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Robbie Burns Program McTavish and Hutchens

Our main guest speaker (McTavish) started off with a bit of levity telling us if we were to yell continuously for 8.5 years, we could only produce enough energy to heat one small glass of coffee. However if you were able to pass wind consistently for just less than 7 years, you could produce enough gas to render the equivalent of a small atomic bomb. Useful info?



He then started speaking about the Bard. In 1759, 256 years ago, on the 25th January in the very small hamlet of Alloway, a few miles from the thriving town of Ayr, on a very cold winter night, Mrs. Burns' labour is taking longer than expected. However it is her first child and she has a

good midwife on hand to help. Finally the new mother smiles when she hears the words "It's a wee boy, Mrs. Burns."

Now we picture ourselves in the town of Dumfries about 75 miles from Alloway on July 21st, 1796, outside a large 2 storey sandstone house where the tenant is Robert Burns. An elderly gent approaching the house asks a young boy playing on the street how Mr. Burns is getting along. "The poet's deid, Mister," said the boy. "The poet's deid."

During the 37.5 years of his life Robert Burns made fulsome use of his time, bequeathing a wealth of inspired poetry and other written material that fired the imagination of not only Scotland, but that would captivate the world for hundreds of years. Think of it. How many Williams Shakespeare dinners and lunches have you attended? Burns' body of poetry with its originality, passion, and pathos make it's author among the leading poets of all time. He did not invent satire but used it with devastating effectiveness that few literary figures have matched. He also shone with his romantic pieces which were many including, 'Ae Fond Kiss' and 'My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose'. One of his greatest poems is 'A Man's a Man for A' That' which may be his best known poem throughout the world. At that time he had become employed as an Exciseman which was a coveted government employee. He also wrote poems about nature, e.g 'Flow Gently Sweet Afton'. While our speaker went on at length about Burns' writings, we cannot present them all here.

At this time our speaker asked us all to rise and raise our glasses to the truly amazing poet and human being who Scotland claims as its

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January 27th, 2015

Scribe: Ed McLean

Today was our club's annual celebration of Robert Burns Day as January 25th was last Sunday.



As has been our custom for the past few years, the meeting was in the charge of John McBean who welcomed all in attendance. John had invited 3 men who had Scottish family background to largely present today's programme and all 3 were dressed in kilts.

The meeting opened with them presenting Flower of Scotland and we all followed with O Canada with Ruth at the piano as usual. As part of the meeting all in attendance were offered a shot of scotch to be used when toasting the Haggis and the toast to Robbie Burns.

The haggis had been prepared for us by the Chef of the Carriage House Inn and was carried into the meeting room by Mr. McTavish in a procession led by the Piper playing the bagpipes.



The haggis was placed on a cutting board with a knife where the Address to the Haggis and Toast to the Haggis took place including the imbibing of the scotch. Most of this was uttered with the usual Scottish accent, so was not



clearly understood by most in attendance. Then followed the Selkirk Grace presented by Ian Burgess. The tasty lunch included a generous portion of haggis for all.

Lunch was followed by the business portion of the programme.

Greeter Rosemary

introduced our 4 guests and 3 visiting Rotarians. Total attendance today was 49.

Sunshine Harry reports that Helen Smith is now in a hospice and if you wish, you can call Ron to see how she is. Ron is unlikely to be attending our meetings for a while. Tom Ranson still has sore limbs but may be able to join us again soon. Lyle Davidson is wintering in Campbell River.

Ron May won the 50/50 draw and made a contribution to the club.

Peter Bickham was Sergeant-at-Arms. He decided to move quickly and fined all those who had a scotch a twoony. That helped fill the pot. Good news bucks came from Ron May and Robert Wolfson.



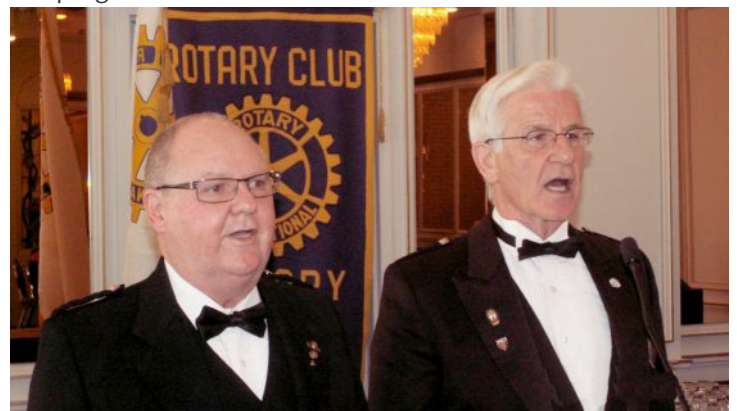
Robbie Burns

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Immortal Bard, Robert Burns, who actually belongs to every man and woman on our troubled globe.

Our speakers, McTavish and Hutchens then entertained us with their renditions of 'Star of Robbie Burns' and 'A Man's A Man for A' That'. We all joined in 'For Auld Lang Syne' to end the programme.



