

Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook



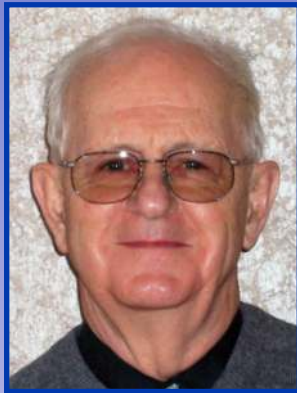
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Charter Night March 14th, 1977



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Ian Burgess



Jim Thompson

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The Pork and Beans War

Bart Dailley



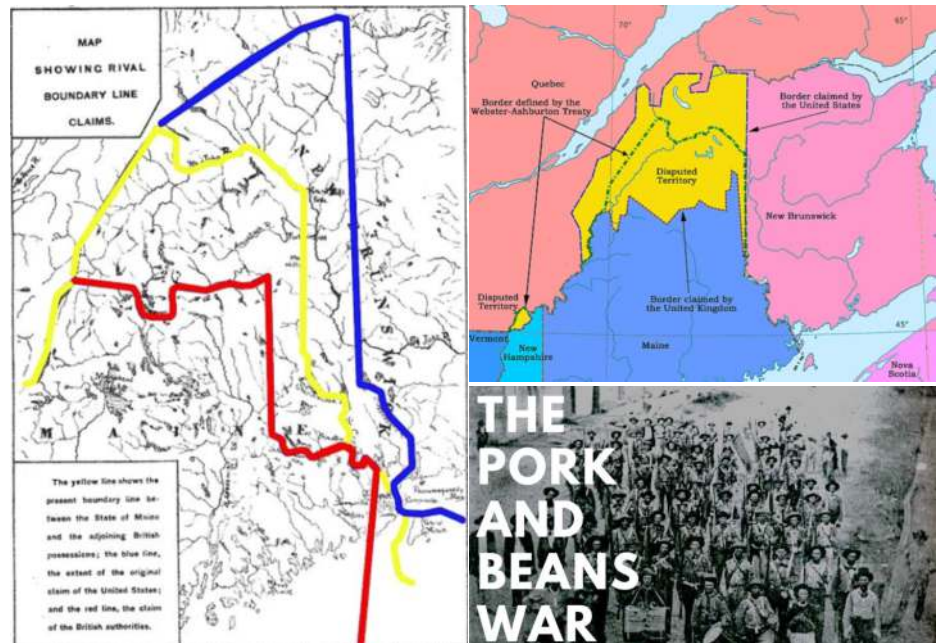
Bart began his presentation by lamenting the fact that there is insufficient Canadian history being taught in today's school curriculum. There are many situations in history which can be related with a touch of humour and entertainment, which will create interest for the student body. One such situation is Bart's subject for today which is entitled the "Pork and Beans War" of 1838-1839.

The American Colonies began their War of Independence in 1775, the war lasting until 1783. In that year, through the treaty of

Paris, the Brits accepted the independence of the American colonies. The British ceded the land south of the Great Lakes, east of the Mississippi and north of Florida, however there was no clear definition of a border between Maine, and Quebec and New Brunswick. This issue continued to fester over the years until the war of 1812 when the Americans decided that all of North America should be American. British troops occupied Eastern Maine intending to hold it as the territory of New Ireland. Many attempts to negotiate the border area between Maine, New Brunswick, and Quebec were made, however nobody could agree, which led to a continuing and growing problem for all the governments involved.

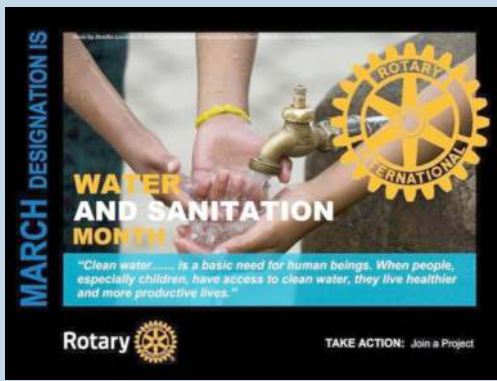
In April of 1839, the United States Army deployed 50,000 men to Maine, while four companies of the British 11th regiment marched to the area. Two large armies were camped within sight of one another, each individual soldier waiting for the signal to open fire.

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President Anthony called our meeting to order at 12:15, welcoming all in attendance. Anthony noted that our Rotary Theme is to “Create Hope in the World”, then led us in the singing of O Canada.

We had 30 participants at our meeting today which included 2 guests: Ray Wiens, a guest of Bill Stemp and a visiting Rotarian, and Bill



Skinner from the Rotary Club of Heritage Park. Our guests were introduced by John Charrett and serenaded by our “Welcome to Rotary” verse.

Anthony thanked Paul for being our scribe today. He also thanked Peter Bickham and John Charrett for being our greeters today, and for making everyone feel welcome. Anthony thanked Stephen and Anne for all they do for our Club, most notably the regular production of our e-Arch. He also thanked Paul H and his volunteers for ensuring that our meeting room is set up and ready for our meetings each day. In addition we also wish to thank both Neil and Bob for operating our payment system.

