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## Dogs with Wings Michelle Douglas, Director

"Dogs with Wings" is a leader in the international community of assistance dog training schools, providing assistance dogs to people with disabilities in Canada.

Michelle started out by introducing her fellow dog handlers in attendance today, four "puppy raisers" who brought their dogs with them to help demonstrate how well behaved even the puppies are (not a bark was heard). Normally any service dogs which are wearing their "jackets" should not be touched, however they were making an exception today so our members could interact with the puppies.

Eight week old puppies are raised by such volunteers, from the age of eight weeks to 14 weeks, after which they advance to the Training Centre for advanced training. It is interesting to note that specific puppies are examined at the litter stage, and matched to specific families so that characteristics are matched, to advance the chances of successful training. Michelle spoke of their Autism program where their service dogs can help keep a child calm, and help stop them from "bolting" by being tethered to the dog. Two of their dogs have also been donated to the Sheldon Kennedy Centre to help calm the victims of abuse, and help them focus on their critical testimony.



Dogs with Wings is responsive to the community, adding programs and services that their clients need. Beginning in 1996, they offered guide dogs for the blind and visually impaired. In 2002, they added service dogs in response to client demand, and in 2007, they added their autism program. More recently, they have placed a variety of facility and companion dogs to clients in all regions of Alberta.

It costs \$40,000 to raise and train a service dog, including veterinary care, food requirements and training. In addition, they rely heavily on volunteers at all levels. Since 1996 they have had literally hundreds of people assisting them by fostering their dogs in training.



Dogs with Wings operates puppy programs in Edmonton, Red Deer and Calgary, and currently has over 200 active volunteers. The dogs are very sensitive (cannot yell at them) and are chosen to meet the personality and characteristics of their client. They are usually two years old when they go into service.

The dogs are not trained to come to their name ... they will look at the trainer but not come (they could be tethered to a child), and will await a further command. They use the word 'nice' to reward

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Our greeter today was George Kimura, who provided a warm welcome to both members and guests.

President Alex started our meeting at 12:15. He introduced 'O Canada' with Ruth Wylie on the piano, followed by Rotary Grace. He noted that Paul Gaudet would be today's Scribe, and then called on George to introduce our visitors and guests. Today we had a total of 57 in attendance, which included 8 guests (together with 5 "dogs with wings").

Our Past President David, in his role as Chairman of our Nomination Committee, announced that they are recommending a slate of officers (for our 2018/19 Board) for our three Directorships and President Elect. Ryan MacLean, Anne Dale and Robert Wolfson were nominated as Directors, and Paul Gaudet was nominated as President Elect. There was some discussion about the process of making any additional nominations (which any member may do), so President Alex announced that any additional nominations can be made up until next Tuesday, December 5th. Such nominations must be sent to our Secretary on or prior



to December 5th (please cc President Alex) and, if required, we will hold an election during our assembly on December 12th. In addition, please note that any nomination must include confirmation that the individual being nominated has agreed to accept the role should he or she be elected.

## Minute Men:

- Bart advised that there is a December 5th deadline for bringing filled shoeboxes to our meeting, so please bring them in by then. We have 12 signed up for our shoebox event on December 7th. It is being held at Samaritan's Purse, 20 Hopewell Way NE from 12:30pm to 3pm.
- Garth S. updated us on the Christmas Market at Spruce Meadows. We have completed the first two of our three long weekends and continue to count on the support of our members to get the job done. He thanked all our members and friends who have stepped up to help already.
- Tammy reminded us about the December 5th Seniors Lunch and while we could use additional volunteers, with some handling two tables we will be able to get the job done. Please consider signing up if you haven't already done so. She encouraged those who are not serving tables to still attend to support our event. You must pay for lunch as you normally do, and must advise Tammy that you are planning to attend.

- Tammy also reminded us about our Christmas Party being held this year at Toscana Italian Grill (with Chance Devlin on the piano), on December 19th. Tickets are

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## Greeter Schedule



December 12th	Tammy and Pat H
December 19th	No greeters
December 26th	No greeters

The 13th Annual Seniors Christmas Luncheon was a full house with over 200 seniors in attendance to enjoy a turkey dinner music, and fellowship.

Organizer Tammy Truman was MC and she welcomed everyone and introduced Dave Dickenson, coach of the Calgary Stampeders. The Stampeders have been Western Division Champions two years in a row. Dave, who comes from Great Falls Montana, was CFL coach of the Year last year, and this year, was one of the finalists. Dave introduced the Stampeders in attendance who included Charlie Power, Justin Renfrow, Anthony Woodson, Deron Maya and Rene Parades. Dave talked about the mutual aspects of community support with the city supporting the team, and the team happy to support community activities.

Following O Canada, Tammy said Grace and then dinner was served by Chinook Rotarians and the Stampeders.

During dinner, the group was entertained by pianist Charlie Devlin of Big Deal Entertainment. Charlie performed many favourite Christmas pieces, and our guests enjoyed singing along to many carols including; Jingle Bells, White Christmas, Deck the Halls, Joy to the World, Rudolph, and Here Comes Santa Claus. Also during dinner, the Stampeders mingled with the guests and posed for pictures.

