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The Rotary Club of Red Deer - Downtown [District 5360]

Recap of November 24, 2008

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EXCHANGE STUDENT (Outbound)	Kirsten Mah
EXCHANGE STUDENT (Inbound)	Rustom Vazifdar

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THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do...

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Rachel Bueckert

The Club's RIYE Outgoing Student, 2009/10

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Visiting Guests: Phil Abram, Gail Finley, Jackie MacCallum, Jackie Brooks

Visiting Rotarians: Monty Audenart (RI 1st VP), Rustom Vazifdar, Rachel Bueckert (outgoing RIYE)

Happy & Sad Bucks

Sergeant Blaine Newton: Applause was limited as he stepped up to the podium. Noted the Olympic flame will be coming to Red Deer, with (?) LED lights to save on gas. Since the Stamps beat Montreal in the Grey Cup 22-14, the contributions should be up today.

Pat Romerman returned from Dubai, Kenya. His welcome back notice in the Advocate mentioned three wives. Then came the disclaimers.

Gloria Beck: After the BTB her 89 year old father was in a car accident. Fractured 3 ribs. Collapsed his lung. Is doing very well under the circumstances.

Ken Johnson: Enjoyed being the Santa Clause at the Festival of Trees parade. Shared the magic of the occasion. As he was stepping down from the podium a lady said "I'm very sick and I need to get well. Can you help me?" He gave her support and added, "this is the season for giving from the heart. Don't be callous and brisk; smile, be happy and full of good cheer." You walk the talk, Ken.

Bob Mills: With a smile announced that he's not retired. He's been appointed to an International Polar Year Commission, an International Commission on land use and ecosystems for the World Bank and a Representative of Plasco in China.

Keith Buchholz: Announced the Rebels 50/50 roster for the second half of the year is out on E. mail. Hard copies are available at the reception desk.

Ivor Christensen: Deposited \$5 to announced that his wife's mother had passed away at age 96.

Blaine Dushanek: Blaine is circulating the December 13 and 20th Christmas Salvation Army Kettle roster. Shifts are two hours. Members please sign up on the sheet.

Grant Edmonds: Thanked everyone for attending or participating in the Festival of Trees. He said it was a roaring success.

Donna Stewart-Wood: Needs families who have hosted RIYE students to come forward and speak about the program at the December 22 meeting.

Jim Slipp: Went into debt \$20 to congratulate the Stampeders on their win. It was the second time they had won the Grey Cup in the 21st century.

Craig Mackenzie: Slipped in a dollar to add to Jim's, for the Stampeders victory.

Janice Wing: Slipped in another dollar to brag about the Stampeders win.



Rustom Vazifdar reciting the four way test before drawing his 50/50

Rotary Program

50/50: Sgt drew Rustom Vazifdar's ticket. He couldn't believe it. He got 3/4s of the four way test right but not the draw.

Sergeant Newton: Charged everyone a dollar who didn't know what the English translation of the Allouette French song was. Answer: It's the song of the lark. His pre-Christmas message was E. mails don't talk to people.

Rustom Vazifdar's Weekly Activities: It's been an intense week. Tuesday he went to a Red Deer East meeting. Wednesday he moved to the Don Rose household. He was interviewed by ZED99 about where the meteorite landed (SK). Then he went to the Lending Cupboard and tried out the electric wheelchairs. Jackie Brooks took him camping on Friday. He got in some hunting too, with a 22 rifle. The only target he hit was a pop can. Walked on a frozen lake. Learned how to determine the thickness of the ice. Attended Shelley Ralston's Treasure Island birthday for her daughter. Said he's going to Vancouver December 22 to January 3. Needs a way back from Calgary. Offers?

Business Meeting: A cheque for \$3,500 was given to Gail Finley and Jackie MacCallum for the purchase of safety jackets for people using walkers and wheelchairs. They can be worn in schools or malls by those who do not see well. Paul Harris fellowships were given by Monty Audenart to Ron Woodward and Garth Olson. Garth's two fellowships were in the name of his two children Narda and Brad. Ron talked about what a privilege it was to be part of Rotary organization and to contribute to the Rotary Foundation. Monty noted the Foundation depends on support from Rotarians, whether it is by purchasing P.H. fellowships, making major donations, or donating over \$250,000 which secure an RI Arch Klumph award. More Paul Harris fellowships are available for \$500 US. Monty will be back to speak to the club on January 5, 2009.

Gord Deck presented the revisions to the bylaws in record time. All the changes are housekeeping ones. Seconded by Gerry Winia. Passed unanimously. Attendance in the first four months was 65%. Average was 67%. 66 members used BTB as a make up. Twelve members have perfect club attendance. The board accepted the resignation of Jim Findlater as he's down south for much of the year and can't do make ups.

A form for making funding requests to the clubs has been developed. Criteria: Community need, organization's stability, significance of the request to the organization, and recognition for the club. Requests for operating funds will be rejected except for those for seed dollars, bridge funding or gap filling. In these cases a sustainability plan is needed. Ad hoc requests can be submitted at any time. Major requests are reviewed 3 or 4 times a year. There will be a blood drive competition with the other Rotary clubs next May. Friends and family can be counted as "club" donors. There will also be a Christmas party organized by Jim Slipp. The District Conference is in Canmore April 24-26. If registration is paid by November 30 it costs \$190 instead of \$350. The roster is "coming". Phil Pattison introduced our outgoing exchange student Rachel Bueckert.. She's a grade 11 student at Hunting Hills.



Monty Audenart presenting Garth Olson with two Paul Harris Fellowships in the name of his two children, Narda and Brent



Monty Audenart presenting Ron Woodward his Paul Harris Fellowship



President Elaine McFadden presenting Central Alberta Self Advocacy representatives Gail Finley and Jackie MacCallum a cheque For \$3,500