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John Partridge & Ann Lewis-Luppino

Many Calgarians will remember the insolvency of its philharmonic orchestra “a few years ago”, and some still think of this as current news. However, since emerging from receivership in 2003 the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra has become a dynamic force in Calgary’s cultural mosaic, and is one of the very few performing orchestras in the world to be completely debt free. Its spectacular change of fortune has been accomplished through the tireless dedication of many, including John Partridge and Ann Lewis-Luppino.

Frank McKittrick introduced our two speakers, with John the first to speak. As president of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra Foundation, John’s mandate is to invest the donations and government grants the foundation receives for the benefit of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. Our second speaker, Ann Lewis-Luppino, is the orchestra’s President and CEO.

Ann spoke of the CPO’s transformation following its emergence from bankruptcy protection eleven years ago. The CPO now has a robust governance model, and much deeper commitments to its customer service, to managing its financial position, and to attracting people to its performances. It is an artistically vibrant orchestra with an eighty-five performance concert season at home in the Jack Singer Concert Hall. It also performs with the Alberta Ballet, the Calgary Opera and the Honens International Piano Competition. Its activities include educational performances for elementary school groups, and many of its 66 renowned professional musicians teach music in the community. Innovation is key to the CPO in an era when government funding, already low in comparison to other provinces, is declining. As a result, fundraising, ticket sales and brand recognition are important to maintaining the vitality of this, Calgary’s largest performing arts organization. Ann wrapped up her presentation by urging everyone, young and old, to come out and enjoy one of Calgary’s premiere attractions.

John Ridge thanked the two speakers and acknowledged the club’s CAWST donation made in their names.

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Mayhood Honour Roll

The Mayhood Honour Roll, a tribute named in honour of Ev and Ellen Mayhood, was unveiled at the club's October 22nd meeting.

The intent of the honour roll is to recognize the Mayhoods' extraordinary generosity, as well as the past and continuing generosity of our club's members in supporting The Rotary Foundation, and the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation.

The Honour Roll inscribes the names of donors to the two foundations in four categories. Your Foundations Committee has committed that the purpose of the Honour Roll is to recognize **not** just major donations, but to recognize repeated donations at any monetary level.



The Mayhood Honour Roll

Thus Level 1 recognizes support at \$5,000 cumulatively, or five years of support in any amounts donors are comfortable with, to either foundation. Similarly, Level 2 represents \$10,000 or ten years of support; Level 3 represents \$15,000 or fifteen years of support. Level 4, the *Legacy Circle*, recognizes giving of \$100,000 or more.

The base of the Honour Roll, titled *Where Our Money Goes*, records the names of the major agencies and services the Rotary Club of Calgary has supported through the years, and is a work in progress. Additional names will be added over time. The crown of the Honour Roll provides a brief biography of Ev and Ellen Mayhood, and holds their picture. The Honour Roll has been constructed to accommodate regular additions of names, and movements of names between categories.

Lastly, while your Foundations Committee has access to contribution histories, we do not have reliable data on the numbers of years individuals have made donations to TRF. For that reason, we need Rotarians to self-report, by providing contribution histories to Jo-Ann, Bruce Fenwick or Terry McMahon. You can access your history online at www.rotary.org by following the "My Rotary" link.

The simple objective of all of this is to build awareness of the good that you do with your support for either of Rotary's two Foundations, and encourage others to follow your example.

The Meeting

Keith Podmoroff delivered the invocation after the head table arrived to the piano accompaniment of Frank McKittrick, followed by his energetic rendition of *O Canada*. President Eva Friesen thanked Ralph Lundberg, Murray Young, David Holden and David Leslie for stepping in to replace our usual entrance volunteers who were likely still digging out from our first blizzard of the season. She thanked Alan Tennant and the CREB Charitable Foundation for sponsoring the week's COG newsletter.

Chris Harper welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests, and announced the birthdays



Speaker Ann Lewis-Luppino



Carol Rosdobotko introduces new member Julie Visser

for the week. The meeting also featured a draw for two pairs of tickets to the CPO provided by our two speakers. Jo-Ann Clarke and Stephen Austin were the lucky winners of the tickets. Enjoy the show!

The Club Secretary's presentation was a quiz to test our knowledge of the common cold, its cause and how to prevent it. It's good to know that this cold weather won't increase our chances of getting sick.

Carol Rosdobutko introduced the club to our newest member Julie Visser, who is already well known to many of us as a BBQ event volunteer. Welcome to the Rotary Club of Calgary, Julie!

With several members from the BBQ committee heading to High River to help its Rotary Club host a dinner for 700 people, the time was right to update our truck with new decals. President Eva extended her thanks to the members of the Communications Committee for putting this all together.

Ken Moraes told us that our Christmas hamper program is well in hand from a financial perspective, but we still need volunteers to shop for, wrap and deliver the hampers. Brian Guichon mentioned that we still need a few volunteers for the Christmas Kickoff Concert. Finally, Ralph Lundberg blew his horn to promote the Christmas Luncheon.

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