

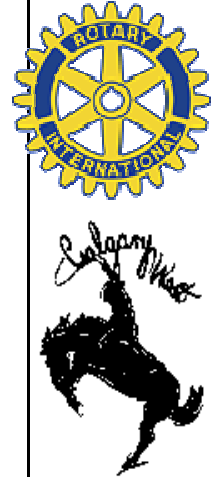
Rotary Club of Calgary West
(Service through Fellowship)
The Monthly WESTERNER

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The mission of Calgary West is to uphold the ideals of Rotary in all avenues of service, with a focus on aiding the disadvantaged and developing the potential of youth, in Canada and internationally, in a spirit of fun and fellowship.

Garfield's Cogitations

September is New Generations Month in the world of Rotary and refers to the extensive array of youth-centered programs that Rotary offers. The old Rotary slogan "Every Rotarian an Example to Youth" is as relevant today as it was more than a half-century ago. Calgary West practices this every day through its dedicated Directorship to Youth and participation in many of the youth-related programs RI offers, including Youth Exchange, RYLA, RY-PEN, Adventures in Citizenship, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Secondary School Scholarships and our school partnerships. Calgary has a long history supporting youth and we have much to be proud of. The two presentations last month by Kearstin, our outbound student to the Netherlands and Essya, our returning student from Hungary, as well as our experience with our inbound student, Fabio from Switzerland, confirms the high degree of independence, integrity, capability and talent that the youth of this generation represents.

In addition to youth, I believe that September's theme of New Generations can also be interpreted to mean the generation of a new year of excitement and activity within Calgary West. With summer vacations now over and everyone getting back to a regular schedule of family, work and Service through Fellowship, September seems to take on a whole new sense of energy and action as our committees swing into full gear and we look forward to the sense of accomplishment through service to our local and world wide communities. I am pumped, ready to make a difference, and I hope that you are too!!!



President Garfield
Service Through Fellowship



**August Report-Fundraising
Board Meeting – Aug 20, 2007
Director – Marie Rickard**

Committee Reports

Casino: Orlin McMillan/Paul LaFrance

Calgary West has completed a large part of our fundraising by successfully manning the August 3 & 4 casino at the Elbow River Casino. Thanks to all those who volunteered their time and efforts, especially our chairpersons, Orlin McMillan and Paul LaFrance. We look forward to hearing the amount of the pooling in the fall.

Strawberry Shortcakes: Stan Cichon

Calgary Co-Op has agreed to be our sponsor again and will sign a two-year contract. The proposal for the Strawberry Shortcake fundraiser has come back to us for signature. The Co-Op has offered to extend the \$1.50/shortcake cost to the first 5000 cakes which is a contribution to Calgary West Rotary of another \$500. Orders exceeding this will be \$2.00/cake. We are reviewing the pricing of the cakes and the minimum delivery.

I move that we accept the contract with Calgary Co-Op as presented at the Aug 20, 2007, board meeting to be forwarded to Calgary Co-Op for their signature immediately.

Life's A Bowl of Cherries: Chris Lee

Chris Lee reports that we sold 110 boxes of cherries. The new designer boxes were provided by a contact of Bill Tapuska who owns a manufacturing company in Kelowna (\$2/box gift).

Stampede Breakfast: Crawford Caswell/Jim Walker (2008)

Ticket sales at the Stampede Parade and Breakfast were 842 adults and 21 children for a total of 863 tickets sold, plus three breakfasts. Of those tickets, 175 were refunded. Total gross revenues were \$29,730.

New Initiatives: Bill Tapuska

A couple of fundraising ideas have been forwarded to the committee. We have one project submitted by Margot McDermott that a group of members will be evaluating on August 28 or 29.

Director's Report – Community Service and Matching Grants

Community service and supporting international projects are an important part of our Rotary commitment. They are two important avenues of Rotary and I commend our club members on their commitment. To Bryden Horwood and his International team and also to Marg Henschel and her Community Service team, congratulations on the ongoing due diligence you are providing and the work your people are doing in moving us forward. Also to all the club members who have answered the call for submissions. It truly shows how committed our club members are. Both Bryden and Marg have been inundated with requests and it is just mid-August as I am writing this update. The club members are really proactive in submitting projects for funding. Well done!! As the appropriate committees review and recommend funding on appropriate projects, the club board will give final approval.

