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## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY Maureen Tynan, MC

Our entertainment today consisted of a mixture of Irish culture, starting with two young ladies from the MJP Academy of Irish Dance; Caitlin Henderson and Amy Melnyck. They were introduced by Caitlin's father, Brian, who is himself an Irish dancer. These ladies performed four very entertaining dances in very colourful and unique "solo" dresses. The effort and talent on display was terrific.



The next part of our program was inclusive in that we were all asked to join in and sing three popular Irish songs; "The Black Velvet Band", "Cockles and Mussels" and "When Irish Eyes are Smiling". Leading us through these classics was Tim Janz, a professional singer and songwriter. While the better known choruses were easier to sing, we all pitched in and Maureen commented that we didn't

actually sound "that bad" this year. High praise indeed! Ruth Wylie on piano and Berto on his Brazilian guitar only added to this success.

The final part of our entertainment was a concert presented by Tim and Elisa Janz, who together (husband and wife) form the "Blue Arch Band". This consisted of Irish music and songs featuring Tim's guitar and flute as well as Elisa's fiddle. Their playing was quite lovely and the fiddle music kept our feet tapping along to the rhythm. When they played some Irish reels, Brian Henderson volunteered to do a little impromptu dancing which only added to the entertainment.



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March 18th, 2014

Scribe: Paul Gaudet

President Terry started our meeting at 12:15. He introduced "O Canada" with Ruth Wylie on the piano, and invited Maureen Tynan up to read an Irish Blessing in honour of St. Patrick's Day.

Terry noted that the Anniversary of our Club was on March 14th, (1977) and asked any of our Charter members in attendance to stand to be recognized. Tom Sorenson was our only Charter member attending today. Tom remarked that the rest were undoubtedly 'snow birds' currently enjoying the Arizona or California weather.



Terry advised that nominations for "Rotarian of the Year" would wrap up by month end. Please consider which of our members (must have 10 years in our Club) you believe is worthy of this honour and contact Hank Popoff.

He noted that Paul Gaudet would be today's Scribe, and then called on Bob Montgomery to introduce our visitors and guests. Today we had a total of 55 in attendance which included four visitors from the Rotary Club of Calgary South.



Terry then presented a "thank you" certificate to Joanne Meis who had been playing her harp during the early portion of our meeting.

**Sunshine Report:**

Harry advised that Rae Campbell was currently in the hospital and feeling somewhat

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They played many Irish songs, but one, entitled "Snow in April" was actually written by Tim for his wife and was quite lovely. They also sang the "Rocky Road to Dublin" and "Tell My Ma", and the Irish love song "Star of the County Down", among others. All in all it was a very enjoyable and thoroughly entertaining concert.

Maureen ended the meeting with an Irish Blessing:

"May the Road rise up to meet you,  
 May the wind always be at your back,  
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
 And rain fall soft upon your fields,  
 And until we meet again,  
 May God hold you in the palm of his hand."

better. He is not in a position to accept visitors at present, however Harry will keep in touch with Carol and let us know when this changes.

**Minutemen:**

- George Kimura announced that our curling league has wrapped up for the season, ending with the final game and banquet at Willow Park Golf Club. He recognized three of our members for their help this year in making the league a success; Paul Hussey, Joe Hooper and Tammy Truman. He also announced that the winner of the A section this year was his own team (including Terry Green, Ernie Hawrylyshen and John Fortunka) and the winner of the D section was Paul Hussey's team (including Barry Korpatniski, Terry Craig, Berto Damini and spare Rod Haas). Congrats to all!



- Garth Sabirsh announced that we still needed 34 shifts to be filled for the upcoming Horticultural Show at Spruce Meadows (April 12 and 13th), and that the sign up sheet was being circulated. It is also online. If anyone needs assistance signing up, please contact Paul G. or Garth S.

- Norm Moro announced that cribbage play for the Lou Reed Memorial Trophy was being held this evening at Horton Road Legion and all are invited to attend. In addition, there will be a Cash Tournament held at the same location on Saturday, April 5th. It will begin at 9:30 am and proceed to early afternoon. The cost is \$20 to participate so come along and enjoy the fellowship.



- Ted Wada reported that we still need four more volunteers for next Tuesday evening at the Mustard Seed. We will be serving dinner to the folks who attend. It will take two hours or so (6:30 to 8:30) so please consider joining the group.

Our 50-50 winner this week was Paul Gaudet who donated the proceeds to the Club.

