



Reporter,
Thalia Kingsford...

John Hogan introduced our speaker for Remembrance Day, Captain Bill McAuley.

Trained as a "sapper" or military engineer, Bill has served in Bosnia, Kabul and Kandahar. After a career as a Sr. Explosive Inspector with the Federal Government, he is now doing a Ph.D. in Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary.

Bill opened with recognition of the individuals at the Meeting who had served. Some would summarize a career in the military as "95% boredom and 5% shear terror". His perspective of his military career included many memories that flood into the two minutes of silence we observe on Remembrance Day.

We think of all wars and should remember that we have lost 1500 soldiers in various peace keeping and military campaigns since Korea. He returned to Afghanistan for multiple tours out of a sense of support for the Canadians who were deployed there. He explained that Kandahar is "a very serious place". He was shot at more in Bosnia than his tours in Afghanistan.

Two Minutes of Silence: The Thoughts of Soldiers...

He talked about the memories of his friends that were lost and that flood through his mind during the two minutes of silence. Mark Isfeld was

him. Bill remembers the sadness of his death, but also the wonderful times that are the memories of his life.



Our Speaker, Captain Bill McAuley...

lost in Bosnia but his loss has created a legacy (the Issy Dolls) that lives on. Master Corporal Erin Doyle, who was killed by the Taliban, was a very competent soldier who had a great sense of humour. Children were magnetically drawn to

Thinking of Sgt. George Miok, the first person killed from Bill's regiment, brings very emotional reflections of the ramp ceremony and the logistical challenges during such a difficult time. Corporal Sean Teal received the Star of Military Valour but lost his sense of innocence when his vehicle was bombed and he valiantly dragged his friends to safety.

Bill explained that our recognition and understanding of the meaning of the two medals, the Memorial Cross (given to family members) and the Sacrifice Medal (awarded to those injured in combat) is very much appreciated.

Regardless of our own reflections during the two minutes of silence, this year we have the immense benefit of sharing Bill's insights.

The Club gave him a standing ovation and Jason Edworthy, the father of a Canadian soldier who has served in Afghanistan, thanked him on our behalf.



Marketa Krausova from The Czech Republic...

The Meeting

To Frank McKittrick's rousing rendition of It's A Long Way to Tipperary, the Head Table entered the Crystal Ballroom for the Remembrance Day meeting. President Bill called the meeting to order. Following O Canada, John Fisher recited In Flanders Fields. The Last Post was played by Al Muirhead.



Lynn Lehr on the Seniors Christmas Party...

Marketa Krausova represented a group of guests from the Czech Republic being hosted by Eva Friesen and the Calgary Foundation. The purpose of the visit is to study our community foundations as the efforts to rebuild a civil society in the Czech Republic continue. Don Forbes introduced the other Visitors and Guests.

The Rosdobutko Report focused on the recognition of our Canadian soldiers who have served our country. She read the poem "Remember Me"



Don Forbes introduces visitors & guests...

Ken Moraes introduced George Bittman from the Calgary Poppy Fund. After working with the Veteran's Food Bank for six years, George will be retiring this year. He explained that more than 70 hampers are distributed monthly to needy veterans. "It's the reason we are here, to remember those who made that ultimate sacrifice and why we must continue to assist those who are in need-our vets." Ken reports that members contributed \$2500 and the Small Donations Committee added \$300. We now have double last year's amount and are able to purchase two wheel chairs.

Mark Stiles represented the Christmas Hamper Campaign which is now actively seeking donations.

Lynn Lehr announced that the Seniors Christmas Party will be Sunday, 12December at the BMO Centre. Bob Holland will have the volunteer website up and running soon.



The Rosdobutko report...



George Bittman spoke on the Poppy Fund and the new memorial...

Bjorn, our Swedish exchange student, is currently living with the Keech household. He was on television last



Mark Stiles on Christmas Hampers...

week and loves doing things with Rotarians. He is also looking for a guitar that he might borrow.



Bjorn is having a great time in Calgary...

