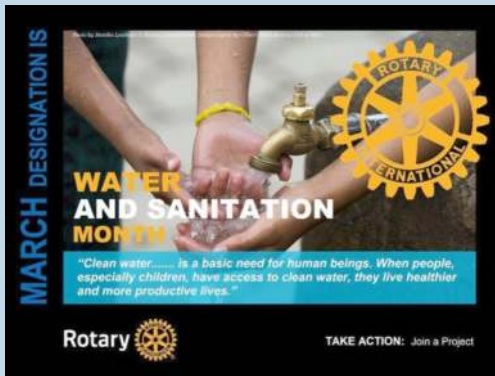


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International Services Report

Graham Boone



Menstrual Health Management Project in the Dominican Republic

Pay for production of 3,800 hygiene kits. Kits will be distributed to girls at the time that education re Menstrual Health Management is offered. Project should be completed in a couple of months.

Pan American Health Organization reports that an estimated 44 percent of school dropouts in the Dominican Republic are a consequence of teenage pregnancy, limiting adolescents'



professional development and later their employment, increasing the social gap and continuing the cycle of poverty. The education provided to these girls should help to reduce the high teen pregnancy rate.

Survival Garden Kits Project in South Africa — to raise funds for 1,000 Kits

We provided funds to enable the Hillcrest Rotary Club to purchase 38 kits. A kit consists of the Hippo Water Roller which can contain 90 litres of H2O, plus compost, a rake, hoe, spade, seedlings and instructions on how to garden. We provided additional funds for the purchase of 10 kits which were given to the Lily of the Valley Children's Village. The Hippo Foundation now has a goal to raise funds for 10,000 Survival Kits.



RACHEL Educational Project in Guatemala



This is an \$ 81,875 US project run by the RC of Chatham, Ontario. 6 local Rotary Clubs supported the project. The RACHEL server is like a mini internet designed for the children who might access it. Expect to provide 10 RACHEL servers in 10 schools and 10 laptops in each

school. Demand for laptops has been so high that this program will also provide 500 Chromebooks for 55 schools that have been provided with RACHEL servers in previous years. Program attacks illiteracy and lack of education in the area.

Masango Water Project in Burundi

We were working with Markham Sunrise RC on a water project in Burundi. The aim was to pipe water to the village of Masango and to the

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President Anthony called our meeting to order at 12:30, welcoming all in attendance. He 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 four **Guests**: our ADG Garfield Ganong, Haim Fraiman, guest of Sharon, Colin Pratt, guest of Pat Hutchinson and Lyla Stephens, guest of Joe Hooper.

Wayne Wiebe and Brennen Pell did a great job today as **Greeters** and Brennen was called on to introduce our guests.



Anthony **thanked** Paul for being our Scribe today, as well as our Greeters (noted above) for making everyone feel welcome. He also thanked Stephen and Anne for all they do for our Club, notably the regular production of our e-Arch. He also thanked both Neil and Peter for operating our payment system.

Club Business

Sunshine Report

Pat reported that he has spoken with John McBean who is now in a wheelchair. John misses his friends in Rotary, and hopes to attend a meeting in the near future. Keith Wellon shared best wishes to our members from the Cayman Islands where they are visiting their son and his family.

Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation

Rob outlined the way this Foundation operates. Funds are donated by members of particular Clubs and invested, with the

annual interest earned being returned to the respective Clubs each year to be donated to charities of their choice. The principal balance (and thus the interest earned) continues to grow from year to year depending on the level of donations received.

The CRCF Board thanks all the Rotarians who have donated in the past, and asks that everyone consider joining this group. Rob asked our ADG (Garfield Ganong) to hand out a CRCF pin to a number of recent donors: Paul G, Anthony, Monty, Joe Hooper and John Charrett.



Rotary District Conference



Garfield announced that our District Conference is being held this year in Drumheller on May 4th and 5th. Early Bird Registration fees are available until February 29th. Check the District website for details.

Perfect Score for Rob!

Rob proudly announced that he had just bowled (5 Pin) a perfect game of 12 straight strikes for a score of 450! For any bowler this is extremely rare, so we heartily congratulate Rob on his accomplishment.

Classification talk by Brennen Pell



Brennen began his talk by thanking everyone for the opportunity to tell us a little bit about himself and his business. He is a fifth generation Calgarian. He told us about his partner, Sarah, who works at the Foothills Hospital as a respiratory therapist, which is a heart and lung specialist. She saves lives and helps maintain them. She just moved from the Foothills ICU to the OR unit, learning new skills each day and powering through the tough days which is what he admires about her. She is what our healthcare system needs because she loves what she

does and it makes him appreciate her more and more each day. They met when Brennen was 19, and they have been together for 11 years. They are working towards their dream, which is a hobby farm with horses. They look forward to their tiny home which will be constructed on their parents' acreage.

He then switched to talking about his family business. He has followed in his father's footsteps and began landscaping and snow removal over 18 years ago. What started as a summer job ended up as a manager of multiple turf and snow removal crews for large condominiums and commercial buildings in Calgary and the surrounding area. He is a landscape journeyman and seasoned equipment operator, and is experienced in human resource management. He presented a brief one minute video which they had made showing some of the work they did on the Stampede Ranch, and some of the equipment which they used there and in other situations. He wrapped up his comments by thanking everyone once again for the opportunity to speak.

