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STORIES

NEXT MEETING - Delta Bessborough - January 28th, 2013 - Noon

Posted by Graham Pearson SPH on Jan 24, 2013

Next Weeks Speaker

Jenn Sharp - Rotary Group Study Exchange participant

DUTY ROSTER for NEXT MEETING - January 28th, 2013

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Greeter - Jim Holmstrom**Grace** - Mike Giesbrecht**Sergeant** - TBA**Visitors and Guests** - Lyn McGaughey**Cashier** - Josh Reis*Please contact Adriana if you are available to help***VISITORS & GUESTS**

Posted by Graham Pearson SPH on Jan 24, 2013

Guests of Club

Al Morton announced attendance of new members Lyn McGaughey, Jeff Davies, Jim Holmstrom and the inimitable Ed Peck.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Posted by Graham Pearson SPH on Jan 24, 2013

Health of the Club

Adriana has been sick with the flu.

New Members

President Gary announced the first corporate membership from Saskatoon Media Group for Vic and Bev Dubois.

The Club set a goal of ten new members for this year. We are at seven members to date so well on our way.

Three new members were introduced to the Club:

Jeff Davies was introduced by Mike LeClaire. Jeff is a freelance journalist and author who has worked with the Post, Toronto Star, Canadian Business and the Star Phoenix. Jeff crafted the recent excellent RAP article. He was a former Rotary exchange student in France and has had exciting assignments in Africa and Afghanistan including advising African union army officers on war zone relations! (Could have used him in the hockey lockout)

Jim Holmstrom was introduced by James Pearson. Jim hails from Esterhazy and is a U of S grad in microbiology and is currently the research manager at the College of Medicine. Prior to this he was project manager at VIDO. He has been active with Huskies Track and Field and coached the Huskies Cross Country team. He is married to Audrey and they have two sons.

Lyn McGaughey was introduced by Kevin Wilson. Lyn is from North Battleford where she practiced law. After spending time with the credit union system she is now regional manager of benefits for Great West Life. Lyn has two grown children and now two grand kids. She has been active in the Katimavik youth program volunteer, and is a director of Tourism Saskatoon and the Child Protection Society.

All three were welcomed elegantly by President Gary into the World of Rotary.

Pennies for Polio

The Delta Bessborough is allowing us to put a collection jar in the hotel lobby to collect pennies to help fund Polio Plus. This is a great opportunity to get rid of all those unwanted pennies!

Rotary Moment - "Engage Rotary, Change Lives"

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/130114_IA13_theme.aspx

PROGRAM/SPEAKER

Posted by Graham Pearson SPH on Jan 24, 2013

New member Josh Reise gave a stellar vocational talk excerpts of which are included below. In addition we learned that Josh comes from a big family of six kids who also care for special needs adults at home. His grown sister is now carrying on the tradition of caring for adult special needs. Josh graduated from the Edwards School of Business and works with his brother at Reese Wealth Management. Here is Josh's terrific speech:

"I was drawn to join Rotary thanks in no small part to what transpired at the first meeting I attended last spring. There was a presentation here at the Saskatoon Rotary Club by a gentleman from the Humboldt chapter about his charity work that he had participated through Rotary International in Tanzania.

He spoke about his volunteer experiences in Africa and also about having a young boy from the village that he had volunteered to live with him currently. And he spoke candidly about how these experiences through Rotary were providing him with a fulfillment that could not be found in a regular job, although he had enjoyed a full career as a school teacher. Rotary seemed to fill a void in his life by contributing to something larger than yourself, larger than your community, and larger than your country; through Rotary he was a part of a community of over 1.2 million people around the world working towards common moral goals.

As I listened to this I thought to myself "People and organizations that help to create that kind of positive change in

the lives of others are the kinds of people I want to associate myself with, and the kind of organization I would like to be a part of." Rotary is a collection of like-minded, intelligent, hardworking, and moral people from all walks of life, varying in both age and generation, and entirely unique lives and perspectives specific to each person. The types of people in this room are the type of people that I would like to be both a pupil and a friend to.

I'll be honest though after my first meeting I was a little skeptical by all of Rotary's accolades, so the first thing I did upon returning to my office was to sit down at the computer and search "Rotary International Criticisms" on the internet because if they are as great and mighty as they claimed there must be some dirt on their record.

