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PaceKids School

Matt Janz, Annual Giving and Stewardship Co-ordinator



Neil introduced our speaker, Matt Janz, who is the Annual Giving and Stewardship Coordinator at PaceKids. He enjoys sharing stories of growth and success from inside the classroom with a passionate and generous community of supporters. Matt is married with two daughters and they keep active by skateboarding, cycling and cross country skiing.

Neil also introduced Matt's boss, Tara Bishoff, who is the Manager of Fund Development at PaceKids. She has over 23 years of experience in philanthropy, and enjoys connecting community leaders with valued charities. Tara is a proud mother of two teenagers.

Matt is a very enthusiastic speaker and began by telling us that he sees the great affect of Rotary in Calgary. He is delighted to see the Rotary Clubs working with Inclusion Alberta to make an impact on people into the future. While Inclusion Alberta works with young adults to help find them rewarding jobs, PaceKids works with younger children, empowering them through their education. PaceKids has two schools in Calgary, one in Sundance in the south, and one in the north. They currently are assisting 600 kids and their families in Calgary. Pace provides a team of professionals such as teachers, teaching assistants, therapists, speech specialists working through two programs, an ECS Program in school, and an in home program whereby 4 specialists will visit children in their homes.

Pace has roughly 175 staff and their children's ages are 3 to 6 in school, and 1 to 12 for home visits.

Each child is assigned an individualized program designed to meet their specific needs. Pace uses their individual strengths to develop their educational journey. They use various items of regulatory equipment such as stuffed animals, miniature trampolines, wheelchairs, walkers, crocodile walkers and specialized speech equipment. This equipment is supported by amazing donors.

Matt reports that once they are supported, the children's education shows wonderful progress. He related the story of a child named Julian whose only interest was plants. His mother noticed other issues such as mobility and speaking where he was behind others. Julian was diagnosed with autism, level 2. Once he entered Pace he felt safe and began to strengthen his weaker areas. *cont'd on page 4 ...*



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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 29 participants at our meeting today which included 4 guests and 25 Club members. Our **Guests** included Haim Fraiman and Jeff Shaw, both guests of Sharon Fraiman, and our guest speaker, Matt Janz, and his associate, Tara Bishoff. Paul G. introduced our guests



after which they were welcomed with our enthusiastic "Welcome to Rotary" verse.



Our **Indigenous Fact** for the day was introduced by Anthony when he related that when he and Bev (and their grandson) visited our

Military Museum recently, they noticed different displays for various groups which supported Canada's war effort. One section was for the Indigenous Peoples that assisted, and there were many, including women and men.



Anthony thanked Paul for being our Scribe today. He also thanked Paul G. and Paul H. 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 Hank and Neil for operating our payment system and seeing that we all pay for lunch.

The first order of business was Anthony presenting his vision for the coming year. **He noted three areas of focus: Fellowship, Fundraising and Membership.** He encouraged our members to attend our upcoming Ribfest where all three areas of focus were available. Fellowship working beside fellow Rotary volunteers and the Rotary Information Tent where we hope to locate potential new members. Later in the month we will have a booth at the Farmers' Market to educate the public on Rotary and encourage new membership. Please be ready to work at this booth for a couple of hours. Tell people why you are a Rotarian. The Ribfest was created to be a fundraiser and our Fundraising Committee is working on other new ideas to help raise funds.

