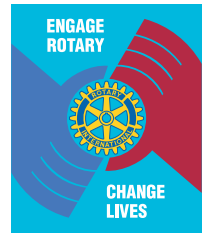




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## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY MIRACLES

Sheliza Kassam, Founder

Bart introduced our guest speaker, Sheliza Kassam, who is astonishingly successful at everything she does for her 16 years.

Sheliza is involved with Junior Achievement and has represented southern Alberta on the National Ambassador Team. She is co-chair of the Mayor's Youth Council of Calgary, the Youth Advisory Council for the Calgary Public Library, and the Youth of Distinction Awards Committee. She is actively involved in the Alberta Health Care System, she is part of the Child and Youth Advisory Council for Alberta Health Services, and is on the Youth Symposium Planning Board for Mental Health. She is very active in school activities, including the school choir and a Bollywood Dance Group. She created a fund raiser called Sight Night to raise eye glasses for third world countries. She has been a Girl Guide since age 5, and for 6 years has been President of her Rangers and Pathfinders Group. She is a chosen leader in her mosque for younger girls who volunteer there.



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## CALGARY WILDLIFE REHABILITATION SOCIETY

Garry Nielson, President

Bart introduced guest speaker Garry Nielsen, President of the Calgary Wildlife Rescue Society who was aided by his associate, Andrea Hunt.

Garry has been an active volunteer since 2004 with wildlife rescues, pick-ups, education presentations, and more recently on the Board of Directors. He has a B. Comm. degree and 25 years experience in the oil and gas industry from which he is now retired so he can devote more time with his passions.

They brought along a hawk that had been rescued due to a broken wing and will not be able to return to the wild. This bird simply sat on his perch and enjoyed his surroundings.



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# Meeting Minutes



August 27th, 2013

Scribe: Ed McLean

In the absence of President Terry, our Vice-President Dale Perret called us to order and asked Lou to lead us in singing the national anthem. Then we made it through the Rotary grace okay.

After lunch Alexis was asked to introduce the visiting Rotarians and guests to the 54 members on hand. The guests included our speaker today, 16 year old Sheliza Kassam, and her mother. Asif Abdul. Visiting Rotarians included Don Taylor and Bill Sumner from the South club, and Michael Gohill, New Albany, Ohio who subsequently exchanged club banners with VP Dale.



Our rendition of Welcome to Rotary was at best terrible so we need a pianist soon. (Perhaps Tammy is rehearsing right now!)

Sunshine Harry had no report which is fine.

Garth S. says that parking for The Masters needs some help on Friday to Sunday, with Wednesday and Thursday fully booked. Have a look at the Web page if you can help.

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY MIRACLES

Sheliza started her own organization called 'Children's Birthday Miracles' to provide birthday parties for less fortunate children, and this was her topic for today. Her passion for philanthropy, public speaking, Bollywood dancing, singing and business should lead to quite a career. .... cont'd from page 1

She told us how she got started with her birthday at age 1, and then on her 11th birthday, after eating a slice of cake, she found she is allergic to nuts. This event was not a good party, and led her to the life she now leads. She donated her birthday money then to Inn from the Cold for those children who are less fortunate. Her subsequent birthdays were also



used for donations of this kind. At age 16 she created the 'Children's Birthday Miracles' and started holding monthly birthday parties for other children. She usually has 45 to 60 children attend a monthly party at an Inn from the Cold type of location so these children get to enjoy a birthday party with real gifts. Her goals are to give back to her community and to make Calgary a better place to live. Coca Cola sponsored a

Anne Dale is raffling tickets to a sewing machine to help with High River flood damage needs.

Bev T. says all those who received an invitation to the Tonkinson residence on September 3rd can bring their spouses to this historic event.

50/50 won by Herb Imler who left a portion of it in the pot.

S.A.A. John McB. was again in good form. He fined Bart to start, then Lou and his table for the O Canada mistake, 7 older members for their white hair, and in the end probably everyone paid a fine.

Dale had \$50 good news bucks for the success of Globalfest and David had good health news, Jim good news on his golf course.

Two club matters were the lack of a budget for the year and the lack of committee lists.

Bart introduced our guest speaker, Sheliza Hassam, founder of Children's Birthday Miracles.

