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Bill Lawless: Schools for Guatemala

Bill Lawless gave a talk on school construction efforts in Guatemala. Of particular note was a highly cooperative effort involving many Rotary clubs in our district. Starting in 2008 school building has been a passion for this crowd. With a particular focus on K through 6 classrooms, they have increased capacities in very poor districts - basically subsistence farming districts. By increasing the facilities and the facility capacities they have seen positive growth in school attendance and school population, of the magnitude of 40 percent over the last several years.

Several villages have benefited and the program highlights a highly collaborative, cooperative relationship with the villages.

He showed us slides of the building projects and they were terrific.

Like anywhere else in the world, the Rotary privately funded efforts are much more efficient and timely than the government provided efforts.

They have already touched five villages and have plans for 12 more. Each of the villages must commit labour and help. Our club was acknowledged as a leader in this project, a key player in these developments. We have provided interim and first mover financing. More importantly, because they are running into some headwater regarding their funding and some of the contractual commitments, Walter Haessel is providing significant leadership and support to this initiative. Walter's vast experience in the international forum is proving to be a great boon and a non-financial but enormous contribution to this effort. Although the projects are on hold they are hopeful that they will be able to break through and recommence operations in the near future. The speech was warmly applauded.

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The Meeting

The July 17 meeting started off with a bang. A Palliser staff member, Verna, led us in the singing of the national anthem. She is otherwise known as the Divine Ms. V. It was great. Not as fast as Frank, but good in so many ways.

It was a special moment for all of us. Verna has been serving us for almost 15 years table to table and now she leads us in the national anthem.

Doug MacDonald brought the meeting to order. Once again there was no head table, only a podium. But we survived yet a second meeting without a head table. It is becoming a habit.

He introduced Don Dart. Don will be staying on as our Treasurer. Doug acknowledged that he was grateful to see that Don had returned with all of the funds from his recent holiday.

Eddie Doyle then introduced guests and our birthday greetings. As Interim Secretary Eddie did a terrific job. He led us through 'Who In Rotary' highlighting Ernie Carter and his very celebrated business career. Ernie is 98 years old. He is in an assisted care facility and Eddie encouraged all of us to visit him, one at a time though. See page 3 for more on Ernie.

Eddie finished his presentation by reciting Roger Kipling's poem If.

Sid Mark gave a fantastic report on the 16th Annual Stay In School Golf Classic. For the first year in three years we had a sunny day. We raised \$105,000 this year, up \$15,000 from last year. Sid and his committee intend to grow and increase sponsorships.

Rod Phipps then gave an enthusiastic report on the barbeque committee's activities. This Stampede was the most successful Stampede ever. More people were served than ever before. Five tons of beef were cooked by Bruce. Gord and Dave sliced the five tons of beef and Carol served the five tons. Jim cleaned it up. Karen together with Al and Bill looked after supplies. Kim managed \$500,000 worth of beer. Bob coordinated 1,200 volunteers. Joe looked after all of the front gate management. Randy and Mike looked after all the panics and emergencies. Sid and Howard looked after all of the accounting issues. Bill Redmond, Ron Esch and Don Cameron provided spiritual support to Rod. What a team, what a show, what a time.

A great report and a great result.

Doug McDonald issued an appeal for help on August 18. He promised, on behalf of Frank, free beer for all participants to help with garbage can washing from the barbeque Stampede effort.

The business part of the meeting ended with Brom begging for scribes for the COG.



Paul Bates thanks our speaker



President Doug welcomes Treasurer Don Dart



Eddie Doyle quotes Kipling

*If you can force your heart and
nerve and sinew*

*To serve your turn long after
they are gone,*

*And so hold on when there is
nothing in you*

*Except the Will which says to
them: "Hold on!"*

What's Happening – Fellowship Calendar

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
Bi-weekly	Mastermind Group	Steve Stein stevejstein@gmail.com
August 29	Calgary Airport Authority Challenger Cup (9:30am shotgun start)	Donald Ross donaldross@shaw.ca
September 15, 16	Rotary Music and Motion	Rick Erven RotaryMusicandMotion.com

Ernie Carter

Ernie Carter was born in the city of Lancaster (England) on July 15, 1904, 98 years ago.

Ernie's father, an infantryman in the British army, was killed in action in WW1 at the battle of the Somme.

As a result, his mother gathered up Ernie and moved to Drumheller, Alberta to be with relatives who had emigrated in prior years.

Ernie attended school until grade 10, but the family needed income; accordingly Ernie obtained a job in the coal mines and local farms where he worked for several years as a labourer.

The Turner Valley oilfield activity in the 1930's drew Ernie to that booming area of Alberta, where he obtained employment as a general labourer, known in the oilpatch as a "roustabout". Ernie's diligence soon resulted in his being promoted to a "tank gauger". The job entailed climbing to the top of the large tanks used to store oil, to measure and compute the amount of oil in the tanks. This was a risky task because of the deadly sulphur dioxide fumes which emanated from the tanks when being opened.....and this was before the days of safety consciousness..... Ernie was overcome by these fumes several times.

Ernie befriended a geologist (Bill Gallop... himself to become a legend) who was directing the exploration and development for The Royalite Oil Company, later to be taken over by Imperial Oil. Gallop needed a draftsman to detail his geological maps and cross sections. Ernie took a crash course in drafting by correspondence and SAIT and eventually became the chief draftsman for that oil company.

