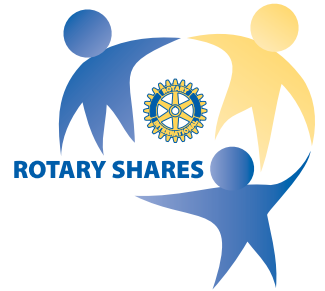




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**..... THANK YOU !!!**

## EXCHANGE STUDENTS Kwan Uansri & Ashleigh Morrison

Moe introduced Ashleigh Morrison, age 17, who is leaving for Thailand during the summer.

Ashleigh outlined the presentation she will provide in Thailand and welcomed suggestions for changes. She mentions Canada is officially bilingual, is bordered by 3 oceans, has 6 time zones and has 77% of population in urban areas. She promised to sing our national anthem to her Thai Rotary club. The Canadian symbols she mentions include the maple leaf, Tim Hortons, Stampede, and Smarties ... altho' she may adjust the latter. Her map of Canada highlights Alberta and she mentions that oil now replaces grain as a leading commodity. She describes Calgary as a distinct part of Alberta and that it is located so there are flatlands to the east and mountains to the west, and it boasts a sunny, snowy climate with chinooks to briefly warm the winters. She attends the oldest high school in Calgary with 2,000 students and staff.

Ashleigh has one brother but lots of cousins and plans to study architecture and to travel. In Thailand she expects to attend a vocational school.



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Dave Wylie introduced Kwan who recently took part in a canoe trip from Rocky Mountain House to Edmonton and got bronchitis. Kwan comes from northeast Thailand, a country with 4 Rotary districts. The country has 63 million people with 94 % of them Buddhists. The country is about 80% the size of Alberta.

Kwan's father is a policeman, her mother a teacher, and she has one sister and a dog. An aunt lived in Vancouver for a while. The family grows lovely flowers including orchids. There are 3,000 students in her school. High school graduations are not a major event as most go on to university where graduation is most important. Kwan showed us a few garments that she would use during festivals she would attend at home. She had some great pictures. She really likes the snow here.

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# Meeting Minutes



**June 17th, 2008**

**Scribe: Ed McLean**

President-Elect George Kimura presided over the meeting today in the absence of President Pat who is attending the R.I. Convention in Los Angeles, and called us to order promptly at 12:15 p.m.

Paul Gaudet introduced 8 visiting Rotarians from Calgary South and 3 from the new Eau Claire club to be chartered on July 25th. The 8 guests of Rotary introduced included exchange student Kwan, along with outgoing exchange student Ashleigh Morrison and her parents Catherine and Blair.

Dick French reminded us to sign up for the Spruce Meadows North American tournament to take place early in July. You can call Moe Tynan to sign up.

Stephen Pick says this is last call for changes to the club roster.

Joe Hooper says there is a need for a few more to help on June 26<sup>th</sup> at Currie Barracks for the parking for Shaw Communications. Hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Call Joe.

Paul Gaudet raffled a copy of John Gilchrist's latest book for \$1 with John Charrett the winner.



John Beatty was winner of the 50/50 draw, and he donated the proceeds evenly between the 2 exchange students.

Bart was S.A.A. and evidently lost a fork today so decided one of Moe, Gordon B. or Will was responsible. Harry gave a happy buck.



Rob Whitfield briefly outlined the purpose and some history of the Exchange Student programme. There were 8,000 exchange students during the past year whose lives will change dramatically due to this experience. The first exchange was from Denmark in 1929, the first

multi-district in 1962 and in 1972 the programme became worldwide and now includes 80 countries. All such students have high academic standings and are potential future leaders.



Moe introduced Ashleigh Morrison, age 17, who is leaving for Thailand during the summer. Her presentation was followed by Dave Wylie who introduced Kwan, and her presentation.

## Roster Updates

**Final changes to the Roster are now being made. Please get your info changes right away to:  
stephen@ontheridge.ca**

**New members ... we need a head and shoulders photograph. Notable in their absence are Rod Haas, Ann Marsh, and Eric Roston ... plus any members that have joined in the month of June. Please either track down the meeting photographer, or send your own charming portrait to the above noted email address.**

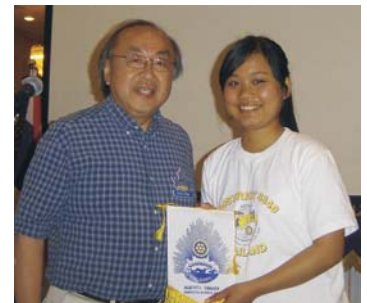
## Greeters

- June 24th Terry Green, Peter Robison
- July 1st Canada Day - no meeting
- July 8th Rotary Stampede Lunch
- July 15th Harold Hanna, Eric Roston

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

Kwan presented a banner from her Thai Rotary club and received one of ours in exchange.

She stayed with Bart & Barbara for over 3 months. Bart spoke very highly of the truly fine houseguest she was and they now have "a daughter for life".



Rob W. says our next exchange student is from Brazil, arrives fairly soon and will need host families.

These were excellent presentations by 2 young leaders of the future.

