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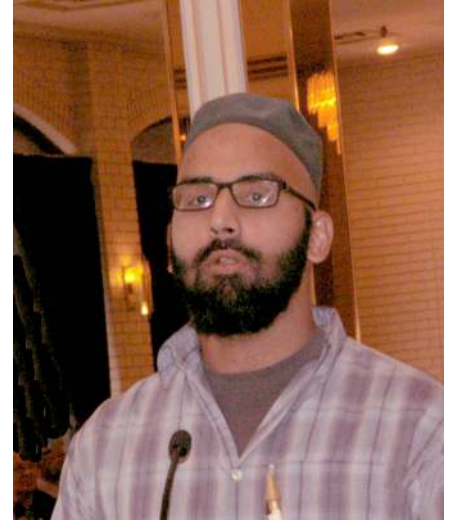
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## Islam and "Muslims Against Terrorism" Hassaan Syed

Bart Dailley introduced our guest speaker, Hassaan Syed, who was kind enough to fill in for his father, Imam Syed Soharwardy, who was originally scheduled to speak today but had to cancel. Hassaan was born in Saudi Arabia and came to Canada at the young age of four years. He is active in the Islamic community and will speak to us on the subject of "Islam and Muslims against Terrorism"



Islam is a religion, a way of life. All prophets and messengers come with the same message and worship the same God. God sent these messengers to guide humanity and to provide laws for us to use. Islam is the second largest religion in the world today with 1.6 billion followers, second only to Christianity with 2.3 billion. Within Islam, the Sunnis are by far the largest denomination (over 85%).

Muslims believe "Allah" is the one God for humanity. Muslims seek refuge in God and mean to benefit society and the world. Political initiatives in parts of the world act contrary to the values of Muhammad, as taught in the Quran. The terrorists are trying to use religion to further their political aims. The majority of Muslims do not support their initiatives. The great majority of the victims of terrorism in the Middle East are Muslims themselves.

Muslims are taught not to hate, not to be violent and not to oppress others. The Constitution of Medina, said to be drafted by Muhammad around the year 620, was a formal agreement which formed the basis of the first Islamic State. This agreement enshrined the rights of both Muslims and non-Muslims within the Islamic Religion. Hassaan shared a few readings from the Prophet concerning how Muslims are to help one's brothers, which he pointed out, was contrary to terrorist philosophy.

Muslims are to live spiritual lives, not to be corrupted. Jealousy and negativity are corruptions and lead to the path of failure. They believe that every one of all backgrounds are pure and born without sin. They believe in Nature and that everything has a purpose in life. They are to act with morality and it is obvious to all that the terrorists do not do this. They should return to the religion of morals, good behaviour and honesty.

Hassaan believes the media does not help the true Muslim message as they highlight the terrorist stories and ignore the efforts of many Muslims to speak up against terrorism. He suggests we all get to know a Muslim and see first hand what they stand for. We can choose to hate or we can choose

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**Rotary**  
Club of Calgary Chinook



March 17th, 2015

Scribe: Paul Gaudet

President Stephen started our meeting at 12:15. He introduced "Oh Canada" with Ruth Wylie on the piano followed by Rotary Grace.

As this was St. Patrick's Day, we had a bar set up which served green beer for those brave enough to give it a try, and we were met at the door by a couple of fine Irish gentlemen welcoming us to the meeting: Garth Sabirsh and Hank Popoff (wearing the largest green bow tie imaginable).



After a serving of fine Irish Stew for lunch, Stephen opened our meeting noting that Paul Gaudet would be today's Scribe, and then he called on Garth Sabirsh to introduce our visitors and guests. Today we had a total of 57 in attendance, which included 6 guests and 3 visitors from the Rotary Club of Calgary South.



In his Sunshine Report, Harry advised that he had no recent news on the health of our members. He then called up Gregor, our exchange student visiting us this year from Germany, and presented him with a Calgary Flames jersey and matching cap so he would be sure to cheer for the correct team in the future.