## 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!

birthday party for her at Calaway Park which was attended by 200 children. CBC news has carried news items on her activities.



She learned early that anyone can make an impact if you do what makes you comfortable. Her movement has become international with Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania and Cusco, Peru having children's birthday parties. All such events are for those less fortunate. She is an inspiration to us all and as Keith Hansen told her "You Are Service Above Self". She has been a member of Interact so is familiar with Rotary.

Sheliza's stories can be reached at

[www.childrensbirthdaymiracles.com](http://www.childrensbirthdaymiracles.com)

She is a truly remarkable leader for her age and will be for years to come.

Photos courtesy of Ian Burgess



# Upcoming Events



## New Generations Month

September 4th - 8th  
September 7th  
September 10th  
September 13th - 15th  
September 17th  
September 18th  
September 24th

Parking @ Spruce Meadows for "The Masters"  
Foundation and Membership Committee Members — District Regional Training Sessions  
Representatives from Medical Mercy Canada  
Waterton-Glacier International Peace Conference  
Vanessa Laine, Financial Planner (meeting held at McKenzie Meadows)  
Greenway Project Press Conference, Bike Ride and Lunch, @ Fish Creek Park  
Gregg Schaalje Deputy Fire Chief, Foothills Fire Department



## Vocational Service Month

October 1st  
October 5th  
October 8th  
October 15th  
October 22nd  
October 26th  
October 29th

Steven Grasby, Research Scientist  
Foundation and Membership Committee Members — District Regional Training Sessions  
Wendy Lowe, Executive Director, Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre  
Al Coates, Hockey Canada  
Shane Byciuk, Board Chairman, Brown Bagging 4 Calgary Kids  
Make Dreams Real Workshop @ the Marriott Courtyard Hotel, for all Rotarians in District 5360  
District Governor, Pat Killoran

## Family Month

December 10th  
December 17th

Seniors Christmas Lunch  
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



## Our Very Own Club Mystery

### Chapter 2

The Death of Club Member Dr David Chevalier

As you may recall, a Beth Anne Hughes and her husband Bill, had reached me through the Rotary webmaster, July 23rd of this year, 2013, stating that they were with the Chevaliers in 1978, when David died while on holiday in Mexico, and that he had NOT died as we had believed, 'drowning after a heart attack'. This fact had been bothering her all these years and she had to tell her tale to someone, and knowing David was in Rotary, it might be a place to begin. Through a series of emails in July, I told her a bit about David's membership in our club, the fact most of us hardly had a chance to know him in the short time he was considered active (less than 1 year), and advice of his passing, while tragic, didn't seem unusual as people die frequently on vacations.

She began her story. She and her husband did not know David and Bev before meeting them on the island of Mujeres near Can Cun. They too had just arrived from their home in New York state, about 1 and 1/2 hours from the city of New York. They met David and Bev almost immediately upon arrival, hit it off through initial conversations, and seemed to have similar interests in activities such as snorkelling.

A few days after meeting, they agreed to share a cab, went to the far end of the island to a beach known for excellent snorkelling. David and Beth went into the water, Bev and Beth's husband Bill remained on shore. As Beth describes it, she and David were looking at a huge school of fish when David appeared to have some kind of attack. She ushered him to the beach where he sat recouping. She took David's wife Bev aside and advised her something serious was wrong. Bev apparently dismissed it as he being "very spoiled and he had asthma". He was showing signs of increased illness. Other people were offering assistance on the beach including 5 interns from the USA. Bev kept insisting David was a Doctor and knew what to do. He collapsed. The lifeguard, in military apparel, called for an ambulance, and several people helped carry David up the steps to where the ambulance would pick him up. When the ambulance arrived, the driver misplaced the keys, took awhile to locate them before they left for the hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, David was pronounced dead! Bev insisted he be buried right away, on the island.

... to be continued....

JIM THOMPSON, Club Historian

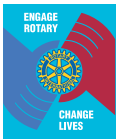




# THIS AND THAT

## CALGARY WILDLIFE REHABILITATION SOCIETY

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Since 1993 the Society has been rescuing wounded wildlife, hospitalizing and rehabilitating them, hoping to be able to return them to the wild. This does not always happen so they are simply cared for. Causes of injury include running into windows, being shot at and the like. They have about 300 volunteers but only a couple of paid staff. He mentioned that nature looks after badly wounded wildlife usually by predators who kill and eat those that will not survive normally. They rescue about 2,000 birds and animals each year and take them to their facility behind Royal Oak Plaza. Their animals include frogs, snakes, salamanders, many kinds of birds and a few foxes, coyotes, deer and the like. They have a few adult birds that help take care of young ones that have lost their mothers. They actually don't raise animals; just take care of wounded ones.

