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Club Events - AGM -
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2013-2014 Club Executive

President - Peter Zakreski
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STORIES

[NEXT MEETING - January 13th, 2014 - Delta Bessborough](#)

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on Jan 06, 2014

January 13 – Boris Kischuk – Crown Corporations in Saskatchewan.

January 20 – Murray Totland – City Manager – City of Saskatoon major projects & the City's fiscal health.

January 27 – Club Assembly.

[DUTY ROSTER for NEXT MEETING - January 13th, 2014](#)

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on Jan 06, 2014

HAPPY NEWYEAR - 2014

January 13, 2014 - Regular Rotary Club meeting at Delta Bessborough

- Greeter – Jack Brodsky
- Cashier – Paul Gauthier
- V&G - John Davies
- Sergeant - _____
- Grace – Steve Wilson

January 20th

- Greeter – Jack Brodsky
- Cashier – Steve Wilson
- V&G – John Davies
- Sergeant - _____
- Grace – Al Morton

January 27th

- Greeter – Jeff Davis
- Cashier – Paul Gauthier
- V&G - Stan Hodgins
- Sergeant - _____
- Grace – Clare Heagy

Feb3

- So far no sign ups yet

Feb 10

- Cashier - Stan Hodgins

Please contact Adriana Van Duyvendyk or Mike Giesbrecht if you are available to help, and arrange your own replacement if you cannot attend on your scheduled date.

VISITORS & GUESTS - January 6th, 2014

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on Jan 06, 2014

Guests of Club

We had no guests or visiting Rotarians at the meeting today.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK - January 6th, 2014 and also December 30th, 2013

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on Jan 06, 2014

Meeting Highlights from the Club Assembly December 30th, 2013 (Thanks to Bernie for his note taking):

Member discussion – Future of the Saskatoon Rotary Club

Comments:

While the attendance was small given the time of year, the discussion was of a serious nature and clearly needs to be continued to gather more input and ideas from the members

President's questions/issues to the Club:

- o How do we maintain our club in the face of demographics, member decline over the years and increasing competition?
- o Threat of eventual charter revocation is real for clubs who cannot reverse serious declining trends

Ideas and issues discussed included the following:

- o Cost of membership may be an issue for many members
- o Should we become a breakfast club?
- o Large number of worthy but resource consuming projects may be an issue – BECAS, Shelterbox, African projects, RAPP etc.
- o Probus is competing for potential members – less commitment, less cost, less attendance pressure

Other matters/issues raised by members present:

- o Parking availability/cost
- o Club has been successful in attracting membership that is now more diverse – originally the downtown business crowd was the focus
- o 5 clubs in city – is this potentially too many?
- o Highest cost among Saskatoon clubs for lunch plus parking
- o \$7 charge too much for coffee/dessert attendees – a subsidy, in effect, to full members

- o Equipment rental costs are an issue

Concluding comments:

- Current roster is 62 – fewer now than ever
- Committee has been struck to review location options – not limited to down town locations
- Is a survey of members needed?
- Viable club needs involvement of members in club activities/projects
- BSS dinner should be more of a Rotary event – now a project-oriented event – attendees should include Mayor, Police Chief, UofS President, etc.

Main message – THESE ARE IMPORTANT ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED THAT EFFECT THE VERY FUTURE OF OUR CLUB

For Meeting Highlights from January 6, 2014 - Please see Announcements Section.

Bell Ringing

Kevin was pleased with the turn out this year, again having organized a full turnout for the Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army at Circle Center mall on November 26, 2013 and again on December 5th. Thank you to all who participated. Over \$1,000 was raised!

RAP

As previously noted the Club's RAP program has now been cited by the Provincial Government of RAP as an important element in its newly announced anti bullying program.

Fishing Trip

Wayne reminds us of the upcoming fishing trip June 5,6,7 and 8, 2014. Please give Wayne a \$200 deposit (or mail this to Merv McKee) to hold a spot! It promises to be lots of fun again.

Rotary Moment - "Engage Rotary, Change Lives"

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

PROGRAM - Member Al Morton - "A Tip of the Hat" - January 6th, 2014

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on Jan 06, 2014

"A Tip of the Hat"

Upon an urgent request by President Peter, our member Al Morton prepared a fascinating presentation literally (or figuratively) at the "drop of a hat"!

