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## ALBERTA GUIDE DOG SERVICES

Susan Deike, Manager Development and Communication  
& Bev Bates, Puppy Raiser & Rally, Guide Dog

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..... THANK YOU !!!

Our weekly presentation was introduced by Bart Dailey. This week featured a presentation by Susan Deike with the Alberta Guide Dog Services.



Our guest speakers included Susan Deike, who has worked in the charitable sector for a long time, having been with various theatre companies, and has worked in the health field. She started at the Alberta Guide Dog Services in January 2006 when the organization first started in Alberta. When the Alberta Guide Dog Services first started in Calgary, nobody knew who the organization was. Now that they have had several puppies here for the past few years, that image has definitely changed. Susan was very passionate about what she does and was always happy to share wonderful stories.



Our other guest speaker was Bev Bates who is a 2nd time puppy raiser for Alberta Guide Dogs. She and her husband are both experts at making sure the puppies they are training don't eat anything they are not supposed to, and following all the rules that are important for guide dogs to follow. Rally is a guide puppy in training. She is half black lab and half golden retriever and is doing very well in her studies. She hopes to head off to college this summer.

Susan started off the talk by having everyone close their eyes and imagine for a moment what it would be like to be blind. Susan didn't have us with our eyes closed for too long though, as she thought that half of the Rotary members might fall asleep if they kept their eyes closed any longer. Susan talked about how it costs approximately \$40,000 to get a guide dog fully

trained and into the hands of a willing recipient. The recipients get the guide dogs for free. The suggestion was brought forward to Susan that Hank Popoff should be given a guide dog as quite often some of the card players within the club wonder if he plays blind from all of his missed opportunities in their crib games. Bev emphasized that Rally the guide dog, never receives any treats for doing a good job. Rally gets positive reinforcement through words or a gentle pat. This idea is now being floated around for the Chinook Rotary club as we should look at withholding



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# Meeting Minutes



April 19th, 2011

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President-elect Dave Wylie called the meeting to order as we sang the National Anthem and recited the Rotary Grace. Paul Gaudet was mysteriously away although he was reportedly seen outside on a golf course with a hair dryer trying to melt the snow off all of the fairways.

Our inbound student Ai decided to wear a Mickey Mouse Disneyland hat and step up to the front and talk about the choir competition that she went through. However, Rob Whitfield might have been a better entry for the competition as he screamed for joy after winning the 50/50 draw! Ai talked about her experience at the choir event as they won several medals including a couple golds and silvers. She also went to Hollywood and Disneyland (hence the hat).



*Ai Kanno*

Harry Nazarchuk was next up as he announced the guests. Ruth Wylie attended as a guest of Dave Wylie. From the Downtown Club, Duncan McKillop attended. From the South Club, Terry McDonough, Heinrich Heinz, Dilan Perera and Bryan Targett attended. The outbound student Michael



*Michael Goncz and Ai*

Goncz attended also. The guests of Ron Smith were Alexander Salazar and Rena St.Clair. Garth, as part of the parking committee, thanked all of those people who came out to help park vehicles. There was an article in the Calgary Herald which talked about Spruce Meadows being the recipient of the 2011 Influence Award. Each year Calgary celebrates a person or organization within the Calgary community that has made outstanding contributions in the Calgary area. Through its work in bringing international events and media to Calgary, as well as expanding and renovating its meeting facilities, Spruce Meadows won the award this year.

John then went and talked about the field trip that the club was going to take to Rotary Challenger Park on May 10th. The alternative trip, to the zoo, was turned down as the club officers were concerned that certain members wouldn't be allowed out, once they were admitted.

Bob Montgomery then spoke about the upcoming President's Ball at the Willow Park Golf and Country Club ... tickets are \$50 for the event. All members are encouraged to attend the event in order to honour our president Paul Gaudet, who has done an excellent job of melting the snow off the golf courses

this year.

Don Maclean was sporting a yellow shirt for the Rotary meeting, and contrary to the popular view that he was starting another political party to try to take one seat away from the Conservatives in Alberta in the upcoming federal election, he encouraged all members to go to myronahome.com and vote for the yellow team as they are building a home to be given away to a worthy family.

Peter then went to the front and gave away pins to the recipients of the Paul Harris pin for their support to the Rotary Foundation. Henry Popoff was the recipient of the Pin PHF Plus 6. Congratulations Hank on your sixth child! In separate news, cameras were spotted moving into Hank's house to film the next TLC series. Stephen Pick was the recipient of PHF plus 2. Great job Stephen, twins!



*Hank Popoff*

The Sargeant-at-Arms this week was Larry Keller, who was taking up the position for the first time ever. Larry started off strong with several fines being thrown at the crowd immediately, including



*Peter Bickham and Stephen Pick*

\$2 for not signing up for the President's Ball and \$1 for not patting the dog Rally. He also sent fines out for not giving flowers to your significant other, along with fines for not signing up on the committee sheet. The members were so overwhelmed by his desire to fine, that they contacted the US government and asked for a bailout. Fortunately, Warren Buffett offered them a loan at 10% a year for an advance of \$500 million dollars. The members were therefore able to cover all those fines handed out by Larry for that lunch.