Just a reminder to all club members. If you have a project you want supported, or know someone who is looking for money (for a community or international project), please have them go, or go yourself, to our web site and download an application and fill it out in full and submit it. Starting this year, *all requests*, whether from outside the club or internally, will need to follow the process. Gordon Rodrigues can assist you or your charity in the submission. The web site, again, is www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org.

The Feed the Hungry committee is working diligently at looking at how we can assist in the funding of new equipment, as well as developing a possible long-term partnership with the program. This is all under the direction of Chuck Morrison and Don Alexander. For more information, or to see how it is all moving forward, be sure to ask these folks!!

At the same time, Mike French and his Habitat for Humanity committee are reviewing a possible long-term opportunity with Habitat as well. I know we all look forward to the outcome and recommendations. Congratulations to Dan Varvos and his group of volunteers on a very successful casino for Habitat for Humanity. Stay tuned for the “build day” announcement.

Meanwhile, under the direction of Ron Brookes, his committee is seeking out ways how we can support the Rotary Clubs of Calgary/Flames Foundation Initiative of raising \$10 million over the next five years. There is a meeting with the Flames Foundation later this month to see how we may be able to leverage an opportunity to increase our contribution to this Rotary project without jeopardizing our already limited local community budget plans.

If anyone has thoughts or comments, please feel free to call or email me.

Yours in Rotary

Brent Barootes
Director Community Service and Matching Grants.

ROTARY CHALLENGER PARK GOLF TOURNAMENT



Want to play golf? Want to pay less for it? Now is the time!! Be sure to register for the Rotary Challenger Park Golf Tournament today and support our major Centennial project. Each club member who registers for this tournament will be reimbursed \$50. This is our way to support the park by getting out more members to raise more money and to get more members familiar with Rotary Challenger Park. So register today, score low, bid high at the silent auction and learn more on how to be engaged with Rotary Challenger Park. For more information, see **Larry Doyle!!**

FEED THE HUNGRY

It is just a couple of months away. Rick Dreja is taking names for volunteers, so see Rick to sign up. The big day is Sunday, November 18, at St Mary's Hall. Mark your calendar, bring your partner, invite your friends. The more volunteers there are, the better. For more details, see either **Don Alexander** or **Chuck Morrison** who are chairing the committee again this year.



HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

Now here is a great fellowship event. We hang around in highway ditches, pick up garbage, wear bright orange vests and cackle at each other. What's more, when we are all done cleaning up the Rotary Club of Calgary West's stretch along the highway, we all go for a healthy breakfast of greasy bacon, eggs and whatever else you want to order (BYOM – bring your own money to pay for your breakfast) at Humpty's.



This may not sound like something you want to write home about, but it is!! All those who participate annually have a great time. So, bring your family and friends and sign up today with **Rick Dreja**, who is in charge of getting volunteers rounded up. For more details and the confirmed date, please see **Don Bateman**, the committee chair.

Summary of the Board Meeting of August 20, 2007

Location: Operation Eyesight Universal, 4 Parkdale Crescent NW

Attended by: Garfield Ganong, Mike French, Lynne Thornton, Garth Evans, Bill Lawless, Marie Rickard, Brenda Sali, and George Edwards

Regrets: Brent Barootes, Derek McClary and Mike Reikie

Previous Business

1. Correction of June 28 board minutes.
2. Club insurance: The board is comparing the District Plan to the plan offered to our club and a decision will be made prior to September 1, 2007.
3. Club dues: Members are encouraged to pay sooner than later.
4. Financial review: Is still forthcoming.
5. Volunteers for Habitat for Humanity casino: Volunteers are needed.
6. Highway Clean-up: Marg Henschel is the lead on this project.

