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AUSTRALIA RI CONVENTION & COUNTRYSIDE Stephen Pick, 1014-2015 Club President

The presentation focussed on three things. First, the fun and learning experience gained in attending an RI Convention (why not think about Sao Paulo in 2015!?), and second, the network of Rotary Fellowships (there is sure to be one that fits with your interests or hobbies). Finally, a slide show on the three week trip that Stephen and Anne made this last spring to the Sydney Convention. The road trip itinerary following the convention was organized by the Rotary RV Fellowship (Australia) and targeted a number of spots off the beaten track, some spots that were only accessed with the help of local Rotarian contacts. It was a fun and informative trip with many new Rotarian friends and contacts made.



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November 18th, 2014

Rotary

The meeting kicked off in the usual manner with President Stephen presiding and Ruth at the piano. After the singing was over, there was a great deal of chatter as the members and guests around the tables discussed the recent sporting events and all world happenings.

No doubt, many ideas to save the world were offered but I didn't hear any suggestions on how the Saskatchewan Roughriders could be resuscitated ...

Linda Colclough and Bill Churchward acted as greeters as we entered, and Linda did the introduction of visitors and guests, which included: Graham McDonald guest of Bruce McDonald, Jordan Katz from the Calgary Crowchild Club, and Terry McDonough from the Calgary South Club.

Harry Nazarchuk announced that Rae Campbell was at the meeting. He was attending for the first time following a tough battle with his health. We all wish Rae a complete recovery.

Gary Miller, Modular Home Sales and a member (this time) since 2008, advises that he will be moving to Ontario

on December 15th to take up residency in Owen Sound. We are sad to see Gary leave but wish him well in his new location.

Garth Sabirsh thanked all who helped park cars at Spruce Meadows last weekend — especially the crew that worked on the very cold Friday.



Garth Plunkett is still looking for donations to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. You can give him a cheque for your donation and he will see that you get a tax receipt. The Annual Report of the Foundation was available at the meeting and provides interesting reading. Our Club had a

balance on February of this year of \$169,488. Last year's earnings of \$6,816 were given back to our Club for use in our community work.

Bart Dailley advised that shoeboxes are still available and we have until December 6th to get them filled and into his hands so he can take them up to the Samaritan's Purse warehouse.



Scribe: David Irving

Terry Green is still looking for nominations for several positions on the Board. The elections will be held next meeting.

Wayne Wiebe circulated a file for members to sigh-up to staff the Salvation Army kettles at South Centre on December 6th and 13th.

Anthony Tonkinson, as chair of the Rotary Foundation Committee, presented Foundation pins to President Stephen and Dave Saunders. This is Rotary Foundation Month and a good time for us to be making donations to the Foundation. This can be done





by giving Anthony a cheque or by the member making a donation on-line. To make a donation online you will need an account with The Foundation. This is not difficult, but you

may need some guidance by Anthony or a Committee member.



Ian Burgess acted as Sargeant-at-Arms. He told a story about a poor parrot that was mistreated and he extracted some coin from offending members. I don't think that the fines had anything to do with the parrot!

Bill Churchward won the 50-50 draw and gave it back to the Club.

President Stephen gave an account of his visit to Australia for the International Convention, as well as a slide tour of the southeast section of the Country.





What's Up !!

Rotary Foundation Month

Daryl Slade, CFL Historian
Serve dinner at the Mustard Seed from 4:00 to 6:30 $-$ contact Wayne Wiebe to volunteer
Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market
Stuart Simpson, President, Community Mediation Calgary Society
Elections for the 2015-2016 Board of Directors
Staffing the Salvation Army kettles at South Centre — see sign-up sheets or call Wayne Wiebe
Seniors Lunch
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No noon meeting re Club Christmas Party on the 17th $-$ and Curling Christmas party

- December 17th Club Christmas Party Wednesday evening meeting
- December 23rdTerry and Rosemarie Greening, Calgary Rabbit Hopping ClubDecember 30thNo meeting

2015

Rotary Awareness Month		
January 6th	Scott Cozens & Sheldon Smithers, Canadian Pickers	
January 13th	Lorne Motley, Editor, Calgary Herald	
January 20th	Club Assembly	
January 27th	Robbie Burns Day Meeting	



Rotary Fellowship Month

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

Our Foundations, a Quick Donation Guide

Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation



For more than 100 years Rotary has been active in Calgary and helping to make Calgary "A Better Community".

In keeping with that theme, the Calgary Rotary

Clubs Foundation (CRCF) was established in 1972. There are currently 13 Calgary Rotary Clubs participating.

The CRCF is managed by a Board of Directors which is comprised of members from each participating Club. The Board is responsible for ensuring that the pooled funds of the member clubs are invested safely with recognized money managers, and that returns are maximized to provide sustainability for the fund in perpetuity.

A portion of the fund returns are distributed annually to the member clubs, proportionally to their club's investment. Clubs are then tasked to donate these returns to worthy Calgary-based, non profit/charitable organizations.

Since inception, over \$15 million has been reinvested in Calgary through the Calgary Rotary Clubs. Currently the CRCF manages a pool of funds in excess of \$41 million, and in 2014 the distributions will total approximately \$1.7 million. Administration costs are minimal at less than 4% of revenues in 2014.

