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YODELFEST Miriam Dreher

Bart introduced our guest speaker, Miriam Dreher who came from Bromhead, Saskatchewan. Her Swiss grandfather taught her to yodel at age five, and she still remembers how! Miriam won the Calgary Stampede talent contest in 1976 and has won numerous other awards. She won the International Platinum award, in Bransom, Missouri and was given the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal a year ago, presented by Lt. Gov. Don Ethell. She has won over 22 music awards in contests all over Canada. She organizes Yodelfest in Airdrie and this will be its 10th anniversary.

Miriam gave a demonstration of her proficiency as a yodeller and her significant abilities as a singer. A little history of yodelling followed.

Yodelling was developed as a means of communicating over distances some 2000 years ago. In the Swiss mountains as well as elsewhere, herders use yodelling to let the cattle or other herds know where the herders or shepherds are. (The flocks recognize their own herder!) On some guest ranches yodelling may be used as a form of entertainment. In the evening the coyotes in the area will often respond by answering the call of the yodeller. In South America yodelling is used to call llamas and alpacas. The Inuit throat singing is considered a form of yodelling. Both Africa and Asia have their own tradition of yodelling. The International Yodeling Contest in Switzerland draws as many as 150,000 yodellers. An outgrowth of the Airdrie festival ... two young yodellers have been sent to Nashville to compete.



Miriam noted that this year her Yodelfest in Airdrie would be a "Salute to Veterans".

To finish off her presentation she sang two songs for us while she accompanied herself on the guitar. Both songs included yodelling and were very well sung. The songs were: "He Taught Me to Yodel" and "Yodellers Love Call".

Gary Miller presented Miriam with a certificate of our donation to a Polio Plus for her presentation.

10th Annual Yodelfest
Airdrie, Alberta
May 10th, 2014
(Miriam's Music - 403 948 1961)

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March 4th, 2014

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The President opened the meeting at 12:15 pm and O Canada and the Rotary Grace were performed.

Anne Marsh was asked to introduce the guests who included two visiting Rotarians and our guest speaker, Miriam Dreher.



It was noted that we would be serving a meal at the Mustard Seed on March 25th. We would put up \$500 and supply 10 servers. The meal would be cooked by the Mustard Seed staff.



Berto, who missed last week because of illness or fatigue, reported on his activities since last at the club. He had been dragooned into curling with one of our club rinks at the Rotary Bonspiel in Spruce Grove, AB, on February 20th to 23rd. He managed to play 7 games and came home

tired and ill. He had a cool time and noted that it got up to -30C at least some of the time at the bonspiel! (The ticket draw story has been reported before, but any who want it repeated feel free to ask Berto/Hank.)

Birthdays and Anniversaries were reported on by Bev Tonkinson. She named six members with birthdays in March and six spouses with March birthdays. Anniversaries (four) ranged from 26 to 45 years. Eleven members had anniversaries in March of joining the club. The notable fact of this group was that five were charter members who are still active in the club.



Sergeant at Arms John McBean told a story attributed to a witness of creation which alleged that woman's perspicacity at that time was superior to man's. Have things changed any? John also collected a little income with questions on cribbage (muggings?) and on

curling. Bill Churchward made a donation since he won the bridge "pot" Monday night.

Bart then introduced our guest speaker, Miriam Dreher.

Photos courtesy of John Beatty

Rotary Leadership Institute

The RLI course is for Rotarians who have an interest in expanding their knowledge of Rotary. You do not have to hold a leadership position in your club to attend RLI. Rotarians with a few weeks experience and Rotarians with more than 40 years in Rotary have attended courses.

What is RLI? It's a series of leadership courses offered in three full-day parts (Parts I, II, III). Those completing each part are eligible for the next part. The courses are designed to provide Rotary knowledge and to develop leadership skills for voluntary organizations. RLI is fun, interactive, participatory and uses skilled faculty and facilitation techniques to make the experience valuable and enjoyable.

The Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook will refund the \$50.00 per module cost (\$150) upon successful of the 3 modules. Fees are paid by cash or cheque at the event.

Each module takes a day and are held at the Rotary Challenger Park field house.

Upcoming dates are as follows:

Module 1	March 22
Module 2	April 26
Module 3	May 10

To register go to the District 5360 website and click on the "full events calendar" link under the current months calendar. Then go to the date and click on the RLI Module link on that date and follow the directions there to register. Note you have to be logged in as a member. The name and password are the same as for the club's site.



