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The Rotary Club of Calgary's Youth Programs

This week's presentation offered an overview of the many facets of our club's youth programs. Our Youth Director Sid Mark enlisted the help of several energetic young people from local Interact and Rotaract clubs to demonstrate the breadth of our club's youth activities.

First to the podium was Kelsey Forbes, President of the University of Calgary Rotaract Club, which boasts twenty members. You have probably bought luncheon tickets from Kelsey as she and a number of other Rotaractors have been assisting us at our regular Tuesday meetings, and her club has been involved with The Mustard Seed and Inn from the Cold. Kelsey will be attending an international Rotaract meeting in Montreal where she will share her insights on her club's international projects with other Rotaractors.

Next up were Jane and Maryum, students from Western Canada High School (WCHS), who told us of their Interact club's activities. Its aims are to serve local charities and fundraise for international charities. Members volunteer at the Sunshine Centre, a seniors' home and distress centre for those experiencing family violence. Its chosen global NGO is Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders). The WCHS Interact club has been so popular that only 48 of 78 applicants were accepted into it. The list of activities this club is engaged in is too long for mention here, but the details are totally inspiring and worthy of a special message to our club. You are going to receive a complete description in the next week or two from your scribe. It will inspire all of us!

Kent Fraser of ShelterBox took a few moments to thank the club for our support over the past year, and particularly for the response to the Philippines typhoon disaster. He had special praise for our International Exchange students who have raised over \$33,000 to date for ShelterBox.

Other youth oriented activities include the Duke of Edinburgh awards (Jack Schneider), our club's program of music scholarships (Frank McKittrick), Stay-in-School, (Dave Leslie and Michelle DeCecco), and the Tom Jackson

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John Hsu thanking Kathie Coutts for her many years of service

Stay-in-School program (Bill Redmond, Catherine Brownlee & Steve Allan). Sid then made a pitch for the upcoming Jack Carter SIS Golf Tournament to be held this year at the Silvertip Golf Course in Canmore. He concluded the presentation with updates on RYLA and RYPEN activities.

At the conclusion of the meeting John Hsu announced that Kathie Coutts, a counselor at WCHS, is being recognized for her service with Interact. Interact's huge success at Western is a tribute to her efforts.

The Meeting

The head table arrived to Frank McKittrick performing *It Might as Well Be Spring!* Our national anthem was followed by a moving invocation, delivered by our new member Donna Livingstone.

After a short lunch break, Vice-President Paul Bates called the meeting to order, and got to the meeting's business. John Hsu, doing his best impression of Co-Secretary Chris Harper, introduced visitors and guests. He also presented this week's birthday celebrants, most of whom were actually present!

Paul Bates announced that the Mayor has proclaimed this week as "Rotary Week" to honour our 100 years. As well, the Public Library will be hosting **Service Before Self** at all 18 branches where there will be posters, reading lists, and links to our club's web page.

[Thank-you **Ralph Lundberg** for this week's meeting report. We're looking forward to your report on the activities of the WCHS Interact club. – Editor]



Interact students Jane and Maryum



Anel with Kelsey Forbes and Kent Fraser of ShelterBox



A big thanks to Sid Mark from Joe Fras



Interact students Jane and Maryum with Kathie Coutts

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