



Reporter,  
Frank McKittrick

As part of the club's tribute to twenty years of women in Rotary, it was very fitting that Linda Hohol act as the

keynote speaker at today's luncheon. In the year of our Lord Gord Walker (1990), the board decreed that women should not be excluded from membership in the Calgary club. Martha Cohen and Nan Jensen had previously been welcomed as honorary members; however, Linda Hohol and Irene Besse became the first women in our organization to be admitted as *active* members.

Linda's enthusiasm for Rotary was evident as she referred to her first encounters with the all-male membership twenty years ago. Apparently, back then some of the guys had grey hair. Not unlike the present. Linda was soon swept up on committees, barbecues, and fellowship events. Her most active involvement has been on the major donations committee, which she continues to serve even today. "A humbling and rewarding experience" was how she referred to the committee. Indeed, she full heartedly supports the Rotary concept of giving back to the community. When the Haskins School of Business awarded her "Distinguished business leader" in 2005, Linda quoted

the Four Way Test as part of her acceptance speech. Regrettably, she has been the only woman to receive the award to date.

## Women in Rotary

Obviously speaking on behalf of the women in the Calgary Rotary Club, Linda concluded with the observation that, 19 years after joining, it was still a pleasure to be part of our group: men and women alike. And I'm sure the membership would agree that the feeling was mutual.

### Our Fair Ladies

(A review)

The all-ladies performance began with the entrance of two characters who resembled Bill Keech and Gordon Walker. The assembled were obliged to merely clap them to the head table as the pianist sat down at the polished ebony grand to discover that it only had black keys to play on. The maitre d' was hastily summoned. He had the keyboard unlocked in time for the march in of the rest of the cast.

Miss Thalia Kingsford did an admirable job as the emcee for the production. She spoke in a clear, crisp voice and kept the action going throughout the performance.

Miss Madeleine King's Invocation was reverent and delivered with awesome introspection.

Miss Kingsford next delivered a soliloquy on the history of women in Rotary, concluding with a heartfelt "thank you." Miss Irene Besse sang her



Speaker, Linda Hohol...

Linda's speech also included an historical milestone for our organization. In 1996, Karen Klassen was the first female member (not that it was possible for *male* members) to have a baby in our club. (Well, actually she didn't have it in our club; she had it in the hospital. But I digress.)



*Doris Galbraith, first club secretary...*



*Martha Cohen, first lady member...*



*Irene Besse introduces our speaker...*

interpretation of *The More We Get Together* with a rich, sonorous voice. Her pear-shaped tone inspired all those in the audience to sing along with her. Miss Catherine Brownlee then took the spotlight and, using impeccable

continuing work of the Rotary partners, citing the recent involvement of two of them on the International scene.

The production was temporarily halted when Mister Frank Hall took to the boards and sang a tongue-twisting Gilbert and Sullivan ditty. By the conclusion of his masterful performance, he had managed to magically auction off two tickets to a football game.

conquistador in the New World); and George Sand, a prominent female writer in the 1800's. Their one common attribute: acting as men in a man's world. Miss Tunstall pointed out that women had come a long way since those times and that women had shown that they could do almost anything that men could do. (Unfortunately, a man in the audience had to come on stage and show her how to work the audio-visual equipment.)



*Catherine Brownlee introduces visitors and guests...*

Enter Miss Lee Tunstall, playing the role of a learned professor. Her well-versed, well-documented and well-enacted performance incorporated the history of women who had taken prominent roles in the past: Boudicca during the Roman occupation of Britain; Dona Catalina de Erauso (a

Miss Linda Hohol, the star of the show, finally took centre stage to the appreciation of the attentive audience. The inspirational performance of the entire cast evoked thunderous applause. This is a show not to be missed. Be sure and catch it if it comes to a theatre near you. Five stars.

enunciation, singled out the visiting dignitaries in the crowd.