Club Business

Blackfoot Farmers Market Event



Paul G provided a report on our upcoming Blackfoot Farmers Market event which is being held on Friday, March 15th, Saturday, March 16th and Sunday, March 17th. He has been sending out detailed emails outlining the shifts which are available for this event, and asking our Membership to consider signing up for same. The shifts are only two hours each and therefore should not interfere significantly with your weekend activities. The whole idea of this event is to introduce Rotary, and our club

specifically, to Calgarians who will be shopping at the market by discussing what Rotary is and the service it provides around the world. We also hope to interest a few into considering joining our club as new members. Whether we get new members or not, it is a good opportunity to spread the word about Rotary.

Paul also took the opportunity to remind us that we are having a **Bottle Drive Event** with bottles and cans to be delivered to the Tonkinson residence no later than Tuesday, March 19th. Bev has confirmed that it will be fine if we drop off bottles by their driveway on Saturday, March 16 through to the final drop off day on the 19th. The bottle contractor will be picking up all our

bottles on Wednesday, June 20th. We hope you will be able to participate in this event, and thank everyone in advance.

Heritage Park Art Sale



Bill Skinner took the floor to tell us about the upcoming Art Sale being hosted by the Rotary Club of Heritage Park. This will be the fifth year in which they have conducted their sale, and he reports that last year they sold over 1,000 pieces of art. They are asking that we consider donating any “hang-able types of art” which they can potentially sell to the public, thereby raising funds for their community service projects. Any donations can be dropped

off until March 21st in marked donation bins located at seven designated Co-op stores, one of which is their head office store on McLeod Trail. Check on the Heritage Park website for details.

Casino News



Bruce Bohnet reminded us that we have received confirmation from AGLC that our next Casino will be held on August 26th and 27th at the “Pure Casino” located in Northeast Calgary. He will be contacting our members shortly to begin lining up sufficient volunteers to successfully staff the event.

Society Poker Event



Dean told us that the Poker Event he has been planning (for March 14th) at Deerfoot Casino has been changed to a ‘Free’ event, open to all. He simply asks that we attend, have fun playing some poker, enjoy a meal and consider making a donation of your choice to our Society (tax receipt available).

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Tammy Truman announced our **Birthdays** for March: Graham Boone on the 2nd, Brennen Pell on the 8th, Stephen Pick and Pam Montgomery both on the 9th, and Garth Plunkett on the 28th. We had no Anniversaries, and one **spousal birthday** during March, Judy Thompson on March 25th.



Our report also highlighted the **Rotary Anniversaries** of 6 members, most notably our two charter members, Jim Thompson and Ian Burgess, who have been members for 47 years, since day one, March 14th, 1977. Vlad Sasarman has been a Rotarian (at several Clubs) since March 27, 2002, Alex Soutar for 18 years (March 7th), and Dale Perret, also for 18 years (March 18th).

Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Sunshine Report

Pat reported that he has been chatting with Ian Burgess, one of our two active Charter members, who reports a recent fall from which he has sustained a head injury. He misses our meetings and hopes to be back soon.



Guest Speaker - Bart Dailley

Bart's subject for today is entitled the "Pork and Beans War" of 1838-1839.

Dates to Remember

- March 12th Next regular meeting at the Carriage House
Our speaker will be our District Governor, Kurt Kowalchuk, so please plan on attending to support our District
- March 19th Regular meeting at the Carriage House
- March 20th Monthly Board Meeting
- March 28th Evening meeting at The Pointe
- April 9th Special Meeting to consider Bylaw amendments

Anthony thanked everyone for attending today and asked all to stand and help close our meeting with a reading of Rotary's "4 Way Test."

Remember, "Create Hope in the World". Have a great Rotary week. Our meeting adjourned at 1:15.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick



Remembering !

by Jim Thompson, Charter Member, President 81/82

We are approaching our 47th Anniversary of receiving our club charter in Rotary International, and I remember that event like it was yesterday. There are only two Charter Members still in the club, Ian Burgess and myself. We have known a lot of District Governors, and literally 100s of club members over the years, some of which have logged many years as well. We actually have logged nearly 48 years, as we were recruited to form the club 8 months before charter. Initially the club was all about fellowship, getting to know strangers in all walks of life, all ages, all interests and marital status. There were no females, as RI was an all male club from inception until the mid 90s.

Judy and I had finished building a recreation home at Lake Windermere in 1980, large enough to sleep 8 to 10. I had struck up Rotary friends at the Invermere Rotary Club during frequent meeting makeups, and we created the Kootenay Classic Golf Tournament — them against us — with alternate annual prize sponsors. That worked well until 1995, when women became members and group accommodation would be an issue.

