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Honduras Project

Bill Fitzsimmons, Rotary Club of Calgary West

Anthony introduced our speaker, Bill Fitzsimmons, from the West Club. Bill was the team leader for a Rotarian visit to the Honduras in 2017, where major projects are underway in economic and community development. The West Club is leading projects of micro-financing and clean water, in this 3rd poorest nation in the world. 65% of its 8 million inhabitants live below the poverty line.



Sustainable objectives are: avoid dependency; increase skills and knowledge, capacity building.

Projects to date include a loan to a women's trust (a dozen or so individuals) where successes include a woman making and selling lunches; a woman buying a corn grinder to make flour for sale; and a bakery which now employs 6. Perhaps the most impressive was a loan to a single mom to make tortillas for sale. She now has 2 automatic tortilla-making machines, producing 6000 per hour, and employs 25 people.

The original objective was to raise \$1 million over 10 years, including contributions from other clubs (Chinook gave \$2,000); District 5360, governments and RI grants. They have exceeded their goals to date, and are now in Phase 5, for which Bill is leader. This phase will occur in 2 rural villages, with a population of 3,000, and will provide for clean water development. The West Club is seeking assistance from other clubs for US\$ 1,500. The project will

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150 Calgary Women

Jan Damery



Bart Dailey then introduced our guest speaker Jan Damery.

Jan Damery is the Vice President of Resource Development for YW Calgary. Her past experience includes work as a facilitator and coach with the Refinery Leadership Partners, a Director of the Aga Khan University, and a Senior Director with the Calgary

United Way. She holds Economic Degrees from UBC and the University of Alberta. She is an active member of the Rotary Club of Calgary.

She Who Dares - 150 women through 150+ years



Jan spoke to us on the current role of the YW in Calgary. With the current split in the clients served being 1/3 Christian, 1/3 non Christian and 1/3 Aboriginal, the usage of the YWCA name is now used less, in favour of just YW.

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Our lone greeter today was Neil Beatty. Following lunch, he introduced visitors Will Schmidt, and Gerald Paetz, guest of Bob Gentles. Visiting Rotarians were all from the West club - Kurt Schurer, Murray Flegel, and Bill Fitzsimmons.

Minute Members

- Dale, reminding us of Rotaract's fundraiser — a Hitmen game on March 3rd ... cost \$15
- Rhea — the next Fairview mentoring session is Friday, February 2nd, at ROOTS to STEM
- Rob W doled out \$20 to hockey pool winners ... Ted, Joe, Paul G, David Wartman, Garth S
- Rob also announced a future Friends of Rotary meeting to be held at the Carriage House, tentative date March 20. Chinook members are encouraged to invite potential new members.

50/50 winner was Paul H (again!)

Honduras Project

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create 6 jobs and provide water for 12 families. There are ripple effects from having clean water available. They include a new school (with the required toilets); income generation from crops, which can now be grown because of water availability; new homes (with water access); wash facilities; and of course healthier people.

Also included in the project, will be micro-finance loans in the community of Porto Cortez, to add to the 11 branches already in operation.

In the process of micro-financing, Rotary provides the money to Opportunities International Canada, who in turn (along with funds they raise), gives the money to IDH, the bank in Honduras. IDH officers visit the clients. They are the ones training the borrowers in basic life and business skills.

There will be another insight trip to Honduras this year. If interested in joining, contact Anthony.

Prez Alex presented Bill with a polio plus certificate, as thank you for an excellent presentation.



Hank was our SAA and dinged the following — Dave Wylie (2nd week in a row) for dinner club screw-up; Neil for taking a pee break at wrong time and not greeting while in washroom; Wayne for a memory lapse and missing greeter assignment; Ron May for being so observant (don't know what about); Dale for donating \$5 and not eating lunch.



Photos courtesy Stephen Pick

Good News came from Pat, who I think apologized for forgetfulness, and Rob, who bragged about making the Alberta Men's 5-Pin bowling team. (Well done Rob, glad to have at least one athlete in club!)

Anthony introduced our speaker, Bill Fitzsimmons, from the West club.