World Understanding Month

February 3rd	Western Hospitality Singers
February 10th	Classification Talks
February 17th	WCS Meeting
February 24th	Debbie Dunwell, Volunteer Resources Programmer at South Health Campus

Literacy Month

March 3rd	Rae Kells, International Curling Official
March 10th	Classification Talks
March 24th	Dylan Jones, CEO, Canada West Foundation
March 31st	Ken Keelor, CEO, Calgary Co-op

Magazine Month

April 7th	Classification Talks
April 18th	Roadtrip to Rosebud — bus, lunch and "The Miracle Worker"
April 21st	Adam Legge, President/CEO, Calgary C of C
April 28th	Youth Services — evening meeting

Promote RI Convention Month

May 12th	Andrew Hart, Ornithologist
May 16th	President's Dinner @ McKenzie Meadows Golf Club — Saturday evening meeting

Rotary Fellowship Month

June 6th - 9th	RI Convention, Sao Paulo, Brazil
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5360 Announcement

**District 5360 Governor
Nominating Committee Announcement**

The District Governor and the District Nominating Committee are pleased to announce that **Rick Istead**, Rotary Club of Calgary Fish Creek, has been selected as the District Nominating Committee's recommendation as District 5360 Governor, for the year 2017 - 2018.

World Understanding Month

February

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar since it is designated World Understanding Month. The month also includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated World Understanding and Peace Day.

World Understanding Month is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service-Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world.

"Fear and Hate Must Go! And they will go when nations have goodwill based on understanding," declared the world's first Rotarian, Paul P. Harris, Founder and President Emeritus of Rotary International.

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Meals on Wheels
Wash Away Thirst

AB Adolescent Recovery
Centre
Youth Partnerships
Rotary Flames Foundation
Habitat For Humanity

On the evening of 23 February 1905, Paul Harris (19 April 1868 - 27 January 1947) invited three friends to a meeting. Silvester Schiele (29 June 1870 - 17 December 1945) a coal dealer, Hiram Shorey (29 August 1862 - 29 March 1944) a merchant tailor, and Gustavus Loehr (1864 - 23 May 1918) a mining engineer, gathered with Harris in Loehr's business office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago on Dearborn Avenue.

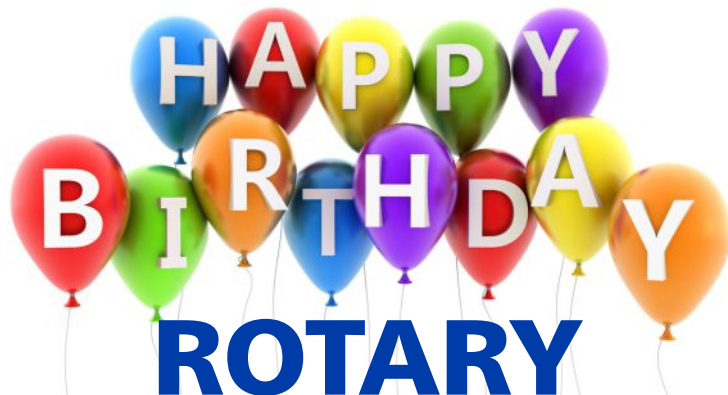
They discussed Harris' idea that business leaders should meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and to enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances. The club met weekly; membership was limited to one representative from each business and profession. Though the men didn't use the term Rotary that night, that gathering is commonly regarded as the first Rotary club meeting.

As they continued to convene, members began rotating their meetings among their places of business, hence the name Rotary. After enlisting a fifth member, printer Harry Ruggles,

the group was formally organized as the Rotary Club of Chicago. The original club emblem, a wagon wheel design, was the precursor of the familiar cogwheel emblem now used by Rotarians worldwide.

By the end of 1905, the club's roster showed a membership of 30, with Schiele as president and Ruggles as treasurer. Paul Harris declined office in the new club, and didn't become its president until two years later. Club membership grew, making it difficult to gather in offices, so the members shifted their meetings to hotels and restaurants, where many Rotary club meetings are held today.

These early "Rotarians" realized that fellowship and mutual self-interest were not enough to keep a club of busy professionals meeting each week. Reaching out to improve the lives of the less fortunate proved to be an even more powerful motivation. The Rotary commitment to service began in 1907 when the Rotary Club of Chicago constructed that city's first public lavatory. With this inaugural project, Rotary became the world's first Service Club organization.



On February 23, Rotary celebrates its 110th anniversary. The day also marks the anniversary of the first mass polio vaccinations, which started in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1954 and expanded across the United States. A group of children from Arsenal Elementary School received the first injections of the new polio vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk.

DisCon 2015

Reminder

The Rotary International District Conference, May 8-10, 2015 in Medicine Hat, is the place to re-energize and re-discover the power of Rotary. We need Rotarians from every Club in our District to be the spark that lights up the 2015 Rotary International District Conference.

Register now and Light Up Rotary!
<http://discon5360.ca/>

Barbara Burggraf, Chair,
Rotary International District 5360 Conference

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