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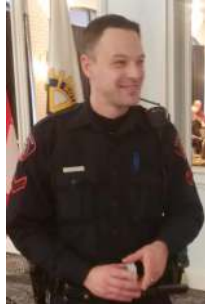
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"It's a Crime Not to Read"

Ellen Humphrey, President & CEO, Calgary Public Library Fdn

Ellen started her presentation by asking all who did not currently have a library card to raise their hand. She then had Constable Young go around and hand out a card to everyone. She asked these folks to simply go to their closest library and set up an account using their new card.



She advised that the Library Foundation raises money for all libraries to expand their reach. The Government provides sufficient funding to cover the basics ... the real estate, the books and the staff ... leaving the foundation to raise funds for their other initiatives.



She provided a little history, crediting Calgary's first library to Annie Davidson, a widowed mother of 10 who established Calgary's first book club. She wrote to Andrew Carnegie seeking funding for our first library, resulting in its construction and opening on January 2nd, 1912. Jumping to the present, our newest central library recently opened and had over 122,000 people visiting the site in the first four days. Ellen advises further that statistics show that 18,000 Calgarians visit one of Calgary's 20 libraries every day. Our libraries are popular with seniors, the young, new immigrants and young families. A new library is scheduled for opening on January 15th in Seton.

The new Central Library is 245,000 sq. ft., a multi level facility with lots of windows and natural light. It is a cornerstone of East Village and a catalyst for further development. It has been designed to be a public place so visitors will feel like they belong there. They believe that literacy begins with the very young and that libraries must be kid friendly. Libraries should get children ready for school as well as support their learning as they progress.

With regard to "It's a Crime Not to Read", it is a program which pairs police officers with kids in high needs areas at the grade three level. The officers read to the children, both at their schools or at the library, which builds a good relationship with the Schools and the Community. Approximately 1,600 kids have gone through the program during the past year. The initial idea, which led ultimately to the development of this program, actually came from the Rotary Club of Calgary East. There are currently 22 schools in Calgary participating in this program. Constable Young works through the Fish Creek Library and reads to children approximately 1.5 hours per month. The Calgary Board of Education selects the specific schools which participate based on which they believe would benefit the most. This program builds positive relationships with the Police Service as well as promoting reading as an important skill for childhood development.

The Calgary Public Library Foundation has a goal of raising \$350 million (\$75 million from private sources, of which \$42 million has been raised). Currently 3,300 volunteers provide service through the library system. Ellen wrapped up by thanking Rotarians for their support and for their hospitality.

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Our Greeter today was Ron May who provided a warm welcome to both members and guests.

President George started our meeting with a "Go Stamps" cheer (at 12:15) and then 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 Ron to introduce our visitors and guests. Today we had a total of 44 in attendance which included 2 guests and one visiting member, Steve McCauley (former member of Chinook) now from Thunder Bay. The two guests were Ellen Humphrey, President and CEO of the Calgary Library Foundation, and Constable Josh Young of the Calgary Police Service, both presenters at today's meeting.



Minute Men:

- Hank Popoff reminded everyone that today was the final day to sign up for next week's Club Christmas Party (Tuesday evening at Toscana Grill) and also the final day to pay for the event.



- Bart Dailley reminded everyone of our commitment to Operation Christmas Child, being held this year on Wednesday, December 5th, from 12:30 to 3pm, and asked all volunteers to show up 15 minutes early.

- Rob Wolfson reported that our Grey Cup Pool was a great success by raising \$980 for Polio Plus, also thanking Tammy, Garth, Will and Bill for selling multiple ticket envelopes. The big winner was Al Holt with Dale, Anne and Terry also winning lesser amounts. Tammy and John Charrett also won a draw for Paul Harris points.



George called on Pat Hutchinson for our Sunshine Report, and he reported that Dick Snell was having a difficult time with an infection in his back, experiencing significant pain and was not in a position to have any visitors at this time.

Bob Montgomery reported that he has heard from Diane McLean that Ed (long time Chinook Member now

residing in Winnipeg) has experienced a massive brain bleed. He survived the event and is now undergoing diagnostic and therapy treatment.



- Rob then introduced a survey regarding a future fundraising event. The Committee is seeking guidance from membership about how they should proceed:

- have a fun casino event supported only by our membership
- take on a partner to lighten our load, but give up a portion of the proceeds
- or, lastly, simply ask each member to donate a certain amount and forego the event altogether

Rob asks that members consider the survey and provide feedback prior to our next meeting on December 11th.

- Dale Perret advised everyone that Shelterbox was having a "Day of Giving" with all donations being matched, so it would be great if we could go on to their



Annual Holiday Party December 4th

A large group of Chinookers gathered at Toscana Grill to kick off our Christmas celebrations in a great fashion. The food was great, fellowship jovial and boisterous. We had the inaugural Christmas party raffle and \$700 was raised as member-donated bottles of wine, scotch, wood crafts by Angela, Flames and Stampede's jerseys were distributed to the lucky winners. While there was a light dusting of snow, it in no way compared to the 10 cm+ of last year, so a safer return home for all. Thanks to Tammy and MC Rob for all they did to make this a great event.



Our member Anne Dale is very active in support of the Days for Girls' Calgary Chapter. Days For Girls is a global movement that prepares and distributes sustainable menstrual health solutions to girls who would otherwise miss school during their monthly periods. The nonprofit organization was founded in 2008 by an American woman, Celeste Mergens.