Literacy Month

March 11th
 March 18th
 March 25th
 March 25th

Eliese Watson — Alberta Bees and Beekeeping
 St. Patrick's Day Program
 Bob Greenwood and Dana Luebke, Sun Ergos Theatre
 Mustard Seed — food service



Magazine Month

April 1st
 April 6th
 April 8th
 April 11th -13th
 April 22nd
 April 29th

Ton Loszchuk, Calgary Drop In Centre
 Ronald MacDonald House — meal prep
 Alessandro Massolo, Urban Coyotes
 District Conference, Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre
 Fairview School Meeting
 Youth **Evening** Meeting

Promote RI Convention Month

May 6th
 May 24th
 May 27th
 May 29th

John Hufnagel, Stamps Coach and GM
 President's Dinner
 Karla Tejada, 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



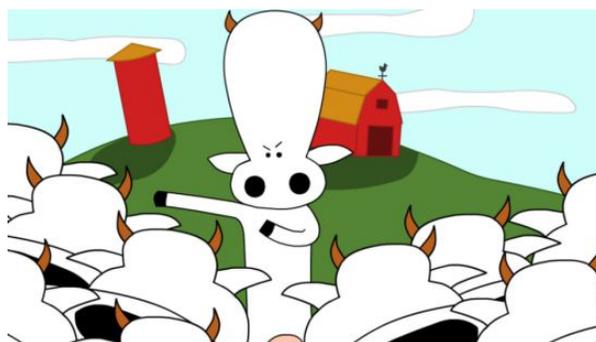
Berto's Blog

Hello everyone!

Is being a while since my last post here, I was missing that! Really busy weeks happening, just being fantastic, but the time is just running even faster, would be good to make it slow down!

But anyways, more good things to tell! I could stay here forever talking about the bonspiel, it was one of my best moments here! Again I need to say thanks for Hank, Tom and Paul, it was just ... Perfect! I don't know what to say, just thanks for everything! And now I need to be back for Lethbridge 2015, let's see what I can do!

After more curling this week, I want to talk a little bit about something that happened on Thursday and made me really happy! I was invited to play on the PETS and SETS session on Saturday, what was a lot of fun! After a few months I decided that was time to put my voice out and sing a little bit. It could get quite dangerous, but no tomatoes were flying to the stage, what is a good sign (I hope)! Those late nights singing with Hank on the Bonspiel brought me some good feelings! So after a couple of Brazilian tunes and some Johnny Cash going on, I decided to sing a really unique song from Alberta, one of the bests that I have ever seen! It's called "Cows with Guns". And I can definitely say,



this song would touch your heart! I'll be glad to perform it again in the future. I want to say thanks for Martin Harvey and everyone involved on this for the invitation and the arrangements, it was fantastic. Also, after the concert, I was invited to play at Red Deer, for the Rotary International President in May! I'm definitely looking forward for that!

So right after the concert, my host family (the real reason why I learn those songs and other cultural elements) was ready to come down for a really warm spring skiing weekend! After a sunny and warm Saturday, we are really glad to experience a nasty Sunday with a rain that did not want to stop. So it was time to ski down with some b-nets and help to set up a race! I'm glad that now I am able to do that without finish up with one of those around my head!

Anyways, see you guys again after what is supposed to be a really warm week, with more good and exciting news!



Hello Rotarians!
The last meeting that I attended was for Valentine's Day, and I think it will be a while before I get back to another. I really do miss seeing you all on Tuesdays. I hope everyone is doing well!

These past few weeks have been absolutely packed with school and working on Rotary presentations. Each year two outbounds present pictures that were taken during the February orientation and talk about the traits an exchange student should possess. This year, Daniel, another student from St. Mary's, and I will be doing the presentation. It's going well and I am excited to have the chance to present it. As well as preparing that presentation, I have also been creating my presentation for the club. It is proving more difficult than I initially thought it would be, but I have learned countless things about Calgary and Canada in the process. I am ecstatic about being able to head to Germany, but the

prospect of leaving makes me realize just how beautiful this city and country are.

School is going well although this semester is more challenging than the last. I am taking both French and English which is wonderful since I love languages. The extracurricular activities have become increasingly more demanding with choir having its upcoming performances and the opening night of the play on the horizon. Also, I am taking part in the Four Way Test speech competition at St. Mary's. Since the beginning of high school, speech has been one of the greatest activities I have had the opportunity to take part in. Not qualifying for provincials was crushing but I am eager to take part in this last competition of the year.

That is all for now. I can't wait to return to a meeting and catch up with all of you.

Until next time, Karla

Cribbage

**Play for the
Lew Reid Memorial Trophy
TUESDAY, March 18th**

Final Game
Cash Tournament
Saturday, April 5th
10 am

Sign-up folder will be
circulated at the
March 11th and 18th meetings.
Include name and
payment of \$20



2013 Winner of the
Lew Reid Memorial Trophy

Questions or more info, contact Norm Moro at nlmoro@shaw.ca

World Rotaract Week

March 10 - 16

Rotaract is a club for adults ages 18-30 that meets twice a month to exchange ideas, plan activities and projects, and socialize. While Rotary clubs serve as sponsors, Rotaract clubs decide how to organize and run their club and what projects and activities to carry out.

Activities include:

- Hands-on service projects
- Fun networking and social activities
- Professional development opportunities
- An international network of young leaders

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