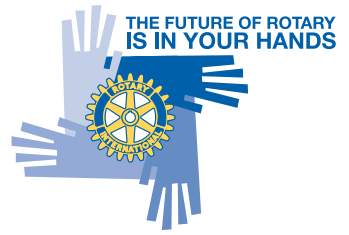




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CLUB ASSEMBLY

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..... THANK YOU !!!

This was a club Assembly meeting and the bar was open but didn't seem to be very busy.

At 12:15 p.m. President George called the meeting to order by requesting a short period of silence in recognition of our fellow humans in Haiti. This was followed by Betty on the piano leading us in O Canada and the Rotary grace.

At 12:45 the Prez asked Gordon Billings to introduce guests and visiting Rotarians. Not a big crowd today with only 2 guests, 3 visiting Rotarians all from the South club, and 48 members. (Did we say recently we had 100 members?!) Without a S.A.A. today there was nearly \$450 in the baskets including the \$26 from 50/50 and all for Haiti.

Prez George then read a short letter from Charter Prez Father Greg who expressed appreciation for having the Arch sent to him every week. He mentioned Curly Galbraith. Father Greg continues to be active with Seniors. George also read a note from the Salvation Army thanking the club for help with the Christmas Kettles – nearly \$900,000 was collected. Prez. George mentioned Lou Pomerance has not been well but is on the mend.

Treasurer Graham Boone was then asked to Chair a meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook Society with Paul Gaudet acting as Secretary of that meeting. The Society is incorporated as a Society under the provincial corporation act. The minutes recorded by Paul will no doubt be available to members upon request however 2 motions were passed. One dealt with appointing the Club members who are the officers and directors of the Society, and the other appointed members Don McKenzie and Gordon Billings to audit the financial statements of the Society for the year ending June 30, 2010. Generally speaking, the purpose of the Society is to qualify for matching funds from the Wild Rose. In answer to a question Graham confirmed the Society cannot issue charity receipts for donations.

Minutemen:

- Dick French read a letter from Little Warriors thanking the club for the fund raising event last November that produced roughly \$20,000 for them.

- Gordon Billings brought thanks from the Military Family Resource Centre for our \$5,000 donation last November when our guest speaker was an officer with firsthand experience in Afghanistan, in the person of member Garry Miller's son.

- Al Pettigrew asked all members to **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FEBRUARY 9th WHEN WE WILL HAVE A VALENTINE PARTY.** It is at the Carriage House, starts at 6:00 p.m. with libations followed by dinner and there will be flowers for ladies. The entertainment will be a guy named Guy who sings and plays two electronic keyboards at the same time. Bring your spouse or girl/boy friend for a good time and brownie points !

- Paul Gaudet says the Integrity Awards are March 1st at Stage West, cost \$50 per person and will be done by 9:00 p.m. Evidently our nominee is Max Uaga.

- Paul also informed us of a new fellowship plan to take in the matinee performance on Saturday, March 20th of the Rosebud Theatre near Drumheller. The cost for luncheon and the show is \$42 each and it is hoped a bus will be donated for our use-if we can get enough people.

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Club Assembly

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• Dave and Ruth Wylie toured the Cornwall, England facilities of Shelterbox and were highly impressed. The founder was on hand at the time.

• Keith Hansen provided material for each table regarding the scribe schedule for the next month or so while he is away, along with a request that any material members want to appear in The Arch should be given to the scribe in written form to ensure accuracy. This includes Minutemen, speakers qualifications and where possible a copy of the presentation.

• Bruce McDonald addressed the members on the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. Our club now has \$82,000 invested and he hopes this will exceed \$100,000 in 2010. Estate donations from deceased Rotarians have been substantial for several clubs. The Fund managers are paid for their work. The annual return is guaranteed at 5% however when earnings are not adequate, such as last year due to low interest rates, the 5% payment may require to be paid from the principal.

• Bob Montgomery informed the members the Donations budget for this year is about \$49,000 with the sources:

\$32,000	Casino
\$4,000	Sunshine Fund
\$1,600	Foundation
\$1,200	50/50 Draw

Beneficiaries to date include:

Calgary Dream Centre	\$1,500
Ass'n for Brain Injured Rehab	\$2,500
Cdn Liver Foundation	\$2,500

as well as the Military Family Resource mentioned above.

The Donations committee is also recommending:

\$2,500	Easter Seals for mobility equipment
\$2,000	Meals-on-Wheels
\$2,000	Friends of Col. Belcher Soc.(veterans)
\$2,000	Leukemia & Lymphoma
\$2,500	Heart & Stroke*
\$5,000	Haiti

*Jack Steen suggested we should ensure the Heart & Stroke does not take half the donation for administrative purposes.

