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Editor David Allen

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Future Speakers

Jun 24, 2013
 Peter Zakreski
 PRESIDENT'S DINNER, 6:00 PM at the WILLOWS

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Club Events - AGM - Rotary Projects Inc and Rotary Charitable Trust

No Upcoming Events

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STORIES

[NEXT MEETING - Bessborough Hotel - June 3rd, 2013 - Noon](#)

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on May 27, 2013

Next Meeting - June 3rd, 2013

- Vocational talks - Some of our newer members

[DUTY ROSTER for NEXT MEETING - June 3rd, 2013 and subsequent meetings](#)

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on May 27, 2013

June 3

Greeter - Kevin Wilson
 Visitor & Guests - Mike LeClaire
 Cashier - Avis Hardy
 Grace - James Pearson
 Sergeant - Tim Chelowski

June 10

Greeter - Jeff Davis
 Visitor & Guests - Kevin Wilson
 Cashier - Joanne Fisher
 Grace - Clare Heagy
 Sergeant - TBA

June 17

Greeter - Kevin Wilson
 Visitor & Guests - Heather Clysdale
 Cashier - Wayne Storzuk
 Grace - Al Morton

Sergeant - TBA

Please contact Adriana if you are available to help

VISITORS & GUESTS - May 27th, 2013

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on May 27, 2013

Guests of Club

Jim Holmstrom ably introduced our visitors and guests:

- Member candidate John Nasser - guest of Gary Rusu
- Kevin Scharfe guest of Club
- Phil Gross - guest of Club
- Bryan Lee - guest of Club
- Gem Munroe - Our guest speaker

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK - May 27th, 2013

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on May 27, 2013

Master's Golf Pool

As a result of this year's again successful pool Dave Sundby presented a cheque in the amount of \$1,342 to Bryan Lee and Phil Gross, executives with Saskatoon support the Junior Golf Program. Over 200 schools participate in this very successful junior golf program, designed to teach not only golf skills but also the etiquette to students.

President's Dinner

June 24th, 2013 at the Willows

Indian Exchange

June 15-18, 2013 - Indian Friendship Exchange - Billets will be required for five couples coming from India. Kevin would like club members to volunteer. Please note there will be a presentation by the delegates from the Indian Friendship Exchange to our Club on June 17, 2013

Meewasin Club Lobsterfest

June 8, 2013 for this very popular event.

Jeff Davis

Check out StashBelt, a unique start-up headed by Jeff with partners in Kenya as a job creation vehicle in Kenya that helps also support a thriving leather goods industry. Stashbelt campaign page:

<http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/stashbelt-stash-cash-store-files-stay-safe?c=home>

Becas

The laptop committee meeting today at 4:30. Please see Jim Webber to get involved. Jim would like to know if any Rotarians have used laptops they've used the Becas program. Two were recently donated and are on their way to PV!!

Other

- Rotary Corporate Memberships are now available
 - o Saskatoon Media Group will be the 1st Corporate Member

Rotary Moment - "Engage Rotary, Change Lives"

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

PROGRAM/SPEAKER - May 27th, 2013

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on May 27, 2013

Guest Speaker - Gem Munroe - Amarak Society



Bruce Bayes introduced Gem Munroe, one of the family founders of the Amarak Society, Amarak meaning "Wolf" in northern aboriginal communities many years.

Amarok is devoted to educating children and women in Bangladesh. Gem is an author and painter and has published a fundraising book about his experience in Bangladesh. He is also a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

He described Bangladesh as representing the "...poorest of poor... the worst of worst..." Their school system he indicates is the worst in the world. The family to Bangladesh to teach in the worst slums where people are too poor to go to school. Their aim and passion is to use education as a grassroots movement for the futures of these people and to create a self-sustaining re-education system. Their unique approach teaches the mothers in the slums to become neighborhood teachers. The program included violent slumlords and a culture where husbands do not generally support education of their wives.

The program demonstrated that in eight months a completely illiterate mother has rapidly learned English and numeracy to a level capable of teaching girls, with a view to changing this next generation. They also teach hope to these women who have one of the poorest qualities of life on earth.

Each mother must commit to re-teaching five children what they have learned. Often times the husbands become supporters as they too sit in on these sessions.

Bangladesh has a population of approximately 175 million people in a land mass one sixth the size of Saskatchewan. Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh has 52 Rotary clubs (!) and the Dhaka club is used as a partner in this program with the Rotary Club of Belleville Ontario.



Excerpts from the Amarak website capture the essence of his remarks about the program:

"We teach extremely poor, uneducated mothers in the world's worst slums to become neighborhood teachers.

We teach these women how to read and write in their own language, we teach them English (necessary in South Asia for economic advancement) and teach them skills such as health, nutrition, child care and conflict resolution. And we teach them to think, something they've never before been encouraged or taught to do.

The mothers, many of whom have never before even held a pencil, attend school every day for 2 hours. Teachers, recruited from poor neighbourhoods and trained in learning methods (using songs, drama, games).

Neighbourhood premises are used as schools. The mothers are then trained to become teachers of their own and their neighbours' children, developing themselves for use with the children.

The small schools, when not being used for mothers' classes, are used by the women to discuss issues of importance, as determined by them, and as a place to increase family income.

Working from the centre of the family out, using our own accelerated learning methods, is a highly effective – and cost-effective – approach. Mothers come to learn how to create a positive learning environment for children, and they come to make better decisions in many areas for their families. Mothers report that their world has become more highly valued within their own homes and in their community as they disprove old, backward attitudes about the limitations of women.

The improvements in the women's abilities and circumstance dramatically improve every aspect of slum life overall."

Thank you Gem for a fascinating presentation!!

SERGEANT-at-ARMS

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on May 27, 2013

Sgt at Arms

Sergeant Tim led the group in supporting the Rotary cause with a series of happy and sad dollars:

- Tim expressed his sadness with the passing of his father- in- law who was instrumental in developing in Tim a passion for Rotary and its m
Tim donated \$50
- Bruce a sad dollar for his Rotarian friend Cliff's recent fall
- Gary is happy for Kevin's recent sucessful pace maker surgery
- Graham for an outstanding Memorial Cup, the upcoming Rotary fishing trip and John Nasser's membership
- Dave for going on the fishing trip and attending the district conference
- Adriana for her Dad's recent surgery
- Wayne who drove for the Memorial Cup and his signing at the Canadian Food Agri Business Conference
- Jim for thanks to Tim's devotion to Rotary and for his new grandson Oliver
- Bert who was sorry that Wayne did not sing the US national anthem at the Memorial Cup as he would have nailed it the first time we are si

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Meeting Date May 27th, 2013

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on May 27, 2013

Announcements:

- **5 Club Golf Tournament**
 - o Wed. August 21st, 2013
 - o Moon Lake
 - o Prize Donations being accepted
 - o Guests are more than welcome
- **Rib Fest**
 - o August 2nd – 5th
 - o 3 Champion Rib Vendors
 - o Beer Tents
 - o Partnered with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Saskatoon
- **Shelterbox**
 - o Gauthier is raising money with help of Brenda Branbury
 - o If he raises enough money, Brenda will shave her head and Gauthier will get a haircut!!
- **President's Dinner**
 - o June 24th
 - o Willows
 - o \$40 per ticket (covers the meal)

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