Our scribe Bob Montgomery was doing double duty. He was on hand modelling a cap available from the official RI supplier. He will be ordering some more, so if you want a cap or any other official RI item, talk to him asap.

Mix 'N Mingler

In lieu of our regularly scheduled lunch meeting on Tuesday March 20th, we will be hosting a Membership Mix N Mingler at The Carriage House Inn from 5:30 - 7:00pm

We are encouraging you to think of someone in your network (friend/family member/colleague/acquaintance) whom you think would like to learn about our club and what is involved in being a Rotarian. You do NOT need to bring a guest to attend as this will be our regular meeting for that week, but please do consider it if you have someone you think would like to learn about our club or Rotary in general.

The cost for members is \$15 with no cost for guests. We will provide light appetizers and finger food. There will be a cash bar for refreshments.

We will have a great line-up of guest speakers to reignite your Rotary flame who will speak about our club and Why Rotary?, including our incoming D.G. Dan Doherty. We hope you will attend and mingle with our guests to share your Rotary story with all new prospective members/guests in attendance.

5:30 - 6:00: Appetizers and mingling
6:00 - 6:30: Speakers
6:30 - 7:00: Mingling

mix&mingle

See you there!!

Greeter Schedule



February 13th	Jim H and Rob W
February 20th	Paul G and Garth S
February 27th	George K and Pat H
March 6th	Tammy and Bill C
March 13th	Imma and Neil
March 20th	Evening meeting
March 27th	Michael and Ian
April 3rd	Dave Wylie and Garth P
April 10th	Dean and David I
April 17th	Dick and David Wartman
April 24th	Evening Meeting

Scribe/Editor's Note:

OK, it has been awhile since I took on the scribe role, so I am a bit rusty ... have spent far more time editing other members' reports (for better or worse). So as the snow drifts steadily down and the RCMP has advised staying inside, I have poured a nice glass of white wine, have music on the stereo, and have images of a crackling fire on my second monitor. All to get in the mood and overcome writer's block. If only I had taken better notes



Members and guests were met at the door by an exuberant Hank Popoff. After finally retrieving my hand from his welcoming grasp, a slightly more reserved Paul Gaudet was there to usher us into the room. With greeters like that it was a warm and friendly group to join in with for lunch and fellowship. The room was full of the buzz of conversation and circulating members catching up.

President Alex called the meeting to order at 12:15pm and thankfully Ruth Wylie was there to keep us on tune and on time with our rendition of O Canada and Rotary grace. Not sure if "all of us" sang the traditional or revised version of our national anthem.

After a great meal, President Alex called us back to order and the formal part of the meeting commenced. Paul Gaudet came to the podium to introduce our guests who were welcomed in our usual fashion.



President Alex then read a short note to the Club from Jean McKenzie, thanking the members for their support.

Paul Gaudet then returned to the podium as a stand-in for Bev Tonkinson and announced the Birthdays and Anniversaries. Just can not keep a mike away from this guy!



Minute People were:

- Dale Perret providing information on the Calgary Rotaract night at a Hitmen game, and also plans for meal service at the Drop In Centre, both of which she has sent out email information on.
- Jim Hennessy spoke to us on the upcoming Friendship Exchanges ... one group from South Africa, and one from Peru, both happening in early July. Talk to Jim if you are able to host these fellow Rotarians.



Pat Hutchinson had nothing to report from the Sunshine Committee. Either everyone is well and healthy, or they just do not contact him.

The 50/50 ticket was drawn by our guest speaker and the winner was Dawn Rennie. But under some somewhat dubious circumstances, it was Joe Hooper who came up to claim the prize!? I hope at least one of them shared their winnings with the SAA pot.



SAA Jim Hennessy then came up, and regaled us on how he is a proud Canadian, and proceeded to prove that by being like the federal government and removing our hard earned change from our pockets. He had numerous bits of obscure history to test our knowledge of Canada. At one point he queried if there were any lawyers in the room and then carried on, ignoring our one member lawyer Bill Stemp (must have missed seeing him behind a post I guess!?)



Bart Dailey then introduced our guest speaker Jan Damery.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

For old-fashioned 'cutting and pasting' !

