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DG MIKE – THE SCARIEST TIME OF THE YEAR

The scariest time of the Rotary year is right now in April, May and June.

July 1st comes and at changeover the new club president takes office. Club Dues are due. Five members quit the club. The new president is shocked and takes the loss personally. It has all happened so fast.

Why does this happen? 1-3 year members often burn themselves out with Rotary. Or maybe it's a case of not having listened to what they think the club should do.

In hindsight what were the warning signs, red flags I call them?

The member missed 3-4 meetings in a row, but who actually noticed? This is the real necessity for accurate recording of weekly attendance

The member avoided club activities

The member requested a Leave of Absence

What are the antidotes?

Monitor the attendance record of each member weekly

Phone each absentee each week – we missed you, how are you?

Did you do a make up? Where?

Maybe there is no problem. They will welcome your friendly call and concern anyway. If there is a problem, mount a rescue using the club president, past president, secretary, membership chair and their club buddies.

The longer term health of our world organization depends on what you do your year in your club to retain your members.

GOVERNOR'S TRAVELS

Governor Mike thoroughly enjoyed making a second visit to the clubs of Airdrie, Canmore, Innisfail, Lethbridge East, Raymond, Fort Macleod, Cardston, and Red Deer East. He was



delighted to have the opportunity to induct new members during his second visit to the clubs of Calgary Millennium, Olds, Lethbridge, Lethbridge Sunrise, and Taber. In Lacombe it was a very great pleasure to present a Paul Harris Recognition to a Past District Governor of the Lions. Additionally he was at PETS & SETS and the chartering of the Lethbridge Rotaract club.

Charter Night Lethbridge Rotaract Club

ROTARY EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP

Contributed by Wendy McDonald

The Rotary Employment Partnership is a collaboration of District 5370 Rotary Clubs, Alberta Association for Community Living (AACL) and Persons with Developmental Disabilities Alberta Provincial and Community Boards, Alberta Community Development (PDD). It is expanding in District 5370 and 5360. The goal is to create meaningful employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. Rotarians have created dozens of new job opportunities throughout the Edmonton area and now, hopefully with the support of District 5360 Clubs and Rotarians, more Albertans with developmental disabilities will have their hopes and dreams realized. A forthcoming issue of the 'Rotarian' will feature an article on this partnership and the amazing difference it has made in the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Wendy McDonald, Past President of the Edmonton Mayfield Club, initiated the development of the Partnership. Her inspiration was Past R.I. President Frank Devlin's call to "create awareness of the needs and talents of people with disabilities" and to "take action by working in partnership with local organizations to train and find employment for people with disabilities in your community."

Adults with developmental disabilities desire career and employment opportunities, and want to be recognized for their abilities and contributions. However, people with developmental disabilities continue to experience a 70% unemployment or under-employment rate. It is unlikely this destiny will change unless the community of employers and professionals are prepared to step forward and consider the possibility of hiring a person with developmental disabilities.

To date more than 30 individuals with developmental disabilities have been hired through this initiative province-wide in a variety of industries including: manufacturing, software,

professional services, supply and service industry. The Rotary Employment Partnership is dedicated to providing resources to employers. Coordinators in each community identify people with developmental disabilities who are looking for work and have the skills that fit the individual needs of a company. They also provide assistance in evaluating the workplace for suitability, re-organizing job descriptions and securing on-the-job follow-up for as long as necessary.