At this time, the Chinook Club share is approximately \$170,000 yielding about \$7,000 in annual returns to the Club. For Rotary Chinook members, a \$100 investment to this fund will yield a 5 to 7% annual return to our Club in perpetuity.

More info or questions? Contact Garth Plunkett, our Club's Committee Chair and CRCF representative, at 403 875 2736 or by email at gplunkett@shaw.ca.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their



time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact. The fund has a 4 star rating and ranks highly on Financial, Accountability and Transparency measures.



This and That

Polio Immunization Trip

A National Polio Immunization Trip is being planned to Delhi, Agra and Jaipar, India from February 13 - 24, 2015. Cost is US\$2099 per person. Travel is additional. The trip is being organized by a travel agency in Oakland California, and Rotarians across North America are being advised. It will include a combination of participating in India's National Polio Immunization activities, interaction with local Rotarians and their projects, while visiting some of India's most extraordinary sights.

If you are interested in following up, please e-mail me garthtoombs@shaw.ca - and I will e-mail you the information explaining everything.

It is expected that this tour will fill up quickly, so if interested, time is of the essence.

Best wishes. Garth Toombs, DG, D5360



Travel

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Board Elections for 2015-16

NOTE:

The election for the 2015-16 Board of Directors has been postponed. It will now be held on December 2nd.

Roadtrip to Rosebud

Saturday April 15th, 2015

Join fellow members and spouses on the Tim Hortons bus to see "The Miracle Worker" by William Gibson. Cost is \$72/person, which includes the bus, lunch and the show. 56 people max - first come, first served. Sign-jup sheet will be circulated in the spring, but send Paul Gaudet an email if you want to sign up early gaudetco@icloud.com

Our Exchange Students

Gregor's team, The Saints, took the silver medal in the city finals.





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Our Foundations, a Quick Donation Guide

Member donations to Polio Plus and the Annual Fund impact on our Club in multiple ways. The exact mechanism on how funds end up being distributed back to our Club would take multiple pages, so please excuse any over simplification. Do attend the annual Grants Seminar, or take the 3 Rotary Leadership Institute modules to get a clear understanding.

As a Club we have an annual target 'average member donation level' of \$50.00. This is the threshold we have to pass each year as a Club to participate in District Designated Funds (DDF).

Members can designate their contributions to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus, or the Permanent Fund. Donations earn Paul Harris recognition points. At the current time, donations to Polio Plus are matched 2 to 1 by the Gates Foundation making your gift to the RI Foundation even more valuable.

Donations to the Annual Fund remain invested with the Foundation for three years, and then come back to the District for use on local and international initiatives. Individual clubs propose projects and can receive up to 3 times their contribution in matching funds. Donations to the Permanent Fund remain with the Foundation.

Districts may use up to 50 percent of their District Designated Fund to receive one district grant annually. This percentage is calculated based on the amount of DDF generated from a district's Annual Fund giving three years prior, including Endowment Fund earnings.

There are also Global Grants. The minimum budget for a global grant activity is \$30,000. The Foundation's World Fund provides a minimum of \$15,000 and maximum of \$200,000. Clubs and Districts contribute District Designated Funds (DDF) and/or cash contributions that the World Fund matches. DDF is matched at 100% and cash is matched at 50%

It is clear that our Club can achieve tremendous leverage on project funding through our participation in the RI Foundation through matching grants for local and international projects. Projects funded by the Foundation must be in one of the 6 areas of focus and meet sustainability criteria.

For more information you can contact Anthony Tonkinson, chair of the Club's Rotary Foundation Committee. at 403-271-4026, or by email at <u>anthony.tonkinson@visiontravel.ca</u>

Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook Society

The Club's Society is now a registered charity and can issue tax receipts. The Society is operated by a Board made up of Club members, but operates independently from the Club. The Society's by-laws and structure are currently under review.

Donations to the Society are used for projects identified by the

Society's Board and that meet Revenue Canada's guidelines.

Contact Hank Popoff for more information, at 403-271-0131, or by email at popoffh@telusplanet.net

In Summary

Each of the three Rotary donation options will earn the donee a tax receipt, but each has a different impact on the club.

1) Donations to the **Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation** creates a pool of invested funds that yield the Club an annual return based on the level of total funds invested in the Cub's name. Funds can be used at the Club's discretion.

2) Donations to the **RI Foundation** support the wordwide activities of Rotary and its areas of focus.

PolioPlus donations are matched 2 to 1 by the Gates Foundation.

Donations to the Annual Fund are available to the District after 3 years for Local and Global initiatives through District Designated Funds. Clubs must apply for and report on the use of the funds.

This Foundation provides fantastic leverage through matching funds to help support projects undertaken by the Club.

3) Donations to the **Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook Society** provide funds for the Club to use in our various projects in addition to our various fund rasing activities. The funds are not pooled but are expended over the next few years in the normal course of business.

DisCon 2015

The **Early Bird discount rate** for the 2015 Discon has been extended to November 30. Don't miss this opportunity to Light Up Rotary with your presence at a considerable discount.

The Rotary International District Conference May 8-10, 2015 in Medicine Hat is the place to re-energize and rediscover 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



World's Greatest Meal Update





The new vests are GREAT at night !!