

Meeting Minutes



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April 18th, 2006

Scribe: Paul Gaudet

Rotarians and guests were greeted today by Joe Hooper and Jim Thompson. President Barry kicked off the meeting at 12:15 sharp, and while Oh Canada was in good voice, our Rotary Grace was definitely off key and our welcome to visiting Rotarians and guests was less than a rousing rendition. We certainly miss Betty on the piano and hope she will be back soon.

Attendance today totalled 58 - including 3 guests, 7 visiting Rotarians and 48 of our own members.

There were two files circulating during the meeting; the notice of the next Fireside Meeting at Ted Wada's on April 20th at 7:30 pm, and an opportunity to make a donation to fight cancer by encouraging John Beatty to shave his head. John is supporting a program at his daughter's school and to encourage donations he is also offering a discount on the sale of Girl Guide cookies.

Barry was proud to call on David Saunders to introduce our newest member to the Club. Jack Leun (wife Donna, three children) is an Electrical Engineer (U of C) who has enjoyed a 32 year career in the Oilpatch, the last 15 of which were with Trans Canada Pipeline. He recently took early retirement to work with his wife in helping the underprivileged of the world. He was integral in the LED lighting project in the Dominican Republic, in which our Club was also involved. With this international charity experience, Jack will be an excellent addition to our Club and Rotary generally. Welcome Jack!

Ron Hardie was our Sheriff for the day and referred to a copy of CARP (Canadian Association of Retired People (?)) to enlighten

us on the retired lifestyle while raising funds for the Club. There were a few happy bucks as our members shared their blessings.

Barry reminded our members of the opportunity to enjoy a day sail aboard the HMCS Calgary on Saturday, May 5th followed by a BBQ for the guests. For anyone who will be in the area that day, this is a wonderful opportunity. You must make contact prior to the event so arrangements can be made.

Barry asked for a show of hands to see how many were planning on attending the upcoming District Conference, and after seeing 5 or 6 hands, he encouraged more participation, remarking that he wouldn't want to see our Club be the lowest in attendance.

The 50-50 draw was won by our newest Rotarian, Jack Leun, who advised he would use the funds for the Malawi project. With so many members of the Club never having won the draw, to win it at your first official meeting marks Jack as one lucky guy.

Dues!!
Now Due!

All those members who have their Dues in to Karen on or before June 30th, 2006 will be entered into a draw for some great prizes!!!

Let's all get our Dues in on time!!

Greeters

April 25 th	Paul Hussey, Anthony Tonkinson
May 2 nd	Pat Hutchinson, Tammy Truman
May 9 th	Janet Hutchison, Maureen Tynan

If you are unable to GREET on your assigned day, please arrange a substitute.

Tour of Rotary Challenger Park - Tuesday, May 9th

PLACE: Jim & Pearl Burns Centre, Rotary Challenger Park
PROGRAM: LUNCH: 12:00noon (Soup & Sandwich) - followed by a Tour
TOUR DIRECTOR: James M. Zachowski
ADJOURN: 1:30pm
DIRECTIONS: Take McKnight Blvd to Barlow Trail, Turn north on Barlow Trail
Your first right (east) will be 48th Avenue (Sandman Hotel is on the corner)
Turn right on 48th Avenue and go to the very end.
Parking is on the north side of the Jim and Pearl Burns Centre

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE TOUR WHEN THE SIGN UP SHEET IS CIRCULATED. LUNCHES WILL BE ORDERED FOR THOSE WHO DO.



Upcoming Events



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April 25th	Leegay Jagoe – “Mental Health Outreach in Calgary”
April 28th - 30th	John Bodman (recovered addict) – “The Stigma of Drug Abuse Recovery” District Conference
May 2nd	Sean Durfy – “WestJet”
May 9th	Tour of Rotary Challenger Park
May 16th	No Tuesday meeting
May 18th	Spruce Meadows dinner
May 23rd	Chinook Rotary’s Student Programs
May 30th	Carlene Donnelly, Executive Director of “CUPS”
June 11th	Rotary International Convention — Malmo, Sweden / Copenhagen, Denmark
June 24th	LobsterFest

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Spruce Meadows Report - Joe Hooper, Ed McLean, Bob Depledge

Discussion and information was presented by the Spruce Meadows Committee. The Honorarium has been increased from \$8/hr to \$10/hr. For outside groups, the Club will retain 10% of the fee for management. There needs to be motivation and commitment from the Board to get all Club Members involved in parking.

The Spruce Meadows Committee proposes restructuring as follows: Joe Hooper, Liaison with Spruce Meadows; another Committee Member filling volunteer shifts, reporting back to Membership, and working with Communications Committee.

