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Tony Howard



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Mike Casey: Calgary Stampede

Past RCC Member and Chair of the Calgary Exhibition & Stampede (CES) was introduced by Past RCC President Steve Allan who described Mike Casey's long history of volunteerism and involvement with the CES.

Mike opened his presentation by announcing that that morning they had publically announced that the famous OH Ranch had been donated to the CES by Bill Siebens, a well-known Calgary oilman. This ranch comprises some 8K acres and will act as a complement to the existing Stampede Ranch located South of Hanna.

The remainder of the presentation dealt with activities related to the 100th Anniversary of the CES. Mike reminded everyone that it started with the efforts of Guy Weadick of Rochester, NY who worked with four famous Calgarians to found what has become the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth. This year a massive PR effort has been directed towards celebrating the Centennial and inviting guests from a long list of countries including Canada (of course), USA, England, Brazil and China (including a personally delivered invitation to attend by PM Stephen Harper) to only mention a few. Mike noted that they have received strong support from Calgary, Alberta and Federal tourism agencies.

"White Hat Roundups" have taken place in Medicine Hat, High River, Pincher Creek, and on Canada Day in Canmore and Banff.

The parade is going to feature Parade Marshall Ian Tyson and 7 Chiefs representing the signatories of Treaty 7. Fireworks will be set off on the weekends at 11pm in the four quadrants of Calgary in addition to the nightly displays in front of the Grandstand.

The fairgrounds will feature a new roller coast named after the famous bull, Outlaw, a zip line across the grounds, and a show in the Corral called Tails. Mike asked for volunteers to test the new rides and the silence was deafening.

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Tim Heaton leads us in
"I Got Stripes..."



Guest appearance by
Rotten Ralph



Ann Toombs
wants our pennies for Curly



Nilobon gets an F18 medal
from Vlad Dhillon

Mike Casey (cont'd)

Mike then described their efforts to lead the CES into its next century including a strong effort to engage the entire Calgary community and to become more inclusive of some 30 identified ethnic groups.

The Speaker was thanked by his former law partner and RCC Past President Terry McMahon.

The Meeting

The Head Table marched in to the music of a Circus Song ably played by Frank McKitrick. Notable was the fact that the Head Table, to a large part, were dressed Western even though Stampede is slightly less than three weeks away. Maybe, the fact that the Speaker was Mike Casey, Chairman of the Calgary Stampede & Exhibition Board was a contributing factor.

Randy Williams gave an appropriate Invocation after which President Bruce Fenwick thanked the volunteers at the tables including Gord Cumming, Bruce Millar, Tony Howard, Jo-Ann and Sophie. COG Sponsor Lawrence Bates was also thanked. The Sing Song led by Tim Heaton was an appropriate rendition of Johnny Cash's I've Got Stripes. He was joined at the podium by notorious robber and doer of other assorted nefarious deeds, Ralph Lundberg. Where are the Calgary police when you need them and the closest Tim Horton's is only two blocks away?

Secretary Eva Friesen introduced the Visitors & Guests including frequent visitor Tom Howard from Vail, Colorado, Betty Rogers from Fort Worth, Texas and Joe Connelly from the Rotary Club of Calgary South. The Mystery location was Red Lake, Ontario and the birthdays included Carol Rosdobotko who was born in Red Lake, Doug Hamilton, Dave Macdonald, Mike Mansfield, John Hsu and Paul Chave. Eva was followed by Ann Toombs who described a new fund raising initiative in support of the Curly Galbraith Memorial Fund. Members, friends and guests are encouraged to donate pennies, surplus change and foreign paper money to a pot that will be available at all meetings.

Nilobon described her adventurous canoe trip which encountered cold weather, rain and flooding rivers. Even so, as typified by youth and exchange students they had a good time including a viewing of a black bear sow and cub. Nilobon's grandma is coming to visit so remember to say hello if you see her at a luncheon meeting or a Stampede event. At the end of her talk she was presented with her own name tag that was taken on a CF-18 flight by Vlad Dhillon.

Other announcements included Tom Howard urging members to sign up for the Stay-in-School GT, Laura Krantz reminding members to carry "What's Rotary" booklets, Ken Moraes asking members to sign up to take the on-line Pro-Serve course, and Gord Graham saying that help is needed to move the BBQ equipment to a new to be determined location. President Bruce reminded everyone to read his latest newsletter and that the new dues & billings system is still being developed. He invited everyone to come for his final meeting.

What's Happening – Fellowship Calendar

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
Bi-weekly	Mastermind Group	Steve Stein stevejstein@gmail.com
June 23	Rotary Challenger Park Picnic	Don Ross donaldross@shaw.ca
June 27	Stampede BBQ Food Handling Course	Carol Rodsobutko carolrosdobutko@sandler.com
June 28	Stay in School Golf Tournament	Sid Mark Sid.mark@friday.ab.ca
June 28 – July 15	Jersey Boys Musical Discount tickets for groups of 10+	Nicholas nmelymuk@dancaproproductions.com
June 30 – July 3	Rotary Chinook Spruce Meadows	David Wylie D_wylie@telus.net
July 6	National Music Centre: Stampede Stomp	More information to follow
July 7	Ismaili Stampede Breakfast	Catherine Brownlee Catherine@catherinebrownlee.com
August 29	Calgary Airport Authority Challenger Cup	donaldross@shaw.ca
September 15, 16	Rotary Music and Motion	Rick Erven RotaryMusicandMotion.com



Laura Krantz with something for our wallets



Terry McMahon thanks our speaker



Bricktown Banner

Stay in School Program Mentors

"On behalf of the board, we would like to extend a special thank you to all of the mentors of the Stay In School program. Your tireless efforts are helping youth in our community succeed. Keep up the great work!