*"Empowering women and girls worldwide through sustainable menstrual care and health education.
Join our movement to reach **Every Girl. Everywhere. Period.**"*

Anne has worked with them twice on missions to Africa, and most recently on a month-long trip to India and Nepal. The following photos are from that recent trip. Not only did she work with Days for Girls events, but she fit in some English teaching time as well. Anne also hosts sewing sessions at her shop to prepare kits.



DAYS FOR GIRLS

December 2018 Workdays

Friday, December 7 10-3
Saturday, December 8 10-3

Location: 148 - 8228 Macleod Trail SE at My Sewing Room

Note: No workdays in November!

All are welcome - sewists and non-sewists, we have jobs for you!

southeastcalgaryab@daysforgirls.org




Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 11th	Tom Keenan, U of C Professor — The Invasion of Privacy and Loss of Intimacy
December 15th	Rosebud Theatre Trip — “Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol” — bus departs Carriage House @10:15 am
December 25th	No meeting ... Merry Christmas !!!

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Vocational Service Month

January 1st	No meeting ... Happy New Year !!!
January 8th	Kelly Grams, New Project Developer, Sewing Seeds Canada
January 10th	Cribbage Club @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham
January 15th	Mark Stinson, Communications Director, Calgary Pickleball
January 22nd	Club Assembly



Fairview School Update

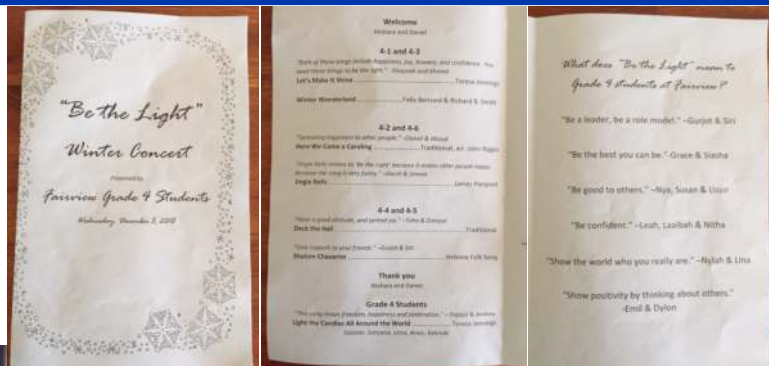
by Rhea Graham


A quick update on the Club's Education Partnership with Fairview School ...

The Grade 4 students held their “First Ever” Holiday concert and below are some photos of the event.

The Mentoring Program, done in partnership with Roots2STEM will be starting up in January 2019. Contact Rhea if you want to join our group of mentors. It is a fun activity to be involved in!

More info on this to follow in the New Year.





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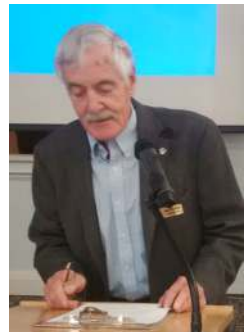
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website and make a donation.

- One of our newer members, Syed Ahmed, related how he makes an annual trip to his homeland of Pakistan each year to help the underprivileged who suffer from hearing loss. He collects used hearing aides (behind the ear or over the ear types only) in Canada, repairs them and distributes them in Pakistan. He asks that we all consider donating such equipment if possible by bringing it to our meeting prior to December 31st as he needs time to repair it and is planning his return to Pakistan in early January.



- Anthony Tonkinson started out by apologizing to everyone for asking Ron May to be the greeter today (Ron had done some of his usual adlibs).
- Anthony then reminded all about the upcoming (Saturday, December 15th) trip to the Rosebud Theatre. It will be a great day of fellowship and entertainment, and we are still seeking members to attend.
- Anthony then thanked all who have donated to this

month's efforts to raise money for the Rotary Foundation. Our District's fundraising goal for the month is \$100,000 and we are currently at \$80,000. He thanked Rhea Graham for becoming our latest sustaining member (agreeing to sign up for automatic monthly donations). A video was shown highlighting some of the good work done by the Rotary Foundation and we wrapped up with a "heads and tails" exercise to raise a few more dollars for the cause.



Paul announced that our Nomination Committee's slate of new Board members have been acclaimed (as no additional nominations have been received). Rob Wolfson will join the new Board as President Elect with Bob Gentles, George Van Schaick

and Michael Spears joining as Directors. Congratulations and thanks to these members who have agreed to step forward and provide leadership to our Club.



Ron May won the draw for our "Chase the Ace" raffle and subsequently picked the 2 of Clubs. He won the daily amount and the Ace Pot grows.



Joe Hooper was scheduled as Sergeant at Arms however as we were running late, he was asked to defer to a future date.

Bart introduced our speaker, Ellen Humphrey, President and CEO of the Calgary Public Library Foundation. She had previously held various positions within the Library system, including Manager of Human Resources, Manager of Customer Services and their Interim Chief Executive Office. She is here today to speak about Calgary's Library System and their "It's a Crime Not to Read" program. Joining Ellen is Cst. Josh Young, a Community Resource Officer for District 6 who has been volunteering in this program since 2014. He models a genuine love of reading and learning for the children he interacts with.

President George thanked our speaker by presenting her with our certificate noting a donation to help eradicate Polio in the world. He noted that there would not be a meeting next week as we will be celebrating our Christmas Party on Tuesday evening; cocktails at 6 and dinner at 7 pm. He then closed our meeting at 1:30pm and wished everyone a "good Rotary week".



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