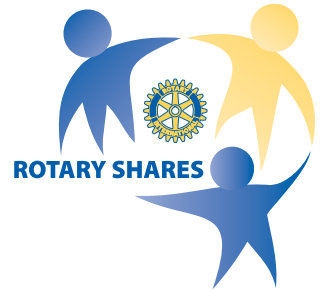




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## ADOPTION OPTIONS Jane Reid, Executive Director

Bart introduced Jane Reid who has spent 18 years with Adoption Options which was her topic for today. This is a provincial government licensed adoption agency and registered charity with offices here and in Edmonton.

Some 60 children are placed in adoption annually which includes Domestic and International adoptions, with the latter including children from other countries who have been adopted by Albertans. The organization monitors the adoptions and facilitates people planning to adopt. She and her husband have 2 adopted daughters, now adults.

What is adoption? It is the legal and emotional process which is a lifelong commitment to the child involved.

In Closed Adoptions, the child does not know his/her birth parents, usually has no relationship with them and the process is secretive to protect both the mother who is usually unmarried and subject to

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## CALGARY PARKS AND PATHWAYS Terry Bullick, Author

Our guest speaker, Terry Bullick, was introduced by Bart Dailley. Terry is an author who writes for the City of Calgary Parks, North American Oil Sands Commission and many other such organizations.

Terry spoke about her book entitled Calgary Parks and Pathways. First published in 1991, 8000 copies have either been sold as fund raisers or as part of the City of Calgary promotional campaign. A second publishing is testimony to the popularity of Calgary's extensive parks and pathways infrastructure.

Some of the new parks consist of Griffith Wood, West Nose Creek,



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# Meeting Minutes



**August 8th, 2007**

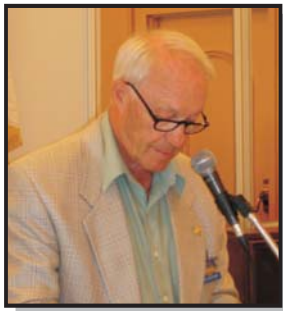
**Scribe: Ed McLean**

President Pat rang the gong and we obediently heeded Betty's opening chord for O Canada, which was followed by the Rotary grace, as usual.

Following the food and fellowship, Bart introduced 7 guests, 7 South club Rotarians and 1 from Downtown. The guests included former Exchange Student to Thailand, John Solanga and our just arrived Exchange Student from Thailand, Kunthida Uansri, who will be known to us as Kwan. The 48 Chinook Rotarians welcomed all visitors in our usual way.

John Beatty was photographer today. Ian was back from his stint in Malawi, where he served as Medical director, attended Rotary there and presented to Pres. Pat a banner and a hand carved pen.

Bob Montgomery introduced the "birthday" table which included 2 members celebrating a birthday in August - Anthony and Kim. Celebrants who were absent were Joe Jogia, Tammy, Barry K., Neil B. and Rob VanderWees.



As Sergeant-at-Arms, Bob fined a couple of visiting Rotarians, then proceeded to do similarly to our own members who had not paid close attention to the most recent issue of The Rotarian.

It was announced that during the year ended June 30/07, this club donated \$92,000 to worthy charities and non-profits.

Pres. Pat read a letter of thanks from the Calgary Seniors Resource Society for our \$2500 donation. He mentioned it is the intention in future to ensure members are informed of donations by way of The Arch.

He also read Kim's letter to Rotary curlers enclosing a disk on the 2007 Rotary District bonspiel. Next year it is in Grande Prairie.

Interclub golf is scheduled for August 15th in Innisfail and the Kootenay Classic is to be revived this autumn.

Joe Hooper presented a cheque for \$43,000 representing the "tables" portion of our casino funds, and said we can expect about the same amount from the "slots" portion.

He asked for help at the Tim Hortons golf tournament August 23rd from 9:30 am to about 1:30 pm, at River Spirit golf course - if you are free that day let Joe know.

Dick French advises we are about 70% covered for the Masters Spruce Meadows tournament - so we still have about 80 spots to fill.

Dave Wylie formally introduced Kwan to the club and she spoke to us briefly in Thai which was interpreted for us. Please make her feel at ease at our meetings.



John Beatty spoke briefly about Vanessa's



imminent departure for Turkey and Vanessa was present to say goodbye. She has learned about her host family and is eager to meet them.

The 50/50 draw was won by Gary Ladd

Bart introduced our speaker, Jane Reid, who has spent 18 years with Adoption Options which was her topic for today.

**August 14th, 2007**

**Scribe: Bruce Bohnet**

Total attendance today was 58 - 8 Rotary guests and 6 guests including Jim Zackowski, Major Eddie Vincent, Terry Bullick, Kwan Uansi, Ron Uansi and Ruth Wylie.

President Pat announced the shortfall of 85 shifts needed to be filled by club members at the Masters tournament. Please plan on filling your commitment to Spruce Meadows September 5 - 9. Moe Tynan and Garth Plunkett are coordinating the parking duties.

Ian Burgess was presented with his Honourary Lifetime Membership award as one of the originating members of Chinook Rotary Club. He was presented with a framed picture of the original group photo and framed certificate of the award.

Announcements were made of the annual Peace Park camping trip in Waterton on September 7, the International Conference in Los Angeles, and Murder on the Heritage Express train ride. President Pat encourages members to contact him for more details and registration.

Jim Zackowski invites all Rotarians to the 2nd Annual Challenger Park family day taking place September 8. He also took the opportunity to thank our club for sponsoring a hole in their Golf Tournament taking place September 13.

