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## EXCHANGE STUDENT PRESENTATION 'Berto's Story' – Adalberto Damini

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Berto began his presentation with a brief question and answer session, testing our knowledge of Brazil. The Capital is Brasillia (no, not Rio de Janiero), it is located in South America (not Europe), and its most important City is Sao Paulo (not Rio). He makes no apology for his love of his home State, Sao Paulo, and his lack of love for its competitor State, Rio de Janeiro.

What is wonderful about Brazil? Well, according to Berto, just about everything but most specifically the "beaches, summer, soccer, Carnival and, of course, its beautiful women".

Brazil is a huge country, both in terms of population (190 million as of 2008) and geography. It is the economic leader of South America. Two of the world's largest Cities are located in Brazil – Rio de Janeiro (population of approx. 12 million in the metropolitan area as of 2008), and Sao Paulo (20 million in the metro area), and they are located only 400 km apart.

Brazil's economy is multi faceted and includes a strong agricultural sector; it is the largest producer of sugar cane in the world, and also of coffee. It is also one of the largest aluminum producers in the world. It has successfully developed offshore oil which will make it the world's sixth largest producer. It produces ethanol for its own transportation needs and also produces the biggest cattle in the world. The State of Sao Paulo (Berto's favourite) is responsible for half of Brazil's GDP, as well as about 2/3rds of its manufacturing.



Brazil is also similar to Alberta in another area – its love of western culture, specifically rodeos. Berto knows firsthand about this as he loves to personally participate in their steer roping event. They also enjoy Carnivals where everyone dresses up and enjoys the party atmosphere. The second largest Church in the World (second only to St. Peter's in Rome) is located in Sao Paulo. It is Roman Catholic and referred to as the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida.

Berto advised that his favourite musical instrument (which he plays very well) is the Brazillian Guitar, and that his favourite sport is of course soccer. His home town is Sorocaba, a City of approx 700,000 people, located in the State of Sao Paulo. The City has museums, lots of parks, a lake, and of course his school which is located close to a golf course (one of the few sports he doesn't play ... at least not yet).

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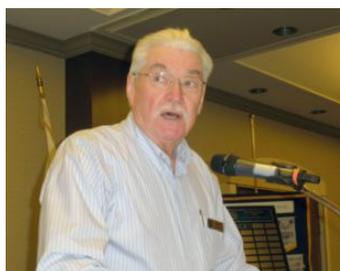
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President Elect Stephen started our meeting at 12:15. He welcomed everyone to Rotary and introduced "Oh Canada" and "Rotary Grace" accompanied by Ruth Wiley on the piano.



He called on Pat Hutchinson to introduce our visitors and guests, which comprised of two guests, (one of whom was Grant Flemming, Dad of outbound exchange student Wendy and currently host father to "Berto") and four

visiting Rotarians this week. We had a total of 64 folks at our meeting.



Harry's Sunshine Report revealed that Lyle Davidson was at home and undergoing regular chemo treatments. We were encouraged to call Lyle as he enjoys keeping up with Rotary and chatting with his friends.

Marie Rickard, from the Rotary Club of Calgary West, told us about their Club's Valentine fund raiser, Delectable Strawberry Shortcake. You can order these treats for family, friends or business associates by going to their website [www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org/strawberry.htm](http://www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org/strawberry.htm). The cost is \$6 per serving with free delivery on orders of 6 or more. Last chance to order is February 7th, with delivery on Thursday, February 13th.

Stephen announced that as it is the first meeting of the month, there would be a Board Meeting at Horton Road Legion today commencing at 5:30pm. He also reminded us all of our regular cribbage night on Thursday this week, also at this Legion.

### Minutemen:

- Fran updated us regarding her initiative to send Christmas Cards (signed by our members) to all of our past and present Youth Exchange Students. Her goal is to keep these students aware of Rotary. She has received several responses thanking us for the cards, with comments such as "it made my day" and some asking for permission to attend one of our meetings when University classes end later this Spring. Another is actually involved with our District Rotex program, assisting with new exchange students. Thanks to all who took the time to sign the cards, and special thanks to Fran for her initiative.

- Hank Popoff reminded everyone to consider nominations for our Distinguished Rotarian of the Year Award. Potential candidates need only to have been in our Club for 10 years.

- Bart Dailley announced that there will be an alternative venue for our meeting on February 25th. As the



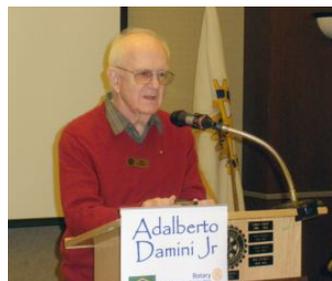
Carriage House will be extremely busy and unable to accommodate us on this date, we have decided to have our meeting at the Willow Park Golf and Country Club. Good job Bart, we will be in good hands.

