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Next Week's Speaker

Frank McKittrick (Blazing Keyboards) October 13, 2009



Our reporter this week, Eva Friesen...

Real climbers hang by their finger nails on vertical cliff faces, or on gigantic icicles that hang on cliff faces in the winter, are modest and

humble, might be the guy working in the cubicle next to you, and are often engineers.

This is what we learned from Chic Scott, Mountaineer, author and speaker who resides in Banff where he writes books and magazine articles and gives slide shows on mountain topics. The eloquent introduction was aptly provided by Dean Gjertsen.

It has been forty years since Chic Scott discovered the magic of high places. During a lifetime of adventure he has climbed and skied around the world, organized clubs and foundations, and worked as a mountain guide.

His odyssey has taken him from the icefields of the Canadian Rockies to the historic climbs of the European Alps, from the grandeur of the Himalayas to the icy solitude of Mount Logan. In all seasons, on foot and on skis he has followed his passion.

Chic introduced us to the real mountain climbers of Calgary. Most

Things you don't tell your mother. . . .

great climbers are humble, modest folks, who carry out a career in an office tower in Calgary and speak little about their true passion, the vertical cliff faces that represent a

The first climb for many is the great vertical face of Yamnuska, in the front ranges of the Rockies. Brian Greenwood was a REAL hard core Calgary climber who discovered 13 new routes up Yamnuska and was the first to do the north face of Mount Assiniboine. Charlie Lock, guest at the club this day, was recognized as a famous climber in his youth. Don Forrest, a Calgary engineer, started climbing in his 40's, and climbed Mt Logan at the age of 71 years old, the oldest man to ever climb Mt Logan.

Although there few women in this sport, there are some, and Don Forrest's daughter, Cathy, is one of them. Sharon Wood, who now resides in Canmore was the first woman to achieve the top of Everest.

There were many more Calgary climbers, Donnie Clark, Jim Ellsinga, Laurie Skrezlek, Kevin Doyle, Barry Blancard, Andy Evans who climbed Everest and K2 and earned the title 'Snow Tiger', Andrew Brasch, Rahpaelle

Slavinzki and they all learned one important thing – you don't tell your mother what you are doing. The pictures were awe inspiring. Bob Pearson did the thanks in our usual way, and thought he'd keep his day job, something he could share with his mother.



This week's speaker, Chic Scott...

challenge to overcome. He started with Bob Hind, an Engineer in Calgary who was one of the greatest climbers in the 1930's, 40's and 50's. Hans Mosser lived in Calgary only in 1952 and 53 and did much to develop climbing in Calgary.

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Larry and Eva welcome new member Helene Weir...

The Rest of the meeting:

Kudos to those Rotarians who braved the snowy and icy streets to make this meeting.

President Larry opened the meeting with impressive statistics on the efficiency of golfers. Did you know that golfers on average walk 900 miles a season and drink 30 gallons of alcohol? That means they get 41 miles/gallon. Go golfers go!

It is so good to have Frank McKittrick back! From the first tunes of Oh Canada, to the birthday song to the sing song he is a pleasure! Thanks Frank!

Wes Stephens, Bill Redmond and Bill Hayden, accompanied by Frank M. 'rocked around the clock tonight' in honor of an old Rotary show from the 70's. Those were the days!

Thanks to Derrick Jones, Gord Cummings and Colleayn Mastin and Bob Merrett for their assistance with tickets. Thanks to Tim Heaton for organizing a very successful family skate and hockey scrimmage.

Melanie Jones, free lance writer, and Walter Haessel provided an update on the Water Expertise Training Program undertaken in partnership with CAWST. Funders of the project are CIDA, Encana and our club. Melanie just returned from Zambia and India where she has been documenting what the WET means. She is telling the story behind the statistics, stories of

the climb out of poverty, stories of survival, hope, empowerment and independence. The power of Rotary is evident!