New Members need to be made aware of our commitment to Spruce Meadows and in turn their commitment to taking on a certain number of hours/shifts of parking. Joe Hooper will make a presentation at next fireside meeting at Ted Wada's in April.

Vocational Services - Pat Hutchinson

The Interact Club at Henry Wisewood held a fundraiser and money raised will go to a Landmine Clearance Project. They are also making a permanent banner to hang in the school that will have the Interact and Rotary logos. Students are assembling 150 Capsules of Life and they distributed 35 at a recent open house. 33 scarves were made and distributed to CUPS and the Kerby Centre. They will also be making a donation to Add Your Light.

Fairview Junior High's 30 Hour Famine to be held on April 5th, 2006 - The Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook will once again be supplying the subs for this event. There will be a seminar taking place on May 19th with some 200 students, parents, Rotarians and community involved discussing world issues and the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook will supply the lunch for this day (subs).

Club Service - Dave Saunders

We had a request from Jason Letourneau from the organ donation and transplant association to do a talk to our Club. He wanted to ask every member to fill out an organ donor card and donate \$2. It was decided that if he did not try to fundraise and did not push the donor cards, that it would be an interesting topic and Members could make up their own minds if they wanted to participate in the program. Jason himself if an organ donor recipient - heart transplant - and has an interesting story to tell.

December 12th, 2006 - the Christmas party has been scheduled for at the Carriage House Inn.

A Fireside is scheduled for April 20 at Ted Wada's house. We have a good number of new Members signed up and some seasoned Members will be on hand to share information about

our Club and Rotary. Joe Hooper will be doing a talk on Spruce Meadows.

Volunteer Appreciation supper will be held in the fall after our Spruce Meadows commitments are done and we can celebrate all the hard efforts of our Club Members.

Herb Issman trophy is just gathering dust and discussion was held around having a member golf tourney - for fun and maybe using the trophy as part of the awards.

Community Services - Maureen Tynan

Jim Thompson and Ron Smith are meeting with the City of Calgary regarding the trees for the parks and hope to get some media coverage. The Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook lost out on a \$35,000 grant by 4 months, due to delays in submitting the required materials. Discussion held around this missed opportunity and strategies to be in place so it does not happen again in the future.

Integrity Awards: A great night was had by all, and our Club's recipient was well deserving of the award. A thank you was received from Scott Lazenby by President Barry.

Club Operations - Bruce McDonald

A letter from Shavone Hayes will hopefully get published in the "Neighbors" newspaper. We are going to have a banner made to be hung up at their various Interact fund raisers. The "Street Talk" paper published by CUPS acknowledged the Interact Club for their donation of a total of 33 scarves. There was a picture of the scarves along with a short story.

Efforts are underway to update the Roster. Members are requested to send corrections and additions so they can be included. New Members are encouraged to get our photographer to take their picture.

Membership Development: Our attendance in February was up 1% from January to 61% - still needs to get higher by OUR standards. Will draft introduction letter to be sent out to new business professionals in our area and have it reviewed by the Membership Committee. Have received letter from Rick Breen indicating his need to resign from the Club due to work and family commitments. President Barry will send a letter on behalf of the Club and we will keep Rick informed on Club activities to keep him engaged and possibly interested in coming back once things slow down for him.

Barry Moreland brought forward the idea of making Father Greg McLellan an honorary Member of our Club for his long standing service and dedication. Barry will talk to Father Greg and make sure it is something he would want. A plaque will be prepared for presentation.



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International Service - Hollister Fletcher

Chris Brooks and Lifeline Malawi have a request for 2 items which include a vehicle and medical equipment. This request was received by Ian Burgess and sent to the International Committee for review.

See Insert page for Cuba Bio-Sand report.

Club Financial - Stephen Pick

Casino: It was decided that we would keep the 2nd quarter of 2007 assigned date. There was an opportunity to move our casino date closer - 1st Quarter of 2007 - but after discussion it was felt it was best left as is, as a lot of members are away from January-March.

Parking: We have been asked to park for the Downtown Club's annual Stampede BBQ. The conclusion was to take it to the Club Members to see if people in sufficient numbers would come forward to volunteer, and if so, the Committee will work on negotiations with the Downtown Club (more parkers/shifts required).

Lobsterfest: The date has been set at Spruce Meadows for Saturday June 24th. Karen Warrington (Donations Chairman) will create a letter and get it to Stephen to put in the ARCH and make copies available for Members, as well as to John Beatty to make available as a download on the website so Members can print them off and approach their contacts for auction items. There were complaints from people who have yet to receive their 2005 tax receipts for donated auction items (being done currently by Challenger Park). Discussion around this issue and conclusion that a methodology needs to be developed so that in future the receipts go out before year end.

