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## THE CALGARY URBAN COYOTE

### Alessandro Massolo, University of Calgary

Our guest speaker was introduced by Bart Dailley. Doctor Massolo is an Assistant Professor in Wildlife Health Ecology in the Department of Ecosystem and Public Health at the University of Calgary.

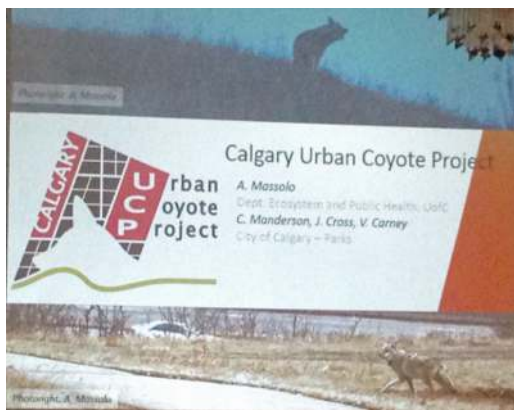
Dr. Massolo is leading an extensive data collection on urban coyotes and gastrointestinal infections that can be related to some form of coyotes, and can be transmitted to our dogs and in some cases passed on to humans!

There are 700-800 coyotes in the city and 125,000 dogs. Some of the coyotes carry parasites that can infect our dogs and indeed in some cases be passed on to humans.

The survey enlisted the services of some 1,300 dog owners which included extensive interviews. The study was conducted by collecting over 500 samples of coyote feces, sterilizing them, and then they were examined for disease, diet and other stuff.

By examining the samples, they could establish the diet of the coyotes at various times of the year. Dr. Massolo listed the diet of the coyotes – they found that their diet was 50% deer (we can surmise that the deer are hit by a car). In the summer rodents showed up in their diet as 70%. Dogs/cats 2% to 4%, and garbage made up 10% of their diet year around.

In order to further their study, they equipped 2 of the coyotes with a GPS collar. This way they could study their movements and generally track their lives. The GPS showed that they moved across the freeways with ease, and generally moved around the northwest part of the city. They each had a litter of pups. They stationed a camera at each den and followed the raising of the pups and the general habits of the coyotes.



Interestingly enough, our Speaker was from Italy and one of the GPS coyotes made its home in Tuscany district of Calgary!

They had the two coyotes named which you shouldn't do when you are conducting a study.

Dr. Massolo had his presentation backed up with a PowerPoint

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**April 8th, 2014**

**Scribe: Gord Billings**

The meeting was called to order by Terry Green at 12:15.

Ruth Wylie is back and she led us on the piano in O Canada and Grace.



The Greeters were Ed McLean and Duncan McKillop. Ed read out the names of the visitors and guests, and acknowledged the speaker.

Harry Nazarchuk 'Sunshine Committee' said that Garry Miller had an operation and was back home resting, and that Gwen Burgess was in the hospital.



Our President, Terry Green, read a letter from the Mustard Seed thanking us for serving a meal on March 25th.

Terry Green announced a dinner event fund raiser by Rotaract. I refer you to the April 8th Arch for details on this event – The April Affair.

Also he announced that our Rotary Club of Airdrie was holding a race to raise funds – for more information contact Terry.



Our Exchange Student, Berto, gave us a report on his week's activities, which included moving host parents, his birthday hosted by John Beatty, plus he went with a fellow from Brazil to see a guitar factory, and he went skiing and came down the hill shirtless with a Brazil

flag cape! Next week he will be at the District Conference.

ADG Kent Fraser of Fish Creek thanked the exchange students, including Berto, for the funds raised for the Shelter Box program. So far this year the Exchange



Students have raised over \$27,000. The program has sent 5,000 shelter boxes this year to the Philippines and some to other places.

Berto is selling CDs to raise money for the program. The President invited Berto to have some available to sell to our members.

Rosemary Crawford presented a Paul Harris +5 award to Stephen Pick.



## Minutemen:

- John Beatty announced the Youth Evening to be held April 29th (Evening Meeting) at the Carriage House ... cocktails 5:30, dinner 6:30.
- Bart Dailey announced that the May 6th meeting would be held at the Horton Road Legion-with the Coach and GM, Calgary Stampeders present, and he would outline the year ahead. Price is \$25 for a full turkey dinner.
- Paul Gaudet announced that the Cribbage Tournament was moved to April 19th starting at 10:00am at the Horton Road Legion. The entrance fee is \$20.00. It's lots of fun ... come one come all. We're pleased to see Norm Moro back.
- Parking: we still have 3 shifts on Saturday, and 3 on Sunday to fill – please look at your calendar and see if you can help out.
- Pat Hutchinson mentioned that the Victoria Club would like to host the 2017 Rotary Golf Tournament (August, I think) so if you are interested contact Pat for more details. (International Golfing Fellowship of Rotary ... [www.igfr-international.com](http://www.igfr-international.com) )

The 50/50 draw won by Ron Smith and he donated it to Berto.

Paul Gaudet was our Sergeant at Arms:

- Last week Connie was away and Paul (helped by Evelyn Stewart) found out the amount of work that Connie puts in ... Paul urged all of us to put in a dollar to say thanks to Connie!
- Paul quoted from the recent Rotary magazine about recycling and urged all of us to do our bit.
- Hank Popoff, he said that he would be away so could not help at Spruce Meadows so he donated the dollars for his shifts.
- Evelyn Stewart said the Ronald McDonald House supper went well so she donated some money.
- Ron May donated some funds, for something
- Berto commented about wearing shorts to a meeting and that if there was a penalty, John Beatty would pay.

