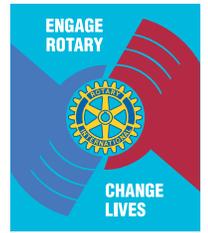




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## CANADA USA RELATIONSHIP

Peter Kujawinski, US Consul General

Bart Dailley introduced speaker Peter Kujawinski, the U.S. Consul General for Alberta, Saskatchewan and North West Territories who is from Chicago.

Peter has 15 years with the U.S. state department with a number of postings including the U.N. in New York and the American Embassy in Haiti. He is an author, married to singer songwriter Nancy Celia Rose and they have 2 children. He is fluent in French, Haitian Creole, and speaks some Hebrew and Polish. He has been here for nearly a year.



He started by mentioning it is some time since he had to wear a suit which makes Calgary a good place to live. When comparing Calgary to other postings, he finds it unique-mostly because it is so similar to U.S. cities. We have deep commitments to each other. When he visited Saskatchewan last fall he was pleased to learn that the U.S. is not considered a foreign market, but a domestic one. We have similar laws and cultures, and the world's largest trading relationship. The volume of trade is large and increasing all the time. Our common border is actually well managed on both sides and issues dealt with daily. He states the Canada/U.S. relationship is the envy of the world. We talk to each other at all levels of government and agencies.

After speaking for about 15 minutes he asked for questions which consumed the next 15 minutes. Enquiries included such things as:

- Visas – Canadians don't need a visa to visit the U.S. and vice versa.
- Canadian owners of real estate assets in U.S. were mentioned and are not usually a problem.
- The Keystone Pipeline is controversial partly it seems because the state department is in favour while the President is hesitating. He emphasized that it is a highly emotional topic, requiring strict attention to the process making it a lengthy one – all aspects must be discussed which requires much input. He says protesters in the U. S. are given the opportunity to voice their opinions in the interest of democracy much like Canada.
- He says the situation in Egypt is very murky and talk of cutting military support there must be carefully considered. Egypt is crucial for the middle east political situation and it is best to move slowly in making decisions as haste has not been good always in the past. Afghanistan is an example.
- In answer to a question, it is clear the speaker is an ardent fan of Chicago sports teams.
- Asked why there is currently no U.S. ambassador to Canada he states the current gap is not unusual. It takes time to ensure nominees are properly investigated. Our countries' relationship is very good so the gap is not a big problem as it would be with many other countries.

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**August 20th, 2013** **Scribe: Ed McLean**

President Terry called the meeting to order and with Betty at the piano we did our thing with the national anthem and the Rotary grace. The Pres said this is Betty's last gig here as she and Dick are moving shortly to be with family in Grande Prairie. We will really miss them.

Barry K. introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians today. Visitors included our inbound exchange student Adalberto Damini Jr. who was also a greeter today. Guest speaker was Peter Kujawinski. Other guests were Ralph Tiede, Bob Merritt, David Casolo and Ruth Wylie. Former Chinook member Wayne McCune now of Didsbury was a visitor, as were Stuart Libin of Downtown club and 4 South Rotary members. Total attendance today was 68.

John Beatty formally introduced our new exchange student who has had an orientation for inbound students and plans to attend our meetings as often as possible. He greeted us in both English and Portuguese and did very well.

Sunshine Harry says former D.G. Monty Audenart has been diagnosed with cancer. Dave Saunders says Jan Tollefson is doing fine now. He suggests we read her web site and give her a phone call. Take her out for a coffee if she is able.

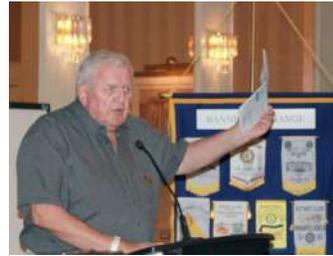


Joe Hooper presented a cheque for \$3,600 which he received on behalf of the club for our work with the Kennel Club.

Stephen Pick says read the back page of the August 20th The

Arch for information on the highly popular Dinner Club.

David Wartman says Alpha House must raise more money for local needs and plans a fund raiser on Friday, August 23rd. Call David for details.



Jim T. says keep The Arch of August 20th so you can follow future writings of "Our Very Own Club Mystery". He also said we will be starting to clean up our Nature Park on August 29th in the afternoon in preparation for the September 18th use by the Greenway Project of the Parks Foundation Canada for their bike ride.

50/50 won by John Beatty who passed it on to Adalberto.