John McBean took the podium as our Sgt at Arms and started out with an Irish joke about "Pat and Mike" and some good Irish Whiskey. On the same theme, he fined Will Schmidt for not having Irish Whiskey on hand at today's meeting, and any attendee who was not wearing green. He asked for anyone who had celebrated St. Patrick's Day and of course Maureen

### Literacy Month

March 25th Bob Greenwood and Dana Luebke, Sun Ergos Theatre  
 March 25th Mustard Seed — food service

### Magazine Month

April 1st Ton Loszchuk, Calgary Drop In Centre  
 April 5th Cribbage Club — Final Game / Cash Tournament — 10am  
 April 6th Ronald MacDonald House — meal prep  
 April 8th Alessandro Massolo, Urban Coyotes  
 April 12th -13th District Conference, Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre  
 April 12th -13th Parking @ Spruce Meadows for the Horticultural Show  
 April 15 Roger Kingkade, CHQR Talk Show Host  
 April 22nd Fairview School Meeting  
 April 29th Youth **Evening** Meeting

### Promote RI Convention Month

May 6th John Hufnagel, Coach / GM, Calgary Stampeders  
 May 24th President's Dinner  
 May 27th Karla Tejada, Outgoing Exchange Student  
 May 29th Brown Bagging for Kids — lunch bags prep

### Rotary Fellowships Month

June 1st - 4th Rotary International Convention, Sydney, Australia  
 June 2nd Brown Bagging for Kids — lunch bags prep  
 June 3rd Meeting moved to June 4th  
 June 4th Fellowship Event @ Spruce Meadows — a non-parking event ... watch the horses jump!  
 June 4th - 8th Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The National  
 June 24th Club Assembly — Passing of the Gavel



**SPRUGE MEADOWS**



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and Tammy volunteered as having done so. Tammy told us that she had actually had some green, formerly white, wine (ouch!). John then went quickly around the room, asking each table a question using an Irish theme and fining everyone when the answer was wrong.

### Good News/ Bad News:

- Norm Moro donated \$5 to the pot as his family is leaving tomorrow for a trip to Tucson, Arizona to watch his grandson play in a baseball tournament. His grandson is attending College in the USA on a baseball scholarship.
- Neil Beatty also donated to announce the arrival of a new grandchild. Congratulations to Neil and Lois!

Maureen Tynan then took over the meeting and introduced a special program to celebrate all things Irish!

President Terry closed the meeting by asking for a special thanks to Maureen Tynan who had made all the arrangements for today's entertainment. She received a hearty applause from all!



## Curling Winners



As we have just passed our 37th anniversary since obtaining our charter from Rotary International, maybe it is time to take stock of just where we are as a service club.

Just 5 of the original members who helped form the club remain active: Ron Smith (who was also a charter member of the West club), Tom Sorenson, Herb Imler, Ian Burgess and yours truly. Of course that group have actually nearly a 38 year history with the club each, having attended numerous preparation meetings for eventually founding the club, during 1976, leading up to the club's charter ceremony held April 12th 1977 at the Palliser Hotel ballroom. We became the 49th club in district 5360.

Since then, the district area has been redefined and reduced, numerous other clubs have been formed, a few have been lost, but we continue to provide "service above self" throughout our corner of Rotary's world. Our membership hovers around 100 members now, and since 1992, includes members of both genders. Our contributions in service and through financial contributions, internationally and locally, are significant for a club our size, and our Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook Nature Park footprint in Calgary's park system, has received international acclaim and award recognition. On that subject, an update follows.

The flood of June 2013 definitely DID damage the park, more than some realize. We have had access issues for several years, while the highway 22X expansion for a leg of the ring road took place, but the flood was never anticipated and was a crushing blow. The Provincial Parks group have assured us the road access will be completely restored in time for this year's park service by our club, our annual picnic in the park, and of course renewed public access. Internally, there are a few repairs needed, the bridge embankments both sides need shoring up, we lost a few trees in the memorial area, the high silty water destroyed a lot of plant life surrounding the ponds, etc. We'll be back on the site as a committee in late May, to do the annual spring cleanup and further assess our restoration needs there, over and above the improvements planned. The original road entry from Lake McKenzie Blvd has reopened.

Our Park is all about us! It is a permanent, highly visible indicator of our club's presence in the city of Calgary. It is a long term commitment we have made to the provincial park system for the enjoyment of all who visit. Become familiar with it and take a friend.

