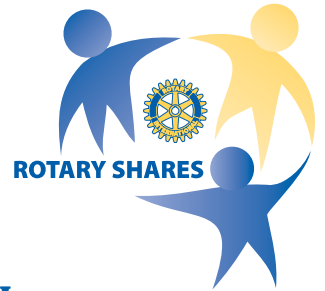




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## ONE OF CANADA'S HEROES MCpl. Paul Franklin

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Past President Bart introduced MCpl. Paul Franklin who was raised in Calgary, returned unscathed from his first tour of duty in Afghanistan, and on January 15/06, lost both legs in a suicide bomber attack. Then 68 days later he took his first steps on 2 artificial legs. His book entitled "The Long Walk Home" is now on sale at bookstores in Canada.

He is first a soldier and second a medic. Heavy duty work too - 99% of injured soldiers need only first aid while he worked on the 1% who needed a lot more. His training included tours in forest fire areas, the high arctic, with US and Canadian soldiers in operational areas. In Kabul, his mission included training the Afghan army medics in medical treatment.

Prior to assignment oversea, he had been an active athlete and kept himself very fit, and despite his travails, has retained a fine sense of humour.

In Kandahar he was part of the Provincial Reconstruction Team, and was a mentor to Afghan army members.



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## PAWS OF HOPE

### Kathleen Kranenburg, Program Coordinator

Guest Speaker Kathleen Kranenburg introduced us to her Paws of Hope program. She and her staff borrow dogs from the Calgary Humane Society, and introduce them to specific inmates of the Calgary Young Offenders Centre and Woods Homes.

These young people are presented with the task of training dogs with inherent behavioural problems. The concept of dealing with animals and dealing with society are remarkably similar. The 3 week program forces the participants to deal with social skills, such as:

- \* Empathy
- \* Self Worth
- \* Responsibility
- \* Communication Skills
- \* Self Control
- \* Self Esteem



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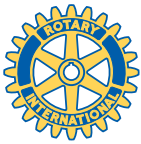
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# Meeting Minutes



**September 4th, 2007**

**Scribe: Ed McLean**

President Pat opened the meeting promptly at 12:15 p.m. with a full house, many of whom came to hear MCpl. Paul Franklin who was mentioned in The Arch on the tables today.

There were 30 guests and visiting Rotarians today, so Al Pettigrew asked them to stand while we welcomed them with our song as usual. That shortened those proceedings nicely.

Pres. Pat says the search for participants in the Group Study Exchange in Brazil next year continues, with emphasis on forestry and agriculture professionals, although other applicants are welcome. A Group leader is also needed.

Gordon Billings says our commitment to the Afghan troops and their families continues with decals and lighting fixture sales. Tim Horton adds support to this effort as mentioned last week.

Garth Plunkett says we have about 40 unfilled spots for Spruce Meadows which we hope to fill soon.

Birthday Bob introduced birthday boys Paul Gaudet, Ron May, Wayne Wiebe, Danny Holden, Don McKenzie, Bob Depledge, Rick Kellington and Alex Soutar.

Bob reminded us that Marg Zankl and Joe Jogia continue recovery. Rob Whitfield is in hospital following gall bladder surgery, and Cynthia Korpatnisky broke her tibia in 3 places, and after a few days in hospital, will spend quite a while at home while the bone heals.

Every day is Fellowship Day in Rotary and the Fall is the time to think about fellowship in our Bridge club where spouses are included. Bob Montgomery has coordinated this for some time, so who would like to volunteer this year? Please let Bob know at if you wish be the Coordinator, and also let him know if you will wish to participate as a player this year. New faces are welcome.

Jean McKenzie won the 50/50 pot.

Past President Bart introduced our speaker, MCpl. Franklin who was raised in Calgary, and served in Afghanistan, where he was wounded during his second tour of duty there.



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He learned early that land mines are everywhere as are IEDs (improvised explosive devices). Passing donkeys were also a menace as they might be booby traps. He also learned the Red Cross tended to make them targets to insurgents and Taliban, so they shed these insignia when outside the relative safety of camp. MCpl Franklin considers the Canadian armed forces to be the best trained and equipped in the world, and those in the military will serve wherever instructed to do so.

He himself went from 200 lbs down to 130 during the first months after losing his legs, and he also had serious infectious bugs to fight. His rehab and reintegration have taken time, and his life has changed dramatically. He now helps others contend with difficulties in their recoveries. Franklin started the Northern Alberta Amputee Program while he was convalescing in the Glenrose facility in order to bring medical people and amputees together.

Franklin was the first armed forces medic severely wounded since the Korean conflict in the 1950's, and his friend and fellow medic was the first killed since Korea. So far in Afghanistan, Canada has lost 70 soldiers and has had 335 wounded, high

numbers because Canadian soldiers have gone where others dare not go.

An Afghan merchant was quoted as saying "There is not one family that has not eaten the bitterness of war" in Afghanistan. How lucky we are to live here.

He mentioned that people are now moving back to Afghanistan from refugee camps in other countries as they feel it is now safe to do so. Reconstruction is becoming more useful and visible. However there is still a war going on. Warlords are still a problem and finance their wars with the poppy trade. He suggests that before Canadian politicians talk about negotiating with the Taliban, they should visit the country to see conditions as they really are. Afghanistan needs our fighting forces unlike Iraq.