- Dave Wiley reminded us that our 2014 District Convention is taking place in early April in Lethbridge, home of our District Governor. While we have a few couples already registered, it would be great if more would attend. It is a convenient location and an excellent way to see how the District works and what other Clubs are up to.

It was Birthdays and Anniversaries next as Bev Tonkinson took to the podium to congratulate this month's honourees. We congratulate and wish Happy Birthday to Albert Amaniampong, Pat Hutchison, Ernie Hawrylyshen, Gord Billings, Ron Hardie, and Don McLean. In addition, Verna Nazarchuk and Maya Jogia have birthdays in February. Ron and Helen Smith are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on February 1st, while Gwynneth and Jim Gourley are having their 23rd on the 26th. Congratulations to all.



Our 50-50 winner this week was Will Schmidt who made \$26.



Ian Burgess took the podium as our Sgt at Arms and proceeded to make everyone nervous by asking each table to select a "table master". He then fined all who were not wearing their Rotary pin (always catches a few), and all who had cell phones which were not already

turned off (more than a few reached into their pockets for this one). He then employed the selected table masters to ask their tables three questions; the first about a former fundraiser, (sale of cookbooks), the second about our current RI President (Ron Burton), and the third about the reason for his upcoming visit to Calgary (100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Calgary this year).

*Photos courtesy of John Beatty*

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### World Understanding Month

February 11th Valentine's Program — Catherine Saykaly-Stevens & Bart Dailley — evening meeting  
 February 18th Club Assembly  
 February 25th Abe Janzen — Mennonite Central Committee (meeting at 12:15 at Willow Park Golf Club)

### Literacy Month

March 4th Miriam Dreher, Yodelfest Organizer  
 March 11th Eliese Watson — Alberta Bees and Beekeeping  
 March 18th St. Patrick's Day Festivities  
 March 25th Robert Greenwood and Dana Luebke, Sun Ergos Theatre  
 March 25th Mustard Seed — food service

### Magazine Month

April 1st Ton Loszchuk, Woodshop Manager, Calgary Drop In Centre  
 April 6th Ronald MacDonald House — meal prep  
 April 8th Alessandro Massolo, Urban Coyotes  
 April 11th-13th District Conference, Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre  
 April 29th Youth Evening Meeting



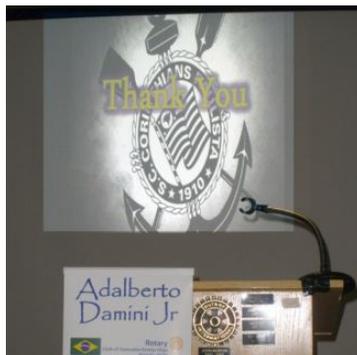
## Berto's Story .... cont'd from page 1

He showed us photos of his family, his friends (which, not so surprisingly, were 80 % females), his handball team (another of his favourite sports), and his exchange student friends, both at home in Brazil and here in Canada. He also showed pictures of another favourite activity, fishing (where does he find time for school?) showing off a 40 lb giant fish that he had caught.

He advised that Rotary Exchange is very popular in Brazil and he had to compete with many other candidates to be awarded this opportunity. His mother agreed when he finished first in his testing so away he went ...

In Canada he has been very busy trying many new things ... water skiing (dubbed by Fran as the Brazilian Submarine), visiting the hoodoos in Drumheller and climbing their mountains, downhill skiing, meeting the Calgary Stampeders, performing with his Guitar at the Jack Singer Theatre, joining us filling shoeboxes at Operation Christmas Child, and a not so willing participant eating Haggis at our Robbie Burns Celebration. Lastly he told us of how he has taken up curling, helping to beat Norm Moro's team last week (ouch!).

He wound up his presentation by thanking all those who have helped him since his arrival, most especially his host families, Fran and John! He described his year to date as "a most amazing experience" and felt that time is going too fast. Berto's enthusiasm and great sense of humour came across time and time again as he kept us all involved during his talk. Special thanks to John for helping with the continual photo arrangement.



Great job Berto!

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Ian then told a groaner about an Olympian named "Peek a Boo" who took a job as a nurse in intensive care and answered the phone "Peek a Boo, ICU". Ron May would be proud.

### Good News/ Bad News:

Hank attended a Superbowl Party, won the pool of \$10 and donated it to the Club; Al Pettigrew announced that he is travelling West to Langley to visit his mother on the occasion of her 99th birthday (wow!); Dave Saunders is going to the coast also, but for 2 and a half months (lucky guy, he'll miss the snow, right?); Pat Hutchinson advised that he has been away due to medical reasons, was feeling better and was glad to be back (we're glad to have you back Pat).

John Beatty introduced our speaker, "Berto" (Adalberto Damini), who is our current Exchange Student visiting from Brazil. He will tell us about his home country, his family, a little about himself and what he has been doing since arriving in Calgary last August.



