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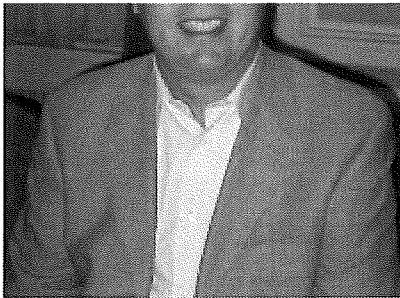
Larry Ryder

Club President Ron Esch announced this week the passing of long time club member Larry Ryder. Larry had been a member since March 19, 1977.

Igniting Rotary



Our Past-president, Eva Friesen, introduced the much anticipated proposal to re-ignite and re-energize the Rotary Club of Calgary. Barbara Burggraf, your faithful COG Reporter, was impressed with the pitch for this initiative. Thanks go out to Ron Esch, Eva Friesen and Chris Harper for all their hard work in preparing for this milestone meeting. The presentation was delivered by Philip Coppard of Stormy Lake Consulting, and its goal was



to help our members decide whether we should hire this team to re-define the value proposition of the Rotary Club of Calgary for current and prospective members. They would also create a brand toolkit, and develop strategies for increasing membership. The levels of engagement of the current club membership can be seen in the following results.

- Members gully engaged and active (35%)
- Members committed to Rotary but are limited due to lack of time (55%)
- Members engaged but dissatisfied with membership (3%)
- Member in name only (5%)
- New members (2%)

Phillip's interpretation of these results was that overall we are in a strong position with 35 per cent of our members being very active volunteers, and 55 per cent who are active and would devote more time if they had it. The challenge to our club is its declining membership, aging members, and a shortage of young members. None of this is news to any of us.



Phillip addressed the fact that re-igniting Rotary will not be easy. He asked us to first seek to understand, and he provided us with some thoughtful Canadian statistics on the changing world of volunteerism. Today over 93 per cent of volunteers want to change lives through community service, while only 46 per cent seek a fellowship experience. With this in mind, it is not surprising that overall Rotary membership has declined 21 per cent in North America. The results from the member interviews completed by the Membership Engagement sub-committee, which I chaired, were also cited by Philip.

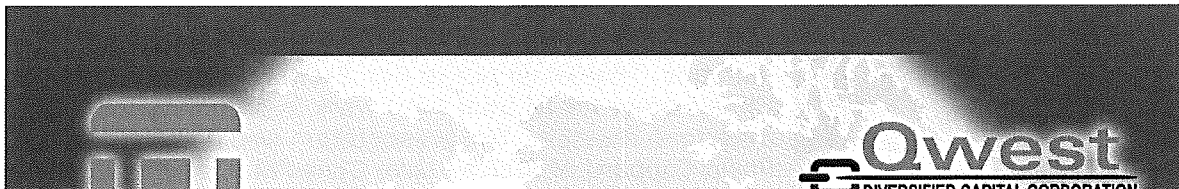
If the club votes to hire Stormy Lake Consulting and Juice Creative, I believe we will be able to strategically engage new members who will contribute to our club and our community. We are future building when we invest now in Igniting Rotary. Philip will be interviewing at least eight lapsed members so we can better know why new members

end up dropping out after a few years with the club.

The total cost is \$62,250, and we do have the funding to move forward. Some excellent questions were posed by members who spoke in favour, and those who were not yet convinced that this was the right direction for our club.

Please take time to vote yes or no to engage this team to build value for our club. Information from the meeting including the presentation and a quick reference guide has been sent under separate email from Ron Esch. Voting closes at 3:00 pm on September 5.

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Highlights from August 26, 2014

President Ron Esch welcomed a full house to the meeting we have all been waiting for: the unveiling of our Igniting Rotary proposal.

Michael Pierson set the tone for the meeting with a rousing rendition of *O Canada*, while Terry McMahon delivered a thoughtful and heartfelt invocation.

Club President Ron Esch thanked the volunteers who organized us in the Palliser lobby. This week's volunteers include Tony Howard, Gord Cumming, Ralph Lundberg and Bruce Millar, while Ken Moraes filled in as our greeter. President Ron then thanked our COG Sponsor, David Mears.

Eric Bennett introduced this week's visiting Rotarians and guests. He acknowledged several tables of visiting students from Asia who are currently studying at the University of Calgary, as well as a visiting Rotarian from a club in Chicagoland who had attended school with Tom Flanagan. Several guests attending with club members were introduced, as well as visiting members of other Calgary clubs. This week's birthday celebrants include Nicky Liao, Walter Chayka, Lou MacEachern, John Ridge and Doug Lee.

As soon as he finished providing piano accompaniment for our singing of *Happy Birthday*, Michael Pierson was called to the podium to introduce our newest member, Carlos Alvarez. Carlos is an accountant and partner at KPMG, and is also the father of twins.

Laurene Wilson introduced our inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student, Simon Peer, who comes to us from Ebensee, Austria. Sporting a tee-shirt emblazoned with a caution sign that read "No kangaroos in Austria", Simon told us that Austria is often confused with Australia. Simon will be attending Western Canada High School, and will have a schedule packed with Rotary events during his eleven month stay in Canada.

Finally, Greg Stevenson and Carmen Goss were called to the podium to provide updates on two events, one upcoming, and one just passed. Greg reminded us to sign up for the Feed the Hungry event on September 14, while Carmen thanked the volunteers who helped Habitat for Humanity to re-build flooded houses in Bowness and High River.

[Thank-you **Barbara Burggraf** for preparing this story! COG Editor]

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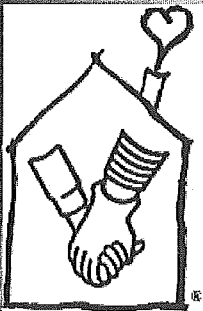
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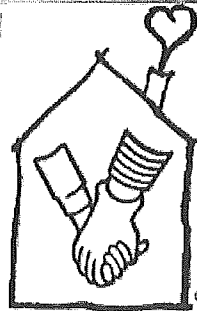
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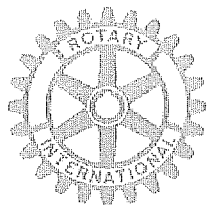


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Rotarians and family members are invited to participate in the 82nd Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Assembly that will be held in Kalispell, Montana. The Rotary Clubs of Western Montana in the Flathead Valley have planned a very informative and entertaining program for all participants.

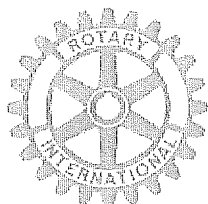
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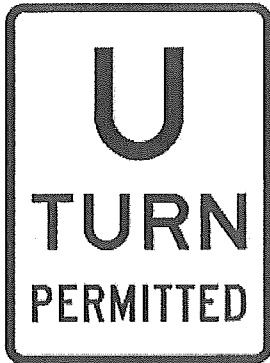
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Costalegre is a tourist region in the Mexican state of Jalisco, and is quite close to the home town of last year's RYE student Anel Hernandez-Salazar.

The Rotary Club of Costalegre is mainly comprised of seasonal residents from British Columbia, as well as a few from Alberta, and the United States. These Rotarians conduct fundraisers in their home towns in support of projects in Costalegre. Further details regarding the projects they support are available on request.



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