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## The Rotary Club of Calgary

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.



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## The Rotary Employment Partnership

The week's meeting presentation, emceed by Michael Colborne, highlighted the Rotary Employment Partnership. The partnership is a province-wide program, and Michael chairs its Calgary Task Force. Through this program, he has hired three highly capable employees with developmental disabilities for Red Arrow Motorcoach.

The clubs in Rotary districts 5360 and 5370 have partnered with the Alberta Association for Community Living and Alberta Human Services to address unemployment or underemployment of people with developmental disabilities, who want nothing more than to be given the chance to contribute and to realize their potential. In this partnership the AACL identifies job seekers, facilitates the hiring process, and provides the employee and coworkers with on-site support. Rotary opens doors to businesses that want diversified and inclusive workplaces. Michael introduced us to the members of our club's employment partnership committee: Al McMillan, Brent Shervey, Will van Horne and soon-to-be new member John Seigner. Michael went on to introduce two members of the Calgary task force: our new member Pat Rommerman, and Joyce Halpenny.

Also in attendance were several AACL representatives, including Wendy McDonald, Manager of the Employment Partnership for the entire province. Wendy is a twenty-four year Rotarian, and a Past-President of the Rotary Club of Edmonton Mayfield. She is also the Chair of the District 5370 Employment Partnership. Wendy started her talk by noting that the Rotary Employment Partnership began in Edmonton in 2001. It extended to District 5360 seven years ago, and came to Calgary two years ago. So far 290 jobs have been created across the province. Wendy reiterated the role of the AACL in providing "on the ground" support to developmentally disabled employees and the companies that hire them. As an advocacy organization it supports people in their desire to be fully included in community life. She then turned the podium over to Dave Mowat, President & CEO of ATB Financial. Dave, a past Rotarian from Lethbridge and Paul Harris Fellow, introduced Cody Strass, an ATB employee who was hired under

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Catherine Brownlee introduces new member Ghada Al Atrash



Wendy McDonald, District 5370 Program Chair



Cody Strass of ATB

the Rotary Employment Partnership. After describing Cody's contributions to the ATB Financial work environment, Dave and Cody invited questions from the floor, which Cody answered with aplomb.

George Brookman thanked the pair by presenting them with a certificate that acknowledged the club's donation to CAWST, made in recognition of their presentation.

### Meeting Highlights

Our club meeting for this week was chaired by Club President Eva Friesen. She began by acknowledging the Calgary Herald's full page coverage of our Centennial Gala. That coverage has made us proud!

She also thanked main entrance volunteers: Gord Cumming, Tony Howard, and Andrea Serink (payment), Bruce Millar (coffee/dessert), Carl St. Laurent (sergeant at-arms), and Keith Visser (greeter). Thanks were also extended to Howie Shikaze of MNP, our COG sponsor for the week.

Co-Secretary Chris Harper welcomed an unusually large number of visitors and guests, and we offered birthday wishes to Bill Walsh, Lawrence Bates and Robert Cardinal.

President Eva issued a call to all of our club members to sign up for shifts at the Stampede Barbecue Events. With just over a month left to go, we are only 50 per cent signed up. Please encourage friends and relatives to come out and support our largest fundraising event of the year.

Catherine Brownlee introduced our newest member, Ghada Atrash.

Maxine Morrison urged us to mark our calendars for the final Stay-in-School golf tournament sponsored by Jack Carter. See you on June 25<sup>th</sup>.



George Brookman thanks our speakers

## White Slips

**Name:** John Seigner  
**Profession:** Housing Ambassador  
**Company:** Sinneave Family Foundation  
**Classification:** Associations  
**Proposed By:** George Brookman  
Dan Yauck  
**Date:** May 16, 2014

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**Profession:** Managing Director  
**Company:** AG Creations  
**Classification:** General Contractor (Const.)  
**Proposed By:** Tim Heaton  
Gordon Walker  
**Date:** May 16, 2014

## Upcoming Meetings

- May 27 **Frank McKittrick**, Music Scholars Program. Fairmont Palliser Hotel
- June 3 **Ron Esch**, Long Range Plan Update. Fairmont Palliser Hotel
- June 10 **Jim Burpee**, Canadian Electricity Association. Fairmont Palliser Hotel
- June 17 **Stefan Voswinkel**, Business Succession. Fairmont Palliser Hotel
- June 24 **Deborah Yedlin**, Calgary Herald. Fairmont Palliser Hotel
- July 1 **No Meeting on Canada Day**
- July 8 **Meeting Changed to Sneak-a-Peek** at the Calgary Stampede (Clubhouse)

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# Rotary Ignites

*The Rotary Club of Calgary has an incredible story to share with Calgarians.*

*We want to tell it in a way that reflects what Rotary stands for, how we're different and why it matters to inspire current and potential members to enjoy another 100 years of fellowship and service.*

**“Service  
Above  
Self”**



## What

In 2011, Rotary International embarked on a multiyear initiative to strengthen the Rotary image to motivate, engage, and inspire current and prospective members, donors, partners and staff.

Following in Rotary International's footsteps, The Rotary Club of Calgary, Downtown Club has launched *Rotary Ignites* to tell our story in a compelling way that **positions the club as the top service club in Calgary that inspires membership and confidence from the community.**

## Why

According to the 2014 membership statistics report, **membership numbers have dropped by 49 members since 2011.** And demographics reveal that **almost half of members are over 65 and have served for over 20 years.** *Rotary Ignites* will provide a strategy to engage, retain and recruit members to the club.

## Who

A **committee of experienced Rotarians from the Downtown Club** chaired by Paul McIntyre Royston, communications director, will determine the best firm to help the club implement *Rotary Ignites*.

## How

Three local firms have been chosen to present to the *Rotary Ignites* committee based on their **extensive marketing and communications experience** with clients working for both the corporate and non-profit sectors.

## When

**By the end of May** the *Rotary Ignites* committee will submit a recommendation to the board for final approval.



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