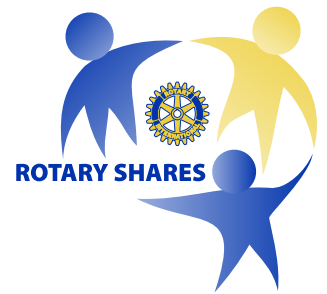




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ROTARY CLUB FOR NEW CANADIANS

Dan Varvos and Maria MacMinn

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..... THANK YOU !!!

Most of us understand the importance of welcoming new Canadians to our community and culture. Dan (from the Calgary West Club) and Maria (who is involved with training new Canadians) have been instrumental in planning a new Rotary Club designed to encourage these new arrivals to become active in our community through the Rotary motto, Service Above Self.



They hope to have the new Club chartered in June (currently sponsored by the District). They are meeting every Monday at noon on the 15th floor of 910- 7th Avenue SW. It's a "bring your own lunch" set up for now except for the last Monday of each month when it's "feast" day, more of a pot-luck set up.

Their focus is on finding ways to bring foreign based professionals out of the classroom and into our culture and society. Our workplace is very different to them and they are learning how to interact and fit in. Walls come down when we get to know people on a one-to-one basis. Rotary is one of the best ways for new Canadians to learn how to fit in and make a contribution to their new community.

Presently the new members are 80% college graduates, and 70% of them have previous volunteer experience. Their average age is 40 and 60% are women (now that's a set of demographics to be envious of!). While it is true that they often look different and speak differently, they ask for patience as they work on improving their language skills and learn to fit into our culture and work environment.

It was discussed why they would want to set up a new club rather than have their members join already existing clubs. The answer revolves around inclusion and involvement. If a new Canadian visits an existing club, then they might feel like an "outsider", embarrassed by their lack of understanding, not wanting to stand out. However in a club of similar new Canadians, notwithstanding their diverse countries of origin, they will have many things in common, having traveled similar roads, and be much more likely to get involved. It should also be highlighted that the members are not all new Canadians; 30% are existing Canadians (such as Dan and Maria) who will provide guidance and leadership through their early stages. The Club is open to any who would like to join; it simply has a unique focus.

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Meeting Minutes



April 29th, 2008

Scribe: Paul Gaudet

President Pat kicked off the meeting at 12:15 sharp with a good crowd on hand and Betty French on the piano.



Bob Montgomery and John Charrett were our greeters today with John introducing our group of visitors and guests. Attendance today totaled 75; including 12 guests, 13 visiting Rotarians and 50 of our own members.

Bart Dailley noted that an upcoming (on May 27th) speaker was Sidney Cyngiser, a holocaust survivor. In honor of the fact that Thursday of this week is considered the anniversary of the holocaust, we held a moment of silence for all those who died therein.

Pat held an exchange of banners with a visiting Rotarian from Southern Norway who is visiting Calgary to celebrate her son's marriage. She is a past president of her club and has a particular interest in youth exchange. Her home club has 61 members including 18 ladies.



Pat reported that the Rotary 4 Way Test plaques, most of which have been presold, are on hand and ready for pick up; see Norm Moro.

Bob Montgomery advised that the Spruce Meadows Committee had completed their report and that its recommendations have been approved by the Board. Copies of same were made available on the tables for review.

Wayne Wiebe, upcoming Director of Community Service, briefly introduced his avenue of service which has the objective of responding to the needs of our community. Specific projects for our Club include the Integrity Awards, Challenger Park, CUPS, and South Glenmore Park. Wayne suggested that his Committee is always on the lookout for new projects. Our District Conference (May 23 to 25th) is upcoming and Wayne noted that we would like to have as many of our members as possible attend. He has registration forms.

Bruce MacDonald introduced two Scout Troop Leaders, Jim Cossar and Mike Kossovan, who represent the Troop which our Club began sponsoring last year, 264 Somerset Bridlewood Scout Troop. They presented President Pat with a certificate of



appreciation and provided an update on their activities and plans for growth. Their first year was full of challenges however their fledgling group of "Beavers" had a productive year of learning and they hope to add a group of "Cubs" next year.



Joe Hooper reported that next week would see the initial circulation of the sign up sheet for June's event at Spruce Meadows.

He also discussed the parking requirements for Cirque du Soleil from July 31st to September 7th. Captains have been selected (our curling team skips) for each event, and Joe asked that we all look at our schedules and see if we can sign up to help. The shows are each evening (except Monday) with afternoon shows each Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Red Deer United Church has taken on both Saturday shows and we will pay \$15 per hour for other volunteers (as required) who wish to support their fundraising efforts. The parking will require 3 hours per event.