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

November 16 -
Captain Brian Bews
"Not a second to spare"

November 23 -
Richard Trustcott
Director Provincial Affairs -CFIB

November 30 -
Dr. Reed Ferber Asst. Prof.
Faculty of Kinesiology, U of C

December 7
Mark Tremblay

December 14
World Community Service
Uganda Project Update

December 21
Partners Christmas Luncheon

December 28
Informal Fellowship Meeting

January 4
Robert Miller, Pres. CDFAI
*"Why Canada needs a Private
Western Canadian Foreign
Affairs Research Institute"*

January 18
Dr. Elizabeth Cannon

TRAVELLERS

Garth and Ann Toombs,
Madeleine King and John Ridge
reviewed WCS projects in Uganda
from October 23 to November 7.

During that time they attended
Rotary Club meetings at Kampala
North, Wobulenzi, Kaliziso and
Masaka.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY NEW MEMBERSHIP PROCESS WHITE SLIP REQUEST

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

COMPANY NAME: Calgary Economic Development
BUSINESS TYPE: Economic Development
CLASSIFICATION: Hospitality & Tourism
PRIMARY MEMBER: Bruce Graham (existing member)

FIRST ASSOCIATE: CLASSIFICATION:
Luke Azevedo- Advertising & Publicity

PERSONAL MEMBERSHIPS

NAME: Varinder (Vlad) Dhillon
PROFESSION: Government
CLASSIFICATION: Community Relations
COMPANY: Department of National Defence
PROPOSED BY: Thalia Kingsford & John Ink

NAME: Oliver Kuhn
PROFESSION: Oil & Gas
CLASSIFICATION: Geophysics
COMPANY: Apoterra
PROPOSED BY: Ralph Lundberg & John Boyd

CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM

Our annual Christmas
Hamper Program is about to
get underway. It provides
a wonderful opportunity to
all of us to help less fortun-
ate families at this special
time of year.

There are four ways you
can help:

- ◆ Make a donation
- ◆ Sponsor a family
- ◆ Shop to fill hampers
- ◆ Deliver hampers

For more information
contact Mark Stiles or the
Rotary office

ROTARY SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday December 12
at the BMO Centre
(formerly The Round-up Centre)

Online registration will be
available shortly through the
Rotary Website

**You can also register with
Karen or Tina at meetings**

**Many thanks to everyone for
making this such a success each
year**

Calgary Rotarians Visit Uganda *by Garth Toombs*

A visit to the site of our Club sponsored T.R.A.C.C. (Taking Rotary Assistance to Communities and Children) project was



made by **Madeleine King, John Ridge, Garth and Ann Toombs.** Landing in Entebbe airport in Uganda on Oct 24, the team spent two days in Kampala, and then went on down to southwestern Uganda, the site of the project.

A highlight of the visit was the handover of the two containers of medical supplies gathered by our Club in its Adopt-A-Hospital project. Madeleine officially presented the gift. A representative of the Government of Uganda and of the local Municipal leadership gave thanks to our Club while 50 people from the hospital community,

Rotary and others showed their appreciation.

Over the 11 days of our visit the four of us split into two groups, to maximize exposure to the beneficiaries in their homes, and to see the efforts being made by schools and vocational training settings.

There are 509 orphaned boys and girls who are beneficiaries of this AIDS



related project. Also there is a micro-credit component with 450 men and women recipients, all affected or infected by AIDS. The project employs two local NGOs and has a staff of 6 others to administer the program and oversee the micro-credit.

The project is located in the epi-centre of the beginning of the AIDS epidemic in the world, and even today 12% of the population is impacted. WHO says a disease is at epidemic proportions when 5% are involved.

We also had the good fortune of spending time with the three Rotary Clubs involved – total membership of about 80. Almost every Rotarian has some role, and for many it is visiting the orphaned child-headed families on a regular basis.

As a team we had lots of laughs and trials as we faced issues with the small hotels we stayed in, with the food, and VERY tricky, bumpy and non-existent roads. What sticks in our memories are the tragic, poverty stricken lives of many people and particularly the orphaned children. We will also remember fondly the great welcome we received from the Rotarians and the wonderful times we had, often in the evening after meetings, when we enjoyed “swallowship!”

We returned to Calgary on Sunday, Nov 7.

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