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A New Era with President Bob A Time for Renewal, 2009 / 2010



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Building on the work of Past President Frank, our spanking new President **Bob Boyden** outlined his hopes, aspirations and concerns for the coming year.

The Bulletin cannot completely cover or do justice to the depth and sentiment of President Bob's speech. The main points are covered below. For the complete speech, please access the website, as it will be posted within the next couple of days www.rotarycs.org.

It is a great honour for me to be elected as president of this club, with its history of success, accomplishment and fellowship. The club was

chartered April 7th, 1955. The Manchester club was seen as a "second rung" club with businessmen who bonded more easily through good fellowship. The first president Harry Cleven emphasized family and fellowship.

I joined Calgary South in 1989. Through family ties and fellowship, Rotary became a large part of our lives. Our club has achieved much. Examples are Rotary Challenger Park, Stay in School Program, Rotary Flames Partnership for Life and the Dream Home Partnership with the Calgary Stampede. Our club has been recognized as the best large club in the district.

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However, I have some concerns. I am concerned that we are becoming complacent, too self-centered and parochial. Support is declining for Youth Exchange, Dinner Club, and some social events. Too much reliance is being placed on too few. Our membership and attendance are also declining. Today we have 153 active members, a loss of 22 and our attendance is struggling to stay above 75% instead of 85%.

I have developed a number of goals that I hope we can achieve.

#1. Conduct a strategic planning session in the fall. This will build on Dave Marchant's initiative. Many topics were discussed, issues identified; but no plan emerged.

#2. Revitalize the Youth Exchange Program. The future is in the youth. The exchange program is a life changing experience for participants. My daughters were both exchange students. They gained valuable insight into different cultures and developed life long friendships. Please support Kate Stott as Chair of our Exchange Committee.

#3. Formation of a Finance Committee. Art Borzel has been our Treasurer for 10 years. With our proceeds exceeding \$1 million, we need to review our financial and accounting practices. John Price will chair this committee to put in place the necessary procedures. A part time bookkeeper will be hired.

#4. Revive the Dinner Club. The Dinner Club is an excellent way to really get to know Club members through food and fellowship. This has been declining. A gourmet meal is not required. Just provide the opportunity to share a social evening with food and beverage on the side. Also, please renew your support of other social functions such as Presidents' Ball and the Christmas Luncheon.

#5. Attend a District and / or International Convention. They are both great experiences and give an appreciation of the scope and impact of Rotary worldwide. Next year the District Convention is in Banff and the International in Montreal. Our goal is to have 40 members attend the District and 20 the International. The first 150 District registrants will receive a \$200 subsidy towards the International Convention. I am also interested in organizing local club exchanges. The first one is with

Millennium on July 29th.

#6. Renew our commitment to the Rotary Foundations. In these economic times, the need was never greater. These Foundations need funds to keep driving the Rotary engine.

#7. Most importantly, increase the club membership. We need approximately 30 new members to increase the active membership by 22. Look to your family...sons, daughters etc. Also your business partners and colleagues are candidates. We need nothing more than your endorsement. We know you will sponsor quality candidates.

The challenge is that our commitments have exceeded the size of the Club. Attendance is also important. There are eleven Calgary Clubs for make-ups and there is also the option of attending one of the E-clubs at any time.

The Future of Rotary is in your Hands.

We are building our club on the shoulders of our predecessors.

I need your support and feedback. I will always listen and try and respond.

Club News

- It was great to have our Honourary Member, **Jeanne Shaw** join us today! Welcome.
- Please be advised that the deadline for Annual Dues is July 31, 2009.
- As the Carriage House lunches are more expensive than at the Rotary House, we will be charging \$25.00 for lunch. Coffee (including dessert) will remain at \$7.00 during our stay at the Carriage House. There won't be alternate meals i.e. salads and fruit plates, but if someone has a dietary restriction, we can notify staff and they will accommodate you.
- **Bill LeSourd** has donated \$10,000 in memory of **Al Pearce** to the Club.
- **Jim McNeil** made an announcement about Rotary—WorldSkills 2009 Project shifts. Registration Forms were supplied.
- **Bart's** farewell party is on Sunday at Heinrich's. Please contact him if you wish to attend.
- **Mel Gray** won the 50/50 Draw (again!) and donated it to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. Thanks Mel!
- The meeting was adjourned early. Good start **President Bob!**



"**Rob van Haarlem** commented that the **Dream Home** experience was more of a roller coaster experience than a train journey.

