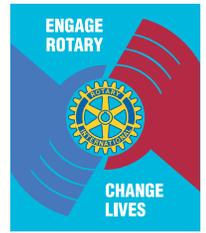




# the Arch



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## THAILAND

### Cole Demorest, 2012/13 Exchange Student

Orion introduced Cole Demarest, our recently returned exchange student and speaker today. Orion referred to him as an amazing student and ambassador for Canada.

Cole started by thanking our club for giving him the opportunity to spend about a year in Thailand, which he described as the experience of a lifetime which has changed his life forever. Cole's presentation was by video so his speaking was relatively brief. He did admit to being a bit surprised when he found it was Thailand he was going to live as he expected probably some place in the Americas or Europe.



He had some great pictures of Thailand in the video. Thailand is a small country about 75% as big as Alberta with 66 million people, most of them Buddhist (95%). He involved himself deeply in the Thai lifestyle such as riding elephants and the usual outdoor shopping.

Festivals & Celebrations are flamboyant and include many fireworks. Buddhism starts early in children's lives with meditation designed to turn lives over to their religion by age 10. School is very challenging with the day lasting eight hours and extra classes usually conducted during the evening. Classes usually have about 50 students so not much individual attention. School rooms are hot and bodies sweaty. Also the education system is not well funded by government.

The warm climate offers much outdoor activity. Food is plentiful but much different than home. There were very few foreigners in the place where he lived. The population of 15,000 contained about 100 foreigners.

Cole learned a lot but feels he just scratched the surface. His year will never be forgotten as he spent "a life in a year". Cole encouraged members to chat with him about his experiences.

Hank thanked Cole effusively and suggested the District could use his video as a training film for future outbound exchange students. He presented Cole with the usual certificate which assists a family in the Dominican Republic and also a special token of appreciation in a Chinook Rotary certificate of the 4Way Test for being such a wonderful ambassador for Canada.

In closing, Pres. Terry also thanked Cole.

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# Meeting Minutes



August 13th, 2013

Scribe: Ed McLean

President Terry brought us to our feet at 12:15 p.m. to sing the national anthem and Rotary grace with Betty at the piano.

Bruce Bohnet introduced the 5 visiting Rotarians and 8 visitors which included Cole Demarest's mother Kathy. Cole just returned from a year as exchange student in Thailand and is the speaker today. Total attendance was 67 today.

Pres. Terry says Fran is a bit despondent as there has been no member volunteer to become the host family for the inbound exchange student. Do we have a member willing to do this for at least a few months? Should the club consider discontinuing participation in this very important Rotary programme?

Sunshine Harry had no report so health prevails.

Dale Perret reminded us of the upcoming GlobalFest August 16th to 25th. We are doing the VIP parking and have enough volunteers but need more help with the arrangements to promote Rotary at this event. If you can help please let Dale know. She raffled off 2 tickets to the event which were won by Alex Soutar.

P.P. Ian asked for more members to assist with photography at club meetings and events. Let Ian or John Beatty know if you can help.

P.P. Paul thanked those who assisted in the parking for the Ride to Conquer Cancer last weekend, and is now seeking more members to sign up for the Spruce Meadows Masters in September. So far it is about 80% complete but we still need 20% more. The other good news is that Tom and Vera are ready to serve those delicious sandwiches etc .with some assistance from Monty in driving the cart around.

P.P. Joe presented a cheque from Spruce Meadows for \$11,520 for our work during the North American in July.

S.A.A. today was P.P. John McBean who came prepared as usual. He started by fining Bruce, then assorted others including those who did not work for the club last weekend. Usually he fined those sharing the table with his target. He gave special recognition to Ann Marsh for clothing selection. He asked Tammy to give the history of the Chinook Rotary vests and she reminded us that she joined Rotary in 1994 and in 1995 at her behest, members obtained the vests that many of us can still use. Tammy also had Happy Bucks. In all a good day again for the S.A.A. pot with all the fines and 50/50 winner Joe Levy donating the \$29 he won.



## Roster Books

Roster Book pages will be printed soon. Please send any info changes to the Club Secretary, and to Ron Smith. If you have a different photo you would like in the roster, send it to Stephen Pick, or ask John Beatty to take a new photo at a meeting.

Ron will be circulating proof sheets at upcoming meetings. Please verify your photo and info are correct.

Please also update your Club Runner profile!

## Waterton-Glacier Peace Park Conference

A fellowship of cross-border Rotarians who share similar values about service, peace and building a better world for those who follow, celebrated where the world's first International Peace Park was created 81 years ago through Rotarian initiative.



What's happening to bring meaning and content to this fellowship weekend?

- Kick-off Centennial BBQ,
  - Golf, hiking, touring events of your choice
  - "State of the Parks" address
  - Rotary Peace Scholar speaker
  - Exciting High Arctic Parks presentation – Ifan Thomas
  - Saturday Dinner with:
    - \* Parade of Flags by Youth Exchange Students
    - \* Keynote address by Harvey Locke
    - \* Crowshoe Peigan elder on Waterton
    - \* Music by Jason Barras
  - Non-denominational Sunday service
  - Hands-Across-the Border ceremony
- Lodges and campground are an under five minute walk from venue.

Please register at [www.peaceparkcon.com](http://www.peaceparkcon.com)

## High River Flood Relief



in conjunction with Linda's Ladies presents  
The Alberta Floods 2013 Draw  
Win a BERNINA B330!

