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Gene Edworthy – 2014 Sochi Winter Games

One of the architects of our immensely successful Calgary Winter Olympic Games, Bill Warren, took the podium to introduce this week's speaker: our own Gene Edworthy. Gene competed for Canada in luge in the mid-1980s and was Canadian doubles champion in 1991. He is a past president of the Canadian and Alberta Luge Associations. He chaired WinSport committee that established the National Sport School in Calgary, a school that has produced 24 Olympic athletes and six medalists (so far). He also chaired the Investment Trustee Committee that oversees the investment of the \$180 million fund that is the legacy of our Olympics.

Gene opened his presentation, which he called Dr. Gene's Sochi Adventure, with a video that summarized 16 days in four minutes. Our Canadian team came home with 25 medals, placing third in winning gold and fourth place in the total medal counts. Given that there was extremely tough competition, that only nine medals separated the top five countries, we should be very proud of our team.

Dr. Gene's adventure began two days before the Opening Ceremonies when he joined Steve Podborski, the team Chef de Mission, in officially welcoming the Canadian team to the Olympics. Our Ambassador to Russia John Kerr hosted the event. He highlighted the security measures in place to protect the Canadian athletes, and outlined the Canadian contingency plans that would have been implemented in the event of an act of terrorism. All security was friendly and efficient, with a distinct civilian feel. Canada Olympic House was a location for families to gather and for medals to be celebrated.

The \$50B budget that President Putin authorized to host the Games has produced a new resort city with Olympic venues that were easily accessible to the athletes. Many of the hotels for visitors were unfinished, but the athletes' village provided a safe and comfortable home for all of the competitors.

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Steve Austin presents our new newest member Virginia Spring

The Canadian Olympic team will be in Calgary on June 5th and 6th. Planned events include school and hospital visits, as well as a Gala at the Saddledome for athletes being inducted The Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame.

Gene concluded his presentation by thanking Calgary for the support it has shown to the Olympic movement over the past 28 years. We can be proud that 112 Olympians have come from our city.

Roy Boettger thanked Gene for his tremendous accomplishments and presentation to the Club by presenting our usual CAWST certificate.

The Meeting

The head table marched into the Crystal Ballroom accompanied by Michael Pierson's playing of *76 Trombones* from *The Music Man*. President Eva called the meeting to order with the suggestion we sing *O Canada* "like we mean it". We did. New member Nicky Liao gave the invocation.

Eva thanked the volunteers in the entry, as well as Carl St. Laurent and Keith Visser for their contributions to the meeting. The COG sponsor for the week was Eva herself, of The Calgary Foundation.

Club Co-Secretary Chris Harper announced our visitors and guests, in addition to the club members with birthdays this week. His presentation focused on the *Five Guys You Should Never Date*.

Ron Esch brought news from the District Conference held in Lethbridge, describing an inspiring program. Walter Haessel was awarded a Citation for Meritorious Service, Pat Romerman received the District Governor's Citation, and our Club was presented with a new banner celebrating our centennial year. In July, our own Garth Toombs will become District Governor. Barbara Young presented Eva with a Rotary license plate celebrating our 100th year.

Steve Austin introduced our newest member: Virginia Spring. Virginia and her family have been Rotarians for many years, and she has been a member of the Rotary Club of Calgary-South and the Rotary Club of Cranbrook. Virginia has two grown children, works with Southeby's, plays tennis, and enjoys tai chi. Welcome Virginia!

Larry Ryder gave us a presentation on the Small Donations Committee that he chairs. With a mandate to grant between \$3000 and \$10,000, the committee has supported kindergarten programs, Time to Read, and the Ernest Manning High School Robotics team. Please contact Larry if you have any suitable candidates for these funds.

Terry McMahon and Bruce Fenwick updated the current progress of our 100 in 100 campaign. We have 72 contributors to date with many donors achieving milestones in their charitable giving. Several club members received PHF level pins. These were John Boyd, Howie Shikaze, George Brookman, Craig Henderson, Walter Haessel and Tom Keenan.

Anel Hernandez-Salazar, our RYE student, described her latest activities. She has been in a fashion show, has attended the Lethbridge Conference, and has visited the Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump. Last Sunday was her 19th birthday.



Larry Ryder on the Small Donations Committee



Roy Boettger with a CAWST Certificate for Gene

White Slips

Name: CORPORATE APPLICATION
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Great Gatsby Affair

The **Calgary Crowchild Urban Spirits** Club is celebrating the glitz and glamour of the 1920s.