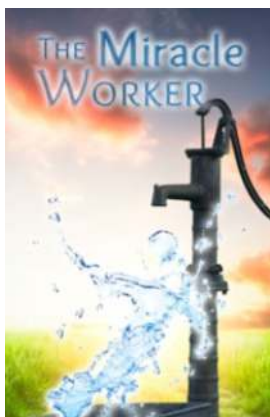
## Roadtrip to Rosebud

Saturday April 18th, 2015

We are planning to take a day trip to the Rosebud Theatre for lunch and a play. This is our third such trip in the last 5 years (we have done it at 2 yr intervals) and due to the help of the Tim Hortons bus, we are able to reduce the cost for such a group event. The cost per person this year is \$72 which covers the transportation, lunch and the play. The

play scheduled is William Gibson's American Theatre Classic "The Miracle Worker", the story of Helen Keller. At this moment we have 22 signed up for the trip, however we can take as many as 56 (bus capacity). Please consider taking this "day trip" with us ... the last two trips were very enjoyable.

You can sign up at our meetings or email Paul Gaudet at [gaudetco@icloud.com](mailto:gaudetco@icloud.com) to join the group.



### Minutemen:

- One of our guests, Arthur Lutz, presented Stephen with a Rotary Banner from his Club in Nova Scotia, Mud Creek by name.
- Peter Bickham tried to read a card from Medical Mercy which may have been written in Thai or Burmese, but decided in the end that it must be saying "thank you" for our assistance in providing solar lighting.



Our 50-50 winner this week was Keith Hansen.

Gord Billings took the podium as our Sgt at Arms and started out with a fine for all those in attendance who were not wearing anything green. After many questionable colour decisions, the majority coughed up a loonie. Gord fined Keith for his winning 50-50 good fortune, and also Al Holt for his "relative" winning Thursday night's cribbage tournament. He told an Irish joke about the invention of the bagpipes which involved some questionable Scottish activity.

### Good News/ Bad News:

There were no takers for news today, good or bad so Gord wrapped things up very nicely with a fine Irish Blessing.

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Photos courtesy Ian Burgess

President Stephen thanked our speaker, presented him with our certificate of appreciation and closed the meeting by noting that next week's speaker would be from the Canada West Foundation. Have a great "Rotary Week".

## Speaker

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to be kind, to respect our differences. Muslims have contributed much to our world in fields of chemistry, algebra and preserving the works of the Greek civilization. They are a people who want to live a life with proper morals, with ethics and to be happy.

He opened the discussion to questions and fielded a number of difficult subjects such as the effects of some applications of Sharia law in Saudi Arabia (he says they are clearly wrong), and why more Muslims don't seem to speak out louder against terrorism (he says many do, but are ignored by the press).



## Literacy Month

March 24th  
March 31st

Dylan Jones, CEO, Canada West Foundation  
Ken Keelor, CEO, Calgary Co-op

## Magazine Month

April 7th

Classification Talks

April 11th - 12th

General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook Society @ 12:45pm

April 14th

Parking at Spruce Meadows — The Horticultural Show

April 16th

No noon meeting — April 16th meeting in lieu

April 18th

Youth Services — **Thursday evening meeting**

April 21st

Roadtrip to Rosebud — bus, lunch and "The Miracle Worker"

April 28th

Adam Legge, President/CEO, Calgary C of C

John Gulak and Cindy Radu — Breaking the Silence on Mental Illness



## Promote RI Convention Month

May 5th

John Hufnagel — 12:45 @ **McMahon Stadium** — no lunch / no charge

May 12th

Andrew Hart, Ornithologist

May 16th

President's Dinner @ **McKenzie Meadows Golf Club** — **Saturday evening meeting**

May 19th

No noon meeting — President's Dinner in lieu

May 23rd

Grillin' and Servin' — Brain Sprint, Eau Claire, 11am-4pm



## Rotary Fellowship Month

June 6th - 9th

RI Convention, Sao Paulo, Brazil

June 13th

Grillin' and Servin' — Superstore, Country Hills, 3-7pm

June 16th

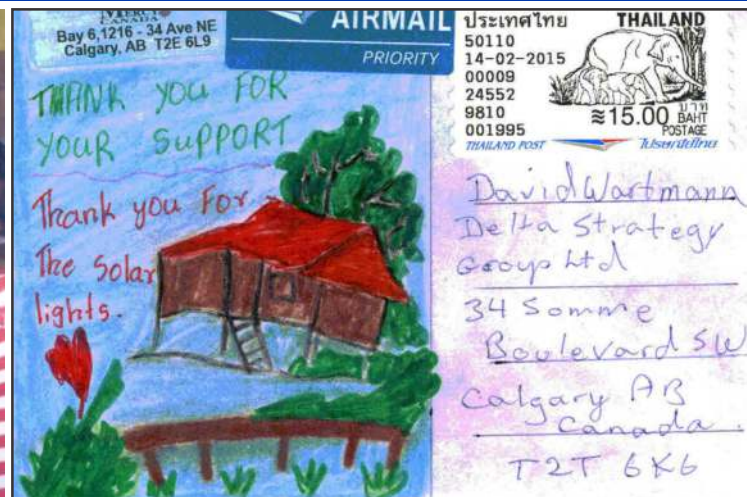
Gregor Sprenger, Exchange Student 2014-15

