenous Relations Committee activities.

Anne and her quilting friends were able to gather 3,000 quilts during the 2013 floods in southern Alberta which, ended up being donated in the High River area.

Anne wrapped up her presentation by advising us how much she believes in Rotary's 4 Way Test. She has introduced it to her employees and encourages them to consider it when dealing with clients and each other.

She thanked us for allowing her to tell us her story, and told us how much she appreciates everyone of us.



# Calgary Stampede Sneak-a-Peak July 6th



Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

**New Rotary Year Begins**

July 18th  
July 22nd

Passing of the Gavel and Introduction of the New Board  
Fellowship Baseball Game at Seaman Stadium in Okotoks — contact Paul G or George K

**Membership and New Club Development Month**

August 8th

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

**Basic Education and Literacy Month**

September 4th  
September 8th, 9th, 10th

Matthew Janz, Annual Giving and Stewardship Coordinator at Pacekids  
Ribfest !!!!

**Economic and Community Development Month**

October 3rd

Randy Young, Director of Donor Ministry, Samaritans Purse Canada



## A Thank You

We received these photos and nice thank you for our contribution towards the borehole drilling which was quite successful.

*Graham Boone*



Please share these with your club. Everyone at Wroxham Bure Valley will always appreciate your support.

*Pat Wierzba*

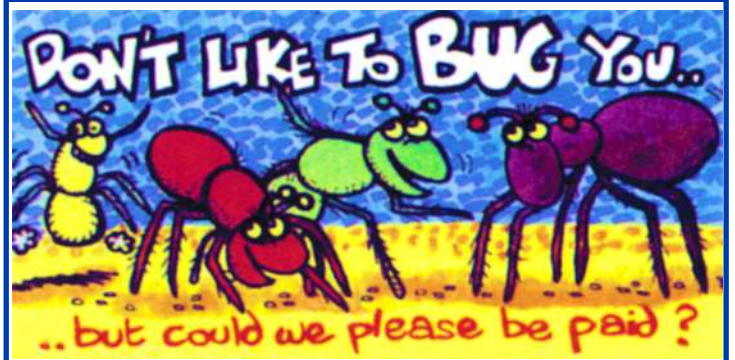
Please would you forward these photos to Calgary Chinook, the boys boarding school Kambule only had intermittent access to water until the borehole and pump were installed. Having their own water supply had a transforming effect on the school. The headmistress thanked all contributors and explained what a huge difference this has made to the 1500 students

The new government has extended free education from an upper limit of 14 to an upper limit of 18. This has resulted in a very large influx of pupils.

Calgary-Chinook's contribution was extremely important and has had a very valuable effect on these students' lives

*Yours in Rotary international  
Geoff Harrison*

## Annual Dues



### Chinook Rotary Annual Dues \$300 due now

If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so ASAP.

You can easily do so by cheque or credit card at the meeting check-in desk or by e-transfer to [info@chinookrotary.org](mailto:info@chinookrotary.org)

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