

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?

In the beginning:

After the rowdy crowd was quietened down, Peter Harding led a deep and melodious O Canada. Bob Clark shared grace in his usual eloquent manner.

Rotary
Club of Calgary Heritage Park



INTRODUCTIONS: BY: Again, it took a bit to quiet down the crowd, but Neil Cameron took control and introduced a wonderful group of visitors:

Visiting Rotarians:

Mario Lassa, Rotary Independence , Brazil

A group from the Young Rotary Organization; affiliated with Calgary South(?)

. beginning to understand that they are early career individuals committed to Rotary principals, meeting once a month, whereas Rotaract tends to be university students

. looking forward to hearing more from them

Jeff Hughes, Christina Sgaggi

Shay Oyeumi

Marie Richard – Calgary West

Bryan Walton – Calgary South



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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Guests:

Kundan Thind

Alana Hudson

Holly Drake – guest of Mr. Graham D

Sarah Salus – Alzheimer's Society – hosted by Martin Harvey

Kate Cheryba – our outbound YEX – hoping to go to the Netherlands as her first selection

Our meeting.

PLATE ASSIGNMENT: Jeanette Pyle unfortunately won't be getting that bottle of wine or scotch or whatever the prize is but she did a wonderful job of greeting us all with shined plates.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

There were a few brief minutes:

Marie Richard – in their 19th year their goal is to produce 5,000 Strawberry Shortcakes. Free delivery within Calgary and Airdrie on Feb 14 for orders of 6 or more. You can pick up order as well. \$7.00 each. I can attest to them being delicious and much easier to buy than make ☺ Go to www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org/strawberry.htm to order.

Martin Harvey had the distinct pleasure of presenting a cheque \$2,700 to Sarah Salus, Alzheimer's Society of Calgary. I heard our Community Services chair communicate that this was a self-serving donation as many of us might be taking use of their programs in the (near?) future. Sarah Salus provided a very interesting and informative presentation on the why's and how's of their programs and extended an open invitation to visit and participate.

Brad Sewall provided some further insight as to the call for "mentors" within the SWCRC (South West Community Resource Centre). Some students are looking for assistance prior to specific exams, some looking for learning and studying "process coaching" and some are looking for single subject coaching. There is also a need for your retired laptops for families that cannot afford their own. If you can assist in any way please contact Brad or Ginny Murphy. Effort is made to match the right mentor to the right student, so put your foot forward.

Roger Sonntag encouraged us to reserve the longest day of the year, June 21, for the annual golf tournament. He also extended a call-out for more committee volunteers.

Max Patel reminded everyone of the "Indian Dinner" on Thursday January 25th. Watch for emails with further information. Sounds like a great evening of fellowship and "Experience" with about 45 people signed up so far.



SUNSHINE REPORT: - Bob Clark

Member Birthdays: Christine Martin – Jan 23

Spouse Birthdays: Jackie Kinley – Jan 19 – and Doug was fined later

Anniversaries: none this week

Rotary Anniversaries:

Jamie Powell – celebrating 13 years in Rotary – Jan 24th, 2005

And Bob treated us to a lawyer's story about Fire and Brimstone



Our meeting.

SPEAKER: Introduced by Jim Coyle, our own Graham Drake, with his wife Holly in the room, gave a very informative and moving presentation about why YEX is such an important Rotary program.

Graham graciously provided 15 pages of notes and background material from which he prepared his presentation. As a former YEX committee member, and outbound counsellor for two students in another club, I was near tears reading the comments and testimonials Graham had collected. This Standard issue could be 20 pages long and I'm sure everyone would read every word. I'll copy in just a brief sampling from Graham's notes. If you want more I highly recommend reaching out to Graham Drake.

Challenge of youth exchange

Without direct experience, and in particular a direct positive experience one might ask why we spend time and money on one student inbound and one outbound, when we have so many other priorities.

butterfly effect: *noun* (with reference to chaos theory) the phenomenon whereby a minute localized change in a complex system can have large effects elsewhere

Through the Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary International hopes to create a more interconnected and understanding world. It aims to make the world a more peaceful and understanding place one exchange at a time. As the students experience different cultures and meet people from all around the world, they will be more understanding. Rotary expects that this understanding will lead to a more interconnected and peaceful world.

The Rotary Club of [Copenhagen, Denmark](#) initiated the first Rotary exchange in 1927, and the Rotary Club of [Nice, France](#) followed suit soon after in 1929. Then in 1962 the first exchange involving Japan and Germany were arranged after tense relations between them and other Rotary International Clubs following World War II. Since its conception 80 years ago, the Rotary Youth Exchange program has expanded rapidly to exchange 9,000 students annually between 80 countries.

Janice Onison - Belgium

I can still get choked up thinking about my exchange because it was such a pivotal period of time for me. The evidence is in the journal I kept for that year and how I evolved as a person. It was so touching to be openly welcomed by people who were total strangers to me in language, culture and experience. I do believe the year I spent in Belgium and the connections that I made will serve to foster cross-cultural understanding.

I think the student experience of YEX builds the student from the inside out, and it's the student who builds the community.

