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Bob Wyatt – The Muttart Foundation

Our speaker this week was Bob Wyatt, Executive Director of the Muttart Foundation. The Foundation supports the charitable sector throughout Canada, and is committed to enabling a robust sector to serve a strong society. Most of its work is conducted in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

For forty years the Muttart Foundation has contributed to the development of individual charities, and has invested in infrastructure organizations that serve other charities. Its contributions have included technology, management consulting to facilitate mergers and alliances, and funding start-up and core operating costs. Foundation funding is currently aimed at advancing two strategies.

- To create, promote and support the organizational, legal and regulatory vehicles that allow the charitable sector to be a full player in the development of public policy related to the sector and those it serves.
- To encourage the development of leadership at the sectorial level.

Bob Wyatt's eye-opening presentation addressed the importance of volunteerism in Canada. Did you know that we have the second largest volunteer sector in the world? There are over 86,000 charities in Canada, and the number of unregistered not-for-profit groups is about the same. Volunteerism contributes approximately the same amount to the Canadian economy as the automotive industry, and Canadians contribute more than \$8 billion to registered charities annually. The level of trust Canadians have in charities and non-profit groups is measured at 71 per cent, which is far higher than for other public groups.

Transparency is also key for charities and non-profit groups. Did you know that these groups must publish their tax returns online? This is something that is not required of Canadian corporations. Clearly, this sector is a key to the

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Anel describes her Easter

Strength of the Canadian economy. Murray Young thanked Bob on behalf of the club for his presentation, and presented him with our usual CAWST certificate.

The Meeting

The head table marched in to the accompaniment of Frank McKittrick, followed by his playing of *O Canada*; Kelly Mitchell gave the invocation. Eva thanked our 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 is Rotarian Dan Yauck of Conner, Clark and Lunn Private Capital. Club Co-Secretary Chris Harper announced our visitors and guests, as well as the club members with birthdays this week.

Craig Henderson announced that registration to volunteer at our Stampede Barbecue Events is now open. As we are expecting a larger attendance at the Friday event than in past years, and we are limiting the lengths of some work shifts, we will require 400 more volunteers than we employed last year. It is important that all club members recruit additional first-time volunteers to meet our expanded need.

Ron Esch announced the upcoming Long Range Plan update on June 3rd. We heard from Bill Avery, who delivered one of his final pitches for our centennial gala. Our RYE student Anel delivered an update on her recent activities.

RLI Sessions in Calgary

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the remaining Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) sessions planned for Calgary (Module 2 on April 26th and Module 3 on May 10th) as a limited number of participants was registered for these sessions. We know from past experience, and from feedback received from our RLI graduates, that the strength of the program is the sharing of stories, ideas and best practices among the participants. RLI will resume in the fall. Please check the district website and your email inbox for session dates in Calgary.

Birthday Week Celebrations

In celebration of the Rotary Club of Calgary's 100th anniversary, you can visit any of the Calgary Public Library's 18 locations during the week of April 28th to May 3rd. At each location there will be a display of collections related to **Service Above Self** and volunteerism, along with a recommended resource list. For more information please visit: www.rotaryyc.ca.

RC Calgary West Stampede Parade and Breakfast

You are invited to join us at our Stampede Breakfast and parade bleacher seating on July 4th. Breakfast will be served from 7:00am to 9:15am, and tickets are \$50.00 including GST. The event location is the corner of 7th Street SW at 9th Avenue SW.

Seats can be blocked off for parties of 25 or more people. All other seats are offered as "first come, first served". Your ticket will be a badge, so please "wear it".

Visit: www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org/2014Stampede.htm.



Murray Young thanks our speaker

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Upcoming Meetings

- May 13 **Paul McIntyre Royston**, Rotary International Branding Initiative
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- May 20 **David Mowat**, Rotary Employment Partnership
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