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## OUT-GOING EXCHANGE STUDENT

Michael Goncz

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..... THANK YOU !!!

Steve McAuley introduced our out-going exchange student, Michael Goncz, who will be spending about a year in Mexico but is not sure yet when he will be leaving.

Michael is an avid athlete who likes golf, hockey, football, snowboarding, as well as hunting, fishing and camping, and riding his 8 year old steed. He shared the presentation he proposes to make to the Mexican Rotary Club which will be his host. He plans to tell them about the Rocky Mountains, Ottawa, and Niagara Falls, among other interesting sights. The prominence of cattle, and oil and gas in the Alberta economy will be mentioned. He will tell them about the Calgary Tower and Peter's Drive-Inn for its food. His home town of Cochrane will include mention of the great fishing, McKays Ice Cream and the Hang Gliding Hill. He will also provide details of his introduction to Rotary and the Chinook Club.

Michael plans to apply for employment with the Calgary Police Service when he is finished school, with the alternative of learning a trade such as a welder if there is no police job offered. He described the wonderful relationship he has with his mother as well as his stepfather and other family members. A favourite niece received special mention. Michael will clearly be an excellent ambassador for Canada, Alberta, and the Chinook Rotary Club for his personality, intelligence and knowledge of his country.

A member suggested to Michael that perhaps he should include in his presentation more information about the Calgary Stampede which is known worldwide and the Dinosaur Museum in Drumheller. Also information about Spruce Meadows, the #1 ranked venue of its kind in the world would be appropriate.

Michael might also want to tell his hosts how Canada is perceived to have acquired its name. That story goes something like this:

The Brits originally wanted to call it Cold North Dominion but that seemed too long, so they tried to shorten it to C.N.D. Someone asked "How do you spell that?" The answer of course was "C eh? N eh? D eh?" ... ergo C a N a D a, or CANADA was named."

Chairman Dave thanked Michael for his presentation.



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# Meeting Minutes



May 10th, 2011

## Challenger Park

Scribe: Linda Colclough

Calgary Rotary Challenger Park is a barrier-free meeting and recreational facility that is accessible to all people regardless of their age or ability. But it is more than that!

It is where persons with disabilities can play next to and with their able-bodied peers. This Park is a result of a partnership of individuals and organizations representing more than 100,000 people in the community, that have contributed to this Park becoming a thriving success for Calgary.

Located on 23 acres of land provided by the Calgary Airport Authority, the Park consists of baseball/softball diamonds, dressing rooms, a soccer/football field, a 400 metre running track, basketball courts, tennis courts, picnic areas, a playground, 1500 square foot meeting space, administration building, concession and other amenities. There is parking for 250 cars, 6 buses and a specialized drop-off area.

Their slogan: "Where everyone can play."

This legacy facility was completed in 2007 at a cost of 14 MILLION dollars. It is open 4-5 months a year yet they have 50 different organizations using the park - mostly people with disabilities. In 2005 the person usage was 10,000. In 2010 the usage was 65,000 and the projection for 2011 is 75,000 people.

This is a great example of what the combined Clubs can do together. The Rotary Clubs that have contributed are: Airdrie Club, Chinook, Crowchild, Centennial, Rotary East, Fish Creek,

Heritage, Millennium, North Club, Olympic, Sarcee, Calgary West and Calgary South.

They do amazing things with a \$700,000 budget and hope to one day become totally self-sustaining.

On June 25th its Family Day at the park with 800-900 people attending. It is a free day with a free lunch so take the grandkids and have some fun at a facility that your club contributed to. And be sure to tell the grandkids that the Rotary motto is Service above Self - then explain what that means.

What a fabulous sunny day we had to visit the Rotary Challenger Park. My biggest challenge was finding the darn place! With road construction at the turning point into the Park and not a sign in sight, it was a little tricky. However, it was worth the price of frustration! After our usual singing and grace, without Betty French at the piano, we all enjoyed a buffet meal of salad, nan bread, butter chicken, samosa, and a variety of chocolate desserts.

With 31 members in attendance, we listened to a great presentation by Jim Zackowski.

The High River Rotary Club is holding their 26th annual Golf Tournament in July.

Our annual Spruce Meadows Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thursday May 26th at Congress Hall. Drinks at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm.

May 24th, 2011

Scribe: Ed McLean

In the absence of President Paul and President Elect Dave, the Chairman of meeting today was another Dave, namely Veep Dave, who called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Also absent today were both piano players Betty and Ruth, so Lou led us in the National Anthem and the Rotary grace.

After lunch the Chairman thanked those responsible for the highly successful and well-attended President's Ball on Friday, May 13th. The food and fellowship were great. He also thanked John McBean for arranging a well-attended meeting at Rotary Challenger Park on May 10th.

Bruce McDonald introduced the 6 visiting Rotarians and 2 guests to the 51 attending members.

Gwynneth informed us her Dad, Chuck Bury, has been back in the hospital with pneumonia but is expected to be home soon - at least in time for his 90th birthday.