S.A.A. John McB. suggests the Greenway Project needs more volunteers. Then he fined Don McLean \$2 for suggesting he has no new shirt. We were then all fined \$1 for letting Dick and Betty leave us, and the 4 Calgary South visitors were fined \$1 for all sitting together.

S.A.A. then proceeded table by table to find out if we know anything about Rotary and its leaders. Must be early in the Rotary year as most questions resulted in money for the pot. A few Happy Bucks were added so it was a financial success.

Bart Dailley introduced speaker Peter Kujawinski, the U.S. Consul General for Alberta, Saskatchewan and North West Territories.

## the Arch — Notice

Due to the Labour Day long weekend, there will not be an Arch published next week (September 3rd).

## CANADA USA RELATIONSHIP

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- When asked if he would be attending the Rotary Hands Across The Border festivities in September he said he would really like to although his wife is expecting a child about then so that may affect his plans.

John Beatty thanked the speaker and presented the usual certificate enabling a person in the Dominican Republic to enjoy a better life.



Alberto with the US Consul General

## 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!



# Upcoming Events



## Membership Month

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 7th Foundation and Membership Committee Members — District Regional Training Sessions  
 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 5th Foundation and Membership Committee Members — District Regional Training Sessions  
 October 8th Wendy Lowe, Executive Director, Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre  
 October 26th Make Dreams Real Workshop @ the Marriott Courtyard Hotel, for all Rotarians in District 5360  
 October 29th District Governor, Pat Killoran

## Family Month

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

## 2014

### Magazine Month

April 11th -13th District Conference; Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Room

### Rotary Fellowships Month

June 1st - 4th Rotary International Convention; Sydney, Australia



## District Plans Regional Foundation and Membership Training for Club Committees

On Saturday, September 7 or Saturday, October 5, 2013/14 Club Foundation and Membership Committees are invited to regional training sessions in Calgary, Red Deer, Medicine Hat or Lethbridge. The purpose is to make training more accessible to Club Committees and to provide information and best practices in these two important areas.

Clubs are asked to extend an invitation to youth from YEX, RYLA, RYPEN, Rotaract, Interact and other Rotary programs targeted at younger people. Their attendance will be sponsored by Servus Credit Union.

Every Rotarian is encouraged to attend! This is the day that talks about the emotional impact that Rotary makes in our communities and in the world. The registration cost is only \$50 per person.

## Are You In?

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there oftener as I get older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense. It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the heart. At my age I need all the stimuli I can get.

## Make Dreams Real Calgary, Saturday, October 26th

Make Dreams Real will be held in Calgary at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel on Saturday, October 26th. This day-long workshop is an annual event that District 5360 hosts for all Rotarians in our District, and in particular for all President Elects.

## High River Flood Relief



in conjunction with Linda's Ladies presents  
The Alberta Floods 2013 Draw  
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All monies raised will be donated to the Rotary Club of High River in support of their flood relief efforts.

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Please see Anne Dale or Heidi Kramer for tickets.



# THIS AND THAT

## Ravindran is Choice for 2015-16 RI President



"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."  
— Paul P. Harris

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka, has been selected by the Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2015-16. Ravindran will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Ravindran said his top priority for Rotary will be to increase membership, which he called the bedrock of any organization.

"The emphasis on membership has to continue with focus on the younger generation," Ravindran said. "Additionally, we must seek to attract the just retired and experienced people into Rotary."

"Creating regional membership plans and realizing that 'one size does not fit all' has been a move in the right direction," he said.

Ravindran holds a degree in commerce and is founder and CEO of Printcare PLC, a publicly listed company and global leader in the tea packaging industry. He also serves on the board of several other companies and charitable trusts. He is the founding president of the Sri Lanka Anti Narcotics Association, the largest antinarcotics organization in Sri Lanka.

As his country's PolioPlus chair, Ravindran headed a task force with members from the government, UNICEF and Rotary, and worked closely with UNICEF to negotiate a cease-fire with northern militants during National Immunization Days.

A Rotarian since 1974, Ravindran has served Rotary as a director and treasurer of RI and as a trustee of The Rotary Foundation. He has also served as an International Assembly group discussion leader, district governor, Council on Legislation representative, and zone institute chair. He chaired the Schools Reawakening project, sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts in Sri Lanka, which rebuilt 25 tsunami-devastated schools, benefiting 15,000 children.

## 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. It's a fabulous opportunity to get to know your fellow Rotarians

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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