Jean Trudel



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Networking Night

**Our next Chinook Rotary
Limerick's Networking Meeting
will be Thursday February 15th from 5:00 - 6:30**

Limerick's Pub is on Macleod Trail and 73rd Avenue SE.

Everyone in attendance will have the opportunity to share recent success stories in their business or industry.

We will also have one of our new Friends of Rotary/Associate Members Maureen O'Connor to present as our key speaker about Providence Children's Centers.

www.providencechildren.com

Please let me know if you would like to attend, and if you have any guests to bring.

Yours in Rotary, Rob



Rotaract Club Hitmen Game

Saturday, March 3rd starting at 7 pm

The Calgary Rotaract Club has asked us to lend a hand in their fundraising efforts, in support of WINS (Women In Need) and other charities that they support.

This would make a great social event like the Okotoks Dawgs' baseball game we do in the summer. Rotaract will ensure we have a bloc of seats for our group.

There will be a sign up sheet at the lunch meetings. We encourage you to bring your spouse / partner, children / grandchildren to the event. If you can't attend but would like to support Rotaract — they will use your tickets for underprivileged individuals who cannot afford to participate in these events.

If you won't be at the lunches to sign up and want to be part of this social, email me at dale.rotary@shaw.ca

We sponsor 2 Interact high school clubs (Henry Wise Wood and Dr. E.P. Scarlett) and encourage them to participate in a Rotaract Club after they graduate. Our support of the efforts of Rotaract reinforce our "Service Above Self" attitude.

Come be part of the fun night !!





PROTECTING EVERY CHILD: Challenges and solutions



Rotary and our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative can't end polio unless we immunize every child against the disease. New approaches help us access more children with the vaccine.



WHAT MAKES US MISS CHILDREN DURING IMMUNIZATION CAMPAIGNS?

- Remote locations
- Areas of conflict
- Poor infrastructure
- Mobile populations

HOW DO WE TRY TO REACH THESE CHILDREN?

 <p>Negotiating access: We work with governments and local leaders to gain entry to communities.</p>	 <p>Alternative approaches: We find other ways to vaccinate. We reach children on the move by vaccinating them at transit points.</p>	 <p>Protecting campaigns: We safeguard vaccination efforts by ensuring the security of health workers.</p>	 <p>Building trust: We build community acceptance by working with religious and local leaders.</p>	 <p>Increasing accountability: We ensure political commitments at all government levels are met to provide high-quality campaigns.</p>
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Join us in the fight to end polio at endpolio.org

Polio
Poliomyelitis (polio) is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. The poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio is incurable, but completely vaccine-preventable.

PolioPlus
In 1985, Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$9 billion to the effort.

Global Polio Eradication Initiative
The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, formed in 1988, is a public-private partnership that includes Rotary, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and governments of the world. Rotary's focus is advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and awareness-building.



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We're this close

When the global campaign to eradicate polio began in 1988, polio was endemic in 125 countries and affected over 350,000 children each year.

The list is now down to just three: Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria with only 37 reported cases.

We've come more than 99 percent of the way to eradication.

No child should suffer from a disease like polio.

Help us get to zero!



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EndPolioNow.org

"ROTARY CONTINUES TO BE THE HEART AND SOUL OF POLIO ERADICATION."
— Bill Gates, Cochair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

"WE'RE INSPIRED BY THE INFINITE PERSISTENCE OF ROTARY. THEY WERE LEADING THIS FIGHT LONG BEFORE WE JOINED IT, AND THEY'VE JUST KEPT MOVING FORWARD. THEY KNOW THAT GOING FROM 350,000 CASES TO 37 IS AMAZING, BUT SUCCESS IS ZERO."
— Melinda Gates, Cochair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

"FAILURE TO ERADICATE POLIO IS UNFORGIVABLE, FOREVER."
— Margaret Chan, Director-General, World Health Organization

"WE'RE WORKING TO ENSURE THAT THE POLIOVIRUS WILL BE FOUND ONLY IN HISTORY BOOKS AND NOT IN CHILDREN."
— Robert S. Scott, Chair, International PolioPlus Committee, Rotary International

"WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO PROTECT EVERY LAST PERSON, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, FROM THIS ENTIRELY PREVENTABLE DISEASE."
— Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF

"POLIO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD IS A RISK EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD."
— Thomas Frieden, Director, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention






GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY








February 27th, 2018

First & Last Name

In appreciation of your participation as a guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook, the Club has made a donation to Polio Plus.







