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What a fantastic evening of fun and fellowship. Club members and their guests gathered at the Windsor Ballroom of the Carriage House Inn beginning at 6:00pm. It was a great turnout ... a record crowd of 130. It was also perfect to see Founding President Father Greg in attendance, as well as a few snowbirds who had returned for the Christmas season.



After an hour of cocktails and fellowship, Tammy Truman called the evening to order. Our club Christmas Party Committee, Tammy Truman, acted as the Master of Ceremonies, and kept everything on track and on time – well except for Father Greg and his eloquent and informative grace – who knew we had a number of Vietnamese priests in our diocese. She somehow managed to keep the mike out of his hands for the rest of the evening....

With the professional singing help of "Standing Room Only" and Shannon Voros, the Club sang Oh Canada. Later, after the non-Rotarian guests were asked to stand, they were recognized in the normal Club fashion, with likely the best ever "a cappella" rendition of our song – repeated 3 times –



again thanks to the professional help. Among the guests, we were pleased to note Barb's parents from Croatia. All are encouraged to support this family through their difficulties associated with Barb's illness.



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The meal was served, and as usual the Carriage House kitchen and staff put out a very tasty meal ... salad, a choice of turkey or prosciutto wrapped sea bass, and a chocolate mousse for desert.

George Kimura reported on the Club's Seniors Christmas lunch at Kerby Centre last week. 300 low income seniors, mostly from the inner city, were in attendance, and this may be the only Christmas meal they receive. By applause the Club expressed its thanks to George and his committee for successfully organizing this annual community service event.

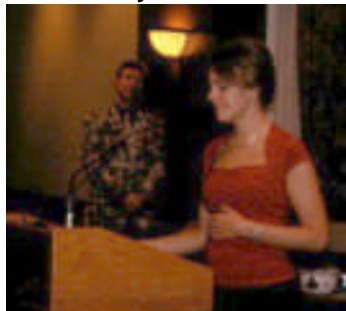


Following dinner, the a cappella group – Standing Room Only – comprised of three Calgary boys, Dave Macleod, Gord Baldwin and Don Kletke – in their flashy “all purpose” jackets (go with anything and clash with everything!),

entertained us with a variety of songs and stories. Tammy presented the group with the normal Add Your Light speaker certificate following their performance.



The group were followed on stage by Jennifer Lee-Owe on Keyboards and Sax, and singer Shannon Voros. Both provided us with some Christmas season favourites. This was a repeat of their performance at the Seniors Luncheon, that had been cut short due to sound system issues at Kerby, and the early exit of many of the seniors once their meal was done.



### Greeters

**December 20th** Brian Kinder and George Kimura

**December 27th** Fran Hochhausen

**January 3rd** Ron May

If you are unable to GREET on your assigned day, please contact Barry Korpatnisky so he can get a replacement ... 403-278-8982

Special thanks also to one of Tammy's staff, Zdravka Condic, who sat and chatted with Barb's parents as both Zdravka and her husband Tony, are fluent in Croatian. Barb herself could not join us for the evening as her immune system is way down due to her chemo treatments. Our thoughts are with her for a complete recovery.

Betty French, Marg Zankl, and Anne Pick were recognized with gifts and applause for all the background work they do to keep the club running.

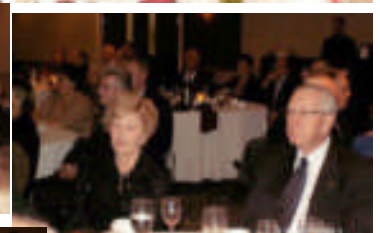
Tammy then proceeded to draw for a plethora of draw prizes she had assembled. Winners included Ron Smith, Paul Gaudet, Al Holt, Dale Perret, Joe

Hooper, George Kimura, Bruce McDonald and others. We are sure their Christmas booty will be recognized with “good news bucks” at the next club meeting.



That ended the annual event of 2011. Thanks for a great fellowship evening Tammy!!!

### Merry Christmas to All !!!







## Upcoming Events



### Family Month

December 15th  
December 20th  
December 27th

Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30  
Bart Dailley – The History of Christmas  
Fellowship Luncheon

2012

### Rotary Awareness Month

January 3rd  
January 5th  
January 10th  
January 17th  
January 19th  
January 24th  
January 31st

Sharon Hapton, Founder of Soupsisters and Brothbrothers  
Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30  
Mel Kirby and Bob MacPhee, Calgary Opera Society  
Dave Madder, Ice Road Trucker  
Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30  
Donna Leonard, Executive Director, Famous Five Foundation  
John Carpay, Canadian Taxpayers Federation



## Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation Barbara Kranjec Fund

Team Fundraising Goal: \$20,000.00

As at December 16, 2011:

Total Number of Gifts:	40
Total Value of Gifts:	\$6,235.00

Barb arrived in Calgary in August 2011 from Croatia. Her vivacious and charming personality quickly won the hearts everyone she met. In only a short time, she befriended a number of her classmates at Bishop Grandin High School with her kindness and consideration of others.

Barb has extolled the excellent care and support she has been receiving from the medical team at the Alberta Children's Hospital. She would dearly like to show her appreciation by raising some funds for the hospital's Foundation. Let's give a huge boost to this young lady's spirits and pride by raising a significant sum of money for the hospital in her honour.