Chris Harper did a new member re-introduction. Besides his work, Chris volunteers on the Board of the Federation of Calgary Communities, is active on the Airdrie Community Association Board, and the Calgary Chamber of Commerce. Thanks, Chris, for sharing a bit more about yourself. We look forward to having you participate in our many club activities!

Congratulations to James McGowan, the only birthday boy present!

Bill Keech encouraged members to attend the RI convention in 2010, held in Montreal. What a great opportunity to participate when it is held in our own country. To sweeten the deal, flight deals and hotel discounts have been secured. Call Bill for more information.

Closing thought for the week provided by President Larry: "Winners take the time to relish their work because they know that scaling the mountain makes the view worthwhile."



"Rock'n Around the Clock" with Stephens, Hayden and Redmond...



Melanie Jones inspired by CAWST...



Christopher Harper reintroduces himself...

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Oct. 20 - Steve Snyder,
President & CEO Transalta
Corp and CEO Calgary
Committee to end homelessness
“Homelessness
- yes we can end it”

Oct. 27 - Frank McKittrick,
Organist /Choir Director
Knox United Church
Recital at Knox
“Blazing Keyboards”

Nov.3 - Dr. David Marshall
Pres. Mount Royal University
“The New University”

Nov. 10 - A Remembrance Day
Dinner Meeting to be held at
Calgary Military Museums
4520 Crowchild Trail S.W

Nov. 17 - District Governor
Steve Allan
“What does Rotary mean to you?”

Nov. 24 - Michael Brown
VP Matthews Development Inc.
“Canada’s largest development
project - The Bow”

Dec. 1 - Jim Wong & Angela Zia
Energy Business Consultants
“China - the business of relation-
ships”

Dec. 8 - Stay-In-School special
event with
Jack Carter & Peter McKeen

Dec. 15 - Richard White
Director of Strategic Initiatives
Riddell Kurczaba Architecture
“Calgary the adolescent city”

Dec. 22 - Partners Christmas
Luncheon
John Gilchrist
Author and Restaurant Critic

Dec. 29 - Informal Meeting
No Speaker

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NEW MEMBERSHIP PROCESS - WHITE SLIP

October 20 & 27, 2009

NAME:	Jim Fries
PROFESSION:	Senior Consultant
COMPANY	Genera
CLASSIFICATION:	Human Resource Management Human Resource Consultant and Coach
PROPOSED BY:	Garth Toombs Sue Tomney
DATE:	October 14, 2009

WET Centres (Water Expertise Training Centres) in Zambia and India

Photos by Cate Cameron



Women and children on the Zambezi River in Southern Zambia collect water and do their washing in water frequented by Crocodiles and Hippos, both of which cause human deaths annually



6 am in the Chettinad region of Tamil Nadu, women walking approx 1/4 mile to water for collection and bathing.

“Why I am a Rotarian”

PDG Carrie Dao Allan

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After twenty some years of being a “RotaryAnne”, I joined the palm springs breakfast rotary club in 1987. I have been accused of having two rotary wheels instead of eyes in my head.

My most powerful rotary moment did not happen for me until I was attending my International Assembly at Anaheim at the end of my training to be a district governor.

As I was rushing around carrying my governor’s blazer and greeting so many familiar faces, I was stopped in my tracks. I stood there at the entrance to the Rotary Foundation hall. I stood there staring at the large green iron lung.

It brought back so many memories of my first year as a physical therapist. I can still see my patient Beverly in that iron lung and remember the loud siren, every time there was a power failure.

As tears poured down my face, my husband tried to assure me that it could not be that same iron lung.

We walked up to the iron lung and it had a label on it. it said Rancho los Amigos Hospital 1959-1964. Yes, that iron lung was Beverly’s.

What an impact Rotary has had in the world. It is hard for me to even visualize the 450,000 people per year that have been saved from polio. Polio has not yet been eradicated but more than 5 million cases have been prevented.

I know that moment at the international assembly will always be with me. It will always motivate me to continue working for our Rotary Foundation because our programs have changed the world. I also know that with our dedicated partners, polio will be eradicated in the near future.

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