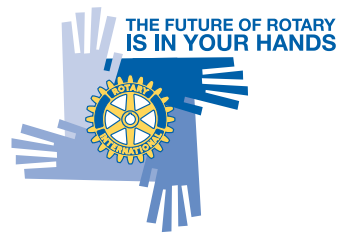




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..... THANK YOU !!!

Walter Twiddy is the CEO of NeighbourLink, and organization that is a direct service to the homeless in Calgary. First, let us give a few background links on Walter.

His family sawmill business is in southeastern Ontario and he still has contacts with it, but his home is in Calgary. In 2002 he "took the "baton" of leadership as Executive Director of NeighbourLink Calgary" and has moved from the only staff member to a staff of fifteen, and hundreds of volunteers with office and warehouse space. He is also the Chair of the Family Sector of the Calgary Homeless Foundation, a member of the United Way's Basic Needs and Rapid Response Group, a member of the Faith Emergency Response Initiative – H1N1, a member of the Aboriginal Standing Committee on Housing and Homelessness, as well as a number of other related groups. He and his wife, Kelly, have four grown children. He has a Bachelors Degree from Roberts Wesleyan College and has also taken



graduate level courses at Lexington, Kentucky. Another interesting fact about his family is that his grandfather homesteaded in Saskatchewan in the early 1900's. A number of us also have some of their roots in the prairies. (This scribe has often wondered how many of us has that same link.) Even more importantly, this is a man who puts "service above self", which places him in the ranks of Rotary – not by membership but by action!

The homeless in Calgary are mostly immigrants or single moms with young children, or both. He and his associates find it is Homeless Week every week, but quite coincidentally, this week is Homeless Week in our city. Was this planned? He pointed out that NeighbourLink tries to keep the homeless in homes, but first they often need temporary places. They then work to get them into units that they can work on to stay. This means that this organization's goal is to find no homeless people or families in our city.

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Five local groups sponsor Brenda's House which has fourteen units which almost always has twenty or more children. Food comes from the Food Bank but interestingly with vast numbers of canned food, it doesn't provide a can-opener. This interesting little tidbit brings to the fore the need for clothing and other required personal products and necessities. The goal of Brenda's Home is to limit the time there and see them go to more lasting living places.

All Roads Leads Home is the next Interfaith program sponsoring families to more permanent quarters. These families almost always require furniture, clothing and all kinds of personal and family needs to make the apartment become home. It is here that we soon learned that all the things we store are almost always what are the needs for them. We were invited to become active with them, and empty our extras to those in need. This then underlined the need for cargo trailers big enough to move furniture and beds, pictures, personal items and even canned goods.



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Meeting Minutes



September 15th, 2009

Scribe: Keith Hansen

When we were gonged for the third time, the President called the meeting to order and in twos and threes, we then joined Betty in our National Anthem and Rotary Grace after we had taken time to meditate about those who were missing from us.

We welcomed back a few who had been away awhile, such as Roger Houston. Karen Shepherd introduced Walter Twiddy our Guest Speaker; Tom McKee from the Safety Harbor Rotary club in Florida; and Bill Sumner, Den Stebleck, and Terry McDonough from Rotary Calgary South. Welcome!

Bob Montgomery encouraged us to look forward to the President's Ball but said that he needed advice as to which date was best: Saturday, April 24th or Saturday, May 1st, 2010.

Al Pettigrew invited us to look forward to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Cravings on October 4th. Please sign up when it comes around.

The two Garths alluded all who helped with parking for the LPGA and the Masters a week later. The high attendance at the Masters demanded much, and more than we had parkers for – particularly Saturday and Sunday. Great help came from family members, other clubs and organizations. Our club needs a listing of those who stayed longer for payment from Spruce Meadows. Please report this to either of the above. It is important.

There are many of us who have part payment for Paul Harris Fellowships. We were asked to check phfcanada.ca to see where one stands. Then a member can consider what to add this year or even month. Perhaps you should check how to start working toward a Paul Harris Fellowship in your own names or perhaps a member of your family.

