#### The Rotary Club of Calgary

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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.





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### Peter Kujawinski & The Meeting

President Doug Macdonald presided over a well-attended meeting to hear the US Consulate General speak and take questions on a wide variety of American and Canadian concerns.

Ayo Jeje delivered a stirring invocation and Michael Pierson presided over the singing of our National anthem. This was followed with Doug McDonald thanking Gene & George Edworthy and Edworthy Vision Centre for their support of the COG the week before, as well as thanking GeoLOGIC for their ongoing commitment to the Rotary Club of Calgary. Tim Heaton delivered with his usual gusto along with strong support from Frank Sparks for the Sing Song

Announcements included a thank you to First Student Canada for donating their buses on the weekend to bring seniors to the Christmas Kick-off Concert. Carol Rosdobutko spoke on the Christmas Hamper Campaign that is still look for support (43 families will receive hampers in December 15), please contact Jo-Ann at the office to support with in-kind and cash donations. Ralph Lundberg iterated that tickets for the Christmas Luncheon(you are encourage to bring a spouse or friend) **must** be purchased by December 13 (\$40) – no reservations or walk-ups will be accepted, you can get tickets at the next meeting or from Jo-Ann at the office.

Calgary's community Rotaract Club (members are under 30) shared with us that they have raffle tickets for sale (\$20) in support of the Children's Hospital. The prize is over \$2000 in wine, with a draw on December 14. Archiving Rotary history is one of the priorities for the Centennial. John Boyd is asking all Rotarians to share their Rotary memorabilia to see if it can be included with the archive at the Glenbow. Please contact John if you have any material.

Past President Bruce Fenwick encouraged all Rotarians to support the two Rotary Foundations and then led a great introduction of Peter Kujawinski. A career diplomat since 1998 with experience in Haiti, France and Israel and is fluent in French, Creole, Hebrew and Polish.

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Viation Month!

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Tim & Frank "You've got a friend in me"



Bill Walsh thanks our speaker



Lise is ready for Christmas!



President Doug presides...

## Kujawinski (cont'd)

He is an author or books for young adults and his wide Celia Rose is a musician. They have twin 2-year old boys and are enjoying their first few months in Calgary.

Peter discussed Canada/US relations including hard questions on pipeline approval, the US fiscal cliff situation approaching at the end of 2012 and the compelling reasons why the Democrats and Republicans will be forced work together.

He answered challenging questions on which baseball team he supports in his home city of Chicago (he likes underdogs – the Cubs in this case) and if he could do anything about the NHL lock-out. Peter is looking forward to attending his first NHL game, if that every actually happens again.

Next week you can look forward to Colin Brown, Clinical Director, AARC at the Fairmont Palliser.

### **Rotary Attendance Alternatives**

- Attend Rotary Club of Calgary (Downtown) regular meeting Tuesday at noon.
- Attend one of the many other Rotary clubs in Calgary
- Make-up at ANY Rotary Club in the world 14 days prior to or after your regular missed club meeting.
- A committee meeting or volunteer project counts as a meeting.

Please be sure to let Jo-Ann know of all make-ups prior to the end of each month.

### **Rotary International Convention**

June 23-26, 2013 in Lisbon, Portugal Early Bird Registration Deadline Approaching Register by December 15 to receive maximum saving

The World Community Service Committee is looking for members who are attending to possibly assist in hosting a booth for our Club – if you are planning on being there and are willing to help please let **Paul Bates**, WCS Chair, know.

### Come Celebrate Chinese New Year!



**February 1, 2013 at 6:00pm** Regency Palace Tickets: \$50 each or \$500 per table Join us for food, fellowship and entertainment

Contact Wing-Kee Chan (403) 978 8776

### Happy Birthday, Charles Pratt!

- Born in Freetown, Sierra Leone
- Business Support to the Natural Gas Industry
- Currently VVC Quality Management Systems
- Rotary Chair of Literacy Committee
- Ping Pong Organizer
- Numerous International Involvements
- Knights of Columbus 1974-1995
- Police Commission 2006-2012
- Calgary Economic Development Board – present
- Joined Rotary in 1996
- Past Chair of WCS
- Active in District International Activities
- Past Club Director
- Yet another Engineer





### Rotary Foundation Month - November 2012 DID YOU KNOW?

- Tax receipts for 2012 are still available from the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF) and/or from The Rotary Foundation (TRF) of Rotary International.
- Outcomes from Rotarian contributions to these Foundations include children around the world growing up with less disease, without polio, with a schoolroom to go to, include support for Calgary families with terminally ill children, for seniors and youth and so many great things here and abroad.
- One hundred (100) current members are Paul Harris Fellows including an amazing sixty-five (65) who have multiple Paul Harris recognitions for their support. Fifty-five percent (55%) of our current members have been TRF contributors.
- Historically there have been 400+ club-related Paul Harris Fellows including non-members and 60+ Rotary spouses. A number of members are Bequest Society members also. See <a href="http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Pages/ridefault.aspx">http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Pages/ridefault.aspx</a> for options.
- The CRCF now has all 13 Calgary area Rotary Clubs participating. Distributions from CRCF fund earning to each Club is directly based upon their member contributions. The Annual Report of the CRCF is available for members at the meetings and will be mailed to those not in attendance.
- CRCF distributions were the enabler for the Rotary-Flames Gift to the Community and will be instrumental in our ability to support 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legacy projects.
- Bottom line these two Foundations are efficiently run, effective in their impact on people and are very complimentary in helping us as Rotarians achieve our mission. Please give serious consideration to support of either or both – your amount is up to you but your participation will be greatly appreciated. Contact Jo-Ann, Bill Redmond, Terry McMahon or Bruce Fenwick if you have questions.