He also took the opportunity to thank Jim Thompson who introduced him into Rotary, and expressed how he appreciates how Jim speaks so kindly of his family and of their company. He went on to say that coming into Rotary everyone has been very kind and welcoming. This has helped make everything much more comfortable. He is excited for the future with Rotary and working with people who are interested in making a difference. Service Above Self was what he was raised on, so he feels he has found the right place to be at this current moment in his life.



Rob thanked Brennen for sharing his family and business information and for joining our Club. He noted that with Jim as a sponsor and Rob as his mentor, he was off to a great start.

International Services Update presented by Graham Boone

Graham gave a thorough presentation on International Services projects the club has been involved in (details on page 1).

Youth Services

Dean reported that there was a Rotoract meeting at Capstone tomorrow night and that our members are invited. The DG will be attending.

Chinook Rotary Society Poker Night Fundraiser



Dean reminded us that this new event is scheduled at the Deerfoot Inn and Casino on the evening of March 14th. The price for poker players will be \$225 per person, and we are hoping to attract 125 players to have a successful event. It is important to note that this event is being sponsored by Dean's school and as a result there is no financial risk for our Club. Funds raised will go to our Society to help fund their educational goals. We hope the players amongst us will sign up, and also tell your family and friends about the opportunity.

Bart Dailley's Talk on "The Origin of Odd Expressions"

Bart took the podium to present an interesting and educational talk regarding many of the peculiar phrases we are familiar with but have no idea how they began. Some of those explained were: 'Cat got your tongue', 'Turning a blind eye', 'Bite the bullet', 'Keep a stiff upper lip', 'Put a sock in it', 'Face the music', 'Caught red handed', 'Son of a gun', 'Eat humble pie', and many more.



Each expression has an origin, some you might guess but most you wouldn't. Check with Bart for all the details. As usual Bart's presentation style remains unique and great to listen to! Thanks to Bart for an entertaining presentation.

Dates to Remember

February 29th	Networking/Fellowship Meeting at The Pointe in Oak Bay Plaza
March 5th	Regular noon meeting at the Carriage House
March 12th	Regular noon meeting at the Carriage House (DG Kurt visiting)
March 19th	Regular noon meeting at the Carriage House
March 28th	Evening meeting, location TBA
Yes, there are 4 regular meetings this month!	

Anthony thanked everyone for attending today, and asked all to 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 1:30.



Masango Primary & Fundamental School. We provided the project with a donation of \$ 3,000. Surprisingly the Government stepped in and carried out the entire project. Markham Sunrise refunded our donation.



• Quiacquix Water and Sanitation Project in Guatemala



This is a \$ 138,300 US project, and the application is currently under review by the Foundation. It is sponsored by the RC of Heritage Park, and 8 local clubs are supporting the project. It involves the piping of water into the homes of 400 families. A micro meter in each home will keep track of water usage. Clean



water can be used for drinking, cooking, bathing, and clothes washing. There is no health clinic. Most homes have a packed earth floor. Cooking is done inside the home so there is heavy soot blackening the inside walls and roof. Access to water will provide a lot of relief to these very needy folks.

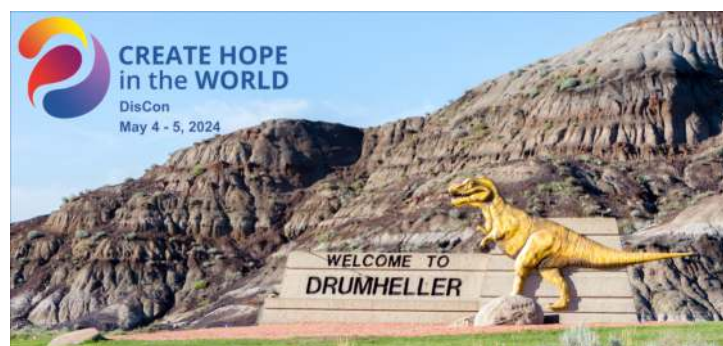
Fellowship Event

by Jim Thompson



Join us in San Diego on September 22-27, 2024 for the IGFR International World Golf Championship.

Come California Dreamin' with us in September 2024 and play the majestic Torrey Pines Golf Course. For more information and to register, go to www.igfrworldchampionship.com



• Cambodia Literacy Project

Rotary Club of Calgary is the international sponsor for this 3rd phase of this literacy project in Cambodia. This \$ 117,000 program will provide computers, speakers, laminate machines, storybooks, cabinets and coloured pencils. RC of Pursat provides computer training which should empower the teachers.



• Help Walking Project in Colombia

This project involves the acquisition of equipment and treatment of foot disabilities for children. This is a \$ 130,000 USD project sponsored by the RC of Stampede Park. The Foundation has approved the project. Equipment has been ordered and should arrive in the spring.



Anthony thanked Graham for this detailed presentation showing how we are helping provide service throughout the world.



'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.



Water and Sanitation Month

March 5th Bart Dailley — "The Pork and Beans War"
 March 12th Kurt Kowalchuk, District Governor
 March 14th Chinook Rotary Poker Night @ the Deerfoot Casino
 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 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 Team President
 May 25th - 29th Rotary International Convention, Singapore



Evening Meeting February 29th



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 !!
First timers are welcome. We need 128 people to make this a real success.



Thursday March 14th
Deerfoot Casino

