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## CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY December 17th, 2013

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THANK YOU !!

The Chinook Rotary Christmas Dinner was held Tuesday evening December 17th at the Carriage House Inn. Cocktails began at 6:00 pm and dinner was served at 7:00 pm.

Pre dinner entertainment was provided by Brazilian Exchange Student Berto playing his 12 string guitar and 5 string banjo.

Organizer and Host Tammy Truman welcomed everyone. Berto accompanied the group singing O Canada, and Joe Hooper said grace.

Attendants enjoyed a choice of ham or fish for dinner.

Entertainment was provided by Dueling Pianos. The duo played two grand pianos and sang a wide variety of songs. They asked everyone to provide requests and then proceeded to play up beat music with a high level of audience participation. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed such a fun type of musical entertainment.



After Tammy thanked the entertainers and the food service staff from the hotel, she presented gifts to Berto and Connie Hussey for their contributions to the club.

Since this was the last meeting before Christmas, everyone wished others a Merry Christmas.

Thank you Tammy for another great evening.



Photos courtesy of John Beatty

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*Duelling Pianos*

*Berto with Karla, our 2014-15 outbound YEX student*



### Rotary Awareness Month

January 7th	Naheed Nenshi, Mayor (subject to last minute cancellation)
January 14th	Bart Dailley — War of 1812
January 21st	Miriam Dreher, Yodelfest Founder
January 28th	Robbie Burns Program

### World Understanding Month

February 4th	Adalberto Damini, Exchange Student
February 11th	Valentine's Evening Meeting
February 18th	Club Assembly

### Magazine Month

April 11th -13th	District Conference, Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre
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### Rotary Fellowships Month

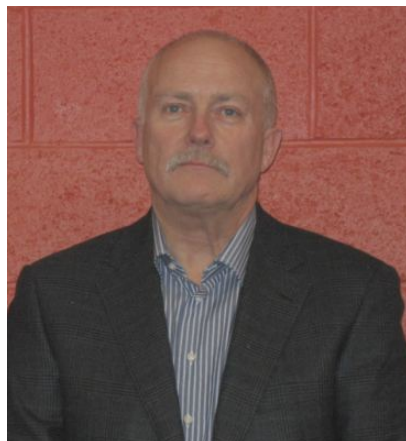
June 1st - 4th	Rotary International Convention, Sydney, Australia
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## DG Nominee 2016-2017

The district nominating committee wishes to announce the selection of Neil Berg of the Rotary Club of Red Deer East, as it's choice for District Governor in the year 2016-17.

Neil has been a member of Rotary Club of Red Deer East since May 1988. He has served in the capacity of secretary, and international service director. He has been club president in 1992/93 and again in 2007/08. His passion is in the international projects that he has been involved with such as: Wheelchair delivery to Havana Cuba in spring 2008, visiting a bag-making factory in Manila Philippines in spring 2008, Wheelchair delivery Huatulco Mexico in spring 2013, visiting the Nepal School construction site in Phaflu and the Everest trek in the spring of 2012. Neil has attended 2 RI conventions: in Salt Lake City June 2007, and in Bangkok, Thailand in June 2012.



Neil is currently an Assistant Governor for 2011-2014, and serves on the district board as a director at large.

Clubs had until January 2, 2014 to file a challenge to the nomination. Should there be no challenge, Neil Berg will become the District Governor Nominee for 2016-17. He will be officially voted in at the Annual General meeting held at the district conference in April.

PDG Al Bergsma  
Nominating Committee Chair  
District 5360

## Seniors Christmas Luncheon

We were delighted to have the Stampeders at our annual Seniors Christmas Luncheon. They sent out a video of the event via twitter to their 32,000 followers! It has since been re-tweeted and sent to 5,000 more! All great for Chinook Rotary. You can view the video at

<http://stampeder.com/video/index/id/93885>

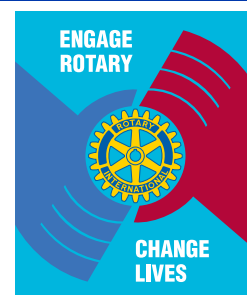
If you want to share with others please feel free.  
Cheers!  
Tammy Truman

## District Conference 2014

The 2014 District Conference Committee is working hard to produce a great conference in Lethbridge on April 11-13, 2014. Speakers are already confirmed for 3 great keynote sessions.

Check out speakers Dr Bob Scott on Polio, Vancouver Rotarian Dean Rohrs on SCARS, and the co-founders of the APU Malawi Girls School.

Find registration details at: <http://discon.rotary5360.ca/>



## Cribbage



Enjoy food, fellowship at Horton Road Legion  
starting at 5:00 p.m.  
Games start at 6:30 sharp.  
No late comers, please!

Thursdays, January 9 & 23  
Thursday, February 6 & Tuesday, February 18  
Thursday, March 6 & Tuesday, March 18  
Saturday, April 5 - Final Games

Newcomers welcome – Lifetime Membership \$5.00  
Contact Norm Moro at [nlmoro@shaw.ca](mailto:nlmoro@shaw.ca)

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members from more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.

Rotary also offers expanded service opportunities including:

- **Interact:** a service organization organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs for young adults aged 12-18. There are more than 12,300 Interact clubs in 133 countries.

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- **Rotary Community Corps (RCCs):** groups of non-Rotary members who work to improve their communities. There are more than 7,500 RCCs in 80 countries, all organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs.

## Polio Plus News

Rotary International will provide a US\$500,000 emergency response grant to support efforts to quell a recent outbreak of the crippling disease polio in strife-torn Syria. The funds are the first to the World Health Organization in direct support of a Global Polio Eradication Initiative plan aimed at outbreak response throughout the Middle East, as the region gears up for a multi-country response to the threat of polio.

As of December 9, there have been 17 cases of wild poliovirus confirmed in Syria since October, the first reported cases in the country since 1999. The Rotary grant to the World Health Organization will support immediate response activities in late 2013 and January 2014, such as the establishment of emergency response control rooms and initial vaccination rounds to immunize children in Syria and surrounding countries against polio.

The cases in Syria appear to be "imported" from Pakistan, one of three countries where the wild poliovirus remains endemic.

"These and other recent polio cases in previously polio-free countries serve as stark reminders that as long as polio still

exists anywhere in the world, all unimmunized children everywhere remain at risk" .

Today, seven countries across the region rolled out vaccination campaigns aiming to reach 22 million children. These campaigns are planned to be repeated over the next 6 months to protect children in the region from the polio outbreak.

## The "Buffalo Theory" of Beer Drinking

A herd of buffalo can move only as fast as the slowest buffalo. When hunted, the slowest and weakest are killed first. This is good for the herd because the general speed and health of the group improves by the regular elimination of the weakest members. Likewise, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive alcohol intake kills brain cells -- the slowest and weakest first. In this way regular consumption of beer eliminates weaker brain cells, making the brain faster and more efficient. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers, and that's why beer is so GOOD for you!

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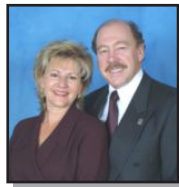
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