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Our Arch Supporters ... THANK YOU !!

The full mid-year report was presented by Dale. It can be viewed on the Club's website at [www.RotaryChinook.ca](http://www.RotaryChinook.ca). It includes the individual Directors' reports and also the year to date financial statements.

The following is an excerpt from the report prepared and given by Club President Dale Perret. (The editor takes full responsibility for any errors or omissions this might cause.)

My goals for the year are to work on and achieve results in the following areas:

- Plan 5/10
- Current Strategic Plan Review
- Policy Manual
- Committee Manual
- Director and Committee information package



It has been said that Optimists see a problem and find a solution; Pessimists see a solution and find a problem. I like to think that we as Chinook Rotarians prefer to see a challenge, find a solution, and ensure that there aren't any issues with the solution in its execution. That takes an open minded, collaborative, informed membership to ensure a successful Rotary Club and I firmly believe we have that.

The founders of our club, whom I have great respect for, took some bold steps then and throughout the years as did the succession of Past Presidents/Boards who have gone before me. All have left a mark on our club and helped to make us what we are today. Your current Board is working diligently to ensure we too add value to our club.

Unfortunately the price of our longevity — we are now almost 38 years as a Chartered Rotary Club — has impacted our demographics, and with the average age of our members being 70, we face some challenges in our ability to do the "heavy lifting".

As time goes by it impacts membership, fundraising, hands-on charity endeavours, Board volunteerism and in some ways fellowship (I personally like the word funship). These challenges and the Board's plans to find solutions will be addressed through the various Directors' reports.

### 2015-2016 Officers and Directors

Dale Perret, President  
David Wartman, President Elect  
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**Rotary**  
Club of Calgary Chinook



January 5th, 2016

Scribe: Gord Billings

The meeting was the President's Report on the 1st half of her year but there was business to get out of the way before the report.

I had several people come up to me and ask what the "5/10 Committee" was about and why was it named so: the 5/10 Committee is a standing committee chaired jointly by David Wartman and Alex Soutar to study the direction of the Club 5 years and 10 years out. You will note that the Committee is to report to the Club and receive the Membership input on the meetings that are on February 2nd and 9th.



The guests of the Club at our meeting introduced by Terry Green were Bill Fitzsimmons a guest of Stephen Pick, and our final guest was Terry Allen from the South Club. There were 55 total attendances.

Harry Nazarchuk

of the **Sunshine Committee** reported that Bruce McDonald passed away on December 30th, and a celebration of his life will be held on January 15th. Harry reported that Jim Thompson had his knee operation and he is doing okay.



## **Birthdays and Anniversaries by John Barratt:**

Those members celebrating birthdays this month are Bruce Bohnet, Jack Steen, David Irving, Tom Sorenson and George Van Schaick. There were three spouses celebrating birthdays this month: Mary Ellen Boone, Maria Stemp and

Annette Barratt. Anniversaries were Bill and Peggy Churchward - 39 years. John also read out the Anniversaries of joining the Club ... there were 13 members who joined the Club during January.



## **New Member Induction:**

Andrew Hakes was introduced by Pat Hutchinson, and Bob Montgomery read the charge and assigned Paul Gaudet to be his mentor.

Ron Smith then took the podium and provided Recognition to Pat Hutchinson as a recruiter for the Club of new members. The membership gave a hearty round of applause.

The Tonkinsons are hosting a "**Beer & Pizza Night**" for the members and spouses of the Club on January 23rd. The Board decided that the evening should cost \$10.00 per person.

Harry Nazarchuk won the 50/50 draw.

Two sets of tickets were donated by a member to the coming Flames games, and it was decided that there would be two draws. The winners were Evelyn Stewart and Moe Tynan.

## **President's Report:**

See report on page 1.

The President's Report was followed by the **Minutemen:**

- First up was George Kimura – he received a challenge from the Fish Creek Club about a 5 pin bowling match on January 25th – those that are interested should contact George.
- Next up was Garth Sabirsh holding up a chart that said we needed to raise \$45,000 for charities during the past year, and he stated that we raised \$45,800 during the past year.

The **Sgt. at Arms** was Bob Montgomery and he fined various and sundry of the membership, and laid a big fine on our President for reporting for the Directors in her report for the half year.



Keith Hanson reported under "Good News" that he had missed 2 months of meetings – he was in and out of Hospital – but that he should be able to start coming to meetings again.

The Sgt. at Arms ended his stint at the podium with a questionable joke.