This was followed by three rising starlets performing flawlessly. First, Miss Louise Gant took centre stage and did an informative reminiscence of the history of Rotary partners, referring to the involvement of wives in the many club projects through the years. Miss Gloria Kaufmann did a short recitation on the joys of being the wife of one of our presidents, although she couldn't recall which year that was. Dressed in an immaculate costume as usual, Miss Karen Keech expounded on the



*Louise Gant - the history of Rotary partners...*



*Karen Keech - the next phase of Rotary partners...*

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

October 19 - To be announced

October 26 -  
District Governor Al Bergsma

November 2 -  
Lieutenant Governor, Don Ethel

November 9 -  
Remembrance Day

November 16 -  
Captain Brian Bews

November 23 -  
Richard Trustcott  
Director Provincial Affairs -CFIB

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



Professor Tunstall on the history of women...

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY NEW MEMBERSHIP PROCESS - WHITE SLIP REQUEST

NAME:	Eric Bennett
PROFESSION:	Investment Advisor
CLASSIFICATION:	Financial Planning
COMPANY:	Canaccord Wealth Management
PROPOSED BY:	Walter Haessel and Garth Toombs

### Frank n` Stein this Thursday

*Join Frank Sparks and fellow club members on Thursday October 21st, for the Frank n' Stein social - share some fellowship (and beverages) at The Wild Rose Brewery – 4.30 – 6.30 p.m. Located at Building AF23 (former hangar, old Currie Barracks site), #2, 4580 Quesnay Wood Drive SW. See you there!!*

### Rotary Club of Calgary Western Legacy Awards Recipient

We are excited to announce that the club was the winner of the Sustained Contribution, Group Award, presented to President Bill Keech at the Calgary Stampede Western Legacy Awards luncheon held this week. The Western Legacy Awards luncheon will be televised by Shaw TV on the following days:

Friday October 16 – 6.00 p.m.

With repeats on: Sunday, October 17 at 1.00 p.m.,

Thursday October 21 at 7.00 p.m., Saturday October 23 at 9.00 a.m.

Tuesday October 26 at 3.00 p.m., Monday November 1 at 9.00 p.m.

and Friday November 5 at 4.00 a.m

**Please review the following message, received from The Rotary Foundation. This is a unique opportunity to obtain double the credits towards a PHF. We hope you will consider taking advantage of this offer.**

**Dear Rotarian,**

As you may know, Sunday, 24 October 2010 is World Polio Day. In honor of World Polio Day, The Rotary Foundation is happy to announce 2 for 1 recognition for every online contribution of CAD\$100 or more made to PolioPlus during 18-24 October 2010.

To make an online contribution, please copy the following into your web browser:  
<http://www.trfcanada.org/index.html>.

Please note that contributions on <http://www.trfcanada.org/index.html> are in Canadian dollars and Rotarians will receive a Canadian tax receipt. Also, online contributions cannot be made on behalf of another individual, club or district. We expect to have a high volume of online traffic associated with this promotion. Please allow 4-6 weeks for the promotional recognition to appear. Once the promotional recognition has appeared in their accounts, donors may request their recognition materials.

I hope you will join me in contributing online to PolioPlus in honor of World Polio Day. Together we will End Polio Now.

Sincerely,

John T. Osterlund

General Manager

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

## PRIVATE MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

Just in time for Halloween! Presented by Fort Calgary with Pegasus Performances, comic Murder Mysteries are fun, unique, intimate dinner theatre. Guests play the role of detective, trying to deduce "who dunnit".

**Date: Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Location: Deane House [806 - 9 Avenue SE](#)**

**RSVP** by Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 via email: [admin@rotaryclubofcalgary.ca](mailto:admin@rotaryclubofcalgary.ca)

Family and Friends are welcome!

**\$75.00** per person (Please pay at Rotary meeting or call office with credit card number – 403 398 9969). This includes a four course dinner, entertainment and gratuity on the food.

## WINTER GOLF STARTS AGAIN AT THE RIVERSIDE

Rotary Saturday morning golf will be starting again Saturday, October 23. We play Every week at 8:30 to Noon on THE EAGLE STROKE, the world's most realistic golf Simulator. You don't have to play every Saturday as long as we know you are not coming. You don't have to be good, you don't have to be bad, but if you're one or the other we'll keep you apart so that everyone's comfortable. Last year there was a men's group and a ladies group and it looks like there may only be a few spots open so if you're interested give me a call. Gord Walker Business # 403 252 7777 or email [partgolfinfo@shaw.ca](mailto:partgolfinfo@shaw.ca).



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