

THE STANDARD

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FOUR WAY TEST

In all things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH ?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Be a gift
to the world

Rotary

In the beginning:

We were greeted by the friendly smiles of Cheryl Ryan and Jared Pon (our outbound exchange student for 2016-17). Jim Sawers was ably handling door sales (he had a busy job with all our illustrious guests and visiting Rotarians), and Brian Semeschuk the 50-50. Al was making sure the whole front table was running efficiently – as always!

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At 7:00 sharp, Harry hit the gong and we all ran to our seats. Joan Bedard led us in Oh Canada, and Brad Sewell offered grace.

Jim introduced our all-star visiting Rotarian cast: RI Director Julia Phelps; PDG Fran Leggett; DGs in waiting: Neil Berg (2016-17), Rick Istead (2017-18), Dan Doherty (2018-19); Ted Rosnell (Calgary South); Joyce Zwick (Pincher Creek); Barbra Burggret (West); Charlie Goldsworthy (South); and Pat Romerman (West). Guests: Liz Harvey (wife of DG Martin Harvey); Jared Pon; Gerry Turcotte (our guest speaker); and Maureen Bedard (sister of Joan and Jeanette).

Once again, a past president was put to work polishing plates – and no one does it better than our plate polisher today – Dennis Tiltsen. He was warm and friendly, and even made sure the plates were clean.

Brad Sewell gave the Sunshine Report: Cliff Tyminski (Sheila) has a birthday April 23, Dennis and Beth are celebrating their wedding anniversary, and Robb Matthews his 2 year anniversary as a member of our club. Brad's joke made everyone laugh – just remember, if you're ever planning on breaking into someone's house, don't worry about their parrot named Ronald, worry about their Rottweiler named Jesus.

Martin then introduced our first guest speaker, DI Julia Phelps. Julia Phelps began her career in education in 1976, and is now the associate commissioner for the Center for Curriculum and Instruction for the state of Massachusetts. She served on the board of the Amesbury Educational Foundation, Inc. and the John Ashford Link House Inc. A Rotarian since 1997, Phelps has served Rotary as Rotary Foundation alumni coordinator and district governor. She is a Major Donor, Benefactor, multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and a member of the Bequest Society. Phelps is a

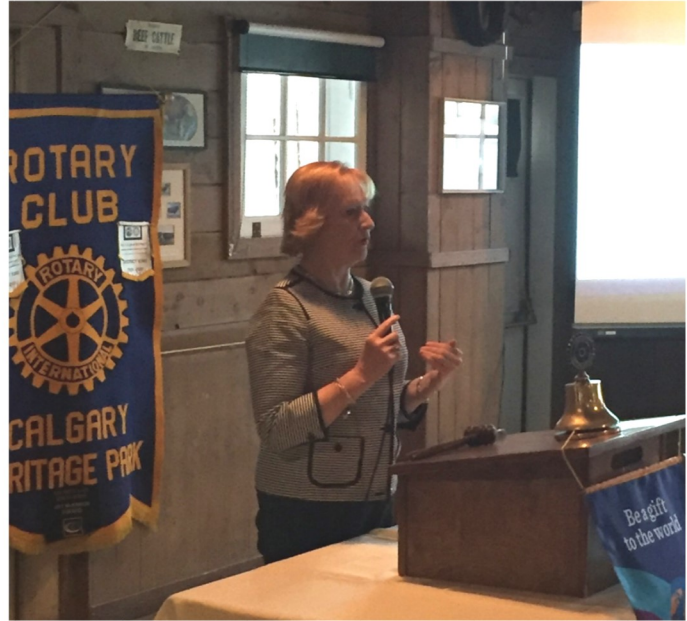
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Our meeting.

recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

Julia spoke about her experience becoming a Rotarian. It's an unusual story as she was coerced to joining by her then boss, the superintendent of the school board in Amesbury. Thinking it was her 'get out of jail free' card, she agreed to go, and was pleasantly surprised by the friendliness of the members, and the fact that the club met every week. But she was soon sold on Rotary, and she realized just how much her Rotary family meant to her when her husband passed away, and again when she was planning to remarry. Rotary also helped her in her work – the Rotarians were the folks with their fingers on the pulse of the community, so whenever she needed to know what was going on (or to get things done), she could count on her club members to help out. Julia left us with the message that Rotary can mold you and encouraged us to look for new members whose values match ours, and they too can be molded into great Rotarians.



Darryl then introduced our second speaker: Dr. Gerry Turcotte, president of St. Mary's University. Dr. Turcotte became St. Mary's third president and vice-chancellor on July 1, 2011. He has recently been reappointed to serve another 5 years in this role. With impeccable academic credentials and outstanding leadership qualities, Dr. Turcotte has developed a bold and creative vision to take St. Mary's into a new era of growth and development. Originally from Montreal, before coming to Calgary, Dr. Turcotte spent 25 years in Australia in a number of academic and administrative roles, the last being Associate Provost and Executive Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Notre Dame, the only private Catholic university in Australia. He has authored over 200 publications including 15 books (is anyone feeling like an underachiever yet? He is also a single parent of 2 teenage children, one of whom now attends St. Mary's University).

