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David Campbell: Global Eyesight Now

David Campbell, founder and Executive Director of Alberta-based "Global Eyesight Now" shared his vision of hope for over 600 million visually impaired people in the developing world – low cost self-adjusting glasses! His passion was sparked while reading an article in Scientific America highlighting the invention of Oxford University physicist Professor Joshua Silver. Inspired by Professor Silver, David Campbell travelled to Malawi where he trained and witnessed firsthand the impact these glasses have instantly on improving the well-being and productivity of people – people who didn't even know they couldn't see.

While studying mirrors, Professor Silver discovered a new way to change the curvature of lenses. He has devised a pair of glasses which rely on the principle that the fatter a lens the more powerful it becomes. Inside the device's tough plastic lenses are two clear circular sacs filled with fluid, each of which is connected to a small syringe attached to either arm of the spectacles. The wearer adjusts a dial on the syringe to add or reduce amount of fluid in the membrane, thus changing the power of the lens. When the wearer is happy with the strength of each lens the membrane is sealed by twisting a small screw, and the syringes removed. With very little guidance people are perfectly capable of creating glasses to their own prescription. Our very own Carol Rosdobutko confirmed this in a two minute demonstration.

These adaptive spectacles can correct both far-sighted and near-sighted people, and these spectacles have been trialed in several countries in Africa and Asia. For merely \$16 a pair, 30,000 of Silver's lenses have been distributed in 15 countries. David, through Global Eyesight, Now wants to distribute more! Second and third generation prototypes are also being developed to make the glasses lighter to wear and less "Harry Potterish". Giving up his day job as a communications professional, David operates Global Eyesight Now from a bedroom in his Black Diamond home.

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Michael Pierson at the keyboard



Happy Birthday, Lou!



Trevor Axworthy plugs the Waterton Peace Park Meeting

Campbell (cont'd)

He is seeking funding and contacts, especially in Calgary-based resource companies, so that low cost corrective eyewear can be purchased and delivered to as many people as possible in the developing world. He also has the goal of training and equipping organizations, individuals and groups to conduct vision correction outreaches on their own. This is definitely one avenue the Rotary Club of Calgary can pursue as an adjunct to many of its world community service projects. <http://www.globaleyesightnow.org/>

The Meeting

This last meeting in August highlighted upcoming Club events to kick off the busy fall season. There is something for everyone to get involved. If you have a valid passport, Trevor Axworthy needs help in Kalispel, Montana September 14 through 16 to represent our Club at the 80th Anniversary celebration the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly. Next year, our Centennial Year, we will be hosting this event in Waterton and this is a great opportunity to promote the event. Trevor also needs volunteers to join his committee and to help with organizing next year's event.

If your passport is expired, join Rick Erven and others on September 15 and 16th at the Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park for Rotary Music and Motion – a series of three fundraising events over the course of two days: an open air concert by the Calgary Civic Symphony, a gala evening and fun run/walk. All events help support the Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park and help build the Rotary Trail connecting Cochrane to Calgary. www.rotarymusicandmotion.com

If you have limited time, join Craig Stevenson and come out for the Feed the Hungary Dinner on September 16th at St. Mary's Cathedral Hall. Twenty volunteers are still needed to support this important annual event.

Finally, if your passport is still valid in February 2013, Madeleine King invites you to join her in Uganda to see the amazing work of TRACC, a signature international project of our club and to experience the magic of Africa through safari and gorilla trekking. Something for everyone – get involved!

Special tribute was paid to Lou MacEachern in the weekly game of ``Who in Rotary``. President Doug MacDonald closed the meeting with a reflective thought on Rotary's Four Way Test – an ethical checklist that is translated into more than 100 languages and transcends religion and culture around the world. He encouraged each of us to think about the Four Way Test in what and how we do things:

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?

What's Happening – Fellowship Calendar

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
Bi-weekly	Mastermind Group	Steve Stein stevejstein@gmail.com
September 15, 16	Rotary Music and Motion	Rick Erven RotaryMusicandMotion.com
September 16	Feed the Hungry	Howie Shikaze
September 20	Frank 'n Stein	Frank Sparks frank@foothills.ca
September 23 10:00am	Highway Cleanup (Mt. Kidd RV Park)	Dave MacDonald
September 29	Top That Hat (TELUS Spark Science Centre)	www.TopThatHat2012.com

Fellowship Story of the Month

It is amazing how when one door closes another opens. That is exactly what happened for Saila of the Rotary Stay In School Program. Saila was just completing grade eleven when her laptop filed its last document. As with many of the SIS participants, no matter how critical it can be for your school year, a laptop isn't an easily replaced item.

About that same time Nancy Lowery, owner of The Natural Leader asked if a gift of a laptop might be something the SIS program might need. Nancy had been the lucky winner of HP laptop from Telus Business Solutions at the recent Globe & Mail Small Business Summit.

Nancy had the opportunity to meet a number of the kids in the SIS program a couple of summers ago when she and her horses had hosted a Leadership through horsemanship session. Passing the computer on to someone who might need it more than she was a simple idea for Nancy. Thank you, Nancy.



Help Feed the Hungry with Greg Stevenson



Communications Committee update from Laura Krantz



Paul Bates thanks our speaker with a CAWST certificate

Rotary Music and Motion

We need more volunteers for dinner service and cleanup on September 15, and takedown on September 17. We also need to sell more Gala tickets.

Tickets are \$125 with \$100 charitable donation. For more information, please contact Rick Erven or Derek Begin.

Stamps Group Discount

Calgary Stampeders special group discount offer - \$26/person (regular price is \$35) for groups of 20+. Seating is provided in the lower bowl.

If you are interested, please contact Matt Reid at mreid@stampeders.com.

Rotary Ride for Ronald

I am Dave Hogarth, Chair for the Rotary Ride for Ronald and I need your help to raise funds to help operate two Ronald McDonald Houses in Alberta. These Houses have to raise 90% of the funds needed and do not receive government grants.

Donations can be paid online with a credit card or cheques can be made out to *Ronald McDonald House* and mailed:

c/o Dave Hogarth
Box 4201
Olds, AB T4H1P8

Please watch the video on our website at www.rotaryrideforronald.com to understand how important these Houses are to families in Alberta.

Birthday Boy!

Lou MacEachern – a brief bio:

- Born in Hazel Grove, PEI.
- He and his wife, Hilda, live in Calgary and have three children
- Left school after Grade 7 and moved to Calgary to earn a living
- Realized how important school was and went back after 4 years to finish school
- Moved back to Calgary in 1964 with \$300 and started a business that grew to the point where it was sold for close to \$12 Million
- Joined Rotary in 1980 where he has served on the Board and supported many Rotary initiatives



Catherine Brownlee at work at Rotary Challenger Park Golf Tournament



RCC Golf Team!



Cheque Presentation

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Upcoming Luncheons

- **Sept. 4****Bob Rowe – Hall Of Famer Story**
- **Sept. 11****Dawn Farrell – TransAlta Utilities**
- **Sept. 18****Dr. John Rook – Calgary Homeless Foundation**
- **Sept. 25****Rotarian Laura Krantz – Adventures in Europe**

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WHITE SLIPS – New Member Process

Name:	Emil Tarka
Profession:	President
Classification:	Education
Company:	Tarka Consulting Inc.
Proposed by:	Walter Haessel & Charles Pratt
Date:	Aug. 24, 2012
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Date:	Aug. 16, 2012

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