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Paul Gaudet introduced our guest speaker, Jennifer Hedayat, who spoke on Engineers Without Borders.

Engineers Without Borders (EWB) is a Canadian charity which started in 1999 with the goal to improve the quality of life of people in developing communities by helping them to gain access to appropriate technology. While most members are in fact engineers, it is not necessary that one be an engineer to join this NGO.

Operations are financed frugally with only 9% of outlays required for administration expense. About 77% is spent in Canada including cost of volunteers serving overseas, and 14% overseas, chiefly in 5 African countries. The latter efforts are directed at alleviating extreme poverty usually by becoming a partner with a local organization to undertake essential projects. EWB provides the instructional and technological requirements to ensure the local people can sustain the program. An important factor is educating the users. Volunteers usually spend 4 to 12 months on assignment working on projects with the partner organization.

In Canada, EWB tries to ensure Canadian individuals, corporations and governments make decisions that have a positive impact on impoverished communities here and overseas. This is achieved by high school and workplace workshops, school and university curriculums, public education and member education.

There are over 30 Chapters of EWB in Canada. In 2006 support was given to 12 water and sanitation programs, 150 latrine builders were trained, and 2,000 latrines built, 10 organizations trained in leadership, hygiene education, and water management, and 110 communities gained access to clean water.

The African countries now involved are Burkina Faso, Mali, Ghana, Zambia and Malawi where 72 volunteers spent a total of 438 months in 2006. A major requirement is the training of the volunteers.

On March 16 & 17, 2008, EWB will host a conference in Calgary entitled "Creating Change From Calgary" with the featured speaker, Lt.Gen. The Hon. Romeo Dallaire.

This NGO is becoming a major player in helping the less fortunate in Canada as well as overseas.

Pres. Pat presented Jennifer with the usual Certificate which has provided LED lighting to a home in the Dominican Republic.

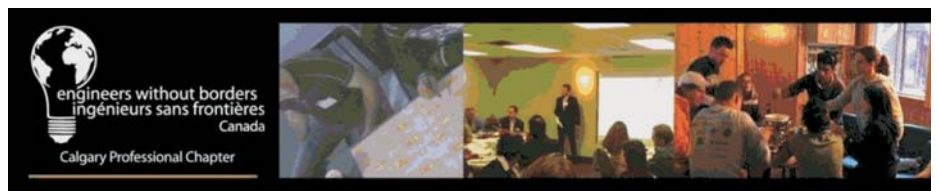
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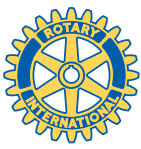
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Meeting Minutes



March 4th, 2008

Scribe: Ed McLean

President Pat called the meeting to order in the usual fashion. After lunch, Bruce Bohnet introduced the 8 guests and 4 visiting Rotarians to the 42 members in attendance.

Terry Craig introduced the March birthday celebrators in attendance viz. Graham Boone, Stephen Pick, Garth Plunkett and in absentia, Al Browne.

Pres. Pat presented Barry Moreland with a pin for 2 years perfect attendance as Barry missed last week's presentations for this. There usually is at least one perfect attender who misses these presentations!

Pres. Pat reported briefly on the Integrity Award gala on Monday evening and a more comprehensive report is slated for The Arch.

A \$500 donation to The Rotary Clubs of Calgary Foundation has been made by our Club in Alistair Limpitlaw's name.

Rick Kolanos reportedly hopes to be able to return to the Club fairly soon and it will be good to have him back. Gary Miller was in attendance again today, and will be formally re-inducted

soon. Rob Vanderwees has now returned from an approved leave of absence.

On March 18th there will be a major induction of new members, and we expect to be joined on that day by the District Governor, the Ass't D.G. and Honourary Member Curly Galbraith.

Neil Beatty reported the Club has donated \$3,000 to Jan Tollefson's charity for work in the Dominican Republic and this donation has been matched by the Alberta Wild Rose Society.

The Club has received \$9,500 from the Community Enhancement Program which will be used to provide another gazebo in our Nature Park on the city's south side.

Norm Moro continues to take orders for the 4Way Test plaque.

Ted Wada plans a Fireside meeting at his house on March 20th at 7:30 p.m. and hopes to welcome new members as well as an equal number of experienced Rotarians for an evening of shared fellowship and learning.

Jack Leuw is back from Ethiopia and presented a banner from one of the clubs there. He then put on his Sergeant-at-Arms hat and with multiple choice questions, he tried to ensure we learned a bit about malaria and also earned a few bucks for the pot. George Kimura had 5 happy dollars for skipping the winning team in the Rotary curling competition for this winter.