However, we sold over \$950,000 of tickets and will probably receive a cheque for \$300,000 to \$320,000 from the Stampede Lottery.

The Dream Home winners were **Candace Boychuk and her boyfriend**, both from Calgary."

President Bob presented **Rob** with a **110% pin** for a job well done! **Rob** in turn, thanked his **Committee and all Volunteers for their hard work and dedication!**

Visitation Report

By George Adam

Mick Starr - back to almost 100% healthy. Sounded great on the phone.

Bill LeSourd - Just spent a week in the hospital for an operation. He is now back home working on his return to good health. Please call before planning a visit.

Chuck Porter - is in Unit 82 at the Foothills Hospital with serious heart problems. He is presently being kept sedated prior to surgery scheduled for Monday. No Visitors please. Brother Jim, Jean and Chuck's children are on deck at all times. Cards and prayers are welcome.

For your information, Rotarian **Eddie Vincent** will be chairing this committee for the new Rotary year and Vice Chair is **Don O'Dwyer**, along with a committee of "Seniors". Please contact **Linda** or a committee member if you know of a Rotarian with health problems who needs assistance or a visit.



Keith Davis, as Law Enforcer (SAA), set a bad example, along with **Norm Legare**, by paying the fines for the members, who could not answer the knowledge questions on the Dream Home!



Announcements, Calendar and Upcoming Events



Meetings

- July 23 Bart Kremer; 2008-2009 Incoming Exchange Student from the Netherlands
 - July 30 SISSP Rotary Amateur Charity Golf Classic; **NO ROTARY MEETING**
 - Aug. 6 TBA
 - Aug. 13 Ari Taub; Personal Motivation
 - Aug. 20 Corp. Joe Verhaeghe; Serious Crimes Investigation
- **Please Note: July 16 - September 10 inclusive, our Club will meet at the Carriage House for our meetings due to 2009 WorldSkills on the Stampede Grounds**

Calendar

- July 17; **Dream Home Volunteer Wind-up**, Carriage House Inn, Cocktails 6:00 P.M.; Dinner 7:00 P.M.; Dinner free to all Rotary Dream Home Volunteers (do not have to register); No Host Bar; Dress "Summer Casual"; Table of 8 can be Reserved, balance of seating "Rush". Phone or e-mail table reservation information to **Ralph Gibson** 403-301-7727 or Ralph@target-Realty.com
- Sept. 13; Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 25-27; 77th Waterton Glacier Peace Park Assembly

Special

- Sept 10-Sept. 13; Rypen Camp-Eagle's Nest Ranch; Contact Herky Cutler for more information fyfs@telusplanet.net
- Oct 16-17; "Make Dreams Real" Assembly/Membership Seminar; more details to follow
- Nov. 25-29; Adventures in Agriculture 2009; Grade 11 or 12 students; Contact Bryce Baron brycebaron@sasktel.net
- May 28-May 30, 2010; District 5360 Conference; Banff AB, Banff Park Lodge
- June 20-23, 2010; Rotary International Convention; Montreal, Quebec

2008-2009 Partners' Pen (by *Marianne Jost*)

- **HIKERS:** On **July 22** we plan to find the elusive Black Prince Lakes, at the S. end of the Smith-Dorian Hwy. For more details contact **Constance Jackson** at 403-931-4018.
- **LOST!** If you lost an earring at our June Annual dinner at the Glencoe, please contact **Wendy Copithorne** at 403-217-8495. It has a pink stone in the middle surrounded by diamonds.