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## Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre

Jutta Wittmeier, Executive Director



Bart introduced our speaker for July 31st:

"Jutta Wittmeier has served at the Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre in various capacities for well over twenty-five years. She began her involvement with the Centre as a volunteer and is currently the Executive Director. Jutta has a passion for training others in the areas of counselling and mentoring as she has seen the difference a caring, well-equipped, volunteer community can make in the lives of the vulnerable. She has a special interest in grief and trauma awareness and counselling



and a firm commitment to provide relevant, sensitive, and meaningful opportunities for healing. Jutta trains facilitators nationally and internationally. She has also co-authored a book on adoption called Affirming the Birthmother's Journey. Jutta loves learning, research and reading and admits to a serious book addiction."

The Centre is there to serve all women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. They provide information and education, as well

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## District 5360 Governor

Dan Doherty, Calgary West Club



Assistant District Governor Cheryl Naglis introduced District Governor Dan Doherty as our speaker for the meeting. Dan has been a member of Rotary for 35 years, all with the Calgary West Club. He has travelled to Africa with Rotary, and has been presented with the Service Above Self Award from Rotary International.



Dan asked us all to form a circle so that we could have a conversation about Rotary. He questioned us on "When did you become a Rotarian?" ... Not when you joined a Rotary club, but when did you accept Service Above Self as a way of living. Many gave their experience of attending their first Rotary International

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Don't know who the greeters were as I didn't see them. Connie was at her usual spot and doing her usual amazing job of checking us in for the session.

George Van led the singing after which we got down to eating. No broccolini today! What a pleasant change.



President George introduced the visitors and guests: Sandy Swan from Mazatlán, Ken Moraes from Calgary Downtown, and our speaker Jutta Wittmeier.



President George advised that Gwynneth Gourley has taken a leave, David Wartman has gone to the Calgary West Club, and Terry Craig has resigned.



Rob Wolfson handed out a pile of money to Wayne Wiebe for winning the British Open pool. Ted Wada tells me that Wayne is an exceptional golfer.



Hank read a thank-you letter from last week's client for the Grillin' and Servin' event which was carried out by the Club with much help from the Williams. The client was very pleased with our work and Hank thanked all members who assisted.



Dale Perret read a thank-you note from the recipient of our scholarship given to honour Ron Southern. Dale also advised that

Globalfest is taking place August 16-25 and she needs help with parking again this year. She will be sending an email to members.



Terry Green said that the baseball game in Okotoks went well even though the game



was very one-sided in favour of the home team.



Our song leader and photographer, George Van Schaick, won the 50-50 draw.

Tammy acted as Sargent-at-Arms. She extracted many a loonie from members who didn't know what was happening in our fair city, such as the number of goats being used to eat weeds along Memorial Drive, and Jarome's full name.

*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*



## Greeter Schedule



September 18	Bev Tonkinson, Jim Thompson
September 25	Bill Stemp, Jack Steen





We were greeted by Bruce Bohnet and Anthony Tonkinson as we filed into the Pillar Room on this very hot Tuesday. Anthony dressed for the heat in his short pants. Bev must have left home before Anthony or she would have had him dress more formerly for his responsible position of Greeter. After a time of fellowship President George got the meeting going with George Van Schaick leading us in the singing.



Bev Tonkinson announced the August birthdays and anniversaries: Joe Jogia, Tammy, Anthony and Neil Beatty had birthdays in the month. Spouses with birthdays included: Farkhanda Ahmed, May Jessie, Edith Montgomery, Joan Hutchinson, Bev's husband Anthony, and Lynda Heidinger, spouse of Garth Sabirsh. Wedding Anniversaries: Will Schmidt and Trudy Strand, Ron and Martha Hardie, Gerald and Pat Peatz, Janet and Keith Hansen, and Jack and Donna Leuw.



Bruce introduced our guest and visitors: DG Dan Doherty and his wife Marlene who are members of Calgary West, ADG Cheryl Naglis who is a member of Calgary North, Sandy Swan from Mazatlán Club, as well as Murray Flegel, Don Bacon and Bryan Tarsett from Calgary South.



Rhea read a note from two RYLA students thanking the Club for sending them to the meeting.

Rob Wolfson talked about his PGA Golf Pool with the event been played this coming week-end.



Dale Perret asked for help parking at

the August 16-25th Globalfest. Paul Gaudet helped Dale raffle-off two tickets to the event. Somebody won!



Jim Thompson guaranteed good weather for the meeting next week at our Nature Park.

Bev told us that a local radio station announced that Tammy was selected as the Hero-of-the-Month for her company's contributions towards disadvantaged children. Well done Tammy!!

The 50-50 draw was won by Don Bacon from the Calgary South Club.