On September 4, we are invited to include our spouses/significant others to the regular afternoon meeting. Gord Billings tells us that Paul Franklin will give a talk of his experiences in Afghanistan. Paul is one of our military soldiers who has had first hand contact with all the problems we read about in the news. Gord expects members of the media plus our guests will be in attendance to hear about this present day historical event.



Our guest speaker, Terry Bullick, was introduced by Bart Dailley.



# Upcoming Events



- August 21st  
August 28th Alida Visbach, General Manager, Heritage Park  
Doug Gunn, Senior Manager, Regional Marketing Western Canada, Tim Horton's
- September 4th Kathleen Kranenburg, Program Coordinator, Paws of Hope  
Mcpl. Paul Franklin — one of Canada's Heroes
- September 5-9th  
September 7-9th Spruce Meadows — The Masters — remember to sign up for parking!  
75th Anniversary — Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly 2007
- November 16-18th Spruce Meadows — Christmas Market — remember to sign up for parking!

## MEMBER PROFILE - Tammy Truman

by Bruce McDonald



Tammy was born in Redvers Saskatchewan. The town is located in the SE corner of the province on hwy 13, formerly known as the Red Coat Trail. Her parents George and Catherine Truman were dairy and grain farmers and raised seven children. The farm is still in the family run by her oldest brother. Tammy is the youngest of the seven children.

She took all her schooling in Redvers until University called. She entered Brandon U and graduated with a degree in music. Her weapon of choice was the Clarinet. Her ten year music career saw her play that instrument competitively in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and North Dakota. More often than not she made it to provincial and state finals and was selected winner of the competitions for several years.

However she realized that music was a career that couldn't possibly keep her in the manner which she had planned for herself. However she hasn't given up playing the liquorish stick. How about a solo some Tuesday, Tammy?

Twenty-six years ago this year 2007, she became a file clerk for the Cooperators Insurance in Regina. She took every available course the company had to offer and moved up the ranks landing a position in sales. In 1988 she transferred to Calgary exactly where she wanted to be. Why Calgary? She loved mountains, the western way of life and most of all Cowboys.

In 1994 the Cooperators decided to franchise their insurance offices and Tammy jumped at the opportunity. She became the first to open a Cooperator franchise in Western Canada and hasn't looked back. Calgary has been good to her and she has given back her success by being a big supporter of many local charities such as the Kids Cancer Care Foundation to name just one.

She joined Rotary the same year she opened her insurance brokerage firm and has been active in club activities, served as a Director, integrity awards chair, sergeant at arms and for many years the club's birthday girl. Outside Rotary she is involved with several foundations, and sponsors the Wranglers

at the Stampede. For the seventh year she has entered a heavy horse and carriage in the Stampede Parade. This year she won first place "Best 2 and 4 Heavy Horse Hitch". The Stampede promoted a wear pink campaign this year to raise funds for Breast Cancer and Tammy and her team fully endorsed the project. They were strong enough to wear 'pink'.

In her spare time, or what there is of it, she is a regular traveler to various locations in Mexico. She doesn't limit herself to one country however ... in fact she has visited every continent in the world except South America, Asia, and Africa.

She works hard and plays hard; working out for one hour five times a week. She is a water and snow skier; attends and sponsors numerous golf tournaments every year. Not only that but she is a proud auntie of 19 nieces and nephews.

She is a season ticket holder and avid fan of the Stampeders and the Flames. She is still looking for that cowboy and although she knows many, the right one just hasn't been able to lasso her. For some time now she just wasn't ready to settle down on the range in a double sleeping bag, after punching cows and staring up at the stars. She isn't going to sleep single in a double bed forever. She has let business guide her decisions. So it won't be too much longer before John Wayne #2 is going to get her. There will be many broken hearts.

Tammy; having you as a member of Rotary is indeed a pleasure. We all look forward to enjoying many more years together serving this community.

### Greeters

- August 21st Bob Depledge, Norm Myden
- August 28th Sandy Dougall, Harry Nazarchuk
- September 4th Hollister Fletcher, Al Pettigrew
- September 11th Dick French, Garth Plunkett

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



# THIS AND THAT



## ADOPTION OPTIONS

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societal shame, and the child. Birth parents were encouraged to put the adopted child out of mind, an impossibility in most cases.

In Open Adoptions, both the birth mother/parents and the adopting parents are encouraged to have a close relationship with each other and the child involved. Trust is important in open adoptions, but co-parent activities is not part of it to avoid confusing the child. However the child knows both birth and adoptive parents, and that both care deeply about him/her. Ms. Reid gave a few examples of birth mothers and their difficult experiences and lifelong sadness.

Most work of this organization is with expectant parents whom they bring together with couples seeking a child. Employees are social workers properly trained for counselling throughout the process and after. Adoptive parents are carefully screened and there is no shame to anyone involved.

Pres. Pat presented Ms. Reid with the O.E.U. certificate.



Vanessa, Outgoing Exchange Student (to Turkey), former Exchange Student to Thailand, John Solanga, and our just arrived Exchange Student from Thailand, Kunthida Uansri, who will be known to us as Kwan

## CALGARY PARKS AND PATHWAYS

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Eliston Regional, Challenger and Carburn. These and the established parks within Calgary are considered treasures of the city. Our parks offer a retreat from the concrete jungle and encourage such activities as nature walks, bird and wildlife watching, cycling as well as artistic sculptures that adorn some of these pathways. Our well known Fish Creek park was established in the '70's and is one of 30 major parks within Calgary.

### Wesley Christian Church

Meeting at Leyden's Chapel  
2<sup>nd</sup> Street & 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW  
10:30 Sunday

Bart Dailley, Pastor

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