Al is a long time hat aficionado and entertained us with the contemporary history of the men's hat and hat etiquette. He assured us he was not just "talking through his hat".

Prior to the early 50's a man would no sooner go out without a hat, than he would without socks. Some say it was a young JFK that changed the trend in men's wear to abandon the hat, but Al is pleased to report a recent revival in hat wearing among young men.

Notable hat terms include "hang on to your hat" , "old hat", "keep under your hat", "take your hat off to...", and of course "Mad as a hatter", the latter coming from the early making of felt hats using mercury nitrate.

Hat materials can include wool, wool felt or the most expensive, fur felt. The two most popular styles are the Fedora and the Trilby. The Fedora has a two and a half inch brim and is named after a popular french play. The Trilby, developed in 1895 has a shorter brim (think Frank Sinatra) and was named after another play popular in that period. Both styles were originally worn by women.

Other styles include the Alpine hat, Bowler hats worn up to the end of the first WW, and the Homburg worn by Winston Churchill.

Al showed us his collection including a beautiful Alpine hat with a corded band and a brush, made by Biltmore Hats of Guelph. Biltmore, now sold and moved to the US, invented the "Hat trick" term, sponsoring a Guelph hockey team and giving a new hat to any player with three goals!

Mississippi gamblers popularized the "wide awake" hat with a wide brim. Canadian Tilley hats were invented by a yachtman, made out of sailcloth and designed to float. Our Canadian armed forces are now outfitted with Tilley hats.

Australians have the outback hat made of steer hide, and the North American cowboy hat is known to have characteristic creases unique to the origins of the wearer.

Al then explained hat etiquette. When doffing your hat, hold the crown away. "Doffal" is an old English term referring to a raising of the visor by a Knight, which in turn gave rise to the military salute. When tipping your hat you raise the brim. You "doff" with the ladies if the conversation with them will be longer than a quick greeting on the street, otherwise one only "tips". Of note, Wayne, John and the writer collectively failed this last test after the meeting as we all stood outside the Bess and forgot to "tip" as a female acquaintance went by!!

One may leave on a hat in a lobby, elevator or building, but it should be removed in a more private setting like a restaurant.

Al ended his presentation with the Dunn and Co. hat manufacturer's company slogan "if you want to get ahead, get a hat" , and then agreed to pose with this motley crew of mad hatters from the club. Thanks Al for a most "cap"-tivating presentation.





[SERGEANT-at-ARMS](#)

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on Jan 06, 2014

Sgt at Arms

Dave acted as our SAA, raising funds and happy dollars from/for:

- Steve acting as a "red nose" driver getting home at 5am!
- Bernie for wearing a vest with ads
- Wayne for disputing a red light fine and serving at the Friendship Inn
- Jack for his Grey Cup ad
- Scott for filling the duty roster and two weeks in Hawaii with his daughter
- John Davies for his Granddaughter being cancer free for five years!
- Kevin for enjoying son Steven in regular attendance
- Graham for his Okanagan family reunion ski trip (with no broken bits)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Meeting Date January 6th, 2014

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on Jan 06, 2014

Announcements:

Health of Club

Gary is doing well following his hip replacement. As well, Adriana is well on the mend after her recent surgery.

Rotary Awareness Month

January is Rotary Awareness month.



Hope for Malawi

President Peter and Elaine hosted a highly successful brunch at the Hilton Garden Inn on Sunday December 8th in support of this worthy cause. Attendance was over 90 people, with in excess of \$20,000 raised!! Well done Peter and Elaine.

Volcanes Project - Laptops and Sewing Machines

Jim is still looking for used laptops and people to transport them to just outside Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. He is also kick starting a new sewing machine project in Mexico with the founder of Sun Ice. Participants will be taught sewing skills, with small home sewing businesses started using micro financing.

Guatemala Project

Also Dave shared that Jim is looking to raise \$2,500 for a special project that may be eligible for RI matching. More details are to follow.

Recent Shelterbox activity:

- Please consider supporting this special cause in light of the Philippines hurricane
- Rotarian Ron Noseworthy is on-site coordinating the Philippines efforts
- The Federal Government is also matching contributions at this time
- District – 482 boxes sponsored to date in 11 countries
- International – 4500 boxes distributed to date

Bangladesh

The Club has purchased two copies of the book produced by the Amarok Society on the Bangladesh education program. These are available for borrowing by the members. Please see Gary.

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