In 1959 Ernie made the decision to start his own business..... and so began The Carter Mapping Company. Carter mapping supplied the petroleum industry with base maps for all of the western Canada oil industry, a necessary tool for exploration. The business thrived but after 13 years Ernie sold the enterprise and began a new business, Ernie Carter Developments focusing on commercial real estate.

Ernie retired in 1999; this consummate gentleman is so typical of people who have come from other lands and made this city and province what it is today. Despite his limited formal education but armed with a strong work ethic and entrepreneurial bent, Ernie made his mark. Ernie recently moved to an assisted living environment at:

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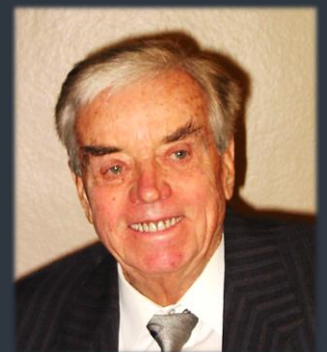
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Ron Esch and Rod Phipps report on the Barbeques



David Bromwich, Curly's penny pincher



Ernie Carter

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Upcoming Luncheons

- July 24 Corey Poirier – 21st Century Leadership
- July 31 Glenda Standeven – Learning to Smile

Many thanks to this week's COG sponsor,

Vern Kimball &
The Calgary Stampede





The Alberta government, through its expanded Human Services Ministry, has initiated a dialogue with all Albertans, including individuals, corporations, and service clubs:

Speak. Share. Thrive.

The goal is to craft a Social Policy Framework with input from all segments of society. To get involved, go to:

socialpolicy.alberta.ca

All Albertans are invited to share their unique opinions, experiences and ideas to help create the social policy framework. The *Speak. Share. Thrive.* discussion gives Albertans the opportunity to interact with other people across the province and discuss their vision for Alberta's future, and what role social supports can have in creating a stronger province.

Developing a social policy framework for Alberta will be an inclusive process that addresses the perspectives of Albertans, community leaders, service delivery partners, and government departments. Meaningful public dialogue that balances a diverse range of viewpoints will help create an effective framework.

What is a social policy framework?

Social policy is about how we meet human needs: housing, employment, safety and child care, for example. Social policy is expressed in how society cares for its members and how individuals, communities and government come together to address social challenges.

Social policy includes actions, guidelines, principles, laws, and regulations. It involves creating conditions that are intended to maintain a minimum standard of well-being for Albertans, ensuring the just treatment of individuals, and providing resources to people who need help to meet their own needs.

Alberta's Social Policy Framework will be a living document that provides broad, overall direction for social policy in Alberta. It will guide collective efforts to meet the growing and diverse needs of Albertans – both for government and community partners.

A successful framework will provide tools to make decisions around dynamic social challenges, such as childcare, housing, and employment. It will enable a common foundation to evaluate, measure, and report progress in achieving the desired outcomes for families, and communities. The framework will be part of the ongoing dialogue between individuals, agencies, community organizations and the non-profit sector to ensure that Albertans who need help have access to it.

While most social supports are intended to help people in times of need, the framework is not just about vulnerable or disadvantaged families. It is meant to benefit all Albertans - describing a vision of how we want to live and how we create hope and opportunity for all Albertans.

Why do we need a social policy framework in Alberta?

Alberta faces challenges such as poverty, family violence, and over-representation of



Aboriginal people in our child intervention and justice systems.

Many individuals, communities and business groups, government, non-profit and voluntary sectors are working together to provide Albertans with the opportunity to participate fully in Alberta's economy, communities and cultural life.

A social policy framework will help to better co-ordinate resources and actions of – to address these challenges, help people live in dignity and improve their quality of life. For more information please see the [discussion guide](#) and [fact sheet](#).

Who is being engaged to develop Alberta's social policy framework?

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How can people participate and share their ideas for Alberta's Social Policy Framework?

To have your say during *Speak. Share. Thrive.*:

- [Take the Social Policy Framework Survey](#)
- Attend a discussion in your community
- [Read and Edit the Wiki](#)
- [Blog](#)
- [Download the discussion kit](#) and host your own community conversation

Learn more at www.socialpolicy.alberta.ca.

What is unique about this public engagement, and how will feedback be used?

The engagement process encourages interactive discussions among individuals, stakeholders, and government. People have the opportunity to express their thoughts and ideas, while listening and responding to the views of others. Input and conversations from the wiki, blogs, twitter, survey and in communities will be used to help build Alberta's social policy framework.

What is the timeline for the public engagement, and what will be the next steps in the development of the Social Policy Framework?

The initial public engagement will take place from June to July 31, 2012. Information collected about the vision, principles and strategies will be collected over the summer of 2012. This will inform further discussions with Albertans in the fall about roles, responsibilities and next steps for the framework.

What is the deadline to participate in the discussions and provide input?

The survey and blog will be online until July 31, 2012. The wiki will remain open through the remainder of 2012. Submissions from community-led discussions are also requested by July 31, 2012.

A draft framework will be developed in the fall of 2012 - designed to adapt over time as our province grows and changes.



Ismaili Stampede Breakfast

Wow, what an amazing event at the Ismaili United Way Stampede Breakfast! Premier Redford and Mayor Nenshi both spoke and welcomed everyone at the beginning of the morning. Steve Allan from our Rotary Club joined at 7 a.m.

Michelle Clark with the Burns Memorial Fund was brilliant in her explanation of their great work and how United Way has supported them over the years. Great job!

The delicious breakfast, music and “top drawer” entertainment was enjoyed by thousands of all ages – Fun!!

Was that the best Stampede week ever, or what?! Yahoo!

Catherine Brownlee



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