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Presiding: Murray McArthur
Desk: Al Muir and Chetan Thakore
Raffle: Ralph Morgan
Sergeant: Harold Empey
Program: Lillian and Lorne Friesen discuss the Shekinah Retreat Centre

Guests: Cesar Janssens (Exchange Student), Dave Bonar, Patricia Taylor (guest of Jay Cowsill), and speakers Lillian and Lorne Friesen. Cesar's birthday was recognized in an out of tune manner.

Make-ups: Ian Sutherland

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about how effectively our Foundation matches people with money for positive results.

In the words of Arch Klumph: "Money alone does little good. Individual service is helpless without money. The two together can be a godsend to civilization." Your financial resources combined with your time, energy and talent is critical to Rotary's mission. It is worth noting that one hundred percent of our Annual Programs Fund (APF) contributions are spent on Foundation programs. These contributions are invested for a period of three years, with a portion of the investment earnings paying for the Foundation's administrative and fund development expenses.

This unique funding cycle keeps the engine of The Rotary Foundation running throughout the world.

December 14th: Jubilee Residences
December 21st: annual meeting
December 28th: no meeting
January 4th: Cesar Janssens (Exchange Student)
January 11th: Patricia Rowe, Sherbrooke Community Centre (Hugs not Drugs)
January 18th: Susan Clarkson, Ronald McDonald House
January 25th: new member induction
February 1st: Brenda Banbury, trip to Africa
April 16th: 25th Anniversary dinner
May 13th - 15th: Rotary District Conference, Winnipeg
June 20th - 23rd: Rotary International Convention, Montreal

Announcements:

Service above Self Award

Ian Sutherland reported that there were five nominations for the Service above Self Award. A committee will be formed and a meeting held on Monday, December 14th to make the final selection.

Saskatoon Health Region event

In appreciation of club participation in Meals on Wheels club members were invited to an event to be held on Tuesday, December 8th.

Board meeting

Murray McArthur stated that the next Board meeting is to be held at 7 AM on Thursday, December 10th in the restaurant of the Hilton Garden Inn.

New member proposal

Leanne Kessler indicated that Dave Bona's proposed membership approval process finishes on Friday, December 11th.

Black and White 2009

John Luross reported that, according to Robert Fisher, the profit from the 2009 Black and White Dinner and Auction fundraiser on October 17th was approximately \$20,000.

Canadian Wheelchair Foundation

Wayne Claypool recommended donation to the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation (www.cdnwheelchair.ca), and handed out forms thereto. Each wheelchair costs \$150.

Lobster Fest

Rob Jaspar was given the approval of the membership to book the Soccer Centre for Saturday, June 12th, 2010 for the next Lobster Fest.

Program: Shekinah Retreat Centre

Jacob Nickel introduced Lillian and Lorne Friesen, Co-directors of the Shekinah Retreat Centre. The Centre is located on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River, off Highway 12, about 70 Km North of Saskatoon. For 30 years the Mennonite Church of Saskatchewan has been operating nonprofit camps. In the earlier years summer youth camps were held at Pike Lake. This changed to an all year round operation with the building of the Shekinah Retreat Centre in the late 1990s. The Centre seeks to provide a setting in which the recreational, social mental and spiritual needs of individuals and groups may be met. The diverse needs of events such as a retreat, conference, field trip, or wedding can be accommodated. From 2 to 200 people can be housed in the various buildings which vary from an 84 bed timber lodge to 8 bed shanty tents. The modern timber lodge was constructed by volunteer work with much of the material recycled. For example, much of the salvaged wood came from the torn down Dundurn elevator. Upcoming activity at the site will involve the building of distinctively different shanty tents from alternative materials such as straw bales.

Rob Jaspar thanked the Friesens for their informative talk.

Ralph's Raffle: The lucky winners of books and soap were Murray McArthur, Ted Hawes, and John Luross.

Sergeant's Report: Club members had yet again to suffer Harold Empey as Sergeant. Whether innocent or guilty did not matter to this Sergeant as he swept the room like a whirlwind for Rotary Foundation dollars. For example, the turkey shoot wins of Art Postle and Ken Wilson and the agenda moving prowess of Murray McArthur were duly recognized.

Happy and sad Dollars

David Russell indicated that he will be abroad until March 22nd. Phil Mamchur liked his holiday in Egypt. Garth Courtney noted that the St. Michael's reading program was now even better. Wayne Claypool reported the death of his sister.



Kimberly McQuatt (2nd from left), a student at Kelsey was the recipient of the Saskatoon Mee-wasin Bursary for 2009. A portion of Kimberly's comments on receiving this award is reproduced below.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heart-felt gratitude to the members of the Rotary Club for choosing me as a Bursary recipient. I am a single parent with two small children. Your gift has inspired me to continue working diligently in my course of studies. It symbolizes your acknowledgement of not only my hard work, but also that any dream can be achieved, despite obstacles. Hard work and perseverance can and will be recognized. These are the values that I try and instill into my children, not only as a Mother, but as a mentor.

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