As a matter of interest, construction of the Rotary sponsored school in Jalalabad, Nangahar Province, Afghanistan began January 3rd, 2010. This is a Rotary Centennial project celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Canada.

Meeting adjourned 1:32 p.m.

Cribbage !

January 28th, 2010
6:30 pm
at the Horton Road Legion

Half Year Status & Look Ahead – Club Financial *by Peter Bickham*

Club Financial, as most of you are aware, is the area that deals with the majority of our fund raising efforts. It is structured into 6 committee areas each of which serves a unique purpose. These committees and their leaders are:

Spruce Meadows – Liaison chaired by Joe Hooper. This committee looks after the clubs relationship with Spruce Meadows and long range planning of their parking requirements. It also has a mandate to find other opportunities to put our skills to work.

Spruce Meadows – Operations chaired by Dick French, Moe Tynan, Garth Plunkett and Garth Sabirsh. This committee is charged with the detailed implementation of the parking operations all event shift planning and logistics.

Casino chaired by Joe Hooper with support from Bruce Bohnet. This committee is tasked with all aspects related to the application for a casino to planning and operating the event.

Club Fund Raising – Internal chaired by Tom Sorenson. This group plans and executes the fund raising within our club through raffles and pools etc.

Putting on the Ritz Gala – chaired by Dick French & Wayne McCune. This group organized and held our 1st annual special fund raiser.

Special Projects – chaired by David Wartman. This group is charged with looking at other avenues of fund raising as outlined in our strategic plan. The goal here is to find fund raising which could ultimately replace Spruce Meadows should that become necessary.

For the first six months, each committee was very active. For Spruce Meadows we supported parking at all their major events

from The National in early June to The Masters in September. In addition we assisted the LPGA at Priddis, and the Christmas Market on two weekends in November, and some evening parties. Total revenue raised July through November was \$42,000. Spruce Meadows worked closely with us to correct some issues that arose this year, particularly with a reduction in the number of parking personnel. This issue was largely corrected in time for The Masters. One note of caution is that as Spruce Meadows continues to expand, our ability to provide adequate volunteers to man all shifts reduces, and that throws a greater need on getting other groups engaged to assist us. This assistance comes at a cost and reduced our fund by \$7,500 over the same period.

For the Casino, no activity occurred during the first half. Our next Casino is scheduled for April and planning is now in an advanced stage. The revenue generated will reach us in July which will set Paul's year off to a good start. Due to the number of organizations being accredited by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, the duration between Casinos is increasing; in addition a rebalancing of revenue sharing is under review such that our ultimate estimate of revenue at this stage is nothing more than a SWAG. We are hoping for \$70,000 plus.

Internal club fund raising continues to be successful with over \$1, 000 having been achieved to date. Many thanks are due to those that provided prizes for our raffles – every little helps.

The "Putting on the Ritz Gala" proved to be quite a success with Little Warriors gaining \$20,000 as a result of our efforts. Much was learned through this very first effort and it will be put into practice later this year. The board gave approval to the committee to begin planning the next event. It should be noted that Little Warriors have the potential to substantially increase their proceeds from the Gala by having applied to Community spirit for matching grants to proceeds provided by individuals.



Upcoming Events

January 26th January 28th	Chris Ollenberger, Pres/CEO — Calgary Municipal Land Corporation Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 6:30pm
February 2nd February 8th February 9th	Fred Van Zuiden, Author Board Meeting @ Horton Road Legion Evening meeting — Valentine Party — @ The Carriage House Libations beginning at 6pm, followed by dinner and entertainment Chinook Integrity Award Winner
February 16th February 18th - 21st February 23rd	District 5360 / 5370 Curling Bonspiel — Athabasca Rotary International — 105th Birthday Celebration Clubrunner Demonstration
March 2nd March 8th March 9th March 16th March 23rd March 30th	Integrity Award at Stage West Board Meeting @ Horton Road Legion Ed Lukowich, former Alberta Brier Champ Club Anniversary Fairview School lunch John Syrratt, Antique Dealer
May 28th - 30th June 20th - 23rd	District 5360 Conference in Banff RI Conference in Montreal



Half Year Status & Look Ahead – Club Financial

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For special projects the first part of the year was spent brainstorming ideas and the heavy lifting is about to commence.

Looking forward to the last half of the year we expect to hit our \$82,000 budget for parking revenues and are already planning the next events with Spruce Meadows. We also anticipate that operations will largely become a Garth and Garth show both having successfully weathered their internships. We look forward to continued enthusiastic support from our members, and we strongly encourage you to engage family and friends in helping us reach our fund raising goals.

