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Alan Waters and **Don Alexander** manned the front desk welcoming arriving guests and Rotarians, collected their money and recorded their attendance. **Don Bateman** filled in initially until **Dan Doherty** arrived to greet all the attendees to our meeting.

President **Grant** called the meeting to order, asked **Robyn Braley** to lead the national anthem, followed by **Stan Cichon** with the invocation.

Sergeant at Arms **Chuck Morrison** then took on the role of directing the order for the tables to proceed to the buffet, giving due respect to the reporter and the members seated with the reporter.

Grant started the proceedings by asking Dan Doherty to introduce the guests at today's meeting. There were eighteen guests visiting and a number of members of the press wishing to cover the comments of the candidates.

Registered guests were:

Paul Miller	Guest Speaker
Doreen Webb	Guest of Janet Slemko
Andrew Bittcon	Guest of Brent Barootes
Gerry Erickson	Guest of Robyn Braley
Ron Williamson	Guest of Holland Berry
Fred Raven	Guest of David Marshall
Jim Wahl	Guest of David Marshall
Glen Meyers	Guest of Bryden Horwood
Diane Task	Guest of Ron Staughton
Doug Cook	Guest of Holland Berry
Marlene Wiens	Guest of Marie Rickard
Glenn Mortensen	Guest of Vasile Douros
A. Anderson	Guest of Tim Anderson



Guest Speaker

Tim Anderson introduced the guest speaker, Paul Miller. Paul is Senior Vice President, Oil Pipelines for TransCanada Ltd. and has the recently much published Keystone XL Project in his area of responsibility.

Paul opened his presentation with some background information about the global oil reserves. Canada ranks 3rd in the world for the size of reserves it has, after Venezuela and Saudi Arabia. Seventy five percent of the global reserves are owned by the national governments.

The United States imports 40% to 50% of its oil requirements and processes most of it in its refineries in the Southern US. The United States is actively seeking to source much of its currently imported crude supplies with those from more secure and stable sources. The Keystone XL Project was started over five years ago to increase the pipeline supplied crude currently in place to the existing refining capacity.

The Canadian oil sands represent over 50% of the new untapped reserves available to satisfy the growing volumes required to satisfy the projected global demands.

During the past two years, there have been incidents that have occurred that have presented new awareness and subsequent challenges to the oil pipeline and carbon based fuel consumption. These are the Gulf of Mexico drilling rig tragedy in April, 2010, the thousands of ducks found dead in tailings ponds in the Canadian oilsands operations, and the numerous pipeline leaks that have occurred in the US and Canada in the past eighteen months.

Activist organizations have increased voicing their concerns and using the publicity to also reinforce their own agendas. These are to gain support to reduce carbon emissions, reduce environmental impact of tar sands mining, and increase availability of alternate energy sources.

At the time of the US government disapproving the route of the Keystone XL pipeline, over 95% of the land use contracts with land owners had been successfully negotiated. A subsequent route is now being pursued to avoid the sensitive areas and applications are being prepared for an alternate route.

During the planning process, the environmental impact assessments have resulted in 57 additional and stricter conditions which have been approved by the regulators.

TransCanada maintains that pipelines are the safest mode of transporting oil products based on historic information for spills and fatalities when compared to rail and sea methods. It is deemed to be the safest pipeline to be built.

The biggest hurdles to this project are dealing with the political influences.



Garfield Ganong thanked Paul Miller for his informative talk and presented him with one of Calgary West’s notable Boltmen.

Coming Events

February 10	Dr Sam Lee, University of Calgary research: Alcohol, the Good, Bad, Ugly.
February 17	Classification talks: David Hamilton and friends
February 24	Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism
March 2	Tent Field Trip, Tsu T’ina First Nations Reserve
March 9	Din Ladak, CEO Catholic Immigrant Service (Tentative)
March 16	Karl Herzog, Organiser of Rotary Everest Trek 2012
March 23	Sheldon Kennedy, Sexual Abuse in Hockey
March 30	Kimberly Cornish, Permaculture Project, Eastern Namibia/Botswana
April 6	Meeting Cancelled
April 13	Peter Menzies, CRTC Commissioner
April 20	Assembly
April 27	Four Way Test