Happy Anniversary fellow Rotarians!

## Polio Update

Rotary International's global update of Polio cases reported for the week ending 19 March: Afghanistan 0, Pakistan 2, Nigeria 0, Cameroon 1



2014 YTD: 37 cases as reported by The World Health Organization

## Parking !!!

Parking Season 2014 is here !! We're about to gently ease back into Parking, starting in April:

Spruce Meadows Horticulture Show  
Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13, 2014  
8:00am to 5:00pm (people movers until 6:00pm)

Please sign up on the web at [www.chinookrotary.org](http://www.chinookrotary.org) and pick the shifts you can assist with, or look for the sign-up sheets at the meetings.

Note: This is the same weekend as the District Conference

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This weekend was one of the many critical first steps for our outbound student for 2014/15, Karla. She and her parents attended sessions starting on Friday at 6:00pm and running through Sunday at 2:00pm. Our Club member and incoming Director, Bill Stemp, (her outbound Counselor) also spent a lot of the weekend at the event. I had the distinct pleasure of attending some of the Saturday education sessions as well as the gala dinner Saturday night.

As a Club we have been involved in this program for many years. The district itself has been involved for 50 +/- years. It is estimated that it takes 3 to 4 Rotarians to support one exchange student. Our Club has the privilege to have Fran Hochhausen, John Beatty and Bill Stemp directly involved this year. Over the years many others from our club have been pivotally involved in the program and served as Hosts for incoming students.

Our District Committee, Chaired by Rick Istead, was recognized at the recent North American Youth Exchange Network conference in Cancun with a Gold certificate for our commitment to excellence and dedication to the program.

Our current students, Berto and Karla, were both present. Berto with his usual style up on stage entertaining for the evening, with many other students showing a remarkable depth of talent. Past students of ours, now in Rotex and Rotaract were also involved in organizing the event and/or as speakers (Ashley Morrison and Cole Demorest to mention two).

The photos are a snapshot of the events on Saturday of this weekend.



Hello everyone! What a week, no rest for Berto again! I am done, but feeling AWESOME! Lots of news too!

The week started with a great surprise: on the middle of the first period on Monday, I received an email from my handball coach, and after some arrangements, I got to play my first handball game here in Canada, what was lots of fun and a great experience! After a great St. Patty's day meeting Tuesday, and lots of school work on the following couple of days, Friday came and it was time to start one of the weekends that I will NEVER forget! This was the new Outbounds Orientation Weekend. It was just magic!

I can go on and on telling stories about those three days, but let's try to not be that long. I am feeling absolutely proud to be a part of that program, to get to meet so many wonderful people, and to live some things that words are not enough to explain. I am just thankful to this opportunity, and I do not know how to thank all the people in my life, that are making this dream possible. Because the only way that I can describe all that, is comparing to a dream! Whole life connections were made this weekend, and I am just glad to be here!

I can say that Berto is in a blast, that feels awesome! Even with the two hours of sleep that I got it feels good! Laughs, more laughs, stories, more laughs, good conversations, more laughs, bowling with the other students, swimming and singing sessions, a few more laughs, 3 am pizza and snacks, some pictures with the RCMPs, a Brazilian with a Irish hat singing about green alligators, long necked geese and unicorns, some tears and laughs again, the weekend was done, wish that it could last longer! Now it is time to rest (no choice about that) and start to get ready for the last part of the exchange, and just enjoy every single moment, because yes, it is going fast!



See you guys next week, with more exciting news I am sure!

## Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial Gala

The Rotary Club of Calgary is celebrating 100 years of community service with a Centennial Gala on May 3, 2014. You are invited to join them for a spectacular evening celebration featuring food, fun and entertainment at the Hyatt Regency ballroom. A special entertainment program has been created by Calgary Stampede award winning producer Bill Avery called "The Centennial Cavalcade". Guests will take an entertaining journey of sights and sounds through the history of Calgary's first Rotary Club celebrated in song, dance, acrobatics, music and visual splendour!

Tickets are ON SALE NOW at [www.rotary100.ca](http://www.rotary100.ca).

- All tickets are sold ONLINE by credit card
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Again, visit [www.rotary100.ca](http://www.rotary100.ca) and all the information is there.

If you have any questions about this information, please feel free to let me know. [jeff@shawbox.ca](mailto:jeff@shawbox.ca)

Thanks  
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