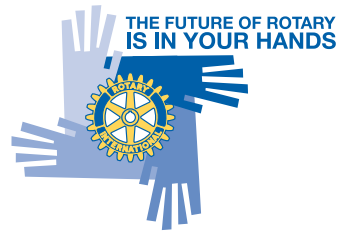




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## EMILY FOLLENSBEE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION Janice O'Neill, Principal

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### What is Special Education ?

Special education refers to the education of students with mild, moderate or severe disabilities and those who are gifted and talented. It is founded on the belief that all children can learn and reach their full potential given opportunity, effective teaching and appropriate resources. INSTRUCTION, rather than setting, is the key to success and decisions related to the placement of students are best made on an individual basis in a manner that maximizes their opportunity to participate fully in the experience of schooling. Our work is guided by the Standards for Special Education. Basically it means that all students have the right to programs that meet their needs, are taught by qualified staff, and that there are processes in place to ensure this happens.



Our school is a congregated setting school for students with severe to profound needs. This includes cognitive and physical disabilities, sensory impairments, medical/health needs and alternate communication needs. But our kids love to do what all kids love to do — swim in the pool, swing on the swings, ride bikes, listen to music, be read to, dance and be with their friends. We try to offer typical experiences like Halloween, Terry Fox Run, special days like crazy hair day, weekly music therapy and much more.

Our youngest student is just 2 ½ years old. All our students attend our school till they reach age 15, then they go on to another special high school. After their formal schooling they can attend adult transition programs. Some may be able to work and some go on to live in group homes.

Needless to say, the specialized equipment needed at our school is very expensive. Special chairs for our kindergarten class cost \$750.00 each. Your generous donation last year enabled us to buy a bike costing over \$4,000.00. Thank You !! In the past three years we have grown so we've



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# Meeting Minutes



September 29th, 2009

Scribe: Linda Colclough

Thank you President George for the courage to try something different. This week's meeting was an evening event which started with cocktails at 5:30 pm and the meeting starting at 6:00 pm. The attendance was quite low, with a total of 35 people including the spouses of some members. I am so glad I went. The supper was lovely with shrimp, chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables and pecan pie for dessert. Of course we sang O Canada and our Rotary grace. Rick Kellington introduced the guests with the help of George. And believe me, it took both of them to get through it!

Bart is out of the hospital so we look forward to his return.

Everyone was reminded of the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Sunday October 4th at Cravings Restaurant, 7207 Fairmount Drive SE.

Peter Bickham was delighted to present Rick Kellington with his Paul Harris Fellowship. This designation was created in 1957 to recognize the gift of \$1000.00 US to the Rotary Foundation. I'm sure Rick will proudly wear his lapel pin.

## Greeters

October 6th      Tour ... no greeters

October 13th    TBA

*If you are unable to GREET on your assigned day, please contact Don McKenzie so he can get a replacement ... 403-271-2129*

EMILY FOLLENSBEE SCHOOL      .... cont'd from page 1

**We have 70 of the most interesting, entertaining, unique, hardworking and resourceful students in the Calgary Board of Education and we are very proud of every one of them. I am fortunate I can say I love my job. It is a privilege for me to be the principal of this fine school.**

*Note from Linda Colclough, Scribe: I personally had the privilege of touring this fine facility in the spring. To see the hardships that these beautiful children have to endure pulls at your heartstrings yet they are all smiling, laughing and living the best life that they can. All these children have an amazing attitude. They try their best, live life to their fullest and certainly inspired me to do the same.*

## NOTICE Change of Venue

The Rotary Club of Calgary Fish Creek now meets Monday nights from 6:00 - 7:30pm at Willow Park Golf and Country Club 639 Willow Park Drive SE

Tammy Truman announced the Christmas Party will be on Tuesday evening December 15th. Everyone mark your calendars now! With Tammy at the helm it will be quite a party and that's what we need - a rockin' good party!!!!

Joe Hooper cheerfully handed over a cheque for \$1,500.00 to Graham Boone for the Shaw parking event. This was a last minute event so thank goodness they rounded up some experienced and age-qualified people to get the job done.

Our thanks to Ruth Wylie for playing the piano. The extra little bonus was she won the 50/50 draw.

The Sergeant at Arms was Bruce McDonald. He fined everyone so we all threw in two bucks.

Paul Gaudet introduced our guest speaker Janice O'Neil, Principal from Emily Follensbee School, and Luis Cortes-Silva did the thank you with our usual Rotary gift. Luis also appealed to our club for support this year for this most amazing school.

## Waterton Peace Park Hands Across the Border



by Paul Gaudet

The annual Waterton Peace Park Ceremony involves a

weekend filled with the best of Rotary fun and fellowship. There are new friendships to make, informative and motivational speeches to hear, and lots of activities to do, such as hiking, golf, boating, etc. Our Club was well represented by five of our members (and Carol McDonald as the rose between these five thorns), three of whom were attending for the first time.

The 2009 version of this well-established Rotary tradition was another great success, with a large group taking the good ship Independence down the lake to the 49th parallel. This was the first year in which our Rotary Exchange students were included, with over 20 students attending from over 15 different countries. We went ashore on a sunny afternoon to once again pledge to keep the peace with our American neighbors.

There were two RCMP officers in attendance looking terrific in their bright red dress uniforms, who together with two Montana State Police officers and several Park Rangers, all helped to create an official atmosphere for this otherwise informal ceremony.

