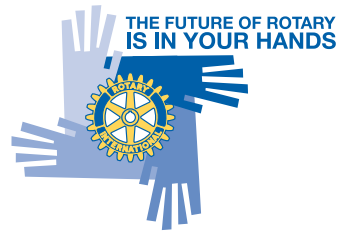




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264 Somerset Bridlewood Scout Group held their Baden Powell Celebration Night on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2010 at the Somerset School.

Bruce McDonald, our Rotary Chinook member who has been mentor/facilitator of the Troop since its inception three years ago as part of Vocational Services, as well as his wife Carol and myself were guests at this event which celebrated the formation of Scouting 100 years ago and honoured Rotary Chinook's role as a sponsor and providing valuable support in the formation of their group.

Our support over the past three years commenced with a monetary start-up fund to enable them to get off the ground. Along with that, we provide Rotary shoulder badges as their sponsor and this year we provided a Rotary flag and base which now stands beside their Canadian and Scouting flags at their meetings. Our flag is evident in the picture showing the troop marching in the flags and we are following the Canadian flag.



The evening program was highly entertaining and enlightening with the following events:

- Parade of Flags
- Cub Grand Howl Opening
- Welcome/Special Guests/B-P History
- World Scout Organization Video - 100 Years of Scouting
- Beaver's "Beaver Teeth Game"
- Recognition:
 - Popcorn sales
 - Clean Up Day
 - Cubs Red Star Presentation
 - Honours & Awards
 - "Words to Lead By"
 - Sponsor Thanks Video
- Beavers Closing Ceremony
- Parade of Flags



It was a wonderful night and the enthusiasm of the troop was heartwarming and encouraging.

Rotary Chinook's sponsorship has been a great investment, and many thanks to Bruce for his role in working with the troop. We have not been asked for further monetary contributions these past two years as they have reported that they, through their popcorn sales, bottle drives, increased membership (doubled since year one)/registration fees, have become self sustaining and not only able to provide their members with 16 outings/events this past year but they have also sent 33 boxes to our Armed Forces serving in Afghanistan and Sudan. They have also managed to acquire an inventory of camping equipment such as tents/stoves/kitchen items through their hard work.

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Meeting Minutes



March 23rd, 2010

Scribe: Keith Hansen

Fairview School is our partner and has been for a number of years. We do touch base with them on many occasions as you will see below. So we meet more formally once a year to exchange reports and thoughts. Three of our members have past or present connections with the school as well. Ron May is a retired principal from there, and Eric Roston is presently the Principal. Ann Marsh had family attending at Fairview and was the Chair-person of the school's Parent Advisory Committee. There were 29 members and even one proposed member was present, along with a number of teachers from the school and two students.

Lunch had been brought in so food and fellowship were consumed as discussion expanded to many topics. As always our meeting began with our National Anthem, but this time was led by two students, Rachael Lung and Grace Fullerton who are both in the Bilingual Program. This was followed by a silent Grace.

At the table where this scribe sat it was quickly agreed that "Flames" was not to be a topic of conversation so even more interesting discussion began in earnest including that the assortment of cookies were the most sought after part of the meal. The meeting was then called to order and Garth Plunkett reminded us to sign up on-line for the parking at Spruce Meadows on Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11. It is the Calgary Horticultural Show for "home and gardens" ... please sign up to help.

Then Ron May, Eric Rosten and John Beatty covered past, present and salient topics in our relationship between Chinook Rotary and Fairview.

Some of the things we reviewed and/or learned were:

- It was during Ron May's leadership time that connections were made between our club and the school
- When this occurred it was a junior high school but now it is a middle school
- Even at those early times it was a school for many different programs
- The school was considered to be the largest junior high school in the city and covered almost all programs available to students
- Some of these programs were for special needs students, others were for bilingual students
- Presently traditional learning which emphasizes character education and core subjects and students wear
- Students were bussed from the Tsuu T'ina Nation ... this will end soon as a school is now available on the reserve
- Fairview has been prominent in looking for and/or providing RYPEN students for that program
- Their students are available for helping at parking at Spruce Meadows
- The school's program Thirty Hour Famine has been carried on with our support even paying for pizzas at its conclusion
- Our club works with the school at Christmastime for the "adopt a family" program

John then provide some Girl Guide boxes of cookies for the staff room (he purchased them from his daughter specifically for this purpose). John then thanked the staff and students for their contributions and support. Our association with Fairview is a win-win situation for our club, the school and the community.

This scribe then went to the school's office and found out that this

fall, Fairview School will be celebrating its Fiftieth Anniversary as it was first opened in the Fall of 1960, and will grow from 680 students this year to 847 students next year. The grade 6 to 8 students from the Tsuu T'ina Reserve will be soon gone as this age level will be going to Louis Riel Middle School or to the school on the Reserve. The ACCESS program for special needs students has faded from Fairview. And with the inclusion of grade five and six students in the Bilingual Program it will more formally be Fairview Middle School. Change is always happening around us, isn't it?

This meeting once again proved how Rotary can keep in touch and serve even within the school community and that the school can serve, as well!

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An article by Susie O. Ma in the March, 2010 of The Rotarian magazine outlines Rotary's history with the Scouts starting with the encouragement of Paul Harris in 1910, after a meeting with Chief Scout Executive James E. West, for Rotarians

to assist in the expansion of the Scouts. By 1930 Rotarians had organized more than half of the then 500 Boy Scout Councils. Today Rotary Clubs sponsor 1,483 Scout units for 45,528 youth and to quote the article, "Scouting is a great way for Rotary to grow itself into the future". The values of Scout Law, the Scout Oath, and The Four Way Test are very similar observes Al Kugler, Director of the Office of The Chief Scout Executive.

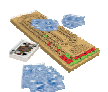
Rotary Chinook is proud to be part of that effort and proud of the support of our members in the Scout endeavours.

Regards,
Dale Perret
Director - Vocational Services

Cribbage Tournament!



We are planning a tournament on
Saturday, April 17th
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
at the Horton Road Legion.



We need to know how many would attend so we can book adequate space Would those interested please e-mail me at nlmoro@shaw.ca

Thanks! Norm Moro