Kyla Miller – YEX participant 1999 and now a Rotarian for 10 years.

As a past student, you don't realize how YEX affects you in your future, until you are asked to look back and put pen to paper. I am so proud to know I have had an integral roll in selecting and sending almost a dozen students on the One year exchange program. Rotary continues to provide this amazing opportunity to share culture, explore the world, and help promote a better understanding of the ever changing world dynamics. I can only hope that someday, I am able to be the Rotarian who invites a past YEX student to a meeting, and then they begin their journey of becoming a Rotarian. This is the power of Rotary, this is the continuation of the Rotary Way, and this is a reason to continue investing in our youth.

Our meeting.

Brad Wellicome: - host family perspective

The impact hosting had on our son was particularly interesting. Connor (host brother) was quite skeptical about having an exchange student in our home, thinking it may be inconvenient and awkward for him. His skepticism turned to enthusiasm as he came to know the student, Doris Weidling. He became very attached to Doris and grew quite protective of his host sister. He took great pride in introducing her to friends and special places around Calgary and Western Canada. They continue to keep in touch through social media and email, as do the Cheryl & I. Connor has self admittedly had his eyes opened to other cultures and customs and now looks forward to experiencing them on his own as he begins to travel more. Connor has been an engaged host brother to 3 other YEX students and formed more friendships as a result. Overall, hosting has proven to be a real growth opportunity for both our sons, although perhaps more so for Connor

Sophia Larsen-Rosner (Taiwan 2015-16)

I was not familiar with Rotary or its escapades until my grade 10 English class, where I met and befriended a Danish Rotary Youth Exchange student. I looked forward to every class, not for the Shakespeare or essay writing strategies, but for the opportunity to speak to her and hear about her experiences in Canada. Listening to her adventures and how absolutely in love with my country she was, gave me a huge appreciation and new perspective on my home. She also spoke very highly of Rotary and was an excellent advocate for the organization. Ultimately, she was a huge part of why I wanted to get involved with Rotary.

Summary and concluding remarks from Graham

On the surface – we are helping one student experience and understand a different part of the world.

And some of them experience another butterfly phenomena – changing from a caterpillar (gangly unsure teenager) to a butterfly - strong confident adults. I recall a young shy and timid 17 year old from Stettler returning home after a year in South Africa – sharing her experience in dealing maturely with a conservative apartheid supporting host father.

Over the years my perspective grew from helping one frozen Australian student – to seeing the effect on the group of students, to helping a Rotary Club come together, to communicating around the world with other Rotarians. I have seen such growth and maturity from so many young adults, the positive effect it has on their own families, their schools and communities.



The ripple or butterfly effect is truly what the Youth Exchange program is about. Small acts can make a big difference

Thanked by: Doug Hood

50/50

Presenter and winner: Stan Chistmas at the controls, \$500 in the pot and Roger Sonntag aced the 4-Way test but could not pull the joker. He was fined later also – for his inability to snag the Joker.

Our meeting.

HAPPY BUCKS: the pot was overflowing

Sheila Tyminksi had a whole lot of happy bucks. She forgot that she had a happy buck for dementia and Alzheimers; so she came back to that later.

Peter Harding had a happy buck for Sheila's wonderful presentation during Happy Bucks.

Bryan Walton for his bionic wife

Mark Rowe remembering his Dad

Fran Hochhausen

Jamie Powell for 13+13. A daughter just turned 13 in addition to his 13 years in Rotary. Perhaps he contributed \$13.

Martin Harvey

Brad Willicome

Raju Paul

Jim Coyle for 2 prospective members

Ginny Murphy

Greg Smyth

Bill Hope

Christine Mihailades

Sheila Tyminski coming back after remembering Alzheimers

Bill Skinner

Doug Kinley; who was later fined for not poking the bear

Al Hardstaff

SHERIFF: Name: Doug Hood was the Sheriff and he helped top up the pot in great form.

Sheila Tyminski

Max Patel

Bob Clark

Jim Coyle

Jamie Powell

Doug Kinley for not poking the bear. Figure that one out and take note for future reference

Asha Paul

Roger Sonntag – for not being able to visualize the Joker

... and maybe a few more



CLOSING REMARKS:

Our next two meetings will be up the hill at Gasoline Alley. Watch for a parking code in your emails and pass it along to any guests.

Jan 26th – Robbie Burns Day – look forward to some haggis and special coffee.

Feb 2 – joint meeting with the Police Chief as our speaker.

Peter Leigh has something to do with this but I cannot for the life of me figure out what or why I wrote his name down.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer.

Duty Roster for January 26

Greeter: Garry Gray

Door sales: Bill Hope

50/50: Martin Harvey

Grace and Sunshine report: Fran Hochhausen

Introduce speaker: Phil Hochhausen

Thank speaker: Doug Hood

Standard Reporter: Peter Harding

February 2: Is a special meeting and we will have special assignments. Mark Rowe will let us know if we need volunteers.

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Jan 26	Robbie Burns—Jim Hutchens
Feb 2	Joint Meeting—Chief of Police
Feb 9	Club Assembly
Feb 16	Gary/Brian/Doug—PV Update

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ROTARY PIN**