We would be pleased to present to your club if we have not already done so and look forward to working with Rotary Clubs and Rotarians across District 5360. For more information, to view the video or to get involved as a Club or as a Rotarian please contact:

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THE GSE TEAM FROM INDIA IS HERE



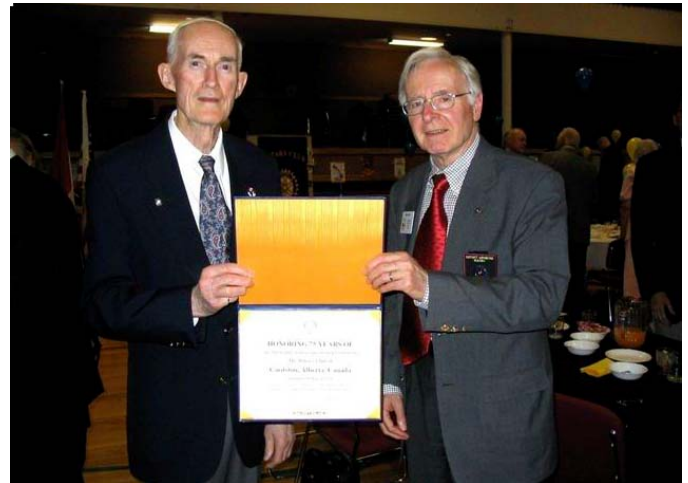
The new GSE Team from District 3200, India, arrived on April 11. The team comprises two women and two men. Dr (Ms) Selvan is an Ophthalmologist, Ms Ambustuthan is a Media Announcer / Director, Mr Hebbar is an Actor/Film Maker/Writer and Mr Srikumar is a Management Consultant. Their leader is Rotarian Joseph Stephen.

They seem to wield a great deal of influence. They told DG Mike that they would love to see snow – and next thing you know – it snowed!

They are delightful people. They will be at the District Conference in Lethbridge next week, and we hope you will be too. Come and enjoy the fun with your fellow Rotarians and their families. From four to ninety-four – there will be something for everyone. See you there!

March 2004 Attendance		
Club	Members	Attendance %
Airdrie	*	*
Banff	*	*
Brooks	35	65.32
Calgary	289	64.38
Calgary Centennial	*	*
Calgary Chinook	83	63.08
Calgary Crowchild	21	72.63
Calgary East	36	78.00
Calgary Fish Creek	19	66.67
Calgary Heritage Park	42	97.22
Calgary Millennium	28	52.68
Calgary North	61	63.16
Calgary Olympic	*	*
Calgary Sarcee	27	50.96
Calgary South	187	68.21
Calgary West	89	66.56
Canmore	*	*
Cardston	38	91.85
Coaldale	*	*
Cochrane	*	*
Drumheller	41	84.21
Fort Macleod	*	*
High River	*	*
Innisfail	52	60.00
Kananaskis	*	*
Kindersley	*	*
Lacombe	54	79.69
Lethbridge	128	52.10
Lethbridge East	*	*
Lethbridge Sunrise	23	73.91
Maple Creek	15	83.67
Medicine Hat	105	67.63
Medicine Hat Saamis	*	*
Medicine Hat Sunrise	*	*
Okotoks	47	74.86
Olds	33	69.35
Pincher Creek	*	*
Ponoka	*	*
Raymond	16	56.25
Red Deer	*	*
Red Deer East	47	95.56
Red Deer Sunrise	39	71.05
Rocky Mountain House	21	75.79
Stettler	43	59.02
Swift Current	25	98.86
Sylvan Lake	*	*
Taber	13	67.69
* No report received		

Cardston 75th Anniversary



President Dick Low with DG Mike

The Rotary club of Cardston enjoyed a wonderful evening as it celebrated its 75th anniversary at the Cardston Civic Centre on Wednesday March 31st.

DG Mike was very happy to accept the invitation to attend the festivities, and to present a commemorative message from RI President Jonathan to club President Dick Low.

Dick's father was club President in 1920 and District Governor in 1962-1963. He was instrumental in the formation of the Waterton Glacier Rotary Peace Park, since when the park Assembly has been held each September.

Not only was Bill Komm, a member of the club for 64 years present, but AG Murray and Debbie Anderson, PDG Monty and Liz Audenart, and DGN Steve and Marie Rickard were also in attendance, as were Rotarians from the surrounding clubs. The guest speaker was Past RI President. Richard King.