Exchange student Ai is visiting Ottawa this week, and on her behalf Barry K. thanked those who contributed at the President's Ball to her flight costs to Ottawa. About \$680 of the \$716 required was donated that night. Barry also mentioned Ai will be leaving Calgary to return home to Japan on July 19th.

Garth Plunkett reminded us of the Spruce Meadows Appreciation Dinner on Thursday evening May 26th and suggested arrival at about 5:00 p.m. will enable participation of tours of the facility before the dinner scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Garth also discussed the looming National Tournament starting the week of June 6th ... please go to the Club web page to sign up.

Jack Leuw reported on World Community Service activities. The Lifeline Malawi minivan purchase has been delayed but will proceed. The cost of the van is \$38,500 with \$17,500 from our Sunshine fund, a similar amount from CIP Funding and the remainder from other sources. The rain water catchment project in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico is a \$65,000 project with \$25,000 each from CIP Funding and Rotary Foundation, and the remainder from our Club and District. Other 2010/2011 projects included medical drugs for Lifeline Malawi, Add Your Light activities in Dominican Republic, bio sand filters for Peru, and Malawi Girls-on-the-Move. Total projects are in excess of \$100,000 separate from the minivan project which was initiated in 2009.

Tammy was Sergeant-at-Arms today and admonished Lou and Bruce financially for their peccadilloes during the meeting. She also fined those who were in Calgary the night of the President's Ball but did not attend. Tammy also mentioned our complaints about rain while for example her colleague in Slave Lake had the office burn to the ground and is facing over 400 home loss insurance claims, 25 commercial building losses, 83 burned autos and a number of R.V.s so count your blessings. On the subject of weather, we learned the coldest day in Canada last year was -63C in Yukon, and the warmest 45C in Midale, Saskatchewan, while the greatest rainfall was 358 ins. in Henderson Lake, B.C. Good news bucks came from Garry and Lou while the 50/50 was won by Peter.

Steve McAuley introduced our out-going exchange student, Michael Goncz.

Chairman Dave adjourned the meeting with a joke, about 1:15 p.m.



# Upcoming Events



May 31st	Aris Forbes
June 7th	Brad Pattison, Dog Trainer, Host of "At the End of My Leash"
June 8th - 12th	Parking at Spruce Meadows — The National
June 14th	Club Assembly — Directors' Reports
June 21st	Ai Kanno — "Year in Canada" presentation
June 25th & 26th	"The Ride to Conquer Cancer" ... parking at Spruce Meadows and at Chain Lakes – van, lunches etc provided – stay posted for further details
June 28th	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

## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner May 26th, 2011



What a wet evening it was!



A fantastic buffet, and a great evening !



Thank you Spruce Meadows !!



# THIS AND THAT Nature Park Update



Greetings,

In case you haven't driven by lately, or had the opportunity to pop in for a stroll through our park, changes are happening.

The expansion of Highway 22X as the southern loop of the ring road, and the creation of an overpass at McKenzie Lake Blvd, has resulted in some landscape adjustments to the north boundary of the Nature Park. This is a good thing!

The storm drainage holding pond that was there, has been enlarged at least 3 times larger and landscaped around it. The

purpose continues: settle out the bad things before the storm water finds its way to the river. Water fowl will enjoy visiting it as well.

The access to the park, via McKenzie Meadows Drive, is detoured somewhat but still open and the Park does seem busier with visitors. I have renewed seasonal correspondence with Alberta Parks officials, as to our continuing commitment and plans for further additions.

As always, I will keep you posted on progress, within budget lines established. Incoming President David Wylie may want to establish a date for the annual Park visit and picnic lunch for 2012. Please advise me of the preferred date so catering can be arranged. Happy to make 'special' arrangements for the same day, for any golfers that would like to play following the luncheon as we have in the past.

Best regards,  
Jim Thompson

## Proposed New Members

The following new member proposals were accepted by the Board for membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook:

- DUNCAN McKILLOP** (transfer)  
Classification: Lawyer/retired
- RENA ST. CLAIR** (new member)  
Classification: Mortgage Broker
- ALEXANDER SALIZAR** (new member)  
Classification: Banking

In accordance with Club Bylaws Article XI Section 5:  
Method of electing New Members

If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the Board from any member (other than Honorary) of the Club within seven (7) days following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of admission fee (if not Honorary membership) as prescribed in the bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership. If any such objection has been filed with the Board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee, shall be considered to be elected to membership.

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## Casino Fundraiser

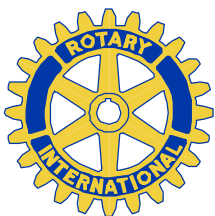
We need you !!

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

## Greeters

- May 31st Ed McLean and Joe Jogia
- June 7th TBA
- June 14th TBA

If you are unable to GREET on your assigned day, please contact Barry Korpatnisky so he can get a replacement ... 403-278-8982



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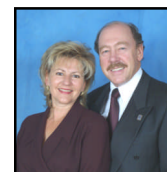
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