Tom Sorenson is avidly looking for continued support in doubling the internal club fund raising effort.

The Casino committee is looking for active support from members to support this two day event, which if successful, will be a substantial boost to our ability to continue all the good we do in the community at large. We are planning to attend some upcoming training sessions planned by AGLC on how to apply and what the rules of engagement are for funds derived from the event.

I think I speak for the "Putting on the Ritz gala" team when I say they expect their learning to pay off handsomely in the next Gala. I encourage you to save your pennies to be able to buy a ticket and help us make the next one even more successful. Sharon and I enjoyed getting gussied up for the event and agree that the evening was a splendid affair.

The special projects group will be delivering their report to the board later this year. Their task is to find ways to match the current fund raising methods we have, and if possible to do it with less labour intensive ways.

I think you will all agree that the committees under my wing have done a first rate job with, I should add, very little involvement from me. Lets give them a resounding vote of thanks

Community Service Highlights

by Alex Soutar

Some of the highlights with Community Service during the first six months include the opening and presentation of the Nature Park late in the summer.

We had our Rotary meeting in the Park which features retention ponds, walking paths surrounding the lake, five gazebos, and benches throughout the pathway system.

Some of the future plans may include an observation pier, memorial tree planting, and some hard surfacing of the assembly gazebo.

The Adopt-a-Park program at South Glenmore was completed with the committee continuing to maintain a maintenance program painting picnic tables, park benches, and some work on the shelter.

Our volunteer committee was quite busy just prior to the Christmas season with deliveries of wreathes for Cups, as well as filling shifts for the Salvation Army kettle program at shopping malls.

One of the largest projects we support each year is the Seniors Christmas Lunch at the Kerby Center. This year's event was very much appreciated by more than the 300 seniors who were served a full turkey dinner, and were entertained by the group of young fiddlers, as well as receiving a parting gift courtesy of Tim Hortons.

Looking forward, some of the upcoming events include the Integrity Awards, now changed to Monday March 1, 2010 at Stage West. Our nominee this year is Max Uwaga, nominated by Bart Dailley.

Community Projects is a new committee this year, and is currently looking at some projects such as serving meals at the Drop-In Center or the Mustard Seed, as well as food preparation and serving at Ronald McDonald House. This continues to be a work in progress.

Thank you, Members ! ... we collected just under \$400.00 for Haiti at our last meeting !!



This and That



Red Deer Lake United Church 1st Annual VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

Saturday, February 13th from 6-11 pm



- Enjoy a Fabulous Buffet Dinner, Desserts & Snacks all night
- Bid on Exciting 'SILENT AUCTION' Items
- Dance to a Live 18 Piece Orchestra and Headline Entertainer Guy Plecash
- A great fund-raising night to help develop our Sunday School Facilities and enhance our Outreach Programs...

TICKETS \$20 per person – Only 200 available!

Red Deer Lake United Church



Reserve your tickets by calling our Office: 403.256.3181

The church is located in a picturesque area on Highway 22X West, 1km west of 37 Street SW.

City heart – Country Warmth

2009 Parking Fundraising Re-Cap

by Garth Sabirsh

2009 was a very successful year for our club. As you may know, parking vehicles is the main method that we are able to use to raise money for all of our very worthwhile charity projects. In 2009, we did the parking at all of Spruce Meadows usual events (as well as their Christmas Market and several parties), plus the LPGA gold tournament at Priddis and the Shaw staff event.

For the 2009 calendar year we have parking revenue of \$71,650 and \$15,276 of parking expense. Therefore, we have net revenue of \$56,374 !! The parking expense includes the cost for the food and water, as well as what we paid out to support clubs for their share of the work.

On behalf of everyone involved on the Parking Committee, we wish to thank all of our fellow parking support groups: Fish Creek Rotary, Red Deer Lake United Church, Knights of Columbus, and Fairview School. Likewise, thank you to all of those that participated, including all of the numerous family members and business acquaintances.

Thank you all for your time generosity. It is much appreciated.

Your Parking Committee

Rotary Club of Calgary Millennium New Home

The Rotary Club of Calgary Millennium has chosen a new home !

Effective **Wednesday February 10th**, we will be meeting at the **Calgary Elks Lodge & Golf Club, 2502 – 6th Street NE.**

For the next two weeks we will be in our old digs at Servants Anonymous (Fireworks Co-op) at 1008 – 14th Street SE in Inglewood.

You are all invited to come see us.

Wayne Brown



Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook

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