

## Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative

Dr. Jodi Hilty, President and Chief Scientist

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Bart introduced our speaker, Dr. Jodi Hilty, President and Chief Scientist of the 'Yellowstone to Yukon (Y2Y) Conservation Initiative'.

Dr. Hilty is one of World's leading experts on wild life corridors. She led the team that established the first federally-designated wildlife corridor in the United States, the path of the Pronghorn in Wyoming, and oversaw the science that saw Nahanni National Reserve in the Northwest Territories expand to more than 6.5 times its former size.

Dr. Hilty also has been co-editor, or lead author, of three recent books, most recently "Climate and Conservation: Landscape and Seascape Science, Planning and Action" (2012). She currently serves on a US Presidential advisory group role for the NAFTA North America Council.

Dr. Hilty talked about a number of species, including wolverines, grizzly bears, and pronghorn antelope, the fastest animal on North American continent. She noted that there are 650 species at risk in Canada — 40 in Alberta. and 500 in B.C. She told us that in the last 20 years, protected areas in the Y2Y, have doubled in size.



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May 3rd, 2016

Scribe: Bob Montgomery

The meeting was called to order by president Dale, followed by the National Anthem and Rotary Grace, accompanied by Rob Wolfson. (What a great idea!)

Our greeters today were Linda and (one vowel) Gwynneth. Linda introduced our guests: Rhea Graham and Dick Snel, who are both former members. Also Janet Matthews of the Canmore club, who is looking for a new Rotary home, after moving to Calgary.

## Announcements:

- Our pianist, Ruth Wylie, is in the hospital. No details were provided, but husband Dave was in attendance, which leads us to believe that it is not serious.

- Hank — we have a Grillin' and Servin' event on Saturday, June 4, at Eau Claire. More members are encouraged to take the on-line food safety course. If you would rather, Hank can provide a paper copy.

- Rob — the cribbage tournament winners were: 1. Gord Billings; 2. Paul Gaudet; 3. Peter Bickham.

- Rob — May Birthdays: Keith Hansen, George Kimura, Jack Leuw, Al Holt, Bill Churchword, Rosemary Crawford, Garth Sabirsh, and Steve McAuley.

May Anniversaries: Al/Bev Pettigrew — 58 years; Graham/Mary Ellen Boone — 51 yrs; Gerald/Margaret Langereis — 61 years.

Chinook Membership Anniversaries: Bev — 4 years; Ernie — 3 years; Peter — 9 years, and young Paul Hussey — 30 years.



The 50/50 was won by Jack Steen. Your scribe didn't note it, but knowing Jack, I expect it went back to the club. The lunch draw, donated by Rena St. Clair was won by Gwynneth.

The Eiffel Tower (I think) painting, done with Rob's own brushes, was won by Joe Hooper. Thanks to Rob for giving

away his first masterpiece. It raised \$25.

Sargeant-at-Arms, Peter Bickham, fined members for the usual spurious reasons, including all of those who did not buy a ticket on Rob's Eiffel Tower (I think) rendering.



## Good News included:



- Keith Hansen, who donated a buck for each of his years, upon reaching 80. (You sure don't look it, Keith!)
- Also Garth Sabirsh, whose wife Lynda, met her birth mother, after 60 years separation. (WOW)
- Jeff Skillen, who has been accepted to U. of C. in the fall.

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*Photos courtesy Ian Burgess*

*Gord Billings ...  
Photographer Ian must have taken his  
photo for a reason, but minutes didn't  
reflect whatever it was.*



## RI Membership Info



Rotary 

1 221 630 members  
FEBRUARY 2016

Rotaract 

201 342 members  
DECEMBER 2015

Interact 

441 278 members  
DECEMBER 2015

1 864 250 members

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I just finished cleaning."

## Youth Service Month

May 10th	Calgary Bluegrass Group — The History of Bluegrass Music
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 come
May 17th	J. David Clemis — The Downfall of the Popularity of Alcoholism
May 24th	John Hufnagel, President and General Manager, Calgary Stampeders
May 28th - June 1st	RI Convention, Seoul, Korea — 'Connect with Korea, Touch the World'
May 31st	No meeting .

## Rotary Fellowships Month

June 3rd	President's Dinner at 'The Barn' at McKenzie Meadows Golf Club
June 4th	Grillin' and Servin' — 'Brain Sprint' at Eau Claire
June 7th	Roger Chaffin, Calgary Police Chief
June 8th	Spruce Meadows Appreciation Dinner at 'Calgary House'
June 8th - 12th	Parking at Spruce Meadows for the "National"
June 14th	Shibanne Verma, Health Care Consultant — How to be a Good Patient
June 18th	Ronald MacDonald House meal service — details TBA
June 21st	Paige Macpherson, Alberta Director, Canadian Taxpayers Federation
June 26th	Grillin' and Servin' — K-100 Race at Nakiska Lodge
June 28th	Passing of the Gavel — out with Dale Perret, in with David Wartman

## New Rotary Year Begins

July 24th	Grillin' and Servin' — 'Iron Man Calgary' at North Glenmore Park
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## Economic and Community Development Month

October TBA	Grillin' and Servin' — 'Kathy's Run' at North Glenmore Park
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# Polio Update

Major changes to the polio vaccine are underway. From the 17th of April through to the 1st of May, 155 countries and territories participated in the historic trivalent to bivalent oral polio vaccine (OPV) switch. The formulation is being changed, withdrawing the Type 2 component of the vaccine. This is being done to protect future generations against circulating vaccine derived polioviruses (cVDPV).

This is the first stage of Objective Two of the Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan 2013-2018. The stated goal being to withdraw OPV in a phased manner. This is starting with the removal of the Type 2 component, following the eradication of wild poliovirus Type 2 in September 2015.

As the table below shows, "We Are This Close". With only 74 wild polio cases in 2015 compared to over 1000 per day when the PolioPlus campaign started 31 years ago.

## Wild poliovirus type 1 and Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus cases

Total cases	Year-to-date 2016		Year-to-date 2015		Total in 2015	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	12	3	23	1	74	32
- in endemic countries	12	0	23	1	74	3
- in non-endemic countries	0	3	0	0	0	29



## Ron Smith



Ron Smith passed away suddenly at the age of 76 on May 4th, while in Besancon, France on holiday. Ron was visiting his daughter Shannon, who with her family, is on a teacher exchange program for a year.

Ron was predeceased by his wife Helen, who passed away last year.

He is survived by his son Scott and his wife Caroline, his daughter Shannon Gerein and her husband Chris, and his daughter Tara. Tara is to be married this August to

Cameron Harris. Ron is also survived by 3 grandchildren, Graham, Clare and Gillian Gerein.

Ron was a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Calgary West, and also Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook. He was a fine example of Rotary's motto "Service above Self" and will be missed by all who knew him, a true gentleman.

There will be a Memorial Service on May 18th, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 10827 - 44th Street SW, Calgary.

The family has advised that Ron would want any tributes to be in the form of memorial donations to the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook.



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