Garth Plunkett is taking over the Club Financial Directorship as Stephen Pick feels he cannot continue to meet his commitment to the position. Garth has started attending meeting as of now and will get some direction/guidance from Stephen as he moves forward in his role.

Treasurer's Report - Graham Boone

No Report

Past Presidents Report - Al Browne

No Report

President Elect Report - Graham Hoard

Calgary Seniors Resource Society is looking for volunteers for various duties and we will pass this on to Club Members to see if anyone is interested. There was also a request for funding which was given to the Donations Committee for review.

Pets/Sets: To be held April 6-8th at Carriage House Inn. The cost for PETS is \$360 and SETS (Now ROTS - Rotary Officers Training) is \$45. Sandy Dougall and Jeff Wilson are attending for Officers Training.

Vice-President position is still vacant as Stephen Pick is resigning. Interest was expressed by Karen Warrington to take the position and this will be forwarded

to the Nominations Committee for review. If accepted, then Paul Gaudet - who ran but was not elected during the Club Assembly, could be approached to fill the Community Service Directorship.

President's Report

All Presidents Meeting: The CSRS did a presentation to the All Presidents about funding and working in partnership with all the Rotary Clubs in Calgary to support the CSRS programs and services.

Children's Help Line: Funding request received at All Presidents' meeting. Rotary Club of Calgary Sarcee has committed \$5,000 to the program and Barry will pass the funding request to our Club on to the Donations Committee.

Integrity Awards: District is looking for feedback on the awards night - what was done well and what could be improved upon.

District Conference: New Members that are attending their first conference, in their first year of membership, will be reimbursed for the basic fee. 3 awards were applied for: Presidential Citation, Best Club Newsletter, & Best Cooperative Project in partnership with Operation Eyesight Universal. Keep your fingers crossed!

Karen Warrington has been working on the 2006 - 2007 Board of Directors/Directorship/Committee sheet and will circulate once all positions have been secured.

Two New Members:

That proposed new Member Jack Leuw, be accepted into the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook.

That proposed new Member Michelle Hennessey, be accepted into the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Next Meeting Date: May 2nd, 2006 - 6pm
Horton Road Legion

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International Service - Hollister Fletcher

CUBA - BioSand Water Filter Project
Site Visit & Status Report - March, 2006

Project Description: Leveraging off the success of the bio-sand water filters in the Dominican Republic, Jan Tollefson's Add Your Light Foundation launched a program to introduce the filters to Cuba where there are water related health problems similar to the DR.

The project's purpose was to set up staff and facility infrastructure, provide one initial mould and provide training through Jose Rivas (Add Your Light, Dajabon, DR) on the construction, installation and maintenance of the filter systems.

The project coordinator in Cuba is Eduardo Buitrago Pavon of San German, Cuba. Eduardo is a professor of social communication and works with the Consultation Group for Participatory Development, a group that does community development work in the field of community health. Jan and Jose first met Eduardo in the DR who was there as Cuba's representative for the Pan American Health Organization's "healthy communities" initiative. Eduardo persuaded Add Your Light to help him to introduce the bio-sand water filter into Cuba after observing its success in providing clean water to homes in the DR. Eduardo is clearly a trusted Cuban citizen and well connected within the Cuban Government regime.

Add Your Light went to two Rotary Clubs in Calgary which provided funding for the project as follows:

South Calgary	\$ 3,000 US
Chinook	\$ 3,500 US
WR Foundation	\$ 6,500 US
Total funding budget	\$13,000 US

Activities to Date:

- Spring/04
Project approved by Rotary, submission of WR funding request
- October/04
WR and Club funding in place
- October/04-June/05
Eduardo set up production facilities for the filters. The facility is a division of a former sugar cane factory that is specifically used to fabricate building materials (such as building bricks). The water filter cement moulds are a good fit for the facility and a means for them to boost their business. The project encountered some delays until it received security clearance from the Ministry of the Armed Forces. The Cuban Government has actually agreed to pay the salaries of the technicians for a year as the program gets started.
- June/05
Jose Rivas delivered a mould to Cuba and built some

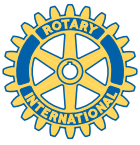
filters for demonstration purposes.