Our speaker was thanked by Fran Hochhausen, who introduced an exchange of Rotary Banners between Stephen and Berto. Fran presented Berto with our certificate of appreciation noting a donation to Polio Plus on his behalf.

Stephen closed the meeting right on time at 1:30 and reminded us that next week's meeting will be an evening affair in honour of Valentine's week.

Hello everyone!  
This was other busy week, just to keep the rythm! Back to school, curling, presentation, more skiing... Just awesome!

I started with some skiing, and what an insane weekend. For the first time I got to try some of the hardest runs on the hill, a little scary, but no trees got in my way. Just a stupid snowboarder that knocked me down, like a bowling move. Hopefully my insurance will cover the damage caused by those annoying boarders.

On Monday the school started again. A really busy schedule, with some calculus, physics, French and Spanish. Actually I am really excited to see what will happen with the languages: English here, Portuguese with friends, coming back with Spanish and now French. Maybe Portugrench or Spanglish will be spoken but will be fun to watch!

## Community Service Events

The Community Service group under the guidance of Bev Tonkinson is planning the following activities for the remaining fiscal year. They are all hands-on projects that allow us to get directly involved in the local charity groups.

1. Mustard Seed — March 25  
Coordinated by Wayne Wiebe and it involves serving food for a couple of hours.
2. Ronald MacDonald house — April 6th  
Coordinated by Heidi Kramer and it involves cooking dinners at the R.M. house for its guests.
3. Brown Bagging for Kids — May 29 and June 2  
Coordinated by Ted Wada and it involves preparing lunch bags for school children.

The coordinators will circulate the sign-up sheets several weeks prior to the dates and provide further details.

Tuesday was other really important day for me, with the presentation about Brazil for you guys! I am not going to lie, I do not consider myself a shy person, and you can be shocked with that, but it is the truth! It was a really fun time, I love to talk about my country and some of the experiences back there and here, and being able to share that with you was just amazing, thanks so much for everything! And just to keep the busy week going, Wednesday was the curling day! I do not want to talk a lot about the score on that game. Some of the members of this Rotary Club actually cheated, putting 4 in the place of some 0, but we can save it for other thays. Even with all that it was really fun, I am just enjoying it, soon I will get into the Brazilian curling team, maybe throw the 8 rocks and run to sweep!

Now it is time to go crazy watching the Olympics, 13 Brazilians in the competitions, just huge, they can beat the 221 Canadians easily. If we are ahead from the 5 Argentinians, it is all good, I will be happy!

I just want to thank everyone for making that experience so amazing for me, and hope to enjoy it more and more! See you guys next week!



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Nominations for this award should be made in writing and directed to Hank Popoff, the Chair of the Awards Committee, to be received no later than **March 28, 2014**. Any club member in good standing may make a nomination. To avoid embarrassment, it is important to keep the nomination confidential as the Awards Committee may not recommend your nominee. The Awards Committee will separately nominate its own candidate before ranking all the nominations, including its own, utilizing the preset criteria detailed below. **You do not have to complete the selection criteria form when submitting a nomination; the Awards Committee will do this.** The Committee's recommendation will be submitted to the Board for its final approval.

A nameplate engraved with the name of the person selected for this honour will be added to the trophy which is prominently displayed beside the lectern at our weekly meetings. Additionally, the award recipient will be presented with a suitable recognition piece that can be displayed in his or her home or office. The award will be presented at one of our meetings or gatherings with a significant number of Rotary partners in attendance.

Please direct any questions you may have about submitting a nomination to any one of the Award Committee members.

CHINOOK ROTARY - DISTINGUISHED ROTARIAN ELIGIBILITY RANKING	
Activity	Credits
1. Attended District Conference	1
2. Attended a Peace Park Assembly	1
3. Attended one Rotary International Convention	1
4. Attended more than one Rotary International Convention (additional to Item 3)	1
5. Hosted a Rotary International Friendship Exchange	1
6. Contributed a minimum of \$1000 to the Annual Programs Fund of The RI Foundation	2
7. Introduced 2 new members who remained in club for 2 consecutive years	2
8. Served on 3 or more Club Committees	2
9. Served as a Director of the Club	2
10. Served on a zone or international committee (beyond District)	2
11. Served on a District Committee for 2 to 4 years	2
12. Served on a District Committee for 5 or more years ( additional to Item 11)	1
13. Hosted 2 exchange students, each for 2 months or more	3
14. Hosted more than 2 exchange students, all for 2 months or more (additional to Item 13)	2
15. Served as a Student Exchange Counsellor for one or more years	2
16. Travelled to a developing country to serve on a Rotary humanitarian project	3 to 5
17. Conceived, developed and led a significant club project	0.5 to 5
18. Volunteered for one or more not-for-profits outside of Rotary for at least 5 years while a Rotarian	0.5 to 3
19. Personifies "Service Above Self"	2
Max.possible credits	40
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1. 10 years as a current or honorary member in good standing in the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook.	
2. Total credits from above listing must be greater than 22.	