



Reporter,
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John Ridge appeared pleased to introduce a very special Rotary guest speaker, the United States Consul General for Alberta, Saskatchewan and

the Northwest Territories. Laura Lochman gave a very impressive address that examined the many complex facets of the U.S.-Canada relationship under the overarching banner of friendship and being good neighbours.

Laura Lochman arrived in Calgary in June with her husband and son to take up her new post for a three-year term. She is a career American diplomat with over 20 years of experience in policy analysis and implementation. She has served in various overseas assignments with the Department of State, including positions as Deputy Economic Counselor and Chief of the Trade and Investment Unit at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and Deputy Economic Counselor and Environment, Science and Technology Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Madrid. Earlier, she served in Caracas, Venezuela and Sao Paulo, Brazil. She also served in Washington as the State Department's Office of Cuban Affairs, the Bureau of South Asian Affairs, and in the Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science. She most recently spent two years as the State Department's Deputy Director of the Office of Central European Affairs.

The U.S. - Canada Relationship

Laura graduated with a B.A. in International Studies and French from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She also studied at the Université de Montpellier, France. Laura speaks French, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian.

anywhere else. We are fortunate indeed to be neighbors who share many of the same values including the value of service above self. She thanked the Rotarians who were sporting US flags and she was delighted to see that the American flag was featured in the luncheon PowerPoint as well. She noted the very warm welcome she has received from many Calgarians and said that in many ways she felt very much at home in western Canada.



Speaker, Laura Lochman...

She is also quite familiar with Rotary since her dad was president of his club in Nevada. She spoke eloquently about the importance of US and Canadian friendship and co-operation. From a global perspective the great success of Canada /US relations is not equalled

She spoke also of the importance of understanding that Canada and the US are connected through a vast energy infrastructure and neither country can succeed in reducing their carbon footprint without building a clean energy future together. Both Mr. Harper and Mr. Obama have agreed to seek solutions that are economically viable and environmental effective. Canada is the key energy supplier to the US and it is well understood that it will take decades to develop the clean energy solutions we need. Rotarians had many questions for Laura Lochman ranging from the affect of Enbridge's pipeline leaks to what she thought of James Cameron visiting the oil sands. Laura mentioned that she has visited the oil sands four times and has traveled as far as Nunavut and Weybourne, Saskatchewan. John Fisher had the pleasure of thanking Laura announcing a contribution to CAWST.



John Fisher and Pres. Bill thank our speaker...

had a virtual guest, Peter Lee from the Rotary Club of Doncaster, St. George 's England. Peter had passed through Calgary but was unable to attend our meeting so he sent a letter of introduction. It was agreed that

was noted that of the five Rotary birthdays three were from Calgary. How interesting.

Tom Hickerson & the U of C Digital Library was thanked for sponsoring the COG.

It was noted that Lorne Suitor was just out of hospital so please check before visiting. Steve Allan asked if anyone knew of a condo or house for rent from January –April since Lethbridge member Bernie Carriere would be receiving intensive cancer treatments in Calgary and needed to find accommodations for him and his wife.

The Meeting

Bill Keech called the meeting to order and Jim Denis led us in singing "Oh Canada". Lawrence Bates gave a sincere invocation followed by Bill

he was the most interesting virtual guest we have had to date.

For some reason I am not sure of Larry Shelley was introduced as a guest. I seem to remember that not long ago he was president. I am just reporting the facts.

Wing Kee Chan asked us to take the time to fill out the police check form and provide ID.



Songleader Tim Heaton announces upcoming hockey and family skate event at the Saddledome...

who turned it over to Tim Heaton for a sing song of "You've got a Friend In Me" which took the meeting to a high note and had us all feeling warm and fuzzy.

Brenda Bruce introduced the many guests and it was noted that we also

trying to pronounce her name when she was introduced as a guest. The club members agreed that her maiden name Cunningham was so much more pronounceable that she must use it in future at all Scottish Rotary meetings she attended. The birthday song followed next and it

Club Secretary Carol Rosdobutko reminded us how much fun it is to travel to other clubs around the world. She was recently in Scotland and had the experience of a Scottish Rotary Club



Exchange student Bjorn Ljungberg provides an update on his activities...

Our exchange student Bjorn gave a report on his volunteer activities and noted that he had no idea the weather in Calgary could be so warm.

The meeting ended with laughter and good fellowship and the guest speaker was introduced.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

October 5 - Jean Grandmaitre
Alberta Ballet
“Successfully Directing a
Dynamic Arts Institution Today”

October 12 - Celebration of
Women in The Rotary Club
of Calgary

October 19 - Laura Haynes
President, Appetite

October 26 - District Governor
Al Bergsma

November 2 - TBA

November 9 - Remembrance Day

November 16 - TBA

November 23 - Richard Trustcott
Director Povincial Affairs -CFIB

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

FURNISHED HOME/CONDO REQ'D FOR 3 MONTHS

PDG Bernie Carriere will be in Calgary in the New Year for cancer treatments at The Tom Baker Centre. If anyone has a furnished home/condo for rent from early January to early April, please contact Steve Allan directly with details. Thank you.

Rotary Scrimmage & Family Skate at the Saddledome

Sunday October 17, 2010

3 – 5:30 p.m.

Rotary Club of Calgary VS.
Calgary South/Lethbridge Rotary Clubs

Scrimmage: 3 – 4.15 p.m.

Family Skate: 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Snacks provided by the Calgary Flames (hotdogs, chips, soft drinks....)

- Complimentary parking is available in Lot A (off of 14th Avenue and 5th Street SE)*
- Enter Saddledome at the North Wheelchair entrance*
- Dressing rooms available*
- For the family skate, all children 12 and under must wear helmets*
- No strollers or chairs allowed on the ice*
- No shoes allowed on the ice*

Contact Tim Heaton for more information:

timheaton@shaw.ca

Volunteers still required for Rotary BBQ

Thorncliff Community Centre

Centre Street North

Saturday October 9

5.30pm

Contact

Bruce Williams

bruce@centaursubaru.ca

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 28th, 2010

6:00 pm - Doors open

7:00 pm - Act I commences

7:05 pm - Dinner service begins

10:30 pm - Murder Mystery is completed

Location: Deane House 806 - 9 Avenue SE

RSVP by Tuesday, October 19th, 2010 via email: 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.

Note: Please advise of any special dietary requirements at time of RSVP.

Menu:

Roasted Red Pepper and Tomato Bisque with Crème Fraiche & Smoked Sea Salt
Composition of Watercress, Frisee, Pear and Gorgonzola dressed with Classic Vinaigrette

Petite Filet of Beef Tenderloin and Free Range Chicken Breast Duo, Zinfandel Scented Jus

Chocolate, Raspberry Port Mousse Round, garnished with Cream and Fresh Fruit

Maximum number of tickets – 80

Cash Bar



In early 2010, the Rotary Flames House opened its doors to families of children facing progressive, chronic or life-limiting illness. The 11 bedroom facility will accommodate up to 400 families annually.

This is one of many projects supported by the Rotary Flames partnership. Through its \$10 million gift to the community, both organizations are committed to enhancing existing fundraising efforts and bringing positive change to the community.



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The Rotary Club of Calgary is an organization of professional and community leaders who come together through commitment and fellowship to create opportunities and a better future for generations to follow.