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## Full Soul Project Christina Hassan



Christina Hassan is a member of the Fish Creek Rotary Club, holds a Master in Public Health degree from the University of Waterloo, and is currently a law student at the University of Calgary. She became a Rotary exchange student at 15 years of age, and then followed that up with the presidency of the University of Waterloo Rotaract Club in 2010.

During a humanitarian trip to Uganda, Christina was asked to move from her job of dispensing anti-malaria pills to helping in the delivery room of the hospital. Here she was met with the scene of a pregnant woman (Alice) lying on the delivery bed, hemorrhaging uncontrollably. All 5 hospital workers in attendance were powerless to help

this woman due to lack of medical supplies, and watched in horror as she succumbed to a loss of blood.

Through this unfortunate experience, Christina was moved to co-found FullSoul Canada, a not-for-profit organization aimed at equipping hospitals in Uganda with medical supplies to protect the health and safety of mothers, babies and practitioners during childbirth. These supplies are in the form of \$5 kits distributed to hospitals, and are paid for by a \$5,000 donation from Fish Creek Rotary, that grew to \$67,000 with matching grants, and the magic of Rotary.

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## V.A. Hill Fine Strings Ltd Vickie Hill



Vickie Hill owns and operates the largest full-service orchestral string instrument shop in Calgary. "V.A. Hill Fine Strings Ltd." saw it's humble beginnings in a backyard garage in the mid 1990s, to its present location at 6325 11 Street SE. She attributes her most important formula for success to "Quality and Integrity".

The youngest customer of her store was 2 years 3 months old, while her oldest customer was 81½ years old. In addition to these two, Vickie has made customers of people in the 3rd world as well as locally, in the form of donations from her inventory of stringed instruments. Her well-stocked shelves include violins, cellos and bass violins. Her staff participate in adjusting, re-stringing and repair of instruments which has

earned the store an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau.

Instruments of note that Vickie displayed during her talk are a Goulding Cello circa 1785-1825 from Atlanta Georgia, Klaus Heffler Cello 2017, Thomas Cahusac 1746, Joseph Baldantoni 1837 which has an insurance appraisal of

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## Sunshine Committee:

- It was a pleasure to see Dick Snel and Dawn Rennie at our meeting today.
- Pat Hutchinson reported that Lyle Davidson's wife Anne fell recently. She has been battling melanoma and cancer, and is expected to live out her final time in hospital in High River.

- Jim Thompson is feeling better after receiving medical assistance for blockage of a coronary artery. We're looking forward to seeing Jim at our meetings when he is up to the task.

## Minute Men:

- Peter Bickham reminds us of the Cribbage Wind-Up on April 20th.



- Rob Wolfson announced winners of the last second score for the end of the NHL season. They included George Kimura, Don McLean, Ian Burgess, Alex Soutar and 3 time winner Dick Snel. Rob reports a \$380 benefit for Chinook Rotary from this pool. Now that the playoffs have begun, Rob has started a new Box Pool for members to guess their best team / player to advance in the up-coming rounds. Cost of

participation is \$20 and you can enter by responding to Rob's email inviting members to make their best choices.

- President George pointed out a message from incoming District Governor Christine Rendell inviting all Rotarians to purchase a blue T-Shirt emblazoned with the Rotary emblem. She has fixed a price between \$6 and \$8 depending on volume. These must be ordered before the end of April. Give your order to George so he may pass the numbers on to Christine. These will be the perfect promotion of Rotary when you are providing service to your local community. How about while you're providing service on your international project? Adult sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL.

## Full Soul Project

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Late last year Christina received a call from District Governor Dan Doherty telling her she was to be recognized for her accomplishments. In 2018 Christina Hassan was chosen among 1 of 6 in the world for the United Nations People of Action Young Innovator Award from Rotary International. Christina shared her



## Recognition Pin:

Pat Hutchinson was introduced to the club by Ian Burgess in 1984 and currently holds the classification of "Retirement and Estate Planning". Serving as club president 2007-2008, Pat attained the all-time highest membership count of 95. He has introduced approximately 30 members to Rotary, half of which became Chinook Rotarians. A Paul Harris Fellow, Chair of the District Membership Committee for multiple years under District Governors Steve Allan, Al Bergsma and Bernie Carriere, as well as attending International Conferences in Calgary, Salt Lake City and Los Angeles have been some of his accomplishments. Pat has also attended numerous District Conferences, participated in curling, golf, parking, Nature Park, casinos, Seniors Christmas Lunches and co-ordinated club meetings at Challenger Park. Outside of Rotary, he served as a director on two community associations in the areas that he and Joan resided.



## Chase the Ace:

Rhea Graham won the day pot of \$57, and followed that up by picking the 4 of Hearts.



## Sargeant at Arms:

Ian Burgess laid the letter of the law upon John Charrett for political talk, Dick Snel as a welcome back gesture, Garth Plunkett for only curling on the team for half a year, and George Kimura for not identifying Jim Thompson's issues with his coronary artery.



## Good News / Bad News:

Dick Snell – happy to be back, Dave Wylie – overjoyed with damn near everything, Bev Tonkinson – Anthony will be out of hospital tomorrow, April 10.



Photos courtesy Stephen Pick

## Full Soul Project

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trip to Kenya with 5 other award winners who received recognition for projects such as: Clean Oceans, Build Houses in Guatemala, Build Outdoor Latrines, Starting a Rotaract Club in a Refugee Camp, and Helping Incarcerated Women Back into Society.