- October/05
Norman Myden & Neil Beatty (Calgary Chinook Rotary) joined Jose for the first formal training session and view of the facility.
- January/06
Norman Myden visited San German and found that a small number of the filters had been constructed and the crew were in the process of setting them up in homes.
- March/06
Dave Saunders (Calgary Chinook Rotary) visited the facility and observed the following:
 - 21 filters were built with still one mould and 17 are in operation
 - A shortage of cement has halted further filter production
 - A shortage of filter sand has prevented 4 filters from becoming operational
 - Cement is being mixed by hand as the cement mixer is not operational
 - Eduardo was expecting a new shipment of cement and sand by the end of the month, which would put them back into production
 - Once they are in production, their intent is to build another mould and replace the mixer
 - The goal is to have 100 filters in operation by year's end
 - These filters are not being sold at this time. They are considering this as a prototype testing program and will begin to sell the filters once their performance is proven and there is acceptance in the community.
 - For those that have the filters, feedback is very positive. Eduardo actually provides 5 homes with fresh water from his filter
 - To promote the filters to the public, a local youth group working through their community centre have been trained in the construction and operation of the filters and are in the process of going out to households to "sell" the filter systems. This youth group was most impressive and well versed on the filter operation and the contaminants that the filters would remove.

Conclusion:

Progress has been slow and frustrating due to Government bureaucracy. The Cuban Government controls the plant's operation and dictates where and when they get building materials. They are also very sceptical about any aid coming from Canada, one of the United States' closest allies. It appears, however, that Government authorities now support and endorse the project.

Progress is further hampered by the shortage of cement in Cuba due to a massive Government housing project, which takes greater priority than the water filters. Filter sand that meets the proper specifications is also a rare commodity.



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It is clear in talking to a number of residents from the San German area that there are health problems caused by contaminants in the water. Kidney problems are quite common. In the few homes visited where filters were in operation, residents reported a noticeable drop in intestinal irritations.

Eduardo appears to have a clearly focussed team motivated to see this project through. They are confident that they have cleared the major hurdles and once they receive materials, should have no problem meeting their goal of 100 filters by year-end. They are also confident that demand for the filters will create a full time business in the future.

Eduardo is aware of the urgency of ensuring that this project gets completed this year. Although he would like another visit from Jose, I did indicate that this would be happening once Eduardo is nearing project completion and he has the receipts together.

This project most definitely should be continued to be supported, as there is a genuine need for the filters. Progress should, however, be monitored over the next couple of months to make sure that they do in fact receive their promised supplies and are in production. In the meantime, we will need to communicate with the Wild Rose Foundation on the project status as it appears the final report will not likely be available until the end of the year.

Spruce Meadows 2006 Dates

3 On 3 Basketball	May 27th - 28th
The National	June 7th - 11th
The North American	July 5th - 9th
The Masters	September 6th - 10th
Other smaller events will be announced as they come up.	

House of Friendship

Rotary District 5360 Conference
April 28 - 30, 2006

This year's Rotary District conference *Passport to Rotary* is sure to be a huge success. There are many activities planned including the *Carnival Style Gala*, District Governor Steve's Run & Walk, an exciting youth program lined up and this year a visit to The House of Friendship should not to be missed!

We encourage you to drop by the House of Friendship that will be located in the Bonavista Room at the Westin. There will be exhibitors showing Rotary projects at home and Internationally. Also a few organizations that Rotary supports as part of our service above self. This is your opportunity to talk with them in person on the work they do and how we as Rotarians have helped. There will also be some shopping opportunities at this year's House of Friendship!

Coffee will be served from in the mornings and afternoons - thanks to the generosity of CAWST.

Operation Eyesight has generously donated a limited edition print to be to be won as part of this year's House of Friendship festivities. To win the print you must answer Trivia questions that only the exhibitors will know the answers to. There will be entry forms and more information available at the Operation Eyesight Booth!

For more information on the conference, the events planned or to register, visit the district website at www.rotary5360.org or email Rotarian Karen Warrington at warrintonk@operationeyesight.ca

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating all of our success!

Calgary Urban Projects Society - New Project - Can you help ?

Calgary Urban Projects Society (CUPS) was set up a number of years ago to help the needy in Calgary. These services have included Health services, counselling, assisting with clothing needs, assisting & counselling new mothers and generally creating an atmosphere where the people/families can become self sufficient.

Over the years our Rotary Club has assisted CUPS by providing used clothing, a Van and cash donations to help them meet their goals.

CUPS have now over 4,000 families registered with them, with many of these families having both members working, but they can not make ends meet and they require a helping hand.

NEW Program:

CUPS is now starting a new program for the working poor. Teaching them how to sew and repair their clothing. To set up the classes they need sewing machines. They do not need to be new - good, used machines in working order would do the job.

If you have a Sewing Machine that you do not use any more, please consider donating it to CUPS to help the needy of Calgary.

If you can help please phone Gordon or Mary Billings at 238 2675 ... or e-mail grdnbillngs@shaw.ca