Wayne McCune reported that Jan Tollefson of "Add Your Light" is attempting to establish a program with Aeroplan to allow for the donation of "miles" to facilitate the travel plans required to bring key leaders from the Dominican Republic to Canada. Such visits would provide essential training opportunities and make their efforts more productive and ultimately more successful.

Our Sergeant at Arms was absent without leave today so President Pat offered the floor to "good news bucks". Jim Thompson donated to the cause and announced that his final insurance cheque had finally arrived from his flooding ordeal many months ago. Rob Whitfield donated as his car racing date was this week and also because on Thursday he will be off to the UK for a month. Ron Hardie had both good and bad news; he unfortunately had a death in his family but wanted to thank Bart Dailley for his inspiration and assistance. Pat donated \$2 as he had promised to do if the Flames lost.

The 50-50 draw was won by our visiting Rotarian from Norway.

President Pat announced that our intended guest speaker, John Gilchrist, was unable to attend due to illness. However we had a back up plan as Dan Varvos and Maria MacMinn were on hand to report to us on a new Rotary Club being planned for Calgary.

President Pat thanked our speakers for their participation and reminded everyone about the sign up sheet for our upcoming Spruce Meadows Appreciation Dinner on May 14th.

Our meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.



Upcoming Events

May 6th
 May 13th
 May 14th
 May 20th
 May 23rd-25th
 May 27th

John Hufnagel — Coach / GM, Calgary Stampeders
 No noon meeting re Spruce Meadows on the 14th
 Annual Spruce Meadows Organizationa Dinner and Tour — Tours @ 5:30, Dinner @ 6:30
 Dr. Chris Brooks — Lifeline Malawi
 District Conference, Lethbridge — “Rotary Is Light, Light for the World”
 Sidney Cyngiser — Holocaust Survivor

June 3rd
 June 10th
 June 15-18th
 June 24th

Calgary Public Library
 John Gilchrist — Calgary Herald Food Writer
 Rotary International Conference, Los Angeles — “See The Stars”
 Kwan Uansri — Farewell Address
 Changing of the Guard from Pat Hutchinson to Bob Montgomery

Spruce Meadows Parking Fundraiser 2008 Dates



National	June 4 - 8, 2008
North American	July 2 - 6, 2008
Masters	September 3 - 7, 2008
Christmas Market	November 2008 (dates to follow)

To meet the Club's parking commitments at these major events, the Club expects each member to volunteer 12 to 16 hours at each of the 4 major events. This means working 2 to 4 shifts (depending on your shift selections) over the 5 days of the events. Family involvement is encouraged (spouses, significant others, older children) and their volunteer time counts towards your time commitment. Volunteer check-in for all shifts is at the gate house on Lot 2 (pick-up vests, flags and final instructions prior to shifts).



Greeters

May 6th	James Moore, Terry Craig
May 13th	Meeting May 14th @ Spruce Meadows
May 20th	Barry Moreland, Bart Dailley
May 27th	Norm Moro, Lyle Davidson

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



COMMUNITY SERVICE

by Wayne Weibe



The area of responsibility which I have been assigned for the coming year is "Community Service".

Community Service defines Rotary's character, and to some extent is the basis for its appeal and visibility in the community. The purpose of Community Service is to respond to the needs in the community. The top service

priorities are best determined by examining the needs in the community and developing a response to these needs.

Our club is currently supporting the following projects:

- 1) Integrity Awards
- 2) Rotary Nature Park
- 3) Challenger Park
- 4) South Glenmore Park
- 5) CUPS
- 6) Volunteers, eg: Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes, and Salvation Army Christmas Kettles are two that come to mind.

I would invite members to let me know of any worthwhile Community Service projects in addition to the above mentioned projects, and I will be pleased to present any suggestions to the Board for consideration.

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

THURSDAY JULY 31ST - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

Members - please sign up !!

Please pick your parking shift preference, and contact the Team Captain for that shift.

Tuesdays	6 pm for 8 pm show	Joe Hooper
Wednesdays	6 pm for 8 pm show	Terry Green
Thursdays	6 pm for 8 pm show	George Kimura
Fridays	2 pm for 4 pm show	Paul Hussey
	6 pm for 8 pm show	Harry Nazarchuk
Sundays	11 am for 1pm show	Bob Depledge / Al Imler
	3 pm for 5 pm show	TBA

Parkers must be there 2 hours before showtime, and will be required to work a maximum of one hour after the show starts.

The normal time commitment is approximately 3 hours.

SPRUCE MEADOWS ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL DINNER



Wednesday, May 14th, 2008

Congress Hall, Spruce Meadows (west side)

5:30pm	Tours
6:00pm	Drinks (cash bar)
6:30pm	Dinner

Sign-up sheet is circulating at meetings.

Note: This will be the scheduled meeting that week - no noon meeting on May 13th.

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