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## Gregor's Wrap-Up

### Gregor Sprenger, 2014/15 Inbound Exchange Student

Fran Hochhausen introduced our speaker – our very own Gregor – who will be finishing his exchange here in Canada and heading home July 20th. Fran told us Gregor was kind, generous and had a great sense of humour. In true Calgary spirit he put on his cowboy hat and shared some of the highlights of the past year.



Here are some of the highlights:

- He will always remember his year 2014-2015 in Canada.
- His second day in Calgary when he toured around set a great first impression.
- He was amazed at all the big trucks.
- Went water skiing in BC.
- Met his best friend Joe at football.



- First football game – Hall of Fame – Thanks for tickets Tammy Truman and all your financial support.
- Their football team won the semi finals. He played defensive tackle and Ron Smith witnessed his skill as a great athlete.
- His last game was in weather of -25. One of his friends caught on fire because he was too close to the heater.
- His biggest trip thru Rotary was to Yellowknife where he went hiking and bobsledding in -36 degrees.
- Saw the northern lights.

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## Amnesty International

### Alex Neve

Bart, in his usual eloquent style, introduced our guest speaker Alex Neve, Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada. Alex has held that position for the last 15 years. He is a lawyer with an LLB from Dalhousie University and a Masters Degree in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex. Alex has been named an Officer of the Order of Canada, a Trudeau Foundation Mentor, and has an honorary Doctorate of Laws degree from the University of New Brunswick.



Amnesty International is a non-governmental organization focussed on human rights, with over 7 million members and supporters around the world. Their stated objective is "to conduct research and generate action to prevent and end grave abuses of human rights, and to demand justice for those

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**June 16th, 2015**

With Stephen Pick away, our meeting got off to a bell clanging start with the enthusiastic Hank Popoff at the podium.

A big thank you to Wayne Wiebe's wife, Muriel, for playing the piano for the singing of O Canada. Thanks to Al Pettigrew for leading us in Rotary grace.

Guests were then introduced by Tom McKee and welcomed in our usual style.

This week's Sunshine Report was given by Neil Beatty, announcing that Joe Hooper's partner and companion, Marg Larsen, passed away this Monday. Funeral services will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 290 Edgepark Blvd NW on Friday June 19th at 11:00 am. Condolences may be forwarded through [www.mcinnisandholloway.com](http://www.mcinnisandholloway.com)

Neil also reported that Joe Jorgia is going in for a knee replacement soon.

Minute Man Paul Gaudet reminded us that Spruce Meadows North American is fast approaching ... it's from July 1-5th inclusive. We have lots of shifts to fill, so please check your calendars and help everywhere you can.

Rotary Challenger Park is having a Family Fun Day on Saturday June 20th from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Along with free admission and parking, there will be a free BBQ and lots of fun events.

Minute Man Rob Wolfman organized the 2015 NHL Playoff fundraiser. There were four winners with Rob himself winning \$450.00. In true Rotary spirit, he donated his winning cheque back to the club.

This week's 50/50 draw was won by Terry Green and Alex Soutar. No one knows how this happened but they both had winning tickets in hand. They both generously gave their money to our Exchange student Gregor.

## Gregor's Wrap-Up .... cont'd from page 1

- Fran took him on a trip to Toronto where he saw Niagara Falls, visited the Hockey Hall of Fame, touched the Stanley Cup and attended the Blue Jays game with 3rd base 5th row seats.

When asked to summarize his experience he said, "It's a life in a year – more than I expected. Thank you to everyone for all your support, the rides and the friends I've met."

Gregor endured two rounds of question period and at the end gave Fran a beautiful bouquet of flowers.



**Scribe: Linda Colclough**

Tammy Truman conducted Sargeant At Arms duties this week and with Tammy it is always fun and entertaining. She fined Hank for starting the meeting 5 minutes early, Al Pettigrew paid because he has such a good voice, Gwynneth Gourley forgot to sign her Mom in but didn't have to pay, and Bob Montgomery won a pool so he donated five bucks.



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*Photos courtesy  
Ian Burgess and Heide Kramer*



## Did You Know !?

**Did You Know?** This infrequent column is intended to remind old members of our past and newer members of where we have been, particularly in activities involving community service with a fellowship component.

The very first club 'Bulletin', as it was referred to initially, was dated November 16th 1976, 4 months before our charter. It was produced weekly, initially by Charter President Greg McLellan acting as Editor. Then on the 23rd edition dated April 26 1977, a new Editor appeared, Charter Member Ron Smight, who edited/produced the Bulletin until Volume 2 Number 1 July 5 1977. The Newsletter was now being mailed out to members, postage 12 cents, it had our distinct logo still used to this day, and we were now in the Tradewinds Hotel for our regular Tuesday luncheons.

Interesting to note Ron May was introduced as a guest, by Tom Sorenson, at the June 19th 1979 luncheon meeting. Ron was with one of his students, who had attended the National Science fair, as guest speaker. It wasn't until 1997, nearly 20 years later, that we introduced Ron as a Member ... look at his trail as a Rotarian now!