Their annual budget of about \$230,000 is all raised from private donations; government funds are not readily available. They do get some physical help from nearby prison population. The Society spends a lot of time educating children, usually by visiting schools, and they have reached at least 50,000 kids.

He mentioned that anyone owning wildlife in their homes requires government permit.

Also hawks make the 12,000 kilometer journey from northern Alberta to Argentina every fall and return the following spring.

The mortality rate on these journeys is not known but most injuries are probably caused directly or indirectly by humans.

It is not the practice of the Society to band birds but some are done for special reasons.

Peter Bickham thanked the speaker on behalf of the club and presented the usual certificate with a person in the Dominican Republic being the beneficiary.



*Photos courtesy of Ian Burgess*



## Cheque Requisitions

The updated 'Cheque Requisition' form has been uploaded to the Chinook Rotary Club Runner site – member documents page.

Please use this form for all cheque requests going forward.

Note: Directors must approve all cheque requisitions for their area of responsibility.

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# Meeting Minutes



September 3rd, 2013

Scribe: Ed McLean

President Terry called the meeting to order promptly at 12:15 p.m. and with Ruth Wylie at the piano (thankfully), we sang the national anthem and the Rotary grace.

Pres. Terry mentioned an upcoming outdoor symphony concert ... if you are interested in details, call Terry. He also mentioned that our September 17th meeting will be held at McKenzie Meadows starting at 12:00 noon.

Bruce B. introduced guests Julia Wilson and Ruth Wylie, as well as our speakers Andrea Hunt and Garry Nielsen. The only visiting Rotarian today was Harry Pelton, Calgary South.

Sunshine Report today: George Kimura mentioned he had received an email that PDG Monte Audenarte has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is awaiting further test results.

John McBean is seeking 24 volunteers for September 18th relative to the Greenway Project at Fish Creek Park. Greenway is a major (\$65 million) project organized by the Parks Foundation. For details on this September 18th event please call John.

Hank Popoff encourages members to become part of the Chinook Rotary Dinner Club. Sign-up sheets are making the rounds. Please see details in recent copies of The Arch.

Garth S. says response by volunteers for this week's Spruce Meadows Masters has been great with only 3 spots (all on Friday) not filled. He suggests we should aim to arrive for duty

early as the traffic will be very heavy because large crowds are expected ... especially on Saturday and Sunday.

Anne reports \$5,000 in ticket sales for the sewing machine raffle from last week to help the High River Rotary club with their goals. She also mentioned she has some quilts for those in need.

Bev T. recognized birthdays and anniversaries for September. Those with birthdays are Roger B., Lew C., Paul G., Don McK., Alex S., Bill S., Evelyn S., Wayne W., Bob D. Wedding anniversaries will be celebrated this month by 14 members and spouses. Also 8 members joined this club during the month of September in prior years.

50/50 won by Bart.

S.A.A. Dave Wylie started by fining Tammy and Ron for late arrival. Several were fined for not "standing at attention" during the singing of the national anthem. Ian paid for some other doctors' mistakes, and Wayne and Paul for a phone ringing during the meeting. Various others were fined for various reasons. There were Good News bucks including Tom S. who started his teaching career 50 years ago, Roger whose wife is now fine, Jim's golf course sodding is underway, and David cheers for the Saskatchewan Rough Riders' 8-1 record.

Bart introduced guest speaker Garry Nielsen, President of the Calgary Wildlife Rescue Society.

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## Upcoming Rotary District 5360 Events

### Rotary Leadership Institute

Full day training seminars - three modules  
October 19th  
November 16th  
December 14th

Held at the Rotary Challenger Park field house



Cost is \$50.00 per module. This fee is covered by the club upon successful completion of the course.

Who Should Attend? 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.