Yes, get prepared for the hockey season as our club's pool will start taking our choices next meeting and until filled.

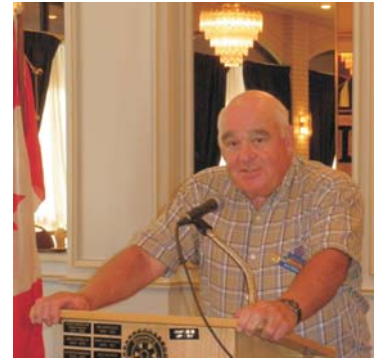


Ron Smith invited all to prepare with painting clothes after next week's meeting to touch up our park in south Calgary.

We were reminded that our club's goal for new members was to reach

110 this year so everyone is encouraged to talk to friends in businesses and professions and invite them to some of our meetings.

See Dick French about sponsorship for \$5000 per table for the Little Warriors fund-raiser. It has a silent-auction and needs items to auction, and do think of ways to help. Little Warriors is all about reducing child-abuse. Brochures were handed out so if you failed to receive one, please ask at the entry desk for one.



Alex won the 50/50 Draw and the Sergeant-at-Arms fined ever so many of us a loonie here and a toonie there for a variety of things. There were a number good news, even bad news reports bringing heavy baskets all around, but the lighter poem told in this issue elsewhere left with much laughter. Its called The Red-Neck Love Poem.



Eight Hundred feet of rope for ???

Dick French introduced Walter Twiddy from the NeighbourLink (see article in this issue) and Ghalib Abdulla thanked him in the usual Calgary Rotary Chinook way.

George declared the meeting adjourned, but first reminded us that nominations are open for District Governor and that the Waterton Peace Park weekend

The Red-Neck Love Poem

Susie Lee done fell in love;
She planned to marry Joe.
She was so happy 'bout it all,
She told her Pappy so.

You can't marry Will, my Gal
And please don't tell your mother,
But Will and Joe, and several mo'
I know is your half brother."

Pappy told her, "Susie Gal
You'll have to find another.
I'd just as soon yo' Ma don't know,
But Joe is yo' half brother."

But Mama knew and said, "My child
Just do what makes yo' happy.
Marry Will or marry Joe;
You ain't no kin to Pappy!"

So Susie put aside her Joe
And planned to marry Will,
But after telling Pappy this,
He said, "There's trouble still.

Greeters

September 22nd Al Imler & Dave Saunders

September 29th TBA

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



Upcoming Events

September 22nd	Wayne Overacker, President — World Professional Chuckwagon Association, and Chad Harden, Calgary Stampede Dash for Cash Champion (Edmonton Champ, as well)
September 25th - 27th	Waterton Peace Park
September 29th	Evening meeting @ 6pm — Janice O'Neil, Principal — Emily Follensbee School
October 3rd	Hockey — Calgary Flames vs. Rotary, with free family skating to follow, and we will be fed afterward, too!
October 4th	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Cravings
October 5th	Board meeting at Horton Legion @ 5:45
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	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



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In 2007 our Rotary Club joined 11 other Rotary Clubs in Calgary as owners of The Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation [CRCF] est. in 1973. So far our donations have put us in 5th place among all the clubs. Imagine the size of our Capital base if we had joined 34 years earlier! All contributions from our club members are credited to the Rotary Club of Calgary-Chinook, building our fund in our name.

The Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation holds all donations in an endowment, in perpetuity. Earnings from each club's capital investment is returned to member Rotary clubs as follows. 'The Foundation returns a minimum of 5% annually to member clubs in years of low financial productivity. In good years we can earn as much as 10% annually with any excess earnings being credited to our capital base.' A member Rotary Club receiving funds from their invested capital is required to spend them through its Community Services activities. Note, revenue can be looked upon as a fund raising activity, adding to, or supplementing existing club activities, for Community Service.

In our first year of 2007 our Chinook Club invested capital grew to over \$26,000. In 2008 we received over \$34,000, for a two-year total of \$60,000 plus.

