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## CALGARY OPERA SOCIETY Bob MacPhee

Our Speaker, Bob MacPhee, spoke to the meeting about Calgary Opera and gave a most interesting presentation on the origins and ongoing operations of the opera.

He highlighted that on January 28, 2012, Calgary Opera company will perform the Canadian premier of Moby Dick. Moby Dick will be performed by J. Kady and Ben Hepner takes the part of Ahab.

A point of interest was that Calgary Opera builds more sets than any other opera company in Canada and the upcoming 14th season will again be broadcast.

CALGARY opera



Calgary Opera maintains one of three "Young Artist" programs in Canada and is designated the national training centre. Its highly developed training program is enabled by a \$1.5 million endowment. La Boheme will again be performed to make an outstanding anniversary presentation.

There are training programs in Calgary, Montreal and Toronto to enable young performers to develop their operatic abilities and master their craft. Sisters Jennifer and Jessica Sproule performed a duet from Cosi van Tutti to demonstrate their art and entertain the appreciative members.



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### Calgary Opera Emerging Artists Ensemble

The Calgary Opera Emerging Artists Development Program is intended to benefit Canadian singers who have completed pre-professional training at an opera program. It will serve as a bridge between academic programs and the professional world of opera, offering the experience and practical skills necessary to succeed as a self-employed professional in a highly competitive international environment.

Interaction between the professional staff, visiting artists and the Emerging Artists is an integral professional training function of the program.

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# Meeting Minutes



January 10th, 2012

Scribe: Alexis Beddoe

President Dave Wylie called the meeting to order at 12.15 p.m. and welcomed those assembled. This was followed by the singing of the national anthem and our Rotary Grace accompanied by Ruth Wylie.

President Dave then welcomed Hank Popoff to report on the health and general status of our visiting student, Barb Kranjcec. The happy news was that her improved health has enabled Barb to be repatriated with her Mother, Lidija, to her home in Croatia and she had weathered the journey well. She has returned to her homeland with a well developed love of pizza and Harry Potter stories! and there was a gathering at the airport to see her off. This happy news was enthusiastically greeted by all assembled, and a special thank you was offered to Hank and Fran and spouses for all their efforts on Barb's behalf.

Eight guests were introduced including Bob MacPhee, CEO and general director of Calgary Opera, speaker for today.

It was announced that the meeting on February 21st will be an evening meeting presenting Amanda Lindhout, famed Canadian who was kidnapped in Somalia and held for 346 days. This special dinner meeting will be at a cost of \$50 for the 3-course meal and tickets must be bought ahead of the evening.

It was announced that there will be a friendship exchange from Australia the last week in June and the first week in July.

Pat Hutchinson and Bob Montgomery introduced Dawn Rennie, Relocation Specialist. In this role, Dawn manages the entire move and takes care of the disposal of extraneous items when clients are moving from a large home to a smaller condo. Pat mentioned that his assignment was "to stay out of the way and open the door for prospective buyers"! Dawn undertakes her role for moves to and from Winnipeg, British Columbia and Calgary.

Bob Montgomery officiated in the induction of Dawn Rennie, new member.

A draw was made for \$31.00. Lou Pomerance and Jack Stein were fined \$2 for not mentioning Rotary in their article which was greeted with some mirth.

The meeting was closed with a reminder about the February meeting with Amanda Lindhout for which tickets must be purchased in advance.

The meeting was brought to a close at 1.30 p.m.

## Rotary Friendship Exchange 2012

Our District will be hosting a group of Rotarians from District 9800 (Australia) from June 24th to early July, and our Club would like to participate by hosting them for a 3 or 4 day period ending just before Stampede. We therefore need a champion to organize the visit from our end and work with a number of host families (comprised of our members).

Bob Montgomery did a wonderful job in this role last year when we hosted a group from England in September. Please feel free to ask Bob about the role and what is involved. If you are interested in being our champion or in hosting a couple from Australia, please contact Paul Gaudet.

Our Board has approved taking on this project. If we cannot find a facilitator/champion in the next few weeks, we will be forced to pass on this opportunity and that would be a shame.