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# Upcoming Events

October 6th	Tour of Smithbilt Hats
October 13th	Kathryn Robson — Meals on Wheels
October 16th & 17th	Make Dreams Real Seminar
October 20th	District Governor's visit — evening meeting @ 6 pm
October 27th	Dale Perret Vocational Day
November 2nd	Board meeting at Horton Legion @ 5:45
November 3rd	Club Assembly
November 7th	First Annual Gala Fundraiser with the Prime Time Big Band
November 10th	Evening meeting @ Carriage House — Cash bar @ 5:30 and Dinner at 6pm
	Special Remembrance Day speaker
	Stephane Guevremont — Canadian Armed Forces
November 13-15th	Parking at Spruce Meadows for the Christmas Market
November 17th	Bruce Covernton — Cana Coffee
November 20-22nd	Parking at Spruce Meadows for the Christmas Market
November 24th	Karen Sheppard — Rotary International
December 1st	TBA
December 7th	Board meeting at Horton Legion @ 5:45
December 8th	Meeting moved to December 9th
December 9th	Seniors' Christmas Luncheon — Kerby Centre
December 15th	Christmas Party — evening, details TBA
December 22nd	Alexis Bedoe — Shelterbox
December 29th	Lunch Social Hour
<b>2010</b>	
May 28th - 30th	District 5360 Conference in Banff
June 20th - 23rd	RI Conference in Montreal



## Nature Park Update

by Jim Thompson

Since our 'walk about' in the park August 11th the following has occurred:

On August 28th, I had a meeting with 2 Parks officials and 3 Alberta Transportation officials along with McKenzie Meadows management, concerning the south leg of the loop road and its potential effect on the golf course and Nature Park. As the Board may be aware, 22X is the south leg of the ring road known as Stoney Trail and is due for some further upgrading in the next few years so as to be uniform with the rest of the road, currently under construction in the north east and west quadrants of the City.

Our portion of the Park site will not be effected, however access may be interrupted during construction and possibly (remote possibility) our stone cairn at the entrance to McKenzie Meadows drive may have to be moved. If this occurs, there is no cost to us.



The TUC (transport utility corridor) that parallels 22X on the south side, adjacent to our Park, will receive some expansion and it is likely the anticipated overhead power

transmission towers will be erected along that corridor soon. A major interchange will be constructed at junction of 22X and McKenzie Lake Blvd affecting local traffic into McKenzie and Cranston for some time. It will eventually be an overpass over 22X, meaning east bound traffic on 22X will exit right and over to the park. No drainage changes in the park are to occur.

We have requested highway signage to the park, and to the golf course. The entry road serving the course and park may be interrupted somewhat during construction, but will remain open.

On a separate note, we are close to finalizing the brochure approved as a club expense in last year's budget(08/09). This item was held over due to the wetland construction.

In addition, we will be presenting proposals of further park improvement for the future, that may involve some outside funding donations solicited by the committee — some items such as the observation pier, hard surface of floor area of the assembly gazebo, memorial tree planting, etc. We hope the Board has made provision in the current budget for the kiosk wild fowl presentation on site, discussed previously at an estimated cost of about \$3,000.

### the Arch — Notice

Due to the long weekend, there will be not be an Arch published October 13th



# This and That



## Donations Made to June 30, 2009

Local Area Donations		52.1%	
Seniors Xmas Luncheon	\$6,522		
Ronald McDonald House - Pediatric Society	\$10,000		
Calgary Military Resource Centre	\$6,610		
Mustard Seed Street Ministry	\$5,000		
Calgary Seniors Resource Society	\$4,000		
Foothills Country Hospice Society	\$4,000		
Emily Follensbee School	\$3,000		
Calgary Dream Centre	\$2,500		
Association for Rehabilitation of Brain Injured	\$2,500		
Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta	\$2,000		
Calgary Rotary Challenger Park Society	\$2,000		
Schizophrenia Society of Alberta	\$1,500		
Epilepsy Association of Calgary	\$1,500		
Foothills School Division	\$1,500		
Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation	\$1,000		
Fish Creek Nature Park - gazebo	\$1,947		
William Watson Lodge Kananaskis (re 50-50 draw)	\$1,148		
Adopt a Family - Fairview HS	\$750		
Veterans Foodbank	\$853		
Miscellaneous Donations	\$3,000		
Royal Canadian Legion - Horton Road	\$500		\$61,829
<b>Youth Development</b>		<b>17.2%</b>	
Youth Exchange & Youth Programs	\$12,953		
High School Bursaries	\$3,600		
Somerset Bridlewood Boy Scouts	\$1,000		
Educational Partnerships	\$2,872		\$20,425
<b>International Donations</b>		<b>30.7%</b>	
Lifeline Malawi - sterilizer project	\$10,000		
Dominican Republic - water filter project (matched by Wildrose Foundation)	\$6,750		
Shelter Box Canada	\$4,800		
Haiti - microcredit program	\$5,000		
Add Your Light Foundation	\$5,350		
Polio Plus (matched by Bill Gates Foundation)	\$1,237		
Brazil - laundry facility for clinic	\$3,250		\$36,387
<b>Total Donations 2008/09</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>\$118,641</b>

## Waterton Peace Park

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After the ceremony, we all boarded our ship and proceeded to enjoy a tour of the lake as our tour guide talked about the history and geology of the area. For example, did you know that while there is a ranger station on the U.S. side of the lake, there is no way to reach it from their side!? They must come through Canada to Waterton and then take a boat to their station each spring. There are no roads on the U.S. side, just 28 miles of wilderness, habitat for grizzly bears and other native wildlife. Also, during the winter, there are only 59 citizens who actually reside in the Waterton townsite, a far cry from the thousands who enjoy this picturesque location during the summer.

After returning to the Town, the ceremony was over, however, we were hosted to a luncheon by the son and family of the late Jack Westerbrook, a Rotary Club of South Calgary member who had hosted a similar event in years' past. It was a very nice way to wind up the weekend and to say so long to our new friends.

We all truly enjoyed the weekend and highly recommend it for future years.



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