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## The Canadian Pickers TV Show

Larry Ryder introduced our speakers, Scott Cozens and Sheldon Smithens, better known as the Canadian Pickers from the History Channel's TV show. They told us the story of how they became the Pickers, and shared how their show is made. Because the show is entertainment, each scene is shot at least three times to get the framing and lighting just right. At the end of the day, twelve hours of filming is turned into one 45 minute episode.

On this program the characters visited are more important than their treasures. Often they are not as motivated to sell their treasures as the Pickers would hope for. In fact, many of the people they visit sound more like candidates for that show about hoarders. As they said, the producers of the show like ever crazier locations and odder people.

Sheldon and Scott never know what to expect when they arrive at a location. While in Newfoundland, they met an expert on locally made furniture. As furniture has traditionally been hard to import, it isn't uncommon to find dresser drawers made out of salt cod boxes. Being fair to their hosts means must they disclose the values of items before they start negotiating. They have gone home empty handed more than once after hosts have been told the values of things they own.

They will buy something they like and then attempt to resell it, and it's up to Scott and Sheldon to make a profit on their deals. Since the show's producers aren't involved, they lose money if they buy something that turns out to be of no value. They believe the best way to do business is to treat everyone like your best friend's grandmother.

The hockey fans in the room were entertained by a story about some bar tables bought by the Pickers, which were supposedly from a pub owned by Henri Richard. They went to an another Montreal pub to offer them for sale to its owner, and discovered that he was at the bar with Réjean Houle. They didn't sell any of the tables that day, but did enjoy meeting these veritable hockey legends.

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Canadian Picker  
Sheldon Smithens



Canadian Picker  
Scott Cozens

Before Frank Hall (sans cowboy hat) could thank the speakers, Sheldon took the microphone again to auction off some Pickers memorabilia. This resulted in a donation of \$275 to the club.

## Meeting Highlights

The meeting opened with a spirited march by Michael Pierson on the piano. As always, the head table “goes rolling along”. One of our newest members, Donna Livingstone followed with a moving invocation. President Eva Friesen thanked our volunteers in the foyer for getting us inside the Crystal Ballroom with their usual aplomb. The meeting was informative, and President Eva did get through our Rotary business speedily to maximize the time available for the Canadian Pickers. Various speakers announced

- Family Skate & Hockey Day at the Saddledome (February 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- Ski & Stroll at Lake Louise on March 8<sup>th</sup> (register by February 20<sup>th</sup>)
- Long Range Planning Forum (February 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets go on sale next week.

Ann Toombs gave a brief but informative update on the AIDS orphan project we are running in Uganda as part of the TRACC project. Her pictures should be on the web site.

Chris Harper finished introduced our nine guests for this week, as well as the birthdays. Chris also reminded us that our own Picker, John Boyd, is working hard at collecting the club’s history for one of our centennial projects.

*[Editor: Thank-you **Doug MacDonald** for reporting on this week’s meeting.]*



Ann Toombs describes our club’s  
work in Uganda



Chris Harper welcomes our  
guests and acknowledges  
the birthdays

## Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial Gala Tickets

Tickets are \$100 each. Please see Don Cameron to get yours!

## TRF & CRCF Matching Points Program

As part of our club's centennial celebrations, a goal of 100 Foundation donors in our 100<sup>th</sup> 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 member per year).**

## Upcoming Club Meetings

- Feb-11 **Arlene Adamson**, CEO Silvera Seniors  
Fairmont Palliser Hotel
- Feb-18 **Mayor Naheed Nenshi**, State of the City Address  
Fairmont Palliser Hotel

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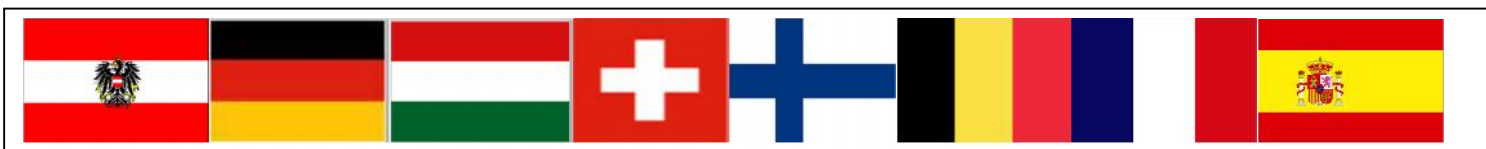
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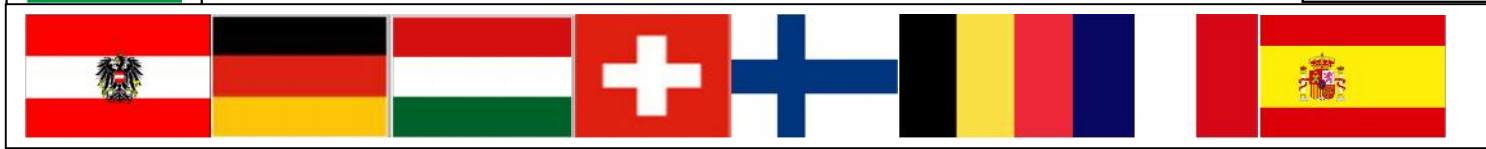
***International Dinner***  
*In Support of ShelterBox*  
**March 29, 2014**  
 Acadia Recreation Centre  
 240-90 Ave SW  
 Calgary, Alberta

*5:30 Reception*  
*6:30 Parade of Flags & Dinner*  
*7:30 Dessert (traditional desserts from the home countries of the students made by the students)*  
*8:30: Entertainment by the students*

*Tickets \$50 per person - Tables \$400 (8 per table)*  
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