President's Report

- The matter of club insurance was discussed. We have two proposals to consider, a District proposal and a club proposal. Garfield will contact the District in order to clarify information received from the District. The board will make a decision prior to September 1, 2007, when our insurance policies terminate.
- Garfield Ganong announced that Marmie Hess would be honoured in October for her contributions to education and hopes that the club would be well represented at the award dinner.

Treasurer's Report

- We have a positive cash balance: \$54,000 in the general account, \$4,000 in the community account, and \$87,000 in the casino account.
- The board has not yet received the financial review for 2006-2007.
- The various accounts were explained: the general account is for club dues and monies received at the front desk; the community account is for monies raised by club fund raising events such as Strawberry Shortcakes, the Stampede Breakfast, Life is a Bowl of Cherries

and this account is not governed by the Alberta Gaming Commission; the casino account is for monies raised through our casino and is governed by the Alberta Gaming Commission.

Secretary's Report

- The club received a thank you letter from EMS for our donation to their capsule of life program.
- George Edwards will contact Lord Shaughnessy High School to book the conference room for September and October board meetings.
- George Edwards will contact Rotary International regarding the semi-annual report; it has not been received to this date.

Youth Report

- Roger Joki has received the names of RYPEN students from Lord Shaughnessy High School.
- The inbound student from Russia has not received her visa and so her arrival is delayed. She will miss the Exchange student weekend in September.

Club Activities Report

- The board discussed the special liquor licence required for our weekly meetings, but, since we cannot guarantee the meetings that would not have minors in attendance, there will be no change to the way the licence will be handled.
- Bill Lawless explained that members using credit cards or debit cards should be aware that their statements would read Elbow River Casino. The cost of having our own machine is too prohibitive.

Club Administration Report

- Rotary International sent us a letter re: Paul Harris Awards stating that the club might have to top-up in order to have sufficient points to use in combination with cash payments for club subsidies of member contributions to the Paul Harris Foundation.
- The motion to subsidise members making Paul Harris Foundation contributions to an amount of \$200 US passed.
- Margot McDermott and Pauline Evans are con-

sidering sites for the October 17th Assembly.

Fund Raising Report

- The motion to accept the contract with Calgary Co-Op for the Strawberry Shortcake Fundraiser passed.
- The need for a Strawberry Shortcake budget was stressed.
- The board proposes that block tickets for the Stampede Breakfast require a deposit. This will hopefully prevent the situation whereby a block of 150 tickets were cancelled.

Gifting Report

- Instead of supporting member participation in the Rotary Challenger Golf Tournament, the board passed a motion to sponsor the tournament by donating \$1,000.
- George Edwards will review Rotary International policy regarding amending by-laws (specifically a section in the appendix attached to the by-laws).
- The donation to the Military Museum has been adjusted by transferring monies from the com-

munity account to the Casino account.

- Donations for different projects require different criteria; cash donations have the least criteria, donations including matching grants from organisations such as the Wild Rose Foundation have specific criteria. The donations that have matching grants from Rotary International have very stringent criteria (in fact, if the proper documentation is not submitted, Rotary International will fine clubs or take more drastic actions). So the criteria guidelines are very important to members proposing Community or International projects.

New Business

- Reports for the monthly Westerner will be sent to Garth Evans within one week after the board meeting. The publishing of the monthly Westerner will be delayed to allow David Williams sufficient time to publish at his convenience.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 24 at Lord Shaughnessy High School at 4:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

September Speaker Program

| Date | Speaker and Topic | Introducer | Thanks | Invocation |
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| 7th | Dr Lucy Miller: Chief Superintendent, Calgary Catholic Schools | Frank Burns | Denise Penner-Collins | Victoria Achilleos |
| 14th | Dariel Bateman: Calgary Reads | Marg Henschel | Lynne Thornton | |
| 21st | Alice Nelson: Clowns without Borders | Ted Valentine | Ron Jones | Bill Tapuska |
| 28th | Bernie Carrier: District Governor | Lern Hamm, AG | Ted Valentine | |

Hearts and Hands Foundation
January 27 – February 10, 2008 Project
Uspantan, Guatemala

In January, 2008, H & H will be conducting its 10th group project in Guatemala. The project will take place in the Cuchumatanes mountains in the northern department of Uspantan. The likely village is Las Pacayas which is remote and lying in the valley of the beautiful mountains. It is a village of 150 families, or 900 people. There will be two simultaneous projects – stove construction and a dental clinic. There will be 24 stove volunteers and four dental personnel. The construction volunteers will be formed into six teams of four each to construct stoves in a minimum of 120 homes. The project will take five days to complete.