Currently member donations range from \$100, to \$25,000. Small donations from all members can add up quickly. All donations generate a Revenue Canada tax receipt for the donor. Donations can be made through bequests, life insurance, donation of securities, memorial tributes and cash contributions.

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Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Sunday October 4th, 2009
at
CRAVINGS MARKET RESTAURANT
7207 Fairmount Drive SE

Great food, good fellowship!

Dinner is complimentary. A prepay-able charge of \$10 (ten dollars) per person is reclaimable at the dinner in exchange for two drink tickets. Partners welcome.

Come and help celebrate all of the volunteer effort that makes our Club successful. Sign up at Club meetings, or by email to Al Pettigrew at al.pettigrew@shaw.ca.

Thanks !



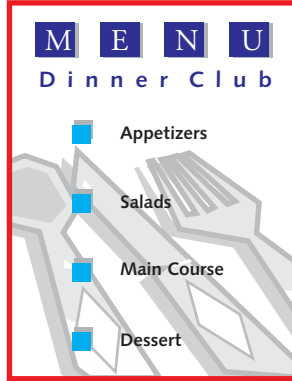
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Dinner Club

The Fellowship committee is initiating a Dinner Club as part of our 09-10 fellowship program. It appears that there is strong support for this idea, but some differences as to how it should be organized. Consensus appears to favour groups of four couples, with each group sharing four dinners during the year.

The different opinions relate to the format of the meal:

- "HOSTED" – the couples in the group of four would take turns hosting – the host supplies an entire meal, once per year.
- "POT-LUCK" – each couple takes a turn providing the venue and the main course, and the guest couples each bring appetizers, salad and dessert, as requested by the host
- "TRAVELLING" – a dinner where appetizers are served at the first home, salad at the next and so on.



The Fellowship committee's objective is to encourage opportunities where members and their partners get together in small groups to enjoy each other's company and where newer members can become better known to those who have been around the Club longer. This program is open to all Chinook members, both singles and couples. Single participants should couple up for dinners and be prepared to accept their turn as host.

This is NOT intended as a gastronomic competition!! Meals can be as formal or informal as each prefers. The emphasis is on FELLOWSHIP.

We hope to get good participation from Club members. Dinners can be scheduled within each group. However it is hoped they will occur as follows: Oct/Nov; Jan/Feb; Mar/Apr and May/Jun. If you are interested in participating please contact Al Pettigrew by email at al.pettigrew@shaw.ca or by phone at (403)257-1445, indicating which format you prefer (HOSTED, POT-LUCK or TRAVELLING), before Sept. 20th. Groups will be established, in accordance with indicated preference, as quickly as possible and should be completed by Sept. 30th.



NeighbourLink

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Once the homeless have a place to live they respond emotionally and happily when their place looks like home. Many have lost personal items like family pictures and other treasures when they were ejected and became homeless. So, kitchen kits, kid's play kits, bathroom kits, tool kits and personal kits become critical and are organized at the warehouse in those ways. This means that if we have extra tools, please gather them up and get them in to NeighbourLink. Plants, flowers, watering cans, washing machines, soaps, beds (there is a present need for 50 beds), pillows, bedding, and so on. We learned that their Depot is at 32nd Avenue and 21st Street N.E. near the Coca-Cola Plant, and it is Unit 39.

Walter invited questions, comments and things we could provide or help with. NeighbourLink's website and email are:
www.neighbourlinkcalgary.ca
wtwiddy.nbl@storehouse39.ca

There was much interest and very useful questions and answers. We certainly found we were "all on the same page".

Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation

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Operational expenses are minimal, as the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation has no staff and the board receives no remuneration or expenses. Like our club it is all - volunteer. The only paid members are the fund managers that share the investing of 33 million in foundation capital. Watching them compete against one another to see who can raise the most money is an indication of how the board handles your contributions. Other expenses include an annual audit, and a printed annual report to the members of the sponsoring 12 Calgary Rotary Clubs. Your Foundation Board member is Bruce McDonald.

If you have any questions please contact me and I will do my best to answer them, or will get the answers from the real experts.

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