I was surprised and impressed when no condemning articles about Rotary surfaced when my search was complete, Rotary was as it seemed to be... the organization it claimed. Upon further research it became clearer that the organization is apolitical, not biased to one religion or faith, and operates to benefit all people everywhere on the planet. I then told Gary Rusu shortly after that I would like to accept his invitation to join the club.

Rotary engages in problems on such a wide array of size and difficulty. Solving problems that face people in our immediate communities for example such as the RAP program here in Saskatoon; internationally with the Beccas program in Mexico and Hope for Malawi; and globally with programs such as Polio Plus. I was absolutely blown away with by the sheer magnitude and force that this program has around the world. From donations here in Saskatoon we're affecting people from India to Nigeria to Afghanistan. The modest beginnings of the program as a project by one Rotary Club in Australia to eradicate polio from the Philippines 25 years ago has turned Rotary International to one of the integral players in helping eliminate the terrible and crippling disease from the globe.

I believe I am very fortunate to have experienced already in my life the mercy and compassion of being the receiver of someone else's charity and kindness, and the fulfillment and fellowship of helping someone else. This is why I decided I wanted to be a Rotarian, because one can do this in so many ways on a regular basis, and help make a positive impact far beyond oneself. And this is why I have chosen to become a member of the world's foremost service club, and this is why I am proud to say that I am a Rotarian."

SERGEANT-at-ARMS

Posted by Graham Pearson SPH on Jan 24, 2013

Sgt at Arms

Sargent Tim levied fines and extracted happy dollars for Gary's aforementioned joke, Peter Z. and his tan, Arie's San Diego vacation and his note on "climate change" between there and here, hockey's return, Murray Scharf receiving the Queens Jubilee Medal!!, Globe Printers Mike Giesbrecht quality production of the story on Malawi (See details on book launch later in this Bulletin), and Wayne for the Hockeyhuskies win and Chicago Bears new coach from Montreal. Mike LeClaire gave a sad dollar for the passing of John Doer from Mount Royal.

It was duly noted that Sargent Tim drew his own name in the draw – a full investigation is to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Posted by Graham Pearson SPH on Jan 24, 2013

Upcoming Events

President Gary announced that January is Rotary awareness month and that Thursday January 24 is "Belly laugh" day which he then followed with a joke that made everyone's belly groan!

The Badge Shield and Star dinner will be held April 18, 2013 at which retired General Lewis Mackenzie will be our key note speaker.

Join author Carrie Mulligan and Hope for Malawi Foundation's Elaine and Peter Zakreski at the launch of Hope For Malawi: Bringing Hope to Life.

McNally Robinson Booksellers is Pleased to Present

Carrie Mulligan

and Hope for Malawi Foundation's

Elaine and Peter Zakreski

Launching

Hope for Malawi: Bringing Hope to Life

Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 pm, Travel Alcove

Arising from a miraculous connection with an African woman, Jean Kalinga, **Elaine** and **Peter Zakreski** from Saskatoon founded **Hope For Malawi Foundation Inc.** The purpose of this corporation is to provide resources at a grassroots level that enable villagers in the Domasi Region of Malawi to become self-sufficient. Beginning with 13 villages and a population base of 2500 villagers, there are now 45 villages with a population exceeding 25,000.

Thanks to the generosity of many friends in Saskatoon and elsewhere, and the support of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon, considerable progress has been made, including the establishment of a medical clinic, foot bridges, fresh water source, pre-school/community centre, cow barn, and several income generating initiatives.

Upon meeting Elaine and Peter, **Carrie Mulligan** of Saskatoon was immediately drawn into the possibility of communicating this story to children. She authored a book, *Hope For Malawi: Bringing Hope to Life*. This book depicts the daily life of an eight-year-old girl (Ndilimbira) from a village in this region of Malawi whose dream is to become a teacher some day. The book provides a discussion guide for parents and teachers to encourage children in Canada to learn about a child's life in this region of the world and to imagine how they can help Ndilimbira and other children like her realize their dreams.

Group Study Exchange Hosts Needed

May 8th and 9th

Gary Ruso for details

Don't forget about the Polio Plus Triple Matching

Ends March 31st, 2013

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