After the complete, the cultural tourism will follow. The group will depart Uspantan on Saturday afternoon, and travel to Chichicastenango to spend the night in the beautiful Hotel Santo Tomas, an old hacienda. The group will have a walking tour with a guide of this interesting Mayan town to discover its culture. There will be time, also, to shop in this “mother of all markets”. Departure will follow after lunch at Hotel Santo Tomas to the next stop, Antigua. Antigua is a World Heritage city with an interesting history and culture to explore. It is here you will have the opportunity to climb the active Volcano Pacaya, or tour La Azotea coffee plantation. Two full days are spent in this fabulous city which offers good shopping as well. It is here we also have our banquet celebrating the project’s success.

After two days in Antigua, the group will travel back to Guatemala City in order to fly the next day to Tikal, the ancient Mayan capital. The flight is to the city of Flores, and then an hour’s drive to Tikal National Park. The stay is at Hotel Tikal Inn for one night. The activities include a four-hour waling tour of the ancient with a knowledgeable guide. There will be a walk to and climb Pyramid III to watch the sunset. Another walk and climb the next morning of Pyramid IV to watch the sunrise will occur. You will learn the history of the old civilization, as well as the flora and fauna of the rain forest. Departure is the next day, mid-afternoon, back to Guatemala City. That evening, the group has a wind-up event to celebrate the special experience we have shared. Departure for Canada is the next morning.

Costs usually for the 13 days is about \$2,400 CD, inclusive – airfare, ground transportation, hotels, food, gratuities, side tours.

Any questions, call Evelyn Buckley at 242-9234, or e-mail xcranch@telusplanet.net

At the Friday, August 31, meeting Johanne Bakker was present to thank us for sponsoring her trip to Vimy Ridge. She was accompanied by Gordon Fairhead. Gordon is on the Board of the Calgary Military Museum and chair of the education committee. He held the microphone as Johanne gave her report.

Hi!

My name is Johanne and I am a Grade 12 student at Calgary Academy.

Last school year, our teachers encouraged us to take part in a contest that was initiated by the Military Museum. The contest commemorated that 80th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Contestants were invited to examine that World War One battle and to then expand on what it meant in terms of Canada's birth as a nation. I chose to write a poem and was fortunate enough to have been selected as one of the winners. The prize was to be able to go on a trip to the Vimy Ridge Memorial in France – accompanied by the other prize winning students.

I know that the trip was only made possible through the generous contributions and sponsorship of donors like the Rotary Club. I am here today to personally thank you for your support and to share a bit of what the trip meant to me.

We left at the end of June, as soon as school was out, and spent 7 full days touring battlefields and historical sites in Flanders and Normandy. Our first stop was Ypres and at Essex Farm, on the town's outskirts, I encountered the first of many Commonwealth War Graves Cemeteries. It was very moving to look out over the row upon row of white gravestones and to realize that each represented a young person who had sacrificed their life in a war that they believed to be right and just – fighting to preserve Canadian and Commonwealth freedoms and the way of life that I now enjoy. Over the next six days, we would visit many more such cemeteries and it would, at times, be overwhelming. It certainly drove home to me the magnitude of the sacrifice that Canadians and others had made in two World Wars.

From Ypres, visiting the Passchendaele battlefields and memorials on the way, we made our way to

Arras in France, spending two nights there. It was from our base in Arras that we visited Vimy Ridge. For me, and I think for the others as well, this was the highlight of the trip. Rising out of a hillside and visible for miles, a sudden thunderstorm did not lessen the beauty and majesty of the memorial. Mother Canada mourning for her lost soldiers presented a very powerful image. Touring the trenches and tunnels gave some idea of what it must have been like to have fought in that terrible war.