The Great Gatsby Affair

Added Fun - Attire: Flappers and Gangsters !!

Saturday June 7, 2014

Calgary Elks Lodge & Golf Club

General Admission: \$40

Poker Tournament: \$125

Hors d'oeuvres, Silent Auction, Cash Bar

For tickets, email crowchildrotary@gmail.com

From the Photo Album



Happy Birthday Anel!



The Friday Pow Wow

At the District 5360 Conference

Transferring the Banner at the District 5360 Conference



Harping for Harps



A special concert to raise funds
to purchase harps for children
in the ASM (Social Action
through Music) in Brazil

\$30 Adult \$20 Senior
\$15 Students
\$60 Family

Tuesday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m.
St. David's United Church,
3303 Capitol Hill Cres NW,
Calgary, AB T2M 2R2

featuring
Gianetta Baril



Juno Award Winning Harpist

Info and advance ticket orders
403-284-2276 Ext. 106 (Brent), or 403-278-8718 (Gianetta) or gianetta@fortheloveofharp.com

TRF & CRCF Matching Points Program

As part of our club's centennial celebrations, a goal of 100 Foundation donors in our 100th year has been established; and your participation is encouraged for this Rotary year. Please note that Member donations to either the Rotary Foundation (TRF) or Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF) will be matched by the Club with Paul Harris credits on a 1:1 basis, *up to 500 matching credits per year*.

The Mayhood Honour Roll recognizes not just the dollar amounts given. It recognizes the commitment of support in any amount over time. For example, level one honours 5 years of support in any amount. If you have supported either foundation in at least five years, please tell us so that you can receive the recognition you have earned.

Upcoming Meetings

- April 29 **Sid Mark**, Club Action Meeting: Youth Programs
Fairmont Palliser Hotel
- May 6th **Fred Stenson**, the Rotary Centennial Book
Fairmont Palliser Hotel

Thank-you President Eva Friesen and The Calgary Foundation for sponsoring this week's COG Newsletter

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**The Rotary Club of Calgary
Stay-in-School (SIS) & Tom Jackson Stay-In-School (RTJSIS) Programs
Administrator Job Description
March 2014**

The Rotary Club of Calgary requires an administrative assistant to support the Stay-in-School program and the Tom Jackson Stay-In-School program. This position requires approximately 1.5 days per week plus an additional 0.5 days a week as back-up support to the Rotary Office Manager.

This position will have more intensive time requirements at certain times throughout the year; i.e. at school report times (usually November, March and June) and when committees are evaluating and choosing new students and mentors (usually September). There may also be times when attendance at meetings and other events is required outside of regular work hours.

Responsibilities will include but not be limited to the following:

1. Maintaining an accurate database of students, mentors and schools.
2. Maintaining an up-to-date data base of processes and forms related to these programs, including documents on ClubRunner. Ensuring that documentation of the role of mentors is up-to-date and distributed to all active Committee members.
3. Contacting schools to request mid-term and year-end report cards and sending to mentors for their information and follow-up.
4. Preparing awards presentation materials at school year-end to include award certificate, cheque, and a recognition letter from the mentor.
5. Arranging award disbursements in cooperation with the Rotary accountant, at year end for SIS and throughout the year for the Tom Jackson SIS program.
6. Preparing bank reconciliation statements in cooperation with volunteers and the Club accountant.
7. Tracking expenditures and providing reports with respect to scholarships, books, honoraria and other expenditures and submitting to the Club accountant for review and approval.
8. Maintaining electronic and hard copy files of student report cards, mentor status reports and correspondence.
9. Maintaining information on graduates.
10. Providing monthly and/or quarterly activity reports to RTJSIS committee members and semi-annual reports on activities for the SIS program.
11. Attending RTJSIS committee meetings when required to keep informed of committee activities.
12. Maintain contact lists of RTJSIS partner agencies, speakers and sponsors.
13. Maintain copies of plans, budgets and fundraising proposals as developed by the RTJSIS Committee.
14. Provide the Communications Administrator with material as recommended by the SIS and RTJSIS Committees for the SIS and RTJSIS website pages.
15. Maintain a file of information on possible fundraising opportunities as supplied by the SIS and RTJSIS committees.

Qualifications:

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Reliable, professional, team player
- Detail oriented with strong organizational skills
- Personable and able to build relationships with volunteers and administrative staff at schools