Winter ski trips to Panorama were also a club fellowship escape, joined by a few members from the South Rotary Club. We did slalom races against a few Invermere members, and still have a video in our history files. My old friend Roger Madson owned the Heli Ski operation at Panorama, and the mountain-side lodge we stayed in. A highlight one year for some Chinook members was a complimentary helicopter trip down to the Lakeside Inn Pub, a couple of pints, and a return to Panorama before dark. Invermere beat us annually in a softball game, played when we arrived for the golf tournament. Overall we managed to hold our own in the golf, and in the consumption of beverages. Those events too changed with the addition of women members (the agreed right thing to do), and we moved on to activities that wouldn't compromise any and still be enjoyed by all. We had a couple of golf tournaments, just hosted by our club at McKenzie Meadows GC, both well attended but not big money makers for the club. One, a Pro/Am, was good for the pros \$\$wise, not so for the Rotary club. Former member Herb Assman donated a stately trophy for the member/guest format, won once and now stored in our history files.

Spruce Meadows was our most profitable reliable fund raiser, supported by all members and numerous family members too. We did book sales and corn sales for years, and even a lobster dinner/silent auction. The sponsoring of a chuckwagon in the Stampede infield events, 'The Rotarians'. It was mostly a high profile recognition of Rotary and gaining international attention. It also provided great fellowship, signing the canvas, and a party at Spruce Meadows at the launch that was enjoyed by our member sponsors and many other Rotarians from other Calgary clubs.

All these projects required commitment activity to make them work and exemplified the motto "Service Above Self" proudly displayed in the main gazebo at our Nature Park. A unique "footprint" in our city, credited to our club and the numerous cost contributing partners that helped make it happen. Personally I am looking forward to our 50th anniversary, but happy to be still a dedicated Rotarian, lately at the mercy of surgeons repairing this aging body. Toast your club on March 14th with pride!!



The Pork and Beans War ... cont'd from page 1

In the 1830s in the state of Maine, the only food that was sent to their military was cans and cans and cans of pork and beans. They ate pork and beans for two straight years. The melodies from the tents at night could be heard for miles! The two sides dug in and stayed there through 1839 and 1840, whereupon someone finally decided that there really wasn't much point in killing one another, so the two sides started talking and ultimately hammered out a new treaty agreeing on the boundaries of Maine, Quebec and New Brunswick, and they are still the same to this day. Officially it was known as the "Aroostook War" named after the general area of dispute, but it is known historically as the "Pork and Beans War".

Anthony thanked Bart for standing in as our speaker today (as a last minute substitute), and providing such an interesting and humorous history lesson.

Rotaract Meeting at Capstone Engineering Academy

UCalgary Rotaract Club held a meeting at Capstone Engineering Academy recently. In attendance were Chinook Rotary Club President Anthony Tonkinson, 5360 District Governor Kurt Kowalchuk and his wife, UCalgary Rotaract President Manvi Pant, and UCalgary Rotaract Vice-President Charvi Shah. There were also club members and several representatives of non-profit groups. The non-profit groups were competing for sponsorship of their groups. The Calgary Chinook Rotary Club supported the Rotaract Club with \$1,000 to help fund some other projects.

DG Kurt Kowalchuk gave a rousing speech and promoted the District Conference will some help from his wife, Manon dressed as a dinosaur!



Water and Sanitation Month

March 12th Kurt Kowalchuk, District Governor
 March 14th Chinook Rotary Poker Night @ the Deerfoot Casino
 March 15th, 16th, 17th Farmers Market Table
 March 19th Dan McLean, City Councillor, Ward 13
 'Skip the Depot' Bottle Drive — drop off in Tonkinsons' driveway
 March 28th Evening meeting, location TBA

Maternal and Child Health Month

April 2nd Rabbi Glickman — Recent Travel to Israel
 April 9th Special Meeting re Vote on amended Bylaws
 April 16th Andrea Hill, Personal Story of a Professional Opera Singer

Youth Service Month

May 4th - 5th District 5360 Convention — Drumheller — www.discon5360.ca
 May 7th Dale Perret — GlobalFest
 May 21st Jay McNeil, Stampede's Team President
 May 25th - 29th Rotary International Convention, Singapore



'Skip the Depot' Fundraiser

Bring us your empties!!

Members and Friends, drop off your bottles/cans in Tonkinsons' driveway **on or before Tuesday March 19th !**

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.



International Service

Girls have very happily received their hygiene kits and educational program. *Graham Boone*



Chinook Rotary Poker Night

Chinook Rotary is putting on a "Chinook Rotary Poker Night". This event is a tournament to raise money for Chinook Rotary education programs.

The event is held at the **Deerfoot Casino** and they will run all 16 tables with their dealers.

Tickets are FREE which include food and a good time.

All we ask is that you donate what you can to the Chinook Rotary Club Society

There is a webpage on the Chinook Rotary website for more information / tickets, or use this QR code for tickets. This event is open to everyone.



We hope you will join us and spread the word to all Texas Hold'em enthusiasts !!

TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER



Thursday March 14th Deerfoot Casino