Gerry talked about his accidental journey into academia (seeing a theme?). He is from a 'working class' family, with both parents reaching grade 6 in their education. His mother was determined that he attend university (McGill to be precise), and the only reason he went was to appease his mother (intending to drop out after a month). But he stayed because he loved it so much (demonstrating once again the wisdom of mothers). His main message was:

The world does not owe you – you owe the world.

St. Mary's University has been growing like gangbusters. It is the fastest growing of the 26 post secondary schools in Alberta, having grown 42% in the past 2 years. It provides education in 34 disciplines, has one of the most successful post-graduate education faculties, and has the highest rate of graduate success in securing jobs post-grad.

Universities vary in the type of education they offer, and this provides different types of learners the choice in finding one to suit them. St. Mary's University focuses on the student and has small classes. It is based on a philosophy of social justice and giving back to the community. Much like Rotary. One program highlights this

Our meeting.

philosophy – Humanities 101, which is for Calgary's most economically disadvantaged, and covers all the students' tuition, travel, and childcare expenses (it costs the university \$150,000 to run the program). It is a holistic approach to education, with students getting involved; it is at the centre of the university, not on the periphery. The university receives the smallest \$\$ from the government, but is soaring – because it is value based. Based on his experience in Australia in working with the Aboriginal community, here too the university has reached out to form relationships (and trust) with our First Nations peoples, to understand what their needs are, before taking action.

Education to Gerry is to inspire imagination and build a skill set that allows the student to face the world with confidence and faith, to change the world for the better. He ended by inviting us to hold a meeting there, and promised that he would have someone other than him cook the breakfast.

Dennis thanked Julia and Gerry for their inspirational talks.

Rotary Minutes:

Asha came up to the podium twice: first, to present a cheque of \$3000 to It's a Crime Not to Read (Vocations Committee); second, to ask for more volunteers for the District Conference.

Doug Hood would like an animal suit (shhhh, don't tell Martin what it's for....).

Fran picked the 50 50 but was less lucky with the draw (although 3 of diamonds is a very nice card). Fran recited the 4 way test flawlessly.

Lots of happy bucks, which our recorder struggled to keep up with



Phil – his company has a new name and new logo, and new shirts (and one was clean this morning)

Al for all the help last week making the meeting so successful

Bob Price for his daughter graduating from St. Mary's University this spring

Martin – for his 2 leading ladies (Liz and Julia)

Mark (a sad buck) for the soldiers killed in Pakistan

Fran – who was glad Phil found a clean shirt and grateful that her friends in Chile and Peru were safe

Garry – for having the privilege of cooking for his son and his son's friends tonight (there's a guy with a glass half full attitude!!!)

Joan – for her sister Maureen coming, and for her brother-in-law Dennis who helped unload 3 1/2 yards of soil (not dirt) yesterday

Ted – for his son who is starting at MRU this fall

Neil – happy to be here

Julia – a great day for Rotary

Joyce – nice to see some of her Centennial pals.

Then Walter saddled up to fine one and all. Walter was saving up for this – apparently not having a sheriff last week gave him licence to hand out tickets from that meeting (what is the statute of limitations here??)

Harry for not knowing who the sheriff was

Everyone who failed to say good morning to Walter or Martin

Christine for letting her cell phone ring last week

Then some kind of a kudo to Dennis for wearing his pin every day



John R for speeding in the park (maybe it's 15 MPH)
 Aliisa for bad manners (cut Charlie off) – and another buck for objecting (Alissa, Aliisa, this is not Perry Mason, no objections in this house)
 Various tables (that were within Walter's hearing range) for talking during the introduction
 Harry for ignoring Walter (don't worry Harry, you won't come close to Garry for president receiving the most fines!)
 And all Rotarian women for being great (huh? Did I miss something?)
 Martin because if Liz is great, you must be a trial to put up with

Harry adjourned the meeting with some words of wisdom: "it always seems impossible until it's done."

Duty Roster for April 29

Greeter: Brad Wellicome
 Doorsales: Ted Wood
 50/50: Walter Zuk
 Grace and Sunshine report: Harold Aitkenhead
 Introduce speaker: Richard Austin
 Thank speaker: Lynda Campbell
 Standard Reporter: Joan Bedard

Duty Roster for May 6

Greeter: Lynda Campbell
 Door Sales: Zuzana Carter-Edwards
 50/50: Bob Clark
 Grace and sunshine report: Jim Coyle
 Introduce speaker: Jim Davis
 Thank Speaker: Graham Drake
 Standard Reporter: Leighton Fisk

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

April 29	Classifications
May 6	YEX Coordinator; Zuzana Carter-Edwards
May 13	Meeting moved to Canmore for District Conference
May 20	Operation Eyesight International
May 27	YEX Phoebe's year-end presentation
June 3	Club assembly

