

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:

The meeting was a celebration of the life of Robbie Burns and all things Scottish.

We were greeted by the smiling Brian Semeschuk. Brad Sewell handled door sales, and Bill Skinner, 50-50 ticket sales.



The meeting was called to order by President Jim Coyle, and Joan Bedard led us in Oh Canada. Eve Robertson led us in a fitting grace, Robert Burns' Selkirk Grace. Then began the Haggis Procession – that is, the haggis being carried in a procession that include the pipes (Kyle Scott piper), Jamie Osborne officiant, and our own Mark Rowe and Don McArthur properly outfitted in their full Scottish formal wear (i.e. kilts etc). Once the haggis had been placed in the front, Jamie Osborne gave the toast to the haggis. This scribe was unable to translate what he said, but it sounded very impressive. We were left to believe the haggis had been properly blessed at which time the four men toasted it (that means they had a wee dram of whisky). All that being done, our guests and visiting Rotarians were introduced, including Sabrina Drew, our club's 2019-20 out-bound YEX student, Steven Hagel (guest of Bob Clark), Steve Rickard (Calgary West), and of course Enya, our current inbound student from Germany. Finally, we proceeded to have breakfast, including the ever popular haggis.



President Jim shared the bad news that Roger Sontag was in the hospital having suffered a heart attack. All were asked to sign a card wishing him well. Roger – we truly hope you recover quickly and completely.

Mark introduced our guest speaker Jamie Osborne (of the haggis procession and blessing). Jamie was born in Calgary of parents from Aberdeen Scotland.



Our meeting.

His parents own the Scottish Shop. He is actively involved in the Scottish and Irish communities in Calgary, including the Calgary Burns Club. Today is the 206th anniversary of Robert Burns' birthday.

Jamie thanked Mark for the introduction and went on to share some interesting facts about Robert Burns' life. He was born in 1759 in Alloway Scotland. He was the eldest son of tenant farmers William Burnes and Agnes Broun. Robbie wrote in the Scots dialect at a time when there was a move away from it (towards English). He spoke for the ordinary people, of love, humanity, justice and the joys of life. He was a great romantic. And on the theme of romance, he loved the ladies and was generous in expressing it to women with abandon. One of his most enduring poems is Auld Lang Syne, set to the tune of a traditional Scottish folksong, and sung across the world to bid farewell to the year on new year's eve.

Dennis thanked Jamie for the fascinating talk, and to Kyle for the piping.

Minutes:

Steve Rickard had a minute to promote Calgary West's annual strawberry shortcake fundraiser. This is a fellowship and fundraising activity for their club, involving 45-55 people in making and delivering the desserts. This year they have added gourmet cookies, which can be ordered year 'round from Cookie Occasion in Marda Loop. To order your strawberry shortcake or valentine pack of cookies, go to www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org/strawberry.htm. All orders and payments must be received by February 7th.

Steve also brought our attention to a call by our incoming DG, Mark Maloney, to look at the UN \$8.4B sustainable goals fund: <http://www.sdgfund.org/>.

Lorne Kelly donated 4 tickets to Hitmen game Friday night; can pick up after the meeting. Thank you Lorne!

Bob Clark updated us on Give a Fork Event ticket sales. 240/315 have been sold (most of the 2/\$100 sold). Our leading seller is now Doug Hood, who is one ahead of Janet Blahun (26 and 25 respectively). Let's try and sell all 315!

Christine M and Eve R announced that flyers are now available to promote the Second Chance Art Sale. We are looking for art donations right now, which can be dropped off at any of the 7 Michael's location across Calgary. Please post flyers on community boards, in neighbours' mail boxes (especially if they are moving), in your local dog park – anywhere and everywhere. Also send out to your friends electronically. We need art!!!

Max – sign up for our club's anniversary dinner on February 21st at the Himalayan Restaurant in Midnapore.

Stan updated us about Kate Cheryba, our outbound YEX student in Germany who is having a very rich and rewarding experience. He plans to send her a gift pack next week, so please bring something to include in the gift pack (helps stave off home-sickness).