Bob Gentles carried out the Sargent-At-Arms duties, stumping many of us with his tests of our knowledge of Canadian history. Our Bill of Rights was signed on August 4th, 1960.



*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*



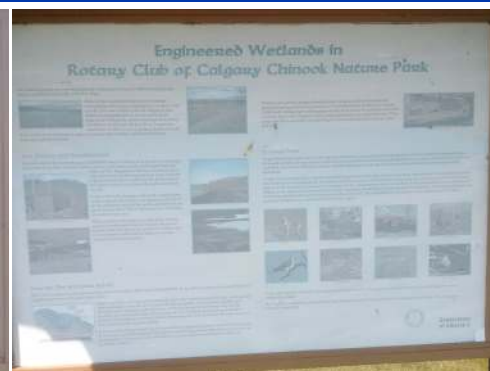
## Quotes

- Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
- Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
- The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50

chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

- It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone from California would be stupid enough to try to pass them.





## Did You Know?

by Jim Thompson

**Did You Know?** Many members know all about the Nature Park, its location, features, and the fact that it is truly a piece of the countryside, natural in nearly all aspects, right smack in an urban setting!

But, it is not without its difficulties and ongoing concerns in what the club will commit to for the enjoyment of future generations. It has been a dream of the club from inception, to have a footprint in the city of Calgary uniquely ours.

We planted trees in South Glenmore Park over several years, honouring members, RI governors, exchange students and others. The plaque commemorating that effort still remains on display, but no new trees in some time now. Have you visited this display? When was the last time you enjoyed a stroll along the City pathway there? We agonized over trying to have a permanent club house, with some historic value developed there, from a historic barn moved in from the country, to no avail. We thought it could tie into the nearby Heritage Park theme. The cost was prohibitive, outside donors few, and club enthusiasm a little soft.

A few more years passed, the Nature Park lands became available when our company, McKenzie Meadows Golf Club, which had the lease on it, decided it wasn't practical to build any golf facility on it due to the utility corridor, and a clause in our lease agreement stating we would have to vacate access if the corridor needed to be further developed. A wise move to decide not to develop, a wiser move still to suggest to the landlord what an ideal piece of land it would be, massaged from an abandoned gravel pit into a Natural Park in the name of Rotary! Bingo! they liked the idea, I approached the Club Board to look at the situation, before any other proposals came up. The cost would be minimal, we had a pledge from McKenzie Meadows to help with the grooming, I lined up sponsors for infrastructure features, and away we went. From 1998 through 2002, we gradually improved the land, planted 100s of native trees and bushes, had the shelters built and sponsored as to cost, and sat back and said what a great Footprint! We thought there was 40 acres, the Province declared the Park was right to the top of the escarpment, therefore in fact, it is closer to 100 acres.

The flood of 2013 did little damage to the park, but destroyed the entrance road so we were shut down for awhile. The real issue was the nearby storm sewer settlement system that was soon to give us some serious headaches.

More to follow in the next Arch issue .....





Greeters: Smilin' Past Prez Alex and Rob W.



Attendance: 45 members, and PP Alex introduced visiting Rotarian Brian Targett + David Bromwich, guest of Pat W

President George opened meeting right on the minute, with the National anthem and Rotary Grace, led by George VanS.



Following lunch, Minute Persons were:



- Dale P requested parking volunteers for Global Fest
- David I announced that he "had a vision" that members would volunteer to be scribes. (It's surprising and sad to your current scribe, that a club our size cannot get 12 members to do this job for one month each. I can attest that it is not difficult — pay attention to what happens at meetings, and 1 hour after, write it up.)



- Rob W announced that Paul Hussey won the PGA golf pool. Wayne W tied for second.
- Rob also advised that our September 4th meeting will be an assembly, to generate fund raising ideas to replace Spruce Meadows. All members are invited to contribute.



50/50 was won by our other Paul.



Sargeant at Arms Sydney challenged members with sports quizzes. Also, a far out question on the location of a cricket's ears. We all paid for that one. (Answer: rear of it's belly!)



*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*

## Speaker August 21st

## Mercy Ships

## Dr. Douglas Burns

Our speaker, Dr. Douglas Burns, was introduced by Bart D. Dr. Burns is a local optometrist at South Centre for 39 years. In addition to his practice, he provides vision care for the Stampers and Hitmen teams.



Dr. Burns spoke to us on his role as a volunteer with Mercy Ships. These are floating hospital

ships serving populations in under-developed countries. He has been on 13 missions in Central America and Africa.

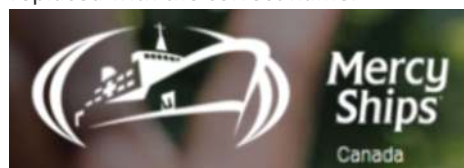
Medical procedures include: cataracts, cleft pallets, benign tumors, plastic surgery, orthopaedic surgery, female sterilization, and anaesthetist training.



