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The Rotary Club of Calgary is an organization of professional and community leaders who come together through commitment and fellowship to create opportunities and a better future for generations to follow.

Scott Berry – Empowering Minds

OUR GUEST SPEAKER: The inimitable Catherine Brownlee introduced our guest speaker – former Rotary Downtowner Scott Berry

Scott Berry, who has traded a career in the energy sector for the philanthropy field. As Executive Director for Empowering Minds, Scott is dedicating himself to the mission of this organization, which is to provide teens with leadership programs designed to develop confidence, motivation and resilience necessary for today's world.

Scott told us about the Teen Leadership Training that has been called by its participants "The Funnest, Hardest, Camp Ever!" Through generous sponsorships and donations, the program costs are all covered. The only cost for the teen is lodging and food at Camp Chestermere which ranges from \$150 – \$200* depending on the school, this is paid directly to the school.

To date, Empowering Minds programs have reached over 4,000 teens in the Calgary and Red Deer Public School Systems. This is an interesting tie in with our Club's Stay-In-School and TJSIS Programs. Heart Centered Leadership is a great program and Scott gave a great presentation. Roy Boettger thanked our speaker in a gentlemanly and effusive manner.

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Meeting : Now is the Winter of Our Time Well Spent

Good Day Mr. & Mrs. Rotarian and all the ski-doo's in the snow – Let's Go To Press!

FLASH: The Palliser's Alberta Room was the home to the March 18 Meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary – and although it was a day late – the ghosts of Billy Tynan and his Rotarian cohorts seemed in evidence as the Club tipped its Irish Tweed Cap in a greeting of the season. Michael Pierson at the 88 played in the head table and Julie Visser was called upon to give thanks for our bounty, and the club and guests sat down to lunch.

NEWSBREAK: President Eva brought the formal proceedings to order and began by thanking the usual cast of characters who haunt the portals of our weekly meeting. This group of reprobates serves our club by “taking in the green” and seeing you to your seat. Next time you encounter these holdovers from the “Hole in the Wall Gang” – remember the rule from the old “Stork Club” in New York of the 1930's – don't forget to tip your waitress.

President Eva went on to thank Irishman Ian O'Viner for sponsoring the COG last week – be sure to bring your Jalopy to Ian – he will have it looking like a Pierce Arrow in no time. This week's is David McWoodward (of the famous store family?) and the wonderful Fairmont Palliser Hotel where hospitality is in abundance.

A SURPRISE THROUGH IRISH EYES: The Irish Tenors (Ralph Lundberg, Frank Sparks, and George Brookman) seized the stage – and, in the spirit of the Emerald Isle – led the Club in a most enthusiastic rendition of “When Irish Eyes are Smiling”

Next it was time for Chris Harper (formerly of Thunder Bay). Chris a loyal man whose motto is “Never above you. Never below you. Always beside you.” greeted the many visitors and guests – led us in a birthday celebration – and, in general brought the optimists perspective to life in general.

President Eva – reminded us that March 22 is World Water Day – Trevor Axworthy asked us to think about the RI Convention in Sidney – and the booth that we will operate there. Anel, our Youth Exchange Student announce the Shelter Box dinner – something we should all support. And Past President Gord Walker gave an informing address about the Foundations associated with our club and our goal of having 100 donations in place for our centennial year.

Larry Shelley informed the Club about the upcoming Gala May 3 at the friendly and fashionable Hyatt Hotel – tickets are \$100.00 (or so) for 100 years – this year, as an innovation, we are offering seats for those who wish them – details to follow.

And Eva closed the meeting with her signature “Did you know?” This comment caused this reporter to think his own “Did you Know?” and here it is . . . DID YOU KNOW “The same thing happened today that happened yesterday, only to different people!”

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The Irish Tenors lead us in 'When Irish Eyes Are Smiling'



Anel promotes the youth fundraiser



Our speaker presented his CAWST certificate by Roy Boettger

Meeting Attendance

Attendance at Committee Meetings can be counted in lieu of lunch attendance as long as the meeting is within 2 weeks of the missed lunch. For the numbers to be included in our club statistics the information on that attendance must be entered into the system within 2 weeks of the date of the committee meeting. It is therefore imperative that Committee Chairs advise the office of attendance immediately after the meeting. Attendance at meetings of other Calgary clubs is exchanged by the club secretaries. Attendance at meetings outside of Calgary must be reported by the member to Jo-Ann within the two-week time frame.

Rotary Peace Fellowships

District 5360 is now seeking applications for 2015 Peace Fellows. Links to the application form are available on www.rotary5360.ca (follow the link on the right-hand side to Global Grant Scholarship and Peace Fellowship). The application deadline is May 1, 2014.

Peace Fellowships are held for master's-level studies in fields related to peace and conflict resolution and prevention at one of five universities that host a Rotary-supported peace center: Duke University/University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (USA), International Christian University (Japan), University of Bradford (UK), University of Queensland (Australia), and Uppsala University (Sweden). There is also a professional development certificate program at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand.

Typical peace fellows have about half a dozen years of professional experience in peace-related fields, but there is a great deal of diversity among the fellows. For more information: <https://www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships> or contact Hendrik Kraay, Rotary District 5360 Global Grant Scholarship and Peace Fellowship Team Lead, hkraay@yahoo.ca, 403-852-9531.

Rotary International Convention in Sydney

The club applied to have a booth at the Sydney RI convention to share our work and gain new relationships with other Rotary clubs, and we have just received approval from RI to have one. A key need is to have Rotarians from our club help to host (and to do a little organizational work just prior while Trevor Axworthy is away).

In order to make this happen we will need Rotarians who are planning to go to the Sydney convention to let Trevor or a member of WCS know if you are going and can spend a few hours hosting the booth. If you can help, let him or Barb Young know by March 31st if we can realistically host this booth in June. G'Day mates!

World Water Day – March 22, 2014

One of the major problem in the world, and a focus of Rotary International is clean water. We have recognized this in our support of CAWST and their program to provide clean water to the world's poor. To learn more about initiatives being undertaken around the world visit the UN website www.unwater.org/worldwaterday.

Upcoming Meetings

- March 25 **Perry Toms – Steeper Energy**
Fairmont Palliser Hotel
- April 15 **Jody Moseley – YYC, Alberta's economic gateway to the world**
Fairmont Palliser Hotel

Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial Gala Tickets

Get your tickets at www.rotary100.ca. Tickets are \$100; that's just \$1 for each of our 100 years.

TRF & CRCF Matching 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.*

Jack Carter Rotary SIS Golf

Sponsors and golfers can register for the [Jack Carter/Stay In School Golf Classic](#). It will be held at [Silvertip](#) on Wednesday June 25, 2014.

Thank-you David Woodward and the Fairmont Palliser Hotel for sponsoring this week's COG Newsletter



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