Franklin's parents are Ron and Barb Franklin, long time Calgarians, and his father played twice in the curling Brier and was president of Shaw Pipe Protection Ltd. here.

Pres. Pat presented our O.E.U. certificate and the large crowd thanked him with a standing ovation.



# Upcoming Events



September 18th	Andrew Mosker, Executive Director, Cantos Music Foundation
September 25th	Club Assembly
October 2nd	Classification Talks
October 9th	Jack Thompson, Calgary Motor Dealers Association
October 16th	Outing — TBA
October 23rd	Dave Watson, Rotary Foundation
October 30th	Rae Fehr, STARS Foundation
November 6th	Miguel Cortines, Mexican Institute of External Affairs
November 16-18th	Spruce Meadows — Christmas Market — remember to sign up for parking!
November 23-25th	Spruce Meadows — Christmas Market — remember to sign up for parking!

## September 11th, 2007

Scribe: Bruce Bohnet

A total of 5 visitors and 5 visiting Rotarians, 2 - Downtown, 3 - South were introduced by Wayne Wiebe. Total attendance by the membership was 39.

President Pat Hutchinson announced that the Calgary Flames were looking for ushers at their games in the Saddledome. They must have heard of our great abilities at Spruce Meadows and would like to have that level of expertise at the games. Pat is taking application for volunteers who may be willing to act as ushers with the added bonus of sneaking a peek at the games every so often during their shift.



Pat draws attention to our meeting of September 25th which will be a Club Assembly. The focus of this meeting will be on membership. It was announced earlier this year that every member could boost Club membership simply by introducing one new prospective member each year.

Bart Dailley asks any one who has not done a classification talk to contact him. You'll have an opportunity to introduce yourself in your own stylish way.

Jim and Judy Thompson attended the Peace Park campout at Waterton National Park this past weekend. Jim spoke highly of

the event which was hosted by the relatively new Pincher Creek Rotary Club. A total of 200 Canadians and Americans were involved in the hands-across-the border ceremony.

Parking at Spruce Meadows required special sacrifices by our volunteers to handle crowds of 53,000 on Saturday and 60,400 on Sunday. Joe Hooper praised those who volunteered. This valuable project was successfully handled.

Along with a Paul Franklin autographed book for \$20.00, Norm Moro offered a Halogen swivel desk lamp plus other lamps for sale. Proceeds are to go to the armed forces.

The Murder Mystery slated for Heritage Park has been rescheduled for October 4/07. The \$100.00 per person charge



## Greeters

September 18th	Paul Gaudet, Tom Ranson
September 25th	Terry Green, David Saunders
October 2nd	Harold Hanna, William Schmidt
October 9th	Ron Hardie, Dan Scrivens

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

will include a \$50.00 donation to charity.

Sargeant @ Arms Bart extracted fines from unsuspecting Joe Hooper - errant cell phone, Bob Montgomery - don't believe everything you read, and Barry Korpatnisky - flip phone better than anyone else's.



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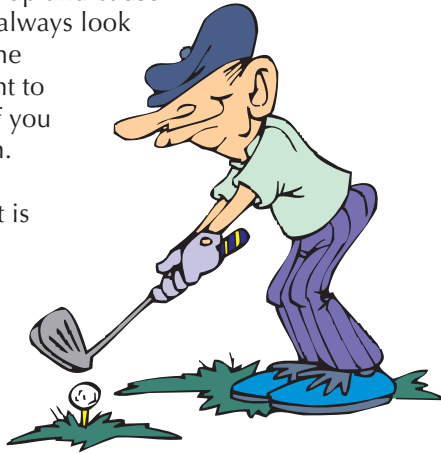


## GOLF - THE END OF A SEASON

"An extra ball in the pocket is worth two strokes in the bush."  
~Author Unknown

Rules for the last part of the golf season:

- If you really want to get better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.
- If your opponent hasn't played the course before, don't be a spoilsport and ruin all the surprises.
- The score (or handicap) a player reports should always be regarded as his opening offer.
- The game of golf is 90% mental and 10% mental.
- Error must go somewhere. If your driver is hot, your putter is ice cold; if you can hit your irons, you will top your woods; if you are keeping your right elbow tucked in, your head will come up.
- The secret of golf is, use your real swing to take the big divot, use your practice swing to make the shot, and always hit the do-over first.
- One good shank deserves another.
- Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.
- When you look up and cause an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.
- No matter how badly you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.
- Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.



## PAWS OF HOPE

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The dogs, in turn, are often returned to the Humane Society with many of their behaviour issues resolved, or significantly improved. Their chances of adoption become much greater.

In addition to training, these young people are also responsible for feeding, grooming, exercising, cleaning up and dog first aid. Other skills acquired are teaching tricks and learning how to "pat down".

Of the 24 youth from CYOC and 8 from Woods Homes, parting with their canine charges has proved to be a difficult ordeal. The social skills should, however, provide a life-long-lesson. This year's program for 4 new recruits is scheduled to end October 4/07.

## Annual Rotary High School Debate

The "Annual Rotary High School Debate" is scheduled for Saturday, October 13th at Western Canada High School

The topic of the debate will be "Resolved that Canada increase its reliance on nuclear energy."

Remember this is a Rotary event, and we would like as many members as possible to participate and judge these very enthusiastic young people.

*Ian Burgess, Chair, Debate Committee*



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