The program/requirements are as follows:

- Five clubs are required who will each host the Aussies for 3/4 days. The group is here for 14 days.
- Each club would need a person appointed to work with the District Coordinator to establish the itinerary for their three days and ensure the visitors are accompanied on all trips. In this case the District Coordinator is our own Bob Montgomery so you will be working with someone you know and can rely on.
- Itineraries would include a Rotary meeting (if dates work), a visitor/host BBQ, tourist/sightseeing in your area and some time (ie. supper, etc) with the host Rotarians.
- The only significant club cost would be a group BBQ and some local travel.
- We expect six couples from Australia so each club would need six host families for the three nights.
- Hosts would provide sleeping accommodation and meals while in the home.
- The Visitors pay for their own restaurant and tourism venue expenses.

### Greeters

January 17th	Ed McLean and Don McKenzie
January 24th	Steve McAuley & Al Pettigrew
January 31st	Norm Moro & Stephen Pick
February 7th	Harry Nazarchuk & Dale Perret

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





## Upcoming Events



### Rotary Awareness Month

January 17th  
January 19th  
January 24th  
January 31st

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  
Jay Serdula – Human Interest Story

### World Understanding Month

February 2nd  
February 7th  
February 16th  
February 21st  
February 23, 24, 25, 26  
February 28th

Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30  
Carole Steeves, Director, Friends of Fish Creek  
Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30  
Amanda Lindhout – evening dinner meeting, sign-up sheet circulating  
District 5360 & 5370 Curling Bonspiel, Dawson Creek BC  
Laverne Bissky and Darlene Davies – Rotary Polio Eradication Program



### Literacy Month

March 1st  
March 6th  
March 15th  
March 31st

Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30  
John Carpay, Canadian Taxpayers Federation  
Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion, 5pm for food and drinks, play at 6:30  
Cribbage Club playing for the Lew Reid Memorial Trophy, Horton Road Legion, 10am - 4pm

## Nature Park Resident

*Photo courtesy Ted Downard*



CHINOOK ROTARY NATURE PARK - DECEMBER 2011



# THIS AND THAT



## "Freedom in Forgiveness" an evening with Amanda Lindhout

The Carriage House Windsor Ballroom  
Tuesday February 21, 2012

Cocktails 6:00pm • Dinner 6:30pm • Tickets \$50.00/pp  
(includes a 3 course meal, coffee/tea)

At the 2011 District Conference some of our members, including President Dave and Vice President Dave, had the opportunity to hear Ms. Amanda Lindhout speak. They were personally moved by her presentation. As a result we have invited her to share her story, with our club members as well as friends, family and young people, the evening of Tuesday February 21st. This will be our Valentine meeting given the content of the evening. If you are unable to personally attend, please consider purchasing and donating your tickets.

Please join Amanda as she shares her past experiences as a journalist during a tumultuous time in Somalia, her 460 days in captivity in 2008/09 and what she has been inspired to do as a result of her experiences.

There will be a signup sheet circulated where you will also be able to indicate your menu preference. Tickets will be available until Tuesday February 14th. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ann Marsh at [ann.marsh@first7seconds.com](mailto:ann.marsh@first7seconds.com)

## Proposed New Members

At the January 9th meeting, the following new member proposals were accepted by the Board for membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook:

BILL STEMPE (previous member)	Sponsor: Classification:	Bruce Bohnet Lawyer
ANNE DALE	Sponsor: Classification:	Dave Wylie Retail Sales - Fabric and Sewing Products & Training

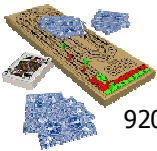
In accordance with Club Bylaws Article XI Section 5:

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.

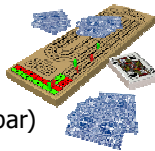
Dave Wylie, President

## Cribbage Club



Thursday, February 2nd  
Thursday Feb 16th

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.

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

**Did you Know?** Our club banner reached its highest point of land when former charter member, George Raham, (now of the Canmore club) placed it at the Mt Everest base camp. We're pretty sure it hasn't been placed any higher on land, nor have any other club banners ... as far as we know.

Jim Thompson



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