Our apologies if we've missed anyone off the list of mentors."

Thank you,
Sheila Acharya Van Horne


Al-Harazi, Zahra	Jeje, Ayo
Allan, Steve	Jenkinson, Jim
Baylis, Sean	Keech, Karen
Bedwany, Farid	Kimball, Vern
Bloom, Diana	Kingsford, Thalia
Broadhurst, Michael	Krantz, Laura
Brownlee, Catherine	Le, Alexander
Byrne, Angela	Lehr, Lynn
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Upcoming Luncheons

- June 26 President Bruce's Last Meeting – Year in Review
- July 3 Jan Damery – Building Brides, Building Peace: The Partnership Work of RI and Aga Khan University
- July 10 **STAMPEDE LUNCH** – No Speaker 
- July 17 Bill Lawless – Building Basic Education in Guatemala

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by what we give.
~Winston
Churchill

One can pay back
the loan of gold,
but one dies
forever in debt to
those who are
kind.
~Malayan Proverb

A civilization
flourishes when
people plant trees
under which they
will never sit.
~Greek Proverb



Want to help our club and have a blast?

The **OXFORD STOMP** Barbecue on Friday, July 13 needs VOLUNTEERS, lots of them!

Information: [OXFORD STOMP web site](#)

Sign up: [OXFORD STOMP volunteer sign-up form](#)

Our big BBQ event on Wednesday, July 11 is the **STAMPEDE ROUNDUP**, and we need 200 more volunteers to provide a balanced work load for all.

Information: [STAMPEDE ROUNDUP web site](#)

Sign up: [STAMPEDE ROUNDUP volunteer sign-up form](#)



Join us for National Music Centres' Post-Parade Stomp and Strum featuring:
Barney Bentall and the Grand Cariboo Opry with special guests.

The Cariboo Opry is a good old fashioned western review, featuring a cavalcade of performers playing classic country and roots music.

Like those famed variety shows of old and the Grand Ole Opry itself, you can expect an entertaining show of stories and music for the whole family.

Mosey on by after the Stampede Parade and bring your family and friends on Friday July 6, 2012 from 1 pm - 4 pm.
Live Music, Food, and Tours
Admission by Donation

[Please RSVP by July 2, 2012 by clicking here.](#)

We'll see you there - YAHOO!





The Rotary Gang!



Oklahoma Music Workshop Report

In 2011 at the New Orleans RI Conference, John Ridge met President Bill Hickman from Rotary Bricktown, Oklahoma City. Bill mentioned that the Bricktown Club had been volunteering in Mexico every year, but that was ending due to safety risks. John then introduced an idea to George Brookman that our club could find a volunteer “hands on” effort in our community that we could do jointly with Bricktown, while providing fellowship opportunities and showing them around our great part of the country.

George set up a conference call with Bill Hickman, John Ridge, Steve Allan, Bill Redmond and Catherine Brownlee. President Bruce Fenwick was also extremely supportive and encouraging! We were all enthusiastic to find a community project to work on together. Through our external partners with the Rotary Tom Jackson Stay in School initiative, we found a project that met all of our requirements including a budget that would be shared equally by both Clubs.

President Bill Hickman, his brilliant wife Shelley, as well as the Chairman of the Rotary Bricktown Foundation, Lealon Taylor, joined us in Calgary Wednesday, June 13th in the evening. We showcased a few of our favourite spots in Calgary on Thursday and went to Banff for a hike and lunch on Friday.

On Saturday and Sunday morning, Bill and Maggie Redmond, Bill Hayden, Laura Krantz, David Holden and Catherine Brownlee cooked pancakes and sausages for the SIS group. One boy consumed 14 pancakes!

Legacy Children's Foundation identified the 40 at risk teens (the majority being Aboriginal) and they all had an opportunity to learn how to write, direct and produce a hip hop song. They also learned how to put together a radio sweep (commercial)!

George Brookman describes the event:

“Legacy collects and repairs old instruments, then provides these to at-risk youth. One of the conditions is that they must stay in school. The man behind Legacy said they would hope to have half of these kids stay with it and they have 90% success keeping them in school.

What I saw yesterday was kids with their heads down, some hardly able to say even their own name. Today there was conversation, laughter and even some High Fiving. There was however, no applause when Lealon Taylor (Oklahoma) and I did a great rendition of Oklahoma.

I could not help but think that none of these kids really had a great place to go tonight where they could just be excited and share the story of their day. Our own children begin their lives with huge support systems that these young people simply do not have.

Congratulations to John Ridge and Bill Hickman (Oklahoma) for starting the dialogue and huge kudos to Catherine Brownlee for never letting this project slip away. Great day to be a Rotarian.”

We look forward to building on this solid foundation between our Rotary Clubs and will be joining our new friends in Oklahoma City in the next few months!

~Catherine Brownlee