Don't Back Down
New polio cases, 1988-2016, by country



Vocational Service Month

February 13th Steve Allan — Seniorpreneurship
 February 15th Networking Night @ Limericks, 5-6:30pm — contact Rob Wolfson
 Speaker Maureen O'Connor, new Friend/Associate — Providence Children's Centers
 and a chance to share your business/industry news
 February 20th Alex Putici — 100 Men
 February 22nd Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter Bickham
 February 27th Josh Traptow — Calgary Heritage Authority

Water and Sanitation Month

March 3rd Rotaract Club Hitmen game in support of WINS at 7pm
 Sign-up sheets circulating — contact Dale Perret
 March 6th Dr. Ron Barlot — Sports Injuries
 March 8th Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter Bickham
 March 13th Trevor Bacque — The History of Wheat
 March 13th Curling Wind-Up
 March 20th Chinook Rotary Membership Mix 'N Mingler — evening meeting, 5:30 - 7pm
 March 22nd Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter Bickham
 March 27th Tara Nelson, CTV 6pm News Anchor

Maternal and Child Health Month

April 14th Cribbage Windup and Trophy Night @ The Legion — contact Peter Bickham

Youth Service Month

May 8th John Hufnagel, GM, Stampeders
 May 15th Jeromy Farkas, Calgary City Councillor



150 Calgary Women

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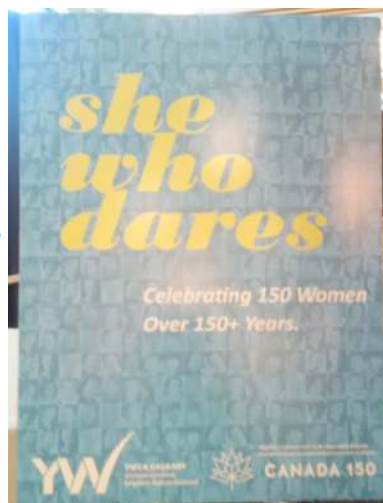


The YW is now focussed on being a sanctuary, providing social services and support to women and families. A new building is under construction to replace the current outdated facility. While having virtually the same footprint, it will have a far larger capacity being purpose designed, not adapted from other uses like the current building. Over 400 women utilize the services each day, with ongoing support to over 5,700 people each year.

Part of YW's role is advocating for women. As part of Canada 150, the idea was developed to celebrate the many trail blazers and vibrant women who have helped shape Calgary over the last 150+ years ... women who have pushed the envelope and continue to create change in our community. The YW applied for and received a Canada 150 grant to support the project.

A display was developed and it has been set up for viewing at City Hall, the Glenbow Museum, the Central Library, and recently at Fort Calgary. It is now in storage but will likely soon surface again.

Jan provided a short precis on a few of the women. Members in attendance both recognized some of the names on the display



boards, and also found relations or past acquaintances in some cases.

You can go to the "YW She Who Dares" website and find information on the project, and short blurbs on each of the 150 women.
www.ywcalgary.ca/ywdares/

President Alex presented Jan with a Polio Pus certificate thanking her for today's presentation to the club.



Serving Brunch at Ronald McDonald House



A great event which is so much appreciated by the folks at RMH.
Missing from the photo is Gwynneth Gourley,
the lady who makes it all happen.

by Wayne Wiebe, Director, Community Service

Days for Girls Work Bee



Photos courtesy Rhea Graham

2018 Conventions

5360 District Conference 2018 "Making A Difference"

May 4th - 6th, 2018
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Calgary, Alberta

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or for a portion as your time allows



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Key note speakers at Discon5360 include Sylvia Whitlock on the "Edge of Tomorrow", Martin Parnell on "Running for Freedom and Equality", and Sheldon Kennedy on "Making the Invisible Visible". Plus some fantastic breakout sessions!

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