He recounted a number of heart-warming stories, where sight has been restored with cataract removals. He noted an interesting comparison: in Alberta, there are 9,300 surgeries per million population, in Africa, there are 125.

The newest ship, Atlantic Mercy, is 147 metres long (over 1-1/2 football fields), and has 6 operating theatres. Medical volunteers pay their own costs of travel and living expenses. (A big thanks to George VanS and Albert for their persistence in getting the video working.)

Pres Geo presented a Polio Plus certificate to Dr. Burns, and promised that it would be replaced with the correct name.



[www.mercyships.ca](http://www.mercyships.ca)





Dean White and Wayne Wiebe welcomed us to the "Pillar Room".



George Van led us in the singing which was terrible but, as the PA system wasn't working, all one could hear were the sounds from the people close to oneself.



Lucky Tom Sorenson won the 50-50 draw. How many times is that Tom? It seems that you win every month!



President George read an invitation from the Lethbridge Club to attend a golf tournament on September 7th.

He also told us that the Nominating Committee is taking names of members who wish to be considered for District Governor in the 2021-22 Rotary year.

Rotary Curling will start on October 9th and anyone interested, who is not already on a team, should contact Paul Hussey who is the curling coordinator.

Sydney Richmond was the Sargent-at-Arms. She asked very tough questions and hopefully gathered some funds for the Club.

President George presented the Club's Outstanding Service Award to Herb Imler. Herb is a Charter Member (1977) and has served the Club faithfully for all of those years. He is still attends most meetings.

Rob Wolfson is running the NFL Losers' Pool again this year. Your entry must be in before the first game, which is next Thursday.



Rob reminded us that the meeting on September 4th will be devoted to brainstorming ways of raising funds for the Club. Bring your ideas with as much background information as you can gather.







Ted Wada gave all a warm welcome, on this rather cool day, as we entered the Windsor Room for the weekly meeting of this august group of men and women.



George Van led the singing and the sound system was working today.

Ted introduced Francis Akinuoye as a guest and Sandy Shaw, a visiting Rotarian, from Mazatlán.



Bev Tonkinson announced the birthdays and anniversaries:

Member Birthdays: Paul Gaudet, Ron May (absent), Rae Campbell, Wayne Wiebe, Alex Soutar, and Bill Stemp.

Spouse Birthdays: Anne Pick, Jim Gourley, Janet Popoff, Margaret McLean, and Muriel Wiebe.

Wedding Anniversaries: Fred and Mae Jessie 70 yrs, Harry and Verne Nazarchuk 57 yrs, Paul and Connie Hussey 58 yrs, Herb Imler and Madalene Kinley 13 yrs, Dave and Ruth Wylie 53 yrs, Pat and Joan Hutchinson 59 yrs, Alex and Nancy Soutar 50 yrs, and Bob and Edith Montgomery 59 yrs.



Pat Hutchinson offered condolences from all to Tammy on the passing of her mother.

Dale Perret suggested that we refer to the District's What's Up to become acquainted with the activities of Rotaract.



Hank invited all, especially newer members, to get involved in the Dinner Club. Contact him if you wish more information or want to participate.



President George presented the Club's Service Award to Jim Thompson for his many years of dedicated service to Rotary. Jim is a Charter Member and the caring father of our Nature Park, as well as funding seven Paul Harris Awards for himself and for family members.



Jim briefly gave an update on a visit that he arrange

d from a City representative to view the entire Nature Park so that the City will see the damage done to the Park by the flow of storm water into the ponds. He thinks that the

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City will now do some re-vegetation work on the damaged area. Let's hope so.

Bart won the 50-50 draw. He will now have enough funds to continue playing cribbage with Don McLean, Al Pettigrew and Peter Bickham.



Sargent-at-Arms George Van Schaick collected contributions from members who haven't paid their Club dues, are not in the NFL Losers Pool, who haven't invited a guest to a meeting, who have never been to a meeting at our Nature Park, and those not wearing a name tag.

Rob Wolfson, with help from Tammy and Rhea, conducted a brain-storming session on fund raising. The Board has put together a Committee to come up with recommendations on how we can replace the funds lost from the termination of our parking efforts at the Spruce Meadows events. The input from all members via this session would aid the Committee in their deliberations.



I have recorded some of the discussion but likely missed some of the thoughts that were offered. Tammy and Rhea did record most of the offerings, and will be taking them back to the Committee for further work.




