

## This week's reporter Craig Henderson



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.



### Jeremy Tuff: Calgary Interfaith Foodbank

The December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting featured a sit-down full course turkey dinner at the Palliser Hotel. In a fitting tribute to the holiday season, Dan Levinson delivered the invocation remotely from Jerusalem. Barb Young announced the visitors and guests, which significantly exceeded our usual number owing to the holiday dinner, and announced all remaining birthdays to the end of the year.

The Rotaractors provided an update on their Uganda youth scholarship fund, their forthcoming banquet at the Calgary Danish Club, and their fundraising raffle ticket sale.

Our exchange student Lise Lykke offered a Danish Christmas greeting to everyone assembled.

Our guest speaker, Jeremy Tuff of the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, delivered a timely reminder of the importance of giving at this time of year. Demand at the food bank peaks over the holiday period, in which the entire food bank inventory turns over in two weeks, as opposed to five weeks in the summer. He reminded us that 100 per cent of the food bank's funding comes from direct donations. Recent annual donations have totaled 5 million dollars in cash, and 25 million dollars in food donation. These direct donations are supplemented by over 100,000 hours of time donated by the food bank's dedicated volunteers.

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Bill Avery thanks our speaker...



Rotaract ladies, Melissa, Jaime and Kelsey...



Helly and Keith Visser...



Salute to Santa...

## **Christmas Hamper Drive 2012**



Paul Gagnon and grandaughter Genoa, with Carol Rosdobutko



Carol with Elves Eric Benett and Jason Edworthy



The Larson/Lundberg gang with Carol



John Lindenbach and Rob Cardinal - body guards?



The Cardinal-Fras-Doyle gang at work

#### **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.



Lise wishes a Merry Christmas ...

#### 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



Lise, 100% Danish with Ralph, 25% Danish...

## Merry Christmas!

To all COG readers, a very Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

From outgoing COG editors Taylor & Oliver



#### **Rotary Foundation**

#### 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**

- Jan. 8 ....... Kyle Shewfelt, Olympic gymnastic medal winner
- Jan. 15 ...... Lisa Falkowsky, Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter
   (Note: this meeting at Fort Calgary)
- Jan. 22 ...... David Savage, Conflict Management Specialist
- Jan. 29 ...... Rotary Action meeting

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The Rotary Club of Calgary COG



In partnership with the Strongest Oak Foundation, the University of Calgary Rotaract Club, and Rotary Clubs of District 5360, we are hosting a banquet on January 25, 2013 to raise funds towards the tuition of Ugandan youth to pursue higher education. As part of the fundraising event, we are hosting a silent auction and would be very appreciative if your organization could contribute auction items.

This fundraiser stems from a development project initiated in January 2012 by The Rotary Club of Airdrie, in partnership with The University of Calgary Rotaract Club and Kulika Uganda. Ten university students had the privilege of embarking on a trip to Uganda where they helped local communities establish microfinance banks and sustainable agricultural practices. In doing so, the group also developed a close relationship with Kulika Uganda's CEO Elijah Kyamuwendo and his family. The group learned of Elijah's unrelenting commitment to



Ugandan youth and how he adopted over 20 orphaned children whom he believed were at risk in the community. It was his belief that the future of Uganda rested in the hands of youth and he worked tirelessly to ensure all his children were educated. Elijah passed away from cancer in July 2012, only leaving behind his vision of an educated Ugandan youth. Our goal is to keep Elijah's vision alive by establishing The Ugandan Youth Scholarship Fund, in Honor of Elijah Kyamuwendo.

Any donation items that your organisation can provide would go a long way to helping our cause. Moreover, all funds raised will go directly towards tuition fees for Ugandan students. Your donation would also give your organisation exposure to a large community of philanthropists and Calgary business professionals. I thank you for taking the time to read this and for your consideration. Please find my contact information below.

Sincerely,

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