Terry Green adjourned the meeting at 1:35.



*Thank you, Connie !!!*



## Magazine Month

April 15th  
April 19th  
April 22nd  
April 29th

Roger Kingkade, CHQR Talk Show Host  
Cribbage Tournament — 10:00am @ the Horton Road Legion (entry fee is \$20)  
**Fairview School Meeting**  
Youth **Evening meeting** — fellowship @ 5:30, dinner @ 6:30pm

## Promote RI Convention Month

May 6th  
May 24th  
May 13th  
May 20th  
May 24th  
May 27th  
May 29th

John Hufnagel, Coach and GM, Calgary Stampeders — **meeting to be held at Horton Road Legion (\$25pp)**  
President's Dinner @ **McKenzie Meadows Golf & Country Club** — **evening meeting**  
Herve Lamah — Classification talk and more  
Garth Sabrish — Parking @ Spruce Meadows  
President's Dinner @ **McKenzie Meadows Golf & Country Club** — **evening meeting**  
Karla Tejeda, Outgoing Exchange Student  
Brown Bagging for Kids — lunch bags prep

## Rotary Fellowships Month

June 1st - 4th  
June 2nd  
June 3rd  
June 4th  
June 4th - 8th  
June 24th

Rotary International Convention, Sydney, Australia  
Brown Bagging for Kids — lunch bags prep  
Meeting moved to June 4th  
Fellowship Event @ **Spruce Meadows** — a non-parking event ... watch the horses jump!  
Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The National  
Club Assembly — Passing of the Gavel



## Urban Coyote

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presentation, and at the end of his speech he showed a presentation on each of the GPS coyotes, and a den of coyotes that had made their home in a cemetery near a tomb stone. The cemetery workers had filled in the den after the coyotes had moved on, but the next year the coyotes came back, dug out the den and used it another year.

Dr. Massolo took a few Questions and Answers after his presentation.

Dr. Massolo said that if any of us wished to support his study, donation cards were on the table.

As is our practise Duncan McKillop presented Dr. Massolo with a certificate indicating our club had donated on his behalf to the Polio Pus program.



## Rotary Bears



Evan Burrell

*I'll have a large decaff Koalachino thanks!*



Rotary International's global update of Polio cases reported for the week ending 9 April:  
Afghanistan 0, Pakistan 3, Nigeria 0---2014 YTD 56, YTD 2013 18 (Endemic and Non Endemic) cases as reported by The World Health Organization.

## APRIL 2014 — Celebrate Magazine Month.

Today, with Rotary's club membership spanning more than 200 countries and geographical areas, its publications are more vital than ever. The RI Board of Directors has designated April of every year as Magazine Month, and it is a time to recognize the role that our Rotary publications play in our Rotary lives – and the role that we should play in our publications.

"The Rotarian", which is edited here at RI headquarters in Evanston, Ill., USA, has a circulation of about 500,000. Around the world, 31 more magazines are published in more than 20 languages. In total, these 32 magazines reach more than 1.2 million people. To make this happen, it takes more than just an editorial staff – it also takes the good work of Rotarians. I always feel that the best part of reading any Rotary publication is the opportunity to find out what other clubs are doing. Each issue, each article, is a chance to be informed and inspired.

In an era when electronic communication seems to be everywhere, the role of paper magazines is still important to our organization, but we must be open to new formats to get the word out.

That's why, this April, I encourage you all to explore "The Rotarian" magazine's new digital experience:  
TheRotarianMagazine.com

Email the stories to friends and family. Share them on Facebook and Twitter. This is a chance to take the great ideas and great work of Rotarians even further and to inspire future generations to do the same.

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TRUSTEE CHAIR 2013-14

Like attending a Rotary club meeting, reading Rotary magazines is an essential part of the shared experience of being a Rotarian. When you pick up a Rotary publication, whether it's "Rotary Down Under in Australia and New Zealand", or "The Rotary-No-Tomo" in Japan, you'll find that every single one does just what it's meant to do: it informs, and it inspires. It keeps you up to date with Rotary news, brings you new ideas for your Rotary service, and tells stories that are relevant and meaningful to you. To me, these publications around the world are a tangible representation of Rotary's greatest strength – that each club is a local, community-based entity, engaged in a truly global network. This organization is incredibly large and diverse, and as much as we all have in common in Rotary, we are not a place where one size fits all. Our expectations of a magazine, both culturally and linguistically, are naturally going to be different. With our regional publications, Rotarians in Bulgaria can find out what's going on in Rotary in Bulgaria, and what's going on elsewhere in the Rotary world, along with the latest news from Evanston. Because each one of our Rotary publications belongs to the family of Rotary magazines – each one is, like every Rotary club, both fully local and fully part of our international identity.

One of the greatest privileges of being RI president is the ability to speak directly, every month, to every one of our 1.2 million Rotarians. I hope that when you pick up your publication – whichever one you're reading right now – you get the same feeling of pride, and ambition, that I do. Rotary magazines remind us that as Rotarians, we are all part of something larger than ourselves. They show us just how much we can achieve through Rotary. Through them, we see what our Foundation dollars do, we see what our fellow Rotarians are doing, and we are inspired to 'Engage Rotary, Change Lives' even more.

RON D. BURTON  
PRESIDENT 2013-14

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