Leaving Arras, our attention turned to World War Two and we made our way to an overnight stay in Dieppe – visiting the actual beaches where the ill-fated Canadian raid in 1942 met with disaster. We then proceeded down the coast to Juno Beach, passing through some charming seaside ports and resorts, arriving for a three-night stay in Bayeaux. One day was spent touring the Juno Beach and the Pegasus Bridge Interpretive Centres. We spent a second day looking at other historical sites – seeing the famous Bayeaux Tapestry, traveling down to St Malo to visit Jacques Cartier's mansion and visiting the very famous and very touristy Le Mont St Michel Monastery.

This trip wasn't totally about battlefields and the two world wars. There was also some time to shop and wander through the streets of charming French towns – getting a bit of a feel for the culture of southern Belgium and Normandy. We ate in authentic French restaurants and enjoyed traditional French foods – crepes, escargot, pork dishes and seafood.

We talk and read about Canada and the wars in school, but it really doesn't mean that much. This trip really helped drive home for me the realities of war. It woke me up to the sacrifices and the deaths that had occurred in ways that statistics and textbooks never could. I have been lucky enough to have traveled to many places, but this trip in particular will stay with me forever.

Again, on behalf of the other students, the chaperons and myself, I would like to sincerely thank you for having made this experience possible.

I would like to conclude by reading my poem.

I lay here cold
Rain is steeping through my clothes
I am cold but not from the wind
The wind moves through me like a fierce wind
I have it all
The pain the glory
I am clumsy
By nature
Seeing the world through

Clumsy eyes
We moved swiftly
As the keepers of the peace
With glowing pride
That cannot be descried
Wind blowing
Leaves at a time
But now I lay
Unable to move
But at peace
For the peace that I have created
The bird of peace is flying over the ocean
The peace is wounded broken
Peace by piece
Still makes the journey home.

The following is from Ray Falk.

Some time ago, a friend (not a Rotarian) sent me this "thought for the day", which turns out to be a tidbit of philosophical lore (history?) of which I was unaware, and it occurred to me that it might also be of interest to anyone interested in Rotary history and our "test" in particular.



Socrates

In ancient Greece, Socrates (469 - 399 BC), was widely lauded for his wisdom.

One day the great philosopher came upon an acquaintance who ran up to him, excitedly, and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?"

"Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before you tell me, I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Test of Three."

"Three?"

"That's right," Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my student, let's take a moment to test what you're going to say."

"The first test is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man said. "Actually, I just heard about it."

"All right," said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now, let's try the second test, the test of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me

about my student something good?"

"No, on the contrary . . ."

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him, even though you're not certain it's true?"

The man shrugged, a little embarrassed.

Socrates continued. "You may still pass, though, because there is a third test - the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really. . ."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither true nor good nor even useful, why tell it to me at all?"

The man was defeated and ashamed. This is the reason why Socrates is a great philosopher and held in such high esteem.

Calendar of Events

August: Membership and Extension Month

3rd and 4th Calgary West Casino

29th and 30th Habitat for Humanity Casino

September: New Generations Month

7th-9th Waterton Peace Park Assembly - 75th Anniversary

14th Fall Lobster Social

21st District Governor Visitation

October: Vocational Service Month

17th Assembly

19th No meeting

November: Rotary Foundation Month

5th World Interact Week

9th Remembrance Day Celebrations

16th Christmas Party at Calgary Golf and Country Club

18th Feed the Hungry

December: Family Month

7th Club Elections

16th Christmas Brunch at Pine Brook

January: Rotary Awareness Month

February: World Understanding Month

14th Strawberry Shortcake Deliveries

March: Literacy Month

April: Magazine Month

May

21st Spring Assembly

23rd No meeting

June: Rotary Fellowship Month

14th President's Ball

Visit www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org/events for up to date information

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A Farewell to Fabio

BUT, he will be returning to Calgary, if all goes well, as an academic student.

A remarkable young man, who should do remarkably well.