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Presiding: Murray McArthur
Desk: Al Muir and Chetan Thakore
Raffle: Ralph Morgan
Sergeant: Hari Nair
Program: Jubilee Residences

Guests: Cesar Janssens (Exchange Student), Pam Bennett (guest of Harold Empey), Ken Smith (speaker, Jubilee Residences Inc.), and Yvonne Morgan (Jubilee Residences Inc.).

Make-ups: Les Ferguson and David Russell

10: This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about bridging the world's needs.

During the rainy season in Ethiopia many rural communities are isolated by fast flowing flooded rivers that separate them from vital aspects of life. With support from a Rotary Foundation Matching grant eight foot bridges were built to alleviate these villages isolation. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and the Rotary Club of Gloucester, Virginia, USA these bridges will improve the living conditions of local communities and provide them with access to life's daily needs. So even during the rainy season in Ethiopia, Rotarians will know that through contributions to The Rotary Foundation they helped provide a bridge out of isolation for these eight communities.

Ralph's Raffle: Chetan Thakore, Jacob Nickel, and Yvonne Morgan were the winners of Ralph's Sarcan lucky bags.

Announcements:

Sherbrooke Newsletter

Murray McArthur stated that an article in the most recent issue of the newsletter of the Sherbrooke Community Centre thanked Meewasin Rotary Club for the \$5,000 contribution to the art studio that enabled ten new spaces to be available to residents.

New member applications

Leanne Kessler indicated that the membership application of Dave Bona was now officially approved. The induction ceremony is scheduled for January 25th. Harold Empey introduced Pam Bennett as a potential new member. Pam has an MSc in toxicology and works at Areva Resources Canada Inc. Harold indicated that the Board had approved her application and that club members had until the end of the week to comment.

Annual Program Fund

Art Whetstone emphasized that today was the final day to make contribution to the Annual Program Fund of Rotary International. Already about \$13,000 has been obtained, exceeding the club goal of \$11,000.

Board for 2010 to 2011

Compared to the previous Board John Luross announced that the new Board includes Donna Birkmaier, and a Second Vice-President has yet to be identified.

2010 International Convention

John Luross indicated that the discounted rate soon closes for the 2010 international convention.

Lobster Fest

Rob Jaspar stated that Jacques Toupin had booked the Soccer Centre for Saturday, June 12th for the 2010 Lobster Fest.

Salvation Army bells

Bob MacLeod reported that all the slots for bell ringing had been filled and thanked the participants.

Service above Self Award

Ian Sutherland indicated that selection of the Service above Self Award will be made at an early date yet to be decided.

Sergeant's Report: Hari Nair fined his colleagues unmercifully. Examples included Harold Empey for raising too many fines as sergeant and for the privilege of naming a new member, Wayne Walling for missing bell ringing, Murray McArthur for starting late, Ian Sutherland for jumping the announcement queue, and Jacques Toupin for having more than one name tag.

Happy and sad Dollars

These included Jacob Nickel owning up to missing bell ringing and he and Hilda's 57th wedding anniversary, Garth Courtney reporting that Cliff Hayes was recovering well from surgery, Robert Fisher for publishing an article on the oil patch, Don Robson in suffering a rash after receiving the H1N1 injection, and Hari Nair for not fining musicians.

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

January Roster

Desk: Donna Birkmaier / Del Rue
Sargeant: Cliff Hayes
EyeOpener: Jacques Toupin

Program: Jubilee Residences

Bob MacLeod introduced Ken Smith, widely known as a retired Registrar of the University of Saskatchewan.

Ken as President of the volunteer Board of Directors of Jubilee Residences Inc. gave a wide ranging presentation of the community based organization. The organization has two primary focuses; long-term care and affordable housing. The mission statement states 'To meet the needs of residents so they may live with dignity, companionship, and the assurance of excellent care and service.' The vision statement reads: 'A caring environment characterized by respect, compassion and support for everyone. A vibrant, dynamic home - a community where individuals can age-in-place and a workplace where team members are valued.' The long-term care facilities are Stensrud Lodge and Porteous Lodge, while affordable housing sites are Cosmopolitan Court, Eamer Court, and Mount Royal Court. The emphasis of the talk was long-term care. Ken noted that there was only one qualified geriatrician in the Province of Saskatchewan. The government support for individuals in residences is reasonable although more than ten percent less than in Alberta and Manitoba. In contrast there is little infrastructure support from governments, and many of the buildings and facilities are in need of repair or replacement. Currently there is a residence waiting list of more than 100, while future projections indicate that the need for residence places will increase by 100s in a few years. There are various options to tackle deficiencies such as renovation and expansion (35 additional beds at a cost of \$M 2.5-3) of Porteous Lodge. The challenges of living in long-term care facilities are loneliness, boredom, and helplessness, and Jubilee Residences applies various strategies to meet these challenges. The fundraising for renovation of the residences can be divided into mid-size projects (e.g., dining room tables which are compatible with wheelchairs, bedside tables, window coverings, and a new accessible van) and smaller projects and programs (e.g., volunteer led activities, electric fireplaces, and children play areas). Ken touted that dining room tables (\$50,000 total) would be a good project for our club to consider. Finally Ken gave our club an invitation to hold a regular 7 AM Monday meeting in Porteous Lodge.

Garth Courtney thanked Ken for his very informative talk.