In separate news, the Calgary Police were so impressed by Larry's efforts, that they offered him the position of Chief of Police for next year. We await Larry's decision.

In terms of Happy Bucks, Rob and John took the lead by quickly throwing in \$20 each. Orion then stood up and talked about how he missed his classification talk and he donated \$20 for being sick that day. He stated he missed the talk due to radiation poisoning that he suffered when he was exposed in his attempt to join the Japanese rescue team who climbed into reactor number two in order to stop the radiation from leaking out.

On a unrelated note, video was released yesterday by CTV which shows footage of people camping out for a week outside of Future Shop in order to be first to purchase the new **Playbook**. Enjoy your new **Playbook Orion!** *Photos courtesy of John Beatty* [Cont'd on page 4 ...](#)



# Upcoming Events



April 26th  
April 29th - May 1st

Vocations Program – note: evening meeting ... 6pm  
District Conference, Red Deer Sheraton

May 3rd  
May 10th  
May 13th

Will Gardner, VP and Director, Okotoks Dawgs  
Challenger Park meeting  
President's Ball at the Willow Park Golf and Country Club ...  
get your tickets set aside as quickly as you can  
Meeting replaced by President's Ball

May 17th  
May 21st - 25th  
May 24th  
May 26th  
May 31st

Rotary International Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA  
Michael Goncz, Outgoing Exchange Student 2011/12  
Volunteer Appreciation evening at Spruce Meadows, 6:30pm  
Randy Williams, President and CEO, Tourism Calgary



June 7th  
June 8th - 12th  
June 14th  
June 21st  
June 25th & 26th  
- van,

Brad Pattison, Dog Trainer, Host of "At the End of My Leash"  
Parking at Spruce Meadows – The National  
Club Assembly – Directors' Reports  
Ai Kanno – "Year in Canada" presentation  
"The Ride to Conquer Cancer" - parking at Spruce Meadows & Chain Lakes

June 28th

lunches etc provided - stay posted for further details  
Club Assembly – Exchange of Gavel and Paul's year-end wrap up

July 6th - 10th

Parking at Spruce Meadows – The North American

August 28th - 30th

Parking at Spruce Meadows – AKA Dog Show

September 28th & 29th

Casino

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dessert from all the members until some of the quality of the jokes improve. There could then be a designated "joke patter" who goes around and pats those on the back for delivering a great joke.

Rally's training is deliberate and needs to be effective. Rally needs to be able to move her handler up and down stairs, across curbs, function properly in elevators, get on buses and ride escalators. Rally is not allowed to swim in rivers; he cannot chase balls or pick up crumbs off the ground. Once a guide dog's skills have progressed to a certain level, they get sent to Delta BC to learn the advanced skills on how to be a guide dog.

The Alberta Guide Dog Services raises money through a variety of events. They do everything from pancake breakfasts to an event called "Blind Behind the Wheel", where people who are blind, and even deaf also, drive high speed cars around the track with the help of a co-driver. There have been rumours of some members of the club being such bad drivers that they should be assigned a co-driver, therefore, the sign up sheet will circulate next week

for those in need. Another fundraiser that they have held is at such schools as the Mackenzie Lake School where they sold dog cookies in order to raise money.

Alberta Guide Dog Services breeds their own puppies and there are only two types of dogs that they breed: Golden Retrievers and Labradors. German Shepherds were cited as a breed not used because of the connotation they have with being used by the police and because they are an emotionally sensitive breed. The life expectancy of most of the guide dogs is 14-16 years. Only about 50-70% of the puppies in a litter make it to Puppy College. When a guide dog is first assigned to a person, the person does about 80% of the work compared to the dog's 20%. After about a year of them being together, those numbers are reversed, as the dog starts doing the majority of the work. There is a waiting list in Calgary for about 5-6 people for guide dogs.

### Volunteer Appreciation Evening

**Thursday May 26th, 2011 @ 6:30pm**  
**Spruce Meadows Congress Hall**

Sign up sheets will circulate at the meetings.





# THIS AND THAT



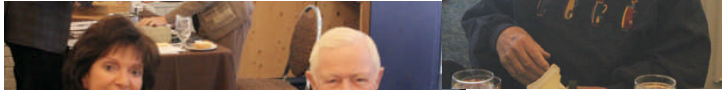
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Have a great week.

### Welcome back Snowbirds!



Wayne Wiebe and Rick Kellington




Don McLean



Tammy Truman and Herb Imler



Fred Jessee and Terry Craig

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of Calgary Chinook**

## President's Ball 2011

**Friday, May 13th, 2011**

**6:00 pm - Cocktails  
7:00 pm - Dinner  
followed by Dancing**

Dinner: (choice of) Beef Short Ribs or Atlantic Cod  
Tickets: \$50.00

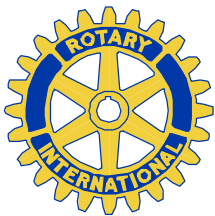
**Willow Park Golf & Country Club  
639 Willow Park Drive SE**

### Casino Fundraiser

**We need you !!**

Volunteer to work our Casino event!  
**Wednesday September 28th &  
Thursday, September 29th**

Info to come later.



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