### Make Dreams Real, October 26th, 2013

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. Clubs are 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

### District Grants, November 2nd, 2013

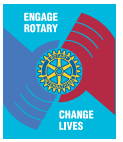
#### M.O.U. Qualification Seminar

This is required training for clubs wanting to access District Designated funds for both local and international projects.

Any committee members involved with grants should consider attending.

For all ... register online at the district 5360 website





## Nature Park News

by Jim Thompson



August 29th at 1pm we were finally able to get into the Nature Park via a circuitous route, through the Cranston path access. We had permission from Provincial Parks to take a couple of vehicles down into the park to assess the damage from the flood, and perhaps tidy up the over growth around some of our features there.



WOW, the weeds had really grown! Did a little trimming, but decided next spring would be a better time to do a major cleanup. Surprisingly little damage, some erosion by the pond bridge, a bench moved, another relocated. Refuse deposited in the ponds has already been gathered in piles, likely by Friends of Fish Creek or City crews. It may be a while for our road access to be restored, serious damage ... see photo.

Thanks for your help, Ed, Stephen, Jim, Ron S, John McB, and Harry ... and for moral support of Dale and great-granddaughter. We had a few satisfying pints afterwards, while Ed delivered car keys to stranded Diane. A good bit of fellowship.



### Editor's note:

Club members will be needed in full force for the spring 2014 clean-up. Watch for the call for volunteers in the spring, and come out and enjoy a short afternoon of fellowship in the sunshine, with some yard work!



Photos courtesy of Stephen Pick





## Berto's Blog



### My first month in Canada

Hi, my name is Adalberto (Berto), I'm 16, came from a 600 thousand people city in Brazil, near Sao Paulo and will stay in Canada for a full year. Like all Brazilians I'm a fanatic about soccer, but my sports are tennis and handball. I also like fishing and riding, doing this a lot in my country. I also have a passion about music, I play and teach the guitar and the Brazilian Guitar, a 10 string instrument called Viola Caipira.

My first month in Canada was an amazing experience, I enjoyed every single moment. I arrived on a Tuesday, August 13, and was received in the airport by John Beatty, Fran Hochhausen and Mark Boman. But the entire long and tiring trip was rewarded, when John and Fran took me to Peter's Drive, and had a terrific lunch. I stayed my first couple of days in Fran's home, and it was really great for me, everything was amazing. Her daughter Lisa took me to downtown in that week, and I had a really good time. In the weekend all the inbounds, Rotex and Rotarians members of the Exchange Committee went to Kamp Kiwanis, for the first orientation. We had a really great time, start to know the other students and other Rotarians was a big pleasure.

In my second week, I went to my first Rotary meeting, having a great time meeting a big part of the club members. In the same day I went with John and his daughter Breanne to the Global Fest to help in the VIP parking, another good



experience, and then we went to the fest to see the first night of fireworks, an exciting night, with a big surprise when I could eat the Brazilian food. On the next day Fran took me and Akiko, the Japanese student to Drumheller, an amazing day seeing the Royal Tyrrell Museum and the Hoodoos. On Thursday we went to the Global Fest again, doing the parking and then going to the fireworks with Hannah, the Austrian student. On Friday Mark, a member of the South Club, took me to a day on the boat with his daughter and Hannah, one of the best experiences doing tubing and trying the water ski, I had a really nice time. On Saturday I went to a barbecue on Mark's house, another great and funny day. To finish the weekend we did the parking of Global Fest again and went to the last fireworks, one of the best visions that I ever had.

The third week was really nice too, with others unforgettable experiences! On Wednesday Mark took me and Hannah to the Columbia Icefields, the first time when I saw snow in my life, a gorgeous place, an experience that I'll never forget. On Friday I went with Sue and Grant Fleming, Wendy's parents and my second host family to B.C., for a weekend on a Cabin in the lake, other beautiful place, a lot of fishing, water ski, cliff jumping, and camp fire. Days that I'll always remember.

In this last week the school started, start to know more about the Canadian life is really exciting for me. Finally in this last weekend, on Friday and Saturday, me and John went to Spruce Meadows, to volunteer in the parking again, seeing a little part of a competition on Friday, a really big and beautiful event, another funny experience.

I had an amazing month here, enjoying every single moment, with really great people who made me feel in home and I'll be always grateful. I hope to keep enjoying all this exchange, have more and more good Canadian experiences as much as I can.