A website has been set up. Please go to:

[http://www.childrenshospital.ab.ca/site/TR?pxfid=2550&pg=fund&fr\\_id=1050](http://www.childrenshospital.ab.ca/site/TR?pxfid=2550&pg=fund&fr_id=1050)

if you would like to help this wonderful, young lady fulfill her wish. The website will advise Barb each time (but not the amount) someone makes a donation.

Status Report from Hank Popoff:

Barb was taken to see a doctor on November 11th with what appeared to be severe Strep Throat. The physician decided to do a blood test which showed an abnormally low white blood cell count. She was admitted to Rockview Hospital late on the same day. After more medical tests, Barb was transferred to the Alberta Children's Hospital on November 12th. She was diagnosed with leukemia on November 16th. Barb has been hospitalized at the Children's since.

Barb's parents were advised of her diagnosis upon arrival to Calgary on November 17th. They were aware prior to arrival of the possibility of the leukemia diagnosis. The parents have been living in Ronald McDonald House since their arrival.

Chemotherapy treatments were commenced during the week of November 20th but had to be suspended several times due to the extreme side-

effects that Barb suffered. The medical team at the hospital is working hard to restore Barb's immune system to a level where it will be safe for her to travel back to Croatia. This has turned out to be a real challenge as she has suffered several severe setbacks after days of noticeable improvement. She has eaten very little during the past month, not being able to keep down the food on many of the days. In addition to battling the side effects of the chemotherapy, Barb has suffered from a severe infection on several occasions.

Barb's parents are hopeful that she can be discharged from the hospital to travel home on December 25th. At this point, it is difficult to predict whether her condition will improve sufficiently to make this possible.





# THIS AND THAT



## Proposed New Members

At the December 6th meeting, the following new member proposals were accepted by the Board for membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook:

DAWN RENNIE	Sponsor:	Pat Hutchinson
	Classification:	Transition Consultant, Residential Moves
JEFF EVANS	Sponsor:	Ghalib Abdulla
	Classification:	Financial Services

In accordance with Club Bylaws Article XI Section 5:  
Method of electing New Members

If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the Board from any member (other than Honorary) of the Club within seven (7) days following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of admission fee (if not Honorary membership) as prescribed in the bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership. If any such objection has been filed with the Board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee, shall be considered to be elected to membership.

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## Did You Know !? (historic club tidbits)

Did you know? Two of our members, Bruce MacDonald (who was a Downtown club member at the time) and Jim Thompson, served as members of the Board of Directors for the RI Host committee, leading up to the very successful 1996 RI convention held here in Calgary. The committee was Co Chaired by the late Gardy Shaw, of the Calgary South club, well known to us all and frequent meeting visitor, who was a wonderful example of Service above Self. Jim Thompson also served on the Bid Committee, which made several trips to RI head quarters to eventually be successful in securing the convention in a bidding war with other clubs from other countries. So many Rotarians attended this convention we had them billeted in hotels from Red Deer to Lethbridge as Calgary didn't have sufficient hotel rooms to accommodate all.

*Jim Thompson*

## This is such a moving story ...

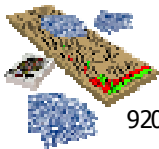
A married couple had been out Christmas shopping at the mall for most of the afternoon. Suddenly, the wife realized that her husband had 'disappeared'. The somewhat irate spouse, called her mate's cell phone and demanded: "Where the heck are you?"

Husband: "Darling, you remember that jewelry shop where you saw the diamond necklace and totally fell in love with it and I didn't have money that time and said, 'Baby, it'll be yours one day'?"

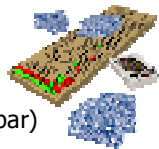
Wife, with a smile, blushing: "Yes I remember that, my love."

Husband: "Well, I'm in the Pub next to that shop."

## Cribbage Club



Thursday, January 5th  
Thursday, January 19th  
Thursday, February 2nd  
at the Horton Road Legion  
9202 Horton Road SW (close to the bar)



Fellowship, food and drinks - 5:00 pm, Start play - 6:30 pm

For more info, and/or to join, call Norm Moro.



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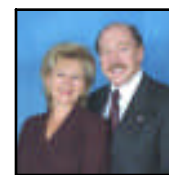


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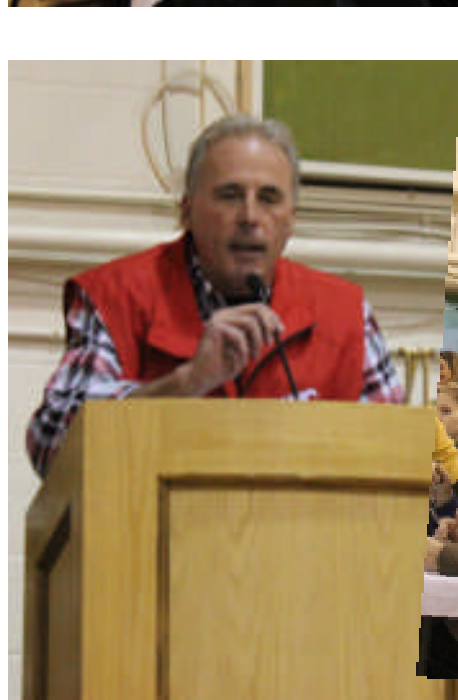




# Seniors Christmas Luncheon @ Kerby Centre, December 7th, 2011



MC Tammy Truman







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