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# Upcoming Events

June 24th	Pat Hutchinson and Bob Montgomery — Changing of the Guard
July 1st	Canada Day - no meeting
July 8th	Rotary Stampede Lunch @ Fort Calgary (details later)
July 10th	Dominican Republic Tour Information Session — 5:30-7:30 at the office of Norman Myden, #405, 11012 Macleod Trail S
July 15th	Lisa Cyr, former Chinook Outgoing Exchange Student
July 22nd	Joe Carbury, Voice of the Chuckwagon Races
July 29th	Nigel Douglas — Alberta Wilderness Association
August 5th	Galib Abdullah — Islam
August 12th	George Loades — North American Bluebird Society
August 22-23	Rotary Challenger Park needs volunteers for their fund-raising casino
August 26th	Bill Brooks — Prostate Cancer
September 9th	Constable Jim Amsing — A Day in the Life of a Cop
September 19-21	Waterton-Glacier Peace Park Assembly
September 30th	Martin Schiavetta, Calgary Police Officer — Gang Violence
October 14th	Lionel Conn — Numismatics
October 28th	Tom Huffaker, United States Consul General

## Review of the Year 2007 - 2008

*by Pat Hutchinson*



The following is a summary of the highlights and activities of our Club for this year. More detailed information will come later when the Board Directors publish a summary of the activities in their respective areas. These reports will appear in subsequent issues of the Arch.

At the beginning of the year, various members asked three important questions about our Club:

One was “It is fine to spend all this money on charities, but what are these charities and what is our involvement?”

The second was “What will our Club look like the ten years?”

And the third “What is the Rotary Clubs of Calgary Foundation, and how do we get involved?”

These questions represent the focus of our activities and involvement for 2007-2008. Although many other issues are important, it is these three questions I wish to address.

Regarding question one, what we have done this year is publish figures of the money passed on to various charities and explain what these charities are. This approach will continue. With the excellent regular meetings we have had and the resultant excellent attendance, our members should have a good understanding of where our money goes and why. The Board Directors have done a good job of keeping us all informed.

Early in the year, Ron Smith produced demographics of our Club which indicated that we are getting older. Thus, the question “What will we look like in ten years?” As a result, we have had

several membership meetings which included at one time or another, Bernie Carriere, our District Governor; Curly Galbraith, an honorary member and original Rotarian sponsor of our Club; Dr. Jan Tollefson, our offshore partner; and Marg Southern, another honorary member who gave us a significant contribution to our Rotary Clubs of Calgary Foundation.

With the leadership of our membership committee, headed by Ron, and the support of the members of our Club, to our credit we will have attracted 19 new, outstanding members by the end of this year, June 24th. The ages of these people range from 25 to whatever, and their contributions to our activities will be a great help. I might add that our increase in members represents about 20% of the total net membership growth in the entire District 5360.

At the end of this year, including our 19 new people and our 7 honorary members, we will have a total of 96 members. We have lost 7 members for a net total of 12. That’s an accomplishment of which we can all be proud. But it doesn’t end here. We must continue to attract new, qualified and dedicated people and we must help our new people get involved. Retention is important.

Finally, what about the Rotary Clubs of Calgary Foundation? At the beginning of the year, Bruce McDonald explained to us what this Foundation all about and what was our level of contribution. We put on a drive and we have since increased our amount from under \$1,000 to over \$26,000. The money we get each year from our principal will help to fund our charitable activities and possibly increase our contribution to the International Foundation. Let’s keep it growing.

We have done a lot and have more to do. Congratulations to everyone for a successful year and many thanks for your dedication and support. Being your President has been an honour.

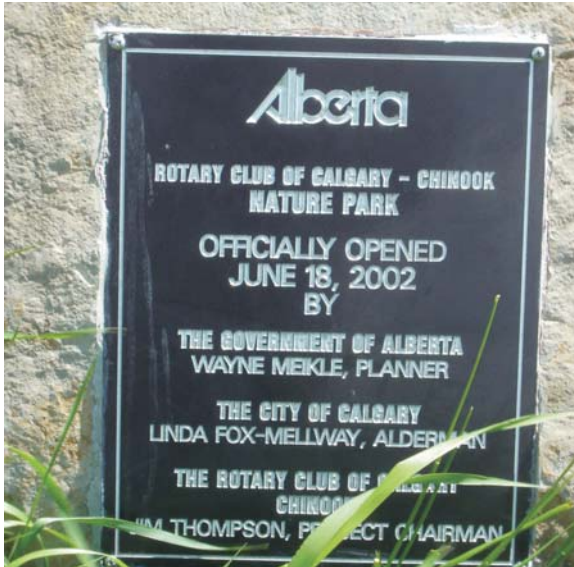


# This and That

## Nature Park Tree Planting *by Jim Thompson*



I am pleased to advise that 4 committee volunteers attended at the Park last Thursday (June 12, 2008) and completed the planting of the 32 white spruce trees, despite very muddy wet conditions. The trees represent our 31 year history and one to replace the deceased tree behind our monument plaque.



Future tree plantings to honour our deceased members or other forms of recognitions to be determined. The latest gazebo (prefer to call it the 'Coke' pavillion, as it is larger than the others) will be assembled this week. Holes have been dug, material is on site and signage ordered.



We will have another committee effort on site soon to walk the trails and check out the gazebos, and to do a little trimming here and there in preparation for a club picnic luncheon meet in July.



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