In addition to Christina's husband Hyder, both her mother and grandmother are active Rotarians. She began her young quest to support Rotary with one of her earliest thoughts that many young adults look up to Rotarian thinking, "You are everything we want to be one day".



## Maternal and Child Health Month

April 23rd	Matt Whitton, US Consular Section Chief, US Consulate
April 25th	Networking & Social Gathering @ Limerick's, 5:30 - 7pm — contact Rob Wolfson Guest Speaker Marvin Pawlivsky, Calgary West Club re DisCon 2019
April 30th	Dr Mukarran Zaidi, Chairman, Think for Actions Committee

## Youth Service Month

May 3rd	Fairview Mentoring at ROOTS 2 STEM
May 7th	John Hufnagel, GM, Grey Cup Champion Calgary Stampeders
May 10th	Fairview Mentoring at ROOTS 2 STEM
May 14th	Jeromy Farkas, Calgary City Councillor
May 21st	Abdulfatah Sabouni, Owner of Aleppo Soap, a Canadian success story
May 28th	Jim Riege, Senior Director, Cannabis Calgary Cooperative Society

## Rotary Fellowships Month

June 4th	Trish Lund, Manager Development and Communications, Alberta and BC Guide Dogs
June 11th	James Maxim, Vice President, Calgary Winston Churchill Society
June 18th	Joan Lee, CEO Vecova Centre for Disability Services and Research



# Meeting Minutes

April 16th, 2019

Scribe: Bruce Bohnet

### Visitors:

Garth Plunkett introduced our guest speaker Vickie Hill, and her two accomplices, Tor Ellergardt and Velik Ho Bay.

### Sunshine Report:

- Pat Hutchinson has undergone cancer surgery on his ear.
- Jim Thompson is improving steadily after his coronary artery surgery. He expects to be at the meetings in a few weeks.
- Terry Green is now catheter free, and has to take drugs to fight an infection.

### Minute Men:

- Peter Bickham has had to cancel the Cribbage Club wind-up slated for April 20.
- The Hockey Pool is reported by Rob Wolfson to have contributed \$265 for the club.
- The present Stanley Cup Pool is led by Peter Bickham.
- Rob also reminds us of the next Networking Night at Limericks on Thursday April 25.
- The Okotoks Dawgs baseball event is being organized by Paul Gaudet. He is reserving Thursday June 27 at 7:05pm for us to attend a game. Let Paul know ASAP so he can get tickets.
- Paul is also accepting orders for the Rotary light blue T shirts emblazoned with the Rotary wheel. The price of \$6 to \$8 makes them a very economical garment.
- Dan Doherty sent out a request to borrow our parking vests that we use at Spruce Meadows. He would like 30 of them to be used by his Sargent at Arms during the District Conference.

### Chase the Ace:

Tom Sorenson won the chance to pick the Ace of Diamonds ... he picked the Ace of Hearts instead.

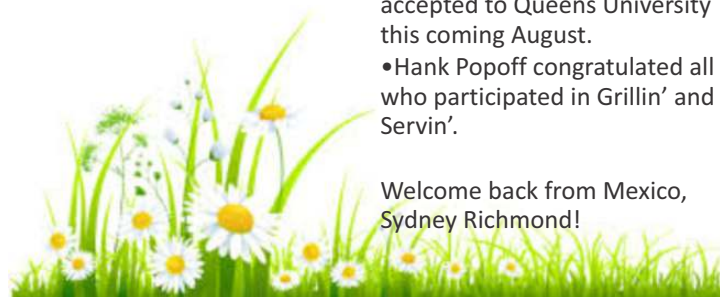
### Sargent at Arms:

Fines were levied to Hank Popoff for such a strong handshake, Garth Plunkett for mispronunciation of guests' names, and each member who voted in the election.



### Good/Bad News:

- Rob Wolfson proudly announced that his son Aiden had been accepted to Queens University this coming August.
- Hank Popoff congratulated all who participated in Grillin' and Servin'.



Welcome back from Mexico, Sydney Richmond!

## V.A. Hill Fine Strings Ltd .... cont'd from page 1

\$28,000. Another one of special note is a ¾ violin, circa late 1600 to early 1700, that was used in 1922 in the San Francisco Orchestra. This was a very sweet sounding instrument as was demonstrated by Tor Ellergardt. Calgary does indeed have violin makers such as P.M. Bell, Rob Hage and Ross Hill.

Some instruments are made from carbon fibre instead of the traditional wood. Yo Yo Mah is one person of note to own this new kind of cello. This new technology may be subject to freezing which is not allowed on wood instruments since they would be irreparably damaged. Some of the instruments on display were played by Tor Ellergardt and Velik Ho Bay, much to the pleasure of all in attendance.

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# "Days for Girls" Worker Bees April 13th

Photos courtesy Rick Istead



## Fairview Mentoring April 12th



## Community Service

Another great event was hosted by members and friends of our club at RMH. We served lunch to about 40 guests on Saturday, April 20th. Staff and guests expressed their appreciation for the work our club does at RMH. We hope to host one more lunch in June, and will be looking to invite members who may not have had opportunity to participate in this worthwhile area of Community Service!

Wayne Wiebe



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