Gary Miller won the 50/50 draw

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Greeters

March 11th	John McBean, Neil Beatty
March 18th	Bill McDaniel, Peter Bickham
March 25th	Bruce McDonald, Gord Billings
April 1st	Don McKenzie, Bruce Bohnet

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

Upcoming Events

March 11th	Syed Soharwardy — Muslims Against Terrorism
March 18th	Special Induction Meeting
March 25th	Marg Pollan, Researcher re Pandemic Preparedness — Asian Bird Flu
March 29 & 30th	Chinook Rotary Information Booth at Southcentre Mall, main floor — call Norm Moro to volunteer
April 1st	High School Debaters
April 8th	Mike Olnycky — Ukrainian Council of Calgary
April 15th	Erin Lawrence — Global TV News Producer
April 22nd	Ricot Leon — Missionary to Haiti
April 29th	John Gilchrist — Herald Food reporter
May 6th	Jim Amsing — Calgary Police Service
May 23rd-25th	District Conference, Lethbridge — "Rotary Is Light, Light for the World"
June 15-18th	Rotary International Conference, Los Angeles — "See The Stars"



Rotary Curling Wind-Up

February 27th, 2008



Winner of "A Division of Their Own"
Harry Nazarchuk, Norm Moro, Bruce McDonald, Paul Gaudet



Winner of "A Division"
George Kimura, Terry Craig, Karen Kartushyn (Fish Creek Club),
Rick Istead (Fish Creek Club), Kent Fraser (Fish Creek Club - not pictured)



Tammy and Karin vamping it up!

Integrity Awards

March 3rd, 2008

200 Rotarians attended this event at Stage West. Representing our Club were: Harry Nazarchuk, Paul Gaudet, Pat Hutchison, Rob Whitfield, Ian Burgess, Bart Dailley, Danny Holden and John McBean .

The following report is excerpted (with thanks) from the Rotary Club of Calgary South Bulletin.

In the front row, the three women recipients on the left are:

Brianna Butchart sponsored by **Calgary Crowchild** - it is remarkable what she could do to help the less fortunate within the borders of her high school

Dixie Cameron (in the white) sponsored by **Calgary Millennium** - described as living the 4-Way Test in everything she does ... in her work for others she focused on women and children at-risk

Mrs. Franklin (and her son), standing in for her husband, **Paul Franklin**, sponsored by **Calgary North** - a graduate of Mount Royal College, he is a medical, military and outdoor leadership skills instructor, who gave medical aid during the 2003 forest fires at Kelowna, served with the 2001 Arctic Sovereignty Operation, and had two tours of duty in Afghanistan in 2004 and 2005.

Still in the front row, the male recipients are:

Mike Hatzistamatis (with his arm in a ling) sponsored by **Calgary Olympic** - he and his wife Pat closed their Greek style restaurant on Thanksgiving Day in order to serve a traditional dinner to the homeless who can't pay! In 1991 they prepared 8 turkeys to feed 188; last year they processed 46 and fed 1,200 persons.

Douglas Lauchlan sponsored by **Calgary East Club** - he has been a huge contributor to the arts and educational organizations, including Miles for Millions, fostering youth orchestras, the Calgary International Organ Festival.

Starting at the back row, from the left:

Tom Fredericks (third) sponsored by **Calgary South** - Tom is the driving force behind the Choppers for Charity committee that since its inception 10 years ago has raised more than \$1.3 million dollars to support children's' hospitals in Alberta.

Bill Spier (fifth) sponsored by **Calgary Chinook** - he hails from the Netherlands. In Canada, as a structural engineer, he has built schools and large buildings in the North. He was chosen for his honesty, patience, and kindness in all his dealings with people.

Eddie Wong (seventh) sponsored by the **Calgary West Club** - he has carried our 4-Way standards into all of his creations in the field of theatre.

Garry Jones (tenth) sponsored by **Calgary Fish Creek** - Garry and his wife, Joyce, are co-ordinators of The Salvation Army's Emergency Community Response Unit that responds either to callouts by fire and police departments, or preparing 100 to 150 meals a night for the homeless every Monday to Thursday.

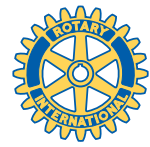
Jeff Laidlaw (thirteenth) sponsored by **Calgary Sarcee** - Jeff devotes his time helping the handicapped of all kinds to enjoy the sport of skiing in a program called "learn to ski."

The stand-in for **Jerry Hoagland** (fourteenth) sponsored by **Calgary Centennial** - as executive director of Horizon Housing, Jerry was honoured posthumously. He focused on the need for affordable housing.

Ralph Hofman (fifteenth) sponsored by **Calgary Heritage Park** - he has an amazing capacity to donate blood and then plasma to Canadian Blood Services. He hopes to have made 500 donations by January 2009, all the while volunteering to help 'other seniors' with snow removal, home repairs, and driving people to appointments to Canmore.



The 12 Award Recipients (wearing red roses) and their sponsors



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LETTER FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

25 February 2008

Dear 2007-08 Rotary Club President:

I want to thank you again for your support of our "Sharing the Magic of Rotary" Presidential Conferences in North America. There is nothing more important than growing our organization if we want to continue Rotary's great work throughout the world.

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