#148, 8228 Macleod Tr SE, Calgary, AB T2H 2B8

All monies raised will be donated to the Rotary Club of High River in support of their flood relief efforts.

Draw Date: September 01, 2013

Tickets: \$5.00

MSRP \$1,399.99  
Generously donated by BERNINA Canada



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Please see Anne Dale or Heidi Kramer for tickets.



# Upcoming Events



## Membership Month

August 16th - 25th	GlobalFest — volunteers needed — contact Dale Perret
August 20th	Peter Kujawinski, United States Consul General
August 27th	Sheliza Kassam, Founder, Children's Birthday Miracles

## New Generations Month

September 3rd	Garry Nielson, President, Calgary Wildlife Rescue Society
September 4th - 8th	Parking @ Spruce Meadows for "The Masters"
September 10th	Representatives from Medical Mercy Canada
September 13th - 15th	Waterton-Glacier International Peace Conference
September 17th	TBA
September 24TH	Gregg Schaalje Deputy Fire Chief, Foothills Fire Dept

## Vocational Service Month

October 1st	Steven Grasby Research Scientist
October 8th	Wendy Lowe, Executive Director, Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre
October 29th	Pat Killoran, District Governor

## Family Month

December 10th	Seniors Christmas Lunch
December 17th	Club Christmas Party



## Our Very Own Club Mystery

As most members know, there are 5 members that remain active in this club, that were in fact part of the founding group. We began meeting in 1976, sponsored by Calgary south and the main Calgary Rotary clubs, who had recruited each of us.

We were guided in our formation by Charter President Greg McLellan, formerly of Calgary South, to all become members of this new expansion of Rotary in Calgary. We were selected in the usual fashion, by classification "what you do, not what you are". Before receiving our charter in March of 1977, we had a very interesting group of proposed members, each from all walks of life in the zone described as our club's area. Almost immediately, I was asked to be the club historian, an assignment I have continued all these years, enjoying the advancement of the club from a historic standpoint. It has been fairly routine and we have a rich history now carefully preserved.

One of the first new members, after our charter was issued, was Dr David Chevalier, a Chiropractor, with an active practice on Elbow Drive near Britannia shopping centre. All of our charter members knew him. He, with a few others, were introduced as new members the night of April 12th 1977, at our charter night ceremony, and his photo appears in the 2nd row, 2nd from the left, in the Charter night celebration photo.

At some point the following year, we were advised that he had drowned, after an apparent heart attack, while swimming in the ocean at a resort near Can Cun. David hadn't been a particularly active member, so he wasn't really well known to us. Later we learned the date of his death was actually

February 14th 1978, while he was with his wife Bev on vacation. A plaque with his name on it is on our Memorial Recognition Board. He appears by name on our Roster Honour role as deceased 1979, which should read 1978 apparently.

Now to the mystery ...

On July 23rd 2013, I received an email from webmaster@rotary5360.org, Roger Hough, wondering if I were the Jim Thompson a Beth Anne Hughes was trying to contact about Dr David Chevalier. She stated, "My husband and I were with David Chevalier in Mexico in 1978 when he passed away." Curiosity sparked, I responded affirmative via email, knowing no other Thompsons were in our club and then things got real interesting.

Beth Anne immediately, by email, cast doubt as to how David had passed away. They – she and her husband Bill, and David and Bev – were all on the 'Isla de Mujeres', (the Island of Women) in Mexico, and she stated she had been "searching and grasping since 1978 for any obituary or any information on the death of David. David did not drown."

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## District 5360 Conference 2014

**Engage Rotary ... Change Lives**  
**April 11th - 13th, 2014**  
**Lethbridge, Alberta**  
**[www.discon.rotary5360.ca](http://www.discon.rotary5360.ca)**



# THIS AND THAT



## Greenway Project

Join Parks Foundation Calgary for a celebration of our Greenway partners and title sponsorship announcement

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

10:00am – press conference and unveiling

10:45am – bike ride begins

12:00pm – partner appreciation lunch

Fish Creek Provincial Park – Glennfield, Group Day Use Area A

Bring your bike and go for a 20-km bike ride along the Greenway in Fish Creek Provincial Park followed by an appreciation lunch. The 10:00 am unveiling will be presentations by politicians including, Nenshi, Redford and Kenney, and reps from Rotary, Mattamy and the Parks Foundation.

The bike ride is a 21km return trip through Fish Creek Park to the Chinook Rotary Nature Park, which will become the Southeast anchor for the Greenway. The Parks Department has built a switchback trail from the southeast end of the 22X/Bow River bridge down to the Nature Park parking lot. Lunch will be a BBQ by the Downtown and East Rotary Clubs at the Glennfield parking lot.

In another week I will be sending out an e-mail to enlist volunteers to help with running the event including, but not necessarily limited to: drive people movers, man safety stations, serve refreshments and lunch, set up and tear down, trouble shooting, trail guide, cleanup and anything else not handled by the Downtown and East clubs. These duties will be shared with the 10 other Calgary and Cochrane Rotary Clubs.



Cheers,  
John C. McBean

## Dinner Club 2013/14

**FANTASTIC FELLOWSHIP — GREAT FOOD !!**

Join the Dinner Club and enjoy both !!  
Host two couples once, and be guests with your partner twice at Rotarians' homes.

NEW MEMBERS - You don't want to miss this.



Registration forms have been e-mailed to everyone.

If you missed it and want to join, contact Hank Popoff at [popoffh@telusplanet.net](mailto:popoffh@telusplanet.net) or 403-271-0131.

Registration deadline is September 10th.



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