

## Calgary Exhibition & Stampede

Dave Sibbald, President

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Our speaker, Dave Sibbald, President of Calgary Exhibition & Stampede was introduced by Jack Steen.

Dave told us quite a few things we didn't know. This whole business is really a huge community engagement by volunteers, of which they have at least 2,300 who are active.

They have a ranch for about 600 horses where they raise bucking stock for most of the rodeo events in North America. They also have another ranch where they have 300 cows. There is also a Charter School of 300 children in kindergarten to grade 9, and soon will be adding grades 9 to 12.

The Stampede has a 20 year Master Plan and they are now 11 years in. The BMO Centre is to double in size making it a tier 1 Convention Centre. Hotels and an Opera Theatre are also on the horizon.

Last year they had over 1,800 events on the 200 acre property.



A question and answer followed:

- Yes the larger BMO centre is viable.
- Stampede and the Flames are talking about a new arena.
- There are 3 active events held on the infield every year.
- Should we get the Olympics, the Stampede would be very involved as most of the space would be taken over for the 9 months before by the organizing committee.
- Yes they have Animal Rights protestors every year, but that goes with the territory, and all the animals on the grounds are very well cared for.



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# Meeting Minutes

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May 29th, 2018

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Alex, our President, opened the meeting on time and with a tap on the bell. Our wonderful pianist, Ruth Wylie, was back and we all sang almost in tune.

Anthony Tonkinson and Harry Nasarchuk were the greeters, who also introduced our guests: Pat Wierzba, Gary Ladd and David Sibbald our speaker.

Alex told us about a waiver that Spruce Meadows wants us all to sign. We have been advised not to sign. So all the volunteers for parking next week at Spruce Meadows-has been cancelled.

## Minutemen:

- Rob Wolfson told us that the Rotary Networking meeting at Limericks had 21



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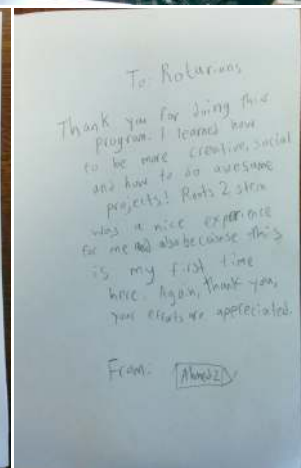
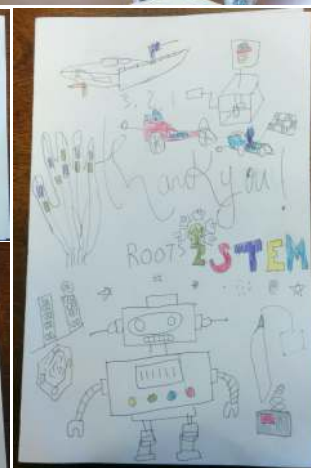
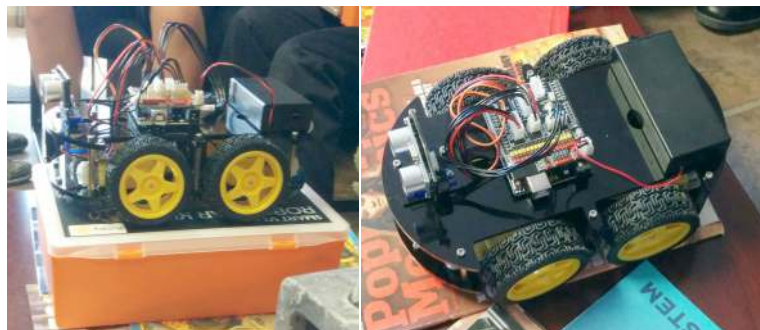


The Rotary mentoring program in partnership with Fairview School, came to a close on May 25th. It has been a great year working with the students. It has made a significant difference in the life of these students.

There have been a number of projects over the year from making a working hand, architectural construction, and hours on glue guns. The final project for this year was the assembly of a robot car kit. The kits were a challenge to assemble for both the students and the mentors! The resulting robot cars can follow a line on the floor, have a sensor so they can navigate around a room, an infra-red control to provide instructions, and a blue tooth receiver as well.

It was a rush to get the final assembly of the cars done on Friday, but all the students went home with a completed robot car and an instructional DVD to learn all the control modes.

A huge thank you to Rhea Graham, John Charret, Dean White and the numerous mentors for making this year's educational partnership with Fairview school a success.



The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and were very grateful to the mentors and the Club.