We named our newsletter/bulletin about this time, yours truly offering up the 'Arch' as a suggestion ... you know

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## Rotary Fellowship Month

June 30th No meeting - moved to July 2nd

## New Rotary Year Begins

July 1st - 5th	Rotary Friendship Exchange Group's visit and activities
July 1st - 5th	Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The North American
July 2nd	Rotary Friendship Exchange — Presentation on Australia
	Changing of the Guard
July 7th	Annual Carriage House Stampede Pancake Breakfast
July 14th	Club Assembly — Introduction of the new Board
July 21st	Katherine van Kooy, Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations
July 26th	Grillin' and Servin' — Iron Man, Glenmore, 11am–4pm
July 28th	Brian Burke, Calgary Flames President of Hockey Operations

## Membership Month

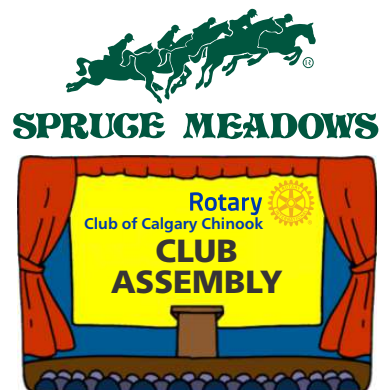
August 4th	Paul Ryneveld, Manager, Century Downs
August 11th	Peter Fleck, Philatelist
August 18th	Todd Standing, Yeti Hunter
August 25th	Lynnell Ible — Making Sense of People

## New Generations Month

September 1st	Nature Park
September 8th	District Governor Martin Harvey's visit
September 9th - 13th	Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Masters
September 22nd	Vicki McLaughlin — The Cinderella Project
September 29th	Drs Margaret Korble and Lesley Lussier — Hearing Loss

## Vocational Service Month

October TBA	Grillin' and Servin' — Kathy's Run, Glenmore, 11am–2pm
October 6th	Alan McMillan — Rotary Employment Partnership
October 27th	Call for nominations for President Elect, Vice President and 3 Directors for 2016/17



## Meeting Minutes

June 16th, 2015

Scribe: Linda Colclough

Stephen took his rightful place at the podium and started the meeting right on time. Even though we had no piano music this week, everyone joined in to sing O Canada and Rotary grace.

Sydney Richmond introduced our visitors and guests. Harry Nazarchuk brought us up to speed on the health of the club. Moe Tynan's husband Neil Sanger had surgery and Joe Jogia had cartilage surgery. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to both of these great guys.

It was great to see John McBean at our meeting today.

### Minute Men

- Garth Sabirsh reminded us that Spruce Meadows "National" starts next Wednesday. We are currently 65 shifts short so please check your calendars to help out.
- Gregor attended the Sundre Rodeo with Ron Smith. His experience included watching the game of Bull Shit Bingo. This game includes a bingo card design on a field and a bull – now that will be a story to bring back to Germany!
- David Irving explained the itinerary of the 6 visiting Australian couples who have already arrived in Alberta. Their destinations include High River, Rocky Mountain House, Banff

and Calgary. In true Calgary style, they will take in the Calgary Stampede, the Grandstand Show and of course Spruce Meadows.

- Anthony Tonkinson is a betting man and lost big time to Rob Wolfson on a friendly hockey bet.



Representing the Foundation, Anthony Tonkinson presented Gwynneth Gourley with a Paul Harris plus 4 pin, and Anne Dale with her Paul Harris plus 3 pin.

Fred Jesse was this week's lucky winner in our 50/50 draw worth \$27.00.

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whose rights have been violated." Founded in 1961 by lawyer Peter Benenson, Amnesty draws attention to human rights abuses and works to mobilize public opinion to put pressure on governments that let abuse take place.

Alex shared some cases that people have endured which included torture and brutal global human rights violations. Most recently their focus has been to address the overwhelming crisis of the Syrian displacement of over 4 million Syrians fleeing to Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan. And in isolated regions of Chad in Central Africa, about 250,000 refugees from Darfur have fled into harsh and difficult conditions in a number of camps along the border. The risk of sexual violence has not changed with escape from Darfur. This reminds us that violence against women, and the deep equality

women and girls face, EVERYWHERE, remain one of the planet's most disgraceful human rights shortcomings.

Thank you Alex for your passion and commitment to making a difference and for motivating each of us to take a stand against injustice wherever we may be.



## Did You Know !?

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Chinook Arch, it was a natural! By 1980 postage to mail out the Arch had risen to 17 cents.

HELP !!!

Please, if you have taken files out of our History cabinets at Moe Tynan's office, and not returned them, please do so or turn them over to me and I'll put them back. Of particular interest is a 1 inch binder with the submission we made for the District project of the year in the early 80s. We won the Patterson Award for best project of the year, with this submission about the annual High School Debate. There are some photos missing too, from our

numerous albums. Perhaps used for copies, but we would appreciate their return. Finally, PLEASE don't make our History cabinets a place to dump off just anything you think might be worth dropping off. The History of the club is garnered from the annual Presidents' contributions, usually in 2 binders. Other history includes awards and recognition, club banners, significant documents and certificates etc.

If you have questions about something you think should be there, please ask me.

*Jim Thompson*

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Hello Rotarians and Partners,

A big Rotary thanks to all of you that came out to make Saturday's event the great success that it was. Your efforts demonstrated the top quality service which our Rotary Club is capable of delivering. I want to extend special thanks to Tom Sorenson who so willingly agreed to tow our headquarters to the event site and had to get up extra early on a Saturday to do so. Also a special mention to Peter Bickham who not only travelled the greatest distance but arrived at 8:30 a.m. to help us with the initial set-up. Somehow, I think that Peter and Tom achieved a draw in terms of earliest out of bed yesterday morning.

The photos provide conclusive evidence of the serious work that took place. Stephen Pick, a huge thanks to you for organizing the impressive banner which promotes Chinook Rotary. The lay of the land yesterday forced us to place the trailer in front of the serving tables which unfortunately blocked the banner from open view. This should not be the case on most of our future events.

Kind regards,  
Hank

