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## **Presidential Theme** K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, President, RI 2015-16



Our time on this earth is finite, and it's always shorter than we think. How do we want to spend it? Will we give of ourselves to others, so that the world will be richer because we passed through it? Or will we spend our days, as the famous Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore wrote, in stringing and unstringing our instruments, while the song we came to sing remains unsung?

The glory of Rotary is that it helps us find a way to sing that song. It guides us on a path to living richer, more meaningful lives, by encouraging us to focus our attention on the things that matter — and helping each of us find our own way to be a gift to the world. If we ask ourselves what characteristics we value most in our friends, most of us would answer similarly: integrity, trustworthiness,

caring, compatibility. Our friends are not necessarily the people who are most like us but the ones who complement us, who bring out the best in us. That, to me, is precisely what we can find in Rotary.

Rotary is a way to bring out the best part of ourselves, and let it guide our lives. Too often, we spend our days in pursuit of the goals that should matter least. We focus our attention on our own achievements and our own gain; we devote endless energy to the accumulation of material things. Yet at the end of our lives, no one will remember us for the cars we drove, the clothes we wore, the titles we carried, or the offices we sat in. We will not be admired for the efforts we poured into making our own lives richer or our own status higher. In the end, our worth will be measured not by how much we acquired, but by how much we gave away.

Will we avert our eyes from suffering, or will we alleviate it? Will we speak words of compassion, or will we act on them? Will we be content only to take from the world — or will we give to it?

In the 2015-16 Rotary year, our theme will be 'Be a Gift to the World'.

Every one of us has something to give — whoever we are, whatever our place in life. We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort; we can give our dedication and our devotion. Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world.

It is said that we are born with our fists clenched, but we die with our hands open, and that our talents are the gift that God gave us. What we make of our talents is our gift back to God. Equally we come into this world grasping at everything, but when we leave it, we leave all material things behind as well. Through Rotary, we can leave behind something real and lasting.

Our time is now. It will never come again. Be a Gift to the World.

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran President, Rotary International, 2015-16

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Be a gift to the world





## **Meeting Minutes**

#### Scribe: Linda Colclough

This week's meeting was started by the Australian Friendship Exchange Group singing their National Anthem, followed by the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace with Ruth Wylie at the piano.

Tammy Truman introduced our guests and visitors and, as always, we heartily sang our Welcome song with a table-banging finish.

This meeting is Gregor's last. He gave a heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to come to Calgary and to all Chinook Rotarians for their kindness and help.

Joe Hooper explained our commitment to Spruce Meadows with the "North American" now under way. We are currently looking for another group to partner with us. And Joe presented a cheque from Spruce Meadows for \$12,500 from our last parking event.

Stephen Pick had a fantastic year as Club President but it is time to hand the reins over to 2015-2016 President Dale Perret. Dale's first duty was to present Stephen with his Past President's pin, then she unveiled our new banner "Be a Gift to the World".

Stephen, our entire club is thankful for your dedication and hard work for the past year — well done!





Visitor Bob Scott did a video presentation showing the best of Alberta's landscapes, then conducted a White Hat presentation to all six couples visiting from Australia. They proudly donned their hats and took the official White Hat Oath followed by receiving an authentic certificate.



visitors come from with 1,200 members within 40 clubs. Each couple shared pictures of their community, families, buildings and Rotary events. It was very interesting to learn how diverse their area is, supporting agriculture, mining, livestock, orchards and vines. 70% of Australian wine is produced in their district including Yellow Tail.

There was a banner exchange then thanks to Bob Montgomery and David Irving for coordinating their visit.

Next meeting will be the Stampede Breakfast at the Carriage House. Photos courtesy Ian Burgess



# What's Up !!

#### **New Rotary Year Begins**

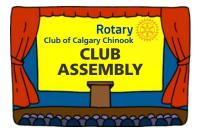
July 14th July 21st July 26th July 28th Club Assembly — Introduction of the new Board Katherine van Kooy, Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations Grillin' and Servin' — Iron Man, Glenmore, 11am–4pm Brian Burke, Calgary Flames President of Hockey Operations

#### **Membership Month**

August 4thPaul Ryneveld, Manager, Century DownsAugust 11thPeter Fleck, PhilatelistAugust 18thTodd Standing, Yeti HunterAugust 25thLynnell 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 15th	Classification Talk — Bill Stemp
September 22nd	Vicki McLaughlin — The Cinderella Project
September 29th	Drs Margaret Korble and Lesley Lussier — Hearing Loss





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#### **Vocational Service Month**

October TBA	Grillin' and Servin' — Kathy's Run, Glenmore, 11am–2pm
October 6th	Alan McMillan — Rotary Employment Partnership
October 20th	Karla Tejeda-Inglesias, 2014/15 Outbound Exchange Student to Germany
October 27th	Call for nominations for
	President Elect, Vice President and 3 Directors for 2016/17
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# Aussie Friendship Exchange Group



Spruce Meadows Lot 7 Parkers - no passes, but who would say no!?









## **Friendship Exchange Moments**



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