## Rotary Fellowships Month

June 5th	Staff Sgt Andrew MacLeod, CPS — Cybercrime — remember to sign up
June 12th	Solar Light Report
June 15th	President's Dinner @ Cart Barn, McKenzie Meadows Golf & Country Club
June 19th	Prairie Mountain Fiddlers
June 23rd	Grillin' and Servin' at Nakiska — contact Hank to sign up
June 23rd - 27th	Rotary International Convention, Toronto — Inspiration Around Every Corner
June 26th	Pass the Gavel — Alex to George Kimura
June 28th	Networking Night @ Limericks, 5:30pm — contact Rob Wolfson



## New Rotary Year Begins

July 3rd	Casual meeting — no speaker
July 4th - 8th	Parking at Spruce Meadows for 'The North American'
July 10th	Carriage House Stampede Breakfast
July 31st	Jutta Wittmeier, Executive Director, Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre



## RYPEN

RYPEN ( Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) is a program for young people aged 14-16 who show decency, courage, persistence, sincerity and application in their everyday life which deserves further development.

Chinook Rotary Club sponsored Andre and Dhanya from Fairview School in the fall of 2017 to participate in a 'camp' weekend designed to develop skills that will assist them in their transition to adulthood. This camp experience provided an opportunity for them to personally develop, gain self confidence, communication skills, challenge themselves, build friendship and develop life skills. They shared this experience with us at our Club Youth dinner on April 24th.



Recently, on the weekend of May26/27 they returned to Camp to participate in training to become RYPEN Camp Student Counsellors, and will be attending RYPEN Camp in September 2018.

Andre and Dhanya are our first youth to continue with RYPEN Camp although they will be attending Dr EP Scarlett High School in fall of 2018.

Congratulations Andre and Dhanya! You are well on your way to becoming future 'Rotarians'!

*Rhea Graham, Youth Director*

## Golf Truisms

- It's amazing how a golfer who never helps out around the house will replace his divots, repair his ball marks, and rake his sand traps.
- If your opponent has trouble remembering whether he shot a six or a seven, he probably shot an eight (or worse)..
- It takes longer to learn to be a good golfer than it does to become a brain surgeon. On the other hand, you don't get to ride around on a cart, drink beer, and eat hot dogs when you are performing brain surgery.

## Early Act Service Club

Jim Thompson and his granddaughter Phoebe at the Heritage Park Rotary Club breakfast meeting on June 1st. Phoebe is a participant in the Early Act Service Club at her Woodbine School, which is sponsored by the Heritage Park Rotary Club and their members.



Early Act teaches respect, empathy, tolerance, caring, citizenship, perseverance, friendship and teamwork.

A new generation of Rotarians!

## Convention Fun & Fellowship

**What?** — Western Fun and Fellowship at Toronto Convention

**Where?** — The Bottom Line, 22 Front St W, Toronto

**When?** — June 25, 2018, 7:00 pm to closing



**Why?** — Mix and mingle with great Rotarians from Districts 5360, 5370 and 5550

**Cover Charge** — \$20 payable on registration provides one drink ticket and finger food



attendees. Mo Tynan talked about her job. Bruce Bonnet and his wife attended and recommended that we all go soon. The next meeting will be June 24th at 5:30pm.

- Paul Harris awards were given to Ron May, who is now PH times 6, and to Dean White.



- Paul Gaudet reminded us to sign up for our speaker next week, who will be talking about Cyber Crime and Seniors.

The Sunshine Report said everyone was OK except for Jim Hennessy, who is still whining about his knee, so a very nice Rotarian, Joe Hooper, cut his lawn for him. I think that is going above and beyond.



Jim Thompson won the 50/50.



Bob Gentles was SAA and he fined a few of us for not wearing our name tags. He told us that Rob got his wig back — some 'in joke' I think. He also came up some



obscure date in Canadian history about King George VI opening the Lions Gate Bridge. As I wasn't around then, I have a chance of knowing that!?

Rhea congratulated Mo Tynan for the Limericks event and also Bruce Bohnet's wife for publishing a book.

The parking at the opening of the ATCO building went very well.

And Dave Wylie brought the mood down by telling us that since his arrival back from his trip, most everything in his house had failed!

Dave Sibbald, the very proud head of the Stampede, was our speaker.

*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*



## The Parade is Coming to Town !



Friday, July 6th, 7:00–9:15 am  
on the NW Corner of 7th Street and 9th Avenue  
Tickets cost \$55 at Eventbrite (corporate and group discounts available)  
*Presented by Calgary West Rotary Club volunteers, friends and family.*  
*After-cost proceeds go to Rotary world and community humanitarian projects.*  
Value Package : breakfast, reserved bleacher seating right on the parade route, pancakes, berries & cream, sausage, eggs, beans, orange juice, coffee, tables and chairs, family style, bottled water during parade, onsite portable toilets, live music, Fellowship with 1,500 people from Calgary, Alberta, and around the world!

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