June 27th

Grillin' and Servin' — Superstore, Signal Hill, 3-7pm



## Postcard from Myanmar (our project with Medical Mercy Canada)



## Reminder

**Youth Services Evening Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 16th**  
**Displays and the bar open at 6pm**

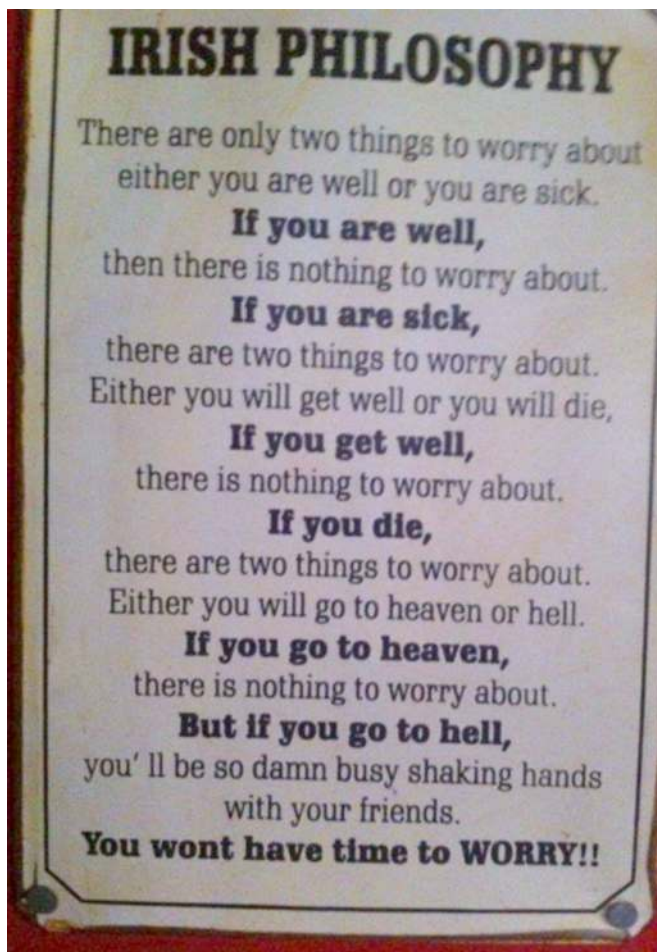
(In lieu of the regular Tuesday April 14th noon meeting)



## Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook Society

**Notice of General Meeting**  
**of the**  
**Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook Society**  
**April 7th, 2015 at 12:45 pm**

The purpose of this General Meeting is to vote on the amendments to the Society Bylaws, and solicit other business that may properly come before the meeting.



On the weekend of April 11 and 12, the Horticultural Show is being held at Spruce Meadows, and it represents our first chance to volunteer for parking this season. We have many members enjoying southern visits during this time of year so it is important for those who are available to consider helping out. As this time, we have 14 open shifts on Saturday, and 15 on Sunday. Please check your schedules and either go online to sign up, contact Garth or Paul to sign you up, or sign up at our regular meeting.

## Arch Photographer

The Arch, your weekly report on meetings and the goings on in the club, needs a member to volunteer as club photographer. Duties are simple ... at the meetings, snap a few photos of the speaker and any presentations, and then email them to the Arch publishers for inclusion in the next issue. Talk to Ian Burgess or Stephen Pick if you can take on this role. No fancy equipment needed, most smart phone cameras are more than adequate.



## Announcement



Due to work pressures your Arch staff have taken on a new staff member. Casey comes on board at 5 months and 55 pounds. With experience in chewing the fat, and long naps after lunch, he should fit in well. He joins us as head of the Arch's wellness committee, demanding all staff to take many walks.

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