President Dale Perret closed the meeting with a reminder the next week the guest speaker was Ken King President Calgary Flames.

Photos courtesy Stephen Pick





## Vocational Service Month

January 12th Ken King, President, Calgary Flames — Calgary Next  
 January 13th Board of Directors meeting — 5:30 pm, Horton Road Legion  
 January 19th 5/10 Meeting and Classification Talks  
 January 23rd "Beer & Pizza Night" for members and spouses  
 Hosted by the Tonkinsons  
 12119 Lake Louise Way SE  
 Sign-up sheet is circulating, cost is \$10 per person  
 January 26th Robbie Burns meeting

## Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

February 2nd 5/10 Meeting  
 February 9th 5/10 Meeting  
 February 10th Board of Directors meeting — 5:30 pm, Horton Road Legion  
 February 16th 5/10 Focus Groups  
 February 23rd Karen Cuthbertson — Nepal Earthquake Relief

## Water and Sanitation Month

March 1st Jennifer Pettit — The History of Freak Shows  
 March 8th Janet Brown, Public Opinion Consultant  
 March 9th Board of Directors meeting — 5:30 pm, Horton Road Legion  
 March 15th St. Patrick's Day Meeting  
 March 22nd Glenn Suart, Great Ideas Guy

## Maternal and Child Health Month

April 13th Board of Directors meeting — 5:30 pm, Horton Road Legion

## Youth Service Month

May 11th Board of Directors meeting — 5:30 pm, Horton Road Legion  
 May 13th - 15th 'Rising to New Heights' — DisCon 2016, Canmore, Alberta  
 May 14th - 15th Casino — details to follow  
 May 28th - June 1st 'Connect with Korea, Touch the World' — RI Convention, Seoul, Korea

## Rotary Fellowships Month

June 3rd President's Dinner @ McKenzie Meadows Golf & Country Club



January  
 winter frosty  
 COLD FUN  
 Snowflakes  
 HOT COCOA  
 WARM BLANKETS  
 cuddling together  
 snowball fight  
 MITTENS  
 JACK FROST NIPPING AT YOUR NOSE

## In Memory

### Bruce McDonald

Celebration of Life  
 Friday January 15th 12:00 - 2:00 pm  
 at the South Calgary Funeral Centre  
 12700 Macleod Trail South

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations  
 can be made to the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook.

Those contributing should make their  
 cheques payable to either :

The Chinook Rotary Club Society  
 (give cheque to Al Holt)

or

The Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation  
 (give cheque to Garth Plunket)

in order to receive a charitable donation receipt.  
 We have lost a great Rotarian.



## The annual meeting of the Summer Tires Club

## Bruce McDonald

*Excerpted from the Calgary Herald obituaries*

McDONALD, Bruce Alexander  
July 15, 1936 – December 30, 2015

Bruce Alexander McDonald of Calgary, Alberta passed away peacefully on December 30, 2015 at the age of 79. Bruce is survived by his loving wife Carol, his "Sweetie", his "Bride" and soul mate of 36 years. He is also survived by his children who will miss him dearly, Graham (Valerie), Scott (Karen) and Lynda (Mike) of Calgary; as well as his beautiful granddaughters he so adored, Laura, Mya, Kyla and Nicole.

Bruce's heart was as big as his laugh, and between Carol and him, they volunteered tirelessly for many local and international organizations. Bruce was a Rotarian thru and thru ... from his early days with the downtown club to his final days with the Chinook club ... I can bet you even met Bruce once or twice, while he directed you on where to park at Spruce Meadows during the Masters.

A Celebration of Life will be held at SOUTH CALGARY FUNERAL CENTRE, 12700 Macleod Trail South (at Lake Fraser Gate), on Friday, January 15, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

*Editor's note:* Bruce joined Chinook Rotary in 2004 transferring from the Calgary Club. He quickly became a valued member and friend to all. He will be greatly missed for his fellowship and smile.



### DisCon 2016

Sign up now for your District 5360 Conference !



**EXPLORE CANMORE & ROTARY**  
**5360 District Conference**  
**Friday, May 13 to Sunday, May 15, 2016**

**Go to ROTARY5360.CA to register**

### Cribbage Club

Join us for Cribbage  
Thursday evenings !!

**January 14th & 28th**

Horton Road Legion  
from 6:30 – 9pm



### the Arch — Notice

There will not be an Arch published next week (January 19th), as the publishers will be away.

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