Tammy thanked Charlie and everyone else involved, and drew for door prizes which were delivered to the lucky winners. The program was adjourned by 1:30 pm.

Thanks Tammy for all the work you put into this excellent program which is enjoyed by many.

*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*





## Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 12th	Club Assembly
December 12th	Rotary Curling @ Garrison Curling Club @ 4:45 — contact George K
December 13th	Community Service serving supper to more than 300 homeless folks at Mustard Seed
December 16th	Community Service serving Brunch at Ronald McDonald House
December 19th	Annual Christmas Party — eat, drink & dance @ Toscana Italian Grill with Chance Devlin — contact Tammy T
December 21st-22nd	Casino at Elbow River Casino — sign-up sheet will be circulating, or contact Bruce B
December 26th	No meeting



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## Vocational Service Month

January 2nd	Kevin Crowe — Give A Mile Foundation
January 4th	Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter B
January 9th	Rotary Curling @ Garrison Curling Club @ 4:45 — contact George K — second round begins
January 18th	Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter B
January 18th	Networking Night @ Limericks, 5-6:30pm — contact Rob W (guest speaker TBA)



## Meeting Minutes

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\$50 per person ... please contact Tammy and join our group. We currently have 71 signed up and would like to see 90.

- Hank advised us about the registration fee for next year's Rotary International Convention (in Toronto) going up by \$90 after December 16th. These are great events and all members are encouraged to attend. Check out the convention on the Rotary.org website.
- Rob Wolfson announced that our Grey Cup Pool had been sold out and presented the prizes to the winners. Neil Beatty collected (for Jeff) the first quarter winnings, Rob's associate Shannon won the half time score, Neil once again (this time for Lois) for the third quarter score, Anne Dale won for the final score reversed, and George Van Schaick won the big prize of \$300 for having the final score. All ticket sellers were eligible to win two Paul Harris Fellowships and they were awarded to Dean White and Ron May. Finally, and most notable, the Pool raised \$980 for Polio Plus! Special thanks to Rob for organizing this successful fund raising activity.



She graduated from the University of Manitoba with a degree in Political Science and English, and has a background in the fashion industry. She has a connection with Rotary in that her grandfather was a Rotarian in Ontario, and her grandmother was a "Rotary Ann".

President Alex thanked our speaker by presenting her with our certificate noting a donation to help eradicate Polio in the world. He then closed our meeting at 1:30pm.

*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*



Our 50-50 draw winner today was Al Holt.

Bob Gentles was ready to conduct our Sgt. at Arms program, however

we had run out of time and had to move on to our guest speaker's presentation.

Bart introduced our speaker, Michelle Douglas, who visited us today to tell us about "Dogs with Wings". She is the Volunteer Coordinator for this program.




### Chinook Rotary Christmas Party

#### December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Dinner at Toscana Italian Grill; for a little taste of Italy (just in time for Christmas)

Cocktails at 6, dinner at 7, entertainment throughout!

Chance Devlin will be our piano man for the night, serenading us while we eat, drink and dance!



Tickets \$50/person, cash only. All payments are due December 5<sup>th</sup>.  
If there are any questions or concerns please email Tammy Truman at [tammy-truman@cooperators.ca](mailto:tammy-truman@cooperators.ca)

good behaviour (together with a treat) and 'puppy, puppy, puppy' when they are young, to come. They have three levels of sitting — 'sit', 'down' and 'all the way' — the latter when they will be stationary for some time. They also are trained to control their bathroom breaks, and will only eat on command.

The dogs are used to being in the company of people most of the time, so social training is key. They do actually get time to be normal dogs to play and exercise when their jacket is removed. Michelle encouraged anyone who is interested to become involved as a volunteer or a donor, by visiting their website:

[dogswithwings.ca](http://dogswithwings.ca)



Michelle thanked Bart and our members for inviting her to speak.



## Proposed New Member

The following new member proposal was accepted by the Board for membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook:

### MICHAEL J SPEARS

Sponsor: Alex Soutar  
Classification: Finance

In accordance with Club Bylaws, Article XI, Section 5:

Method of electing New Members

"If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the Board from any member (other than Honourary) of the Club within seven (7) dates following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of admission fee (if not Honourary membership) as prescribed in the bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership. If any such objection has been filed with the Board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee, shall be considered to be elected to membership."

Paul Gaudet, Secretary  
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## Wow! Busy Month !!

### Community Service is having a VERY busy December!

December 5th

Serving Christmas Dinner to 250 seniors ... for most, this will be the only dinner they will be attending

December 6th and 9th

Looking after Salvation Army Christmas Kettles at South Centre

December 7th

Packing Shoe Boxes at Samaritans Purse

December 13th

Serving supper to more than 300 homeless folks at the Mustard Seed

December 16th

Serving Brunch at Ronald McDonald House

So happy that our club is supporting these efforts

Wayne Wiebe, Director, Community Service



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