Stan introduced us to Sabrina Drew, our 2019-20 outbound student. Sabrina then introduced herself. She is in grade 12 at Bowness High. She has one older sister. Sabrina is a competitive swimmer. She is very excited about this opportunity and thanked us for selecting her.

Enya gave us her weekly update. Things are pretty quiet this week, as(exams are still underway. On Wednesday she went to the zoo, and on Friday will go to a Chinese New Year's supper put on by

Our meeting.

Calgary South. She is taking ski lessons next week. She has been selected to be one of 4 students to represent her high school in Canmore for an event to learn more about the environment.

President Jim reminded us about the need to complete the YEAH police check, if we are to spend any time with someone from a vulnerable sector (including youth). Brad Welicome is willing to help anyone to complete the process.

50-50:

Drawn by Brad Sewell, who recited the 4 way test with aplomb, but failed to pull the joker. So sad, too bad Brad.

Happy bucks

This scribe was so engaged in listening to everyone's happy moments that she forgot to write them down. Lots of happy members, special thanks to everyone who hosted Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. And prayers and hopes for Roger's speedy recovery.

Sheriff

Rob Matthews looked to shake a few loonies loose from our pockets with some tough questions about Scotland.

What is the name of Scotland's national flower (the thistle)

Which is the capital of Scotland – Edinburgh or Glasgow (Edinburgh)

The name of a barn in Heritage Park previously owned by a prominent Calgarian family originally from Scotland (Burns)

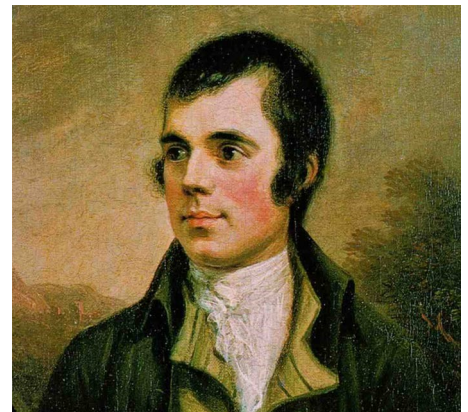
The name of a much beloved song that hit number 1 on the UK charts in the 1970s and is the most recorded song of all time, having been recorded over 6600 times? (Amazing Grace)

The name of the late 13th century Scottish warrior who led the Scots in the first war of Scottish independence (played by Mel Gibson in Braveheart) (William Wallace)

What threatens the availability of haggis, which is causing Scots to fear enforced vegetarianism (Brexit)

Did everyone pay up (4 Way test)? If not, pop a couple of loonies in the pot next week.

Happy Robbie Burns Day everyone!



Rotary

BE THE
INSPIRATION

February 1, 2019

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| Greeter | Wellicome, Brad |
| Door sales | Wood, Ted |
| 50/50 | Zuk, Walter |
| Grace and Sunshine report | Aitkenhead, Harold |
| Introduce Speaker | Bedard, Joan |
| Thank speaker | Blahun, Janet |
| Standard reporter | Cameron, Neil |

February 8, 2019

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| Greeter | Christmas, Stan |
| Door Sales | Clark, Bob |
| 50 50 Sales | Field, David |
| Grace Sunshine Report | Gray, Garry |
| Introduce Speaker | |
| Thank Speaker | |
| Standard Reporter | Drake, Graham |

February 15, 2019

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| Greeter | Campbell, Lynda |
| Door Sales | Harding, Peter |
| 50 50 Sales | Harvey, Martin |
| Grace and Sunshine report | Hood, Doug |
| Introduce Speaker | Hope, Bill |
| Thank Speaker | Hochhausen, Fran |
| Standard Reporter | Hochhausen, Phil |

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

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| Feb 1 | Dan Parnell—The Secret Marathon |
| Feb 8 | Club Assembly |
| Feb 15 | Garry Gray & Brian Semeschuk—PV Update |
| Feb 21 | Club anniversary dinner at <i>Taste of Himalayas</i> |
| Feb 22 | No Friday am meeting due to Club Anniversary Dinner |