Club Business:

- Anthony noted that we had 20 members at the Legion for lunch the previous week which was great to see. He also reported that at the September 4th Labour Day football game he, Bev, George and Jim Rhinsburger (East Club) gave out 2,000 Ribfest cards to arrivals for the game. They received lots of positive feedback.
- On August 30th, 18 Rotarians got together at Sushi Panda in Bonavista for our first "**Dine-a-Round**" of this year. We are thinking of doing another one soon, possibly Mexican? If anyone has any suggestions for an ethnic dinner, please let Bev or Anthony know.
- Anthony advised that this month the **Waterton Peace Park Assembly** takes place, on the September 21st weekend. This year it is on the Canadian Side and is an enjoyable event to attend.
- Anthony thanked all the members of our Ribfest Committee for all the work they have been doing over the entire summer to plan and carry out this three day event. He highlighted the work Bev put in to locate, contact and negotiate with potential sponsors, a truly high stress job which she did really well.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Bev announced our six **Birthdays** for September: Paul G. on September 1st, Ron May on the 3rd, Wayne Wiebe on the 7th, Janet Popoff on the 16th, Alex



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Soutar on the 17th, and Bill Stemp on the 27th.

We have three **Spousal Birthdays** during September: Anne Pick on the 2nd, Donovan Bailey (Sharon's Partner) on the 6th, and Muriel Wiebe on the 27th.

We have 6 **Anniversaries** this month: Fred and May Jessee have their 75th (yes, 75th — WOW!) on September 2nd, Pat and Joan Hutchinson their 64th on the 5th, Paul and Connie Hussey their 63rd on the 3rd, Dave and Ruth Wylie their 58th on the 4th, Alex and Nancy Soutar their 55th on the 14th, and Dean and Eeva White celebrate their 27th on the 3rd.

Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Sunshine Report:



Pat reported that he has been unable to reach John McBean and that Jim Thompson is as well as can be expected. He advised that Al Pettigrew is doing fairly well (happy to note that Al and Bev did a shift at Ribfest on Saturday). Bev sadly noted the passing of our Charter Member Herb Imler, and that his family was holding a service on Saturday. She asked our members who were not tied up at Ribfest to do their best to attend Herb's service.

Good news / Bad News:

- Hank offered \$4 happy bucks because he hadn't been fined by our Sergeant at Arms.

Sergeant at Arms:

Our Sergeant at Arms today was Tammy Truman, who asked each table a question of September based historical events. Most had to pay which is the proper thing to raise a few dollars for the Club.



Chase the Ace:

Rob asked our guest speaker to pick a ticket identifying our daily winner, who turned out to be Garth Plunkett. Garth wasn't at the meeting so Rob has to contact him to see if he could pick the Ace from the six remaining cards. Garth won \$93 for being the weekly winner but more importantly, our Club received \$124. The big pot is \$3,900.



Rob told us about this year's **Losers Pool for the NFL season** which starts right away. He asked everyone to consider joining this pool and to advise him quickly as Ribfest will be filling up his weekend.

Ribfest Update:

Rob reported that we are ready to go. Our final committee meeting was last night, the weather forecast looks good, and our volunteers are set up and looking forward to an exciting event.

Guest Speakers:

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Dates to Remember:

- Ribfest taking place September 8th, 9th and 10th
- Next week (12th) will be our regular Lager at the Legion get together
- Next regular noon meeting September 19th at the Carriage House

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

Remember, "Create Hope in the World".

Have a great Rotary week! Our meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.



THE Friends of Israel
GOBELL MINISTRIES CANADA
Building bridges. Bringing hope.

HONOUR ISRAEL NIGHT
Celebrating 75 Years of Israel

Join us for an evening of celebrating Israel's 75th birthday and standing in solidarity with the State of Israel and the Jewish People. We will also be raising support for an Automatic External Defibrillator Station for Israel, through CMDA.

Thu, Nov 2, 2023 | 7-9PM
Carriage House Hotel & Conference Centre
9030 Macleod Trail, Calgary, AB, T2H 0M4

Speakers

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\$20 per person

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Great progress was made during his first year, and he actually designed a robot to clean up garbage. This is the power of PaceKids.

Matt thanked us for inviting him and Tara to share their story, and encouraged a relationship between Rotary and PaceKids. He suggested that we arrange a tour of their facilities.