The Rotary Foundation information The Rotary Foundation donation form

CRCF donation form on page 6

"By donating to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation I help provide our club with a consistent, safe and predictable source of funding. With this longer range funding it allows our members to plan and commit to long term projects both locally and internationally, and all decisions rest solely with our club."

Bill Redmond

"I am a repeat donor to both The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. I have also included bequests to each in my Will. Why? Because it feels good. Also, it doesn't hurt that for every \$100.00 which I donate I pay \$50.00 less in income tax, so my net donation cost is significantly reduced. I see legions of people, locally and internationally, dedicating themselves to helping others less fortunate than ourselves, but they can't do it without funding. My contributions to TRF and CRCF, however small, help build endowments which provide a stable, perpetual funding source for the ever changing, and expanding needs of local, regional and international communities."

Roy D. Boettger

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### **Upcoming Luncheons**

- Dec. 11 ...... Colin Brown, Executive Director AARC
- Dec. 18 ...... Christmas Luncheon with Jeremy Tuff of the Calgary
  Food Bank



A reminder that tickets are to be pre-purchased for the December 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch.

Tickets can be purchased at our December 11<sup>th</sup> lunch or through the office by December 13<sup>th</sup>.



#### CALGARY ROTARY CLUBS FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTION FORM

#### 1. DONOR OF CONTRIBUTION

Individual	Rotary Club	Interact/Rotaract Club	Business	Other		
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Club Name						
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Name as it appe	ars on card					
Cheque Payable to "Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation" Cheque Number						
2. INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THIS FORM(if different from donor)						
Name		Daytime phone				
E-mail		Date				

Please send your completed form with contribution. Mail: Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation, 310, 105 – 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Calgary, AB. T2G 1A1

For more information contact your club representative.

Greetings Fellow Rotarians,

The second annual Rotary Club of Calgary's "Big International Event" (BIE) took place on Tuesday, November 27th at Donegal Irish Pub in Calgary. This scheduled RCC evening meeting provided enough fellowship, fun and fund-raising incentives to attract more than 170 Rotarians, partners, friends, visitors, guests and volunteers.

Thank you for your generous support and great company. The evening's "fun-light" program was enthusiastically led by M.C. Chris Harper who officiated no less than five door prize draws. Two winners, Bill Hayden and Chris Harper (!) declined their prizes and generously returned them to the draw. Eventual official winners were Brian Guichon, Tom Tait and Garth Toombs. The much anticipated Air Canada Raffle draw resulted in Tom Tait collecting two return tickets to London to add to his earlier door prize of a bottle of 16 year old malt scotch! This year's silent auction swelled to nearly 30 items and provoked some serious bidding among attendees.

"BIE 2012" was also successful because of the hard work and creativity of the volunteers who put it together. Special recognition goes to the core team of Kristin Fedorak, Bev Gallagher and Ken Moraes. Support from President Doug, International Director Jan Damery and World Community Service (WCS) Chair Paul Bates was unwavering. WCS members including Helen Weir, Eric Bennett and David Still were active contributors. Catherine Brownlee brought her special brand of energy and passion to every ticket sales opportunity. As usual Jo-Ann Clark and Tracy Nelson kept us all in line, on track and in place.

Appreciation also goes to those members and organizations that generously donated silent auction items and door prizes including BIE co-founder Michael Broadhurst's Vision 2000 Travel, Alberta Ballet, Banff Centre, Barb Briggs Photography, Big Rock Brewery, Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, Calgary's Best Pubs, Ranil Herath, Doug Hamilton, Bill Kauffman, Lou MacEachern, Ken Moraes, Michael Pierson, Resorts of the Canadian Rockies, Dave Richardson, Riley and McCormack, John Ridge, Sandler Training, West Canadian and Willow Park Wines and Spirits.

All funds raised will be invested in two ongoing WCS programs: "Taking Rotary Assistance to Communities and Children" in Uganda, "Sustainable Cambodia" which supports 23 needy communities in Pursat District.

Between BIE 2011 and last Tuesday's BIE 2012, your participation and generosity have raised \$40,000 in additional funds for TRACC and Sustainable Cambodia.

Between now and the next Big International Event in 2013, please know that YOU have helped The Rotary Club of Calgary make a difference to literally thousands of lives ..... every day.

Can Rotary fellowship get any better than this?

Thank you all for making BIE 2012 such a success.

John Ridge