Peter thanked Matt and Tara for joining us today and shared that he was truly moved by the concept of helping an individual child to embrace the human condition. He advised them that we would be making a donation to Polio Plus, Rotary's mission to erase Polio from our world, in appreciation of their presentation.



 ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES	
MONTH	DESIGNATION
JULY	No Special Designation
AUGUST	Membership & New Club Development
SEPTEMBER	 Basic Education and Literacy
OCTOBER	 Community Economic Development
NOVEMBER	Rotary Foundation
DECEMBER	 Disease Prevention and Treatment
JANUARY	Vocational Service
FEBRUARY	 Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention
MARCH	 Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
APRIL	 Maternal and Child Health
MAY	Youth Service
JUNE	Rotary Fellowships

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A Note of Thanks



Thank you for your
generous donation to the
Acadia Food Pantry.

September 11, 2023

Dear Dale and Members of Chinook Rotary,

The Acadia Food Pantry is very grateful for the recent donation you made to this important community project. These funds will enable the Pantry to purchase food items that supplement those we get from a food rescue program.

Food insecurity in our community continues to grow with the rising cost of food. This is exacerbated by the current housing crisis in Calgary and resulting rent increases. Most of our patrons live in rental units and there is often not much left for food after rent and utilities are paid.

In August 2023, the Acadia Food Pantry provided free nutritious food to 65 families, consisting of 198 individuals. With costs arising from the return to school, it is anticipated that September may see an increase in these numbers.

The Acadia Food Pantry is blessed to receive your financial support.

Kind regards,



Donna Gordon
AFP Coordinator

The English Language Is Interesting

Perhaps a retired English teacher was bored ... ? This took a lot of work to put together!

1. The bandage was **wound** around the **wound**.
2. The farm was used to **produce produce**.
3. The dump was so full that it had to **refuse** more **refuse**.
4. We must **polish** the **Polish** furniture.
5. He could **lead** if he would get the **lead** out.
6. The soldier decided to **desert** his dessert in the **desert**.
7. Since there is no time like the **present**, he thought it was time to **present** the **present**.
8. A **bass** was painted on the head of the **bass** drum.
9. When shot at, the **dove dove** into the bushes.
10. I did not **object** to the **object**.
11. The insurance was **invalid** for the **invalid**.
12. There was a **row** among the oarsmen about how to **row**.
13. They were too **close** to the door to **close** it.
14. The buck **does** funny things when the **does** are present.
15. A seamstress and a **sewer** fell down into a **sewer** line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his **sow** to **sow**.
17. The **wind** was too strong to **wind** the sail.
18. Upon seeing the **tear** in the painting, I shed a **tear**.
19. I had to **subject** the **subject** to a series of tests.
20. How can I **intimate** this to my most **intimate** friend?

Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 19th

Pete Desrochers, President of the Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society

Economic and Community Development Month

October 3rd

Randy Young, Director of Donor Ministry, Samaritans Purse Canada

October 17th

Dan and Marlene Doherty — 'Homes of Hope' 2024

Rotary Foundation Month

November 7th

Foundation Committee Presentation

November 21st

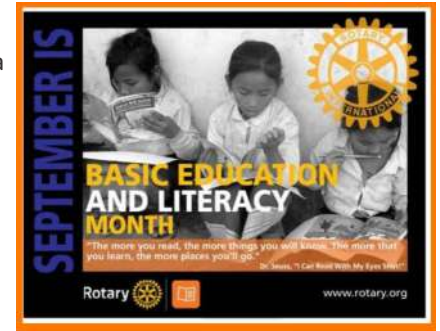
Club General Assembly

2023

Vocational Service Month

January 16th

Jeff Ross, District Membership Director — Member Attraction, Moving Guests to Membership



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Photos courtesy of Bev Tonkinson



RIBFEST Done !!



10 people, all with smiles after many hours of volunteering. You cannot beat Rotarians for their desire to have fun all while helping others. They say a picture is worth a 1,000 words and this surely is! *Janet Popoff*