I will give you what I was able to record:

- Tammy suggested that we could be looking at two different methods of raising funds. One where we stage a big event costing a limited number of participants a pricey amount (say \$100), or another way would be to involve a larger number of participants at a smaller cost (say \$20).
- Rob suggested a "Fun Casino".
- Joe Hooper, with help from Pat Hutchison, put forward the idea of offering other organisations help with running a real casino.
- Gary offered the staging of a Valentine Ball at charge of \$80 and a cost of \$40 for 300 people to generate \$12,00 in profit.
- Rob brought an idea from Dave Wylie of buying a Tesla car and selling raffle tickets.



- Bob Montgomery had the suggestion of offering to help the Calgary South Club sell Dream Home tickets for a part of their profits. Someone would need to contact the South Club.
- Anthony and Bev had the idea of staging a Christmas Market like done in Europe where merchants set up booths selling their wares, and another booth sells a type of drink as they do in Europe.
- They also suggested the Club print and sell Rotary Christmas cards.
- Jack Steen will talk to the Stampede Board to see if we could do something during Stampede.
- Paul Gaudet had information from Drumheller on carrying out a radio auction where items would be collected and sold by bidders calling in to the radio station.
- Bart wondered if a poker tournament or a road race would be possible.
- Jim Thompson thought that selling tickets to Rotarians on a trip to the RI convention in Hamburg would generate a good return.



**ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS**

A Member Benefits Program

## WHAT IS ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS?

Rotary Global Rewards is our member benefits program for Rotary and Rotaract club members, along with program alumni, that offers discounts on products and services. You can take advantage of these special offers, add your own, or choose offers that give back to Rotary.

You'll find discounts on everything from travel, dining, and entertainment to office supplies, insurance, car rentals, and more. Find special discount offers in your area and around the world.

### HOW DO I USE ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS?

It's easy. Just visit [rotary.org/globalrewards](https://rotary.org/globalrewards) to find discounts in your area. You can also download the free Rotary Global Rewards app on your smartphone or tablet from either the Apple App or Google Play stores. Are you planning a trip? Find travel discounts as well as special offers on local attractions, restaurants, and shopping at your destination.

### HOW CAN I ADD MY COMPANY'S OFFER?

Rotary and Rotaract members, as well as program alumni, can post special offers from their businesses by selecting the Create a New Offer tab on [rotary.org/globalrewards](https://rotary.org/globalrewards). It's a unique opportunity to network and promote your business while helping members do more for less.

Need help posting your offer?  
Find how-to guides on [rotary.org/globalrewards](https://rotary.org/globalrewards)  
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### HOW CAN I GIVE BACK TO ROTARY?

Rather than offering a discount, some companies give you a chance to donate a percentage of your purchase price to Rotary.

## DISCOVER UNIQUE EXPERIENCES AT [ROTARY.ORG/GLOBALREWARDS](https://rotary.org/globalrewards)

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## Promoting Employment for People with Development Disabilities

A collaboration of District 5370 and 5360 with Inclusions Alberta, a non profit, voluntary association of more than 40 organizations across Alberta representing the interests of children and adults with developmental disabilities, and their families for almost half a century.

- Approximately 80% of adults with developmental disabilities are unemployed and under-employed
- Family and individual dreams to have a career, make a contribution, earn an income and be valued community members are not being realized
- Rotary currently has assisted in just less than 500 hires with about 52 in Calgary
- Rotary Club members or someone in your personal network connects with Inclusion Alberta to discuss the possibility of employing a person with a developmental disability. Inclusion Alberta works with the employer to develop a potential job possibility and identifies potential employees
- Remember, this isn't about charity, this will become a real job
- Goal is to increase meaningful employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities by working with local businesses and the broader community
- The term developmental disability describes people with a disability who have difficulty learning and need assistance to carry out the practical and social activities of daily living. i.e. Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy or Autism
- Like anyone else, people with development disabilities have strengths and weaknesses, talents and abilities. These strengths may be beneficial to a workplace. There is someone in every community with skills looking to enhance a business. People with developmental disabilities can and want to work.
- You may think at first that there are no jobs at your workplace, or now that I am retired I cannot offer a job opportunity. Take a look around. Ask current/previous managers, past and present employers, co-workers, friends, where you shop, and services that you use, doctors/dentists, where you golf. If you are presently working, ask your employer to list the things that they need done and do not have time for, or can take away from more skilled employees. The possibilities are endless. If the employer cannot offer a full time job, no problem. Some people with developmental disabilities are looking for part time. This may be an opportunity for an employee to learn and master the skills for full time employment. Think job sharing, seasonal and summer employment as possibilities.
- Most of the time, other employees appreciate the work a person with a development disability performs. Many employees say that working alongside a person with a development disability has enhanced their teamwork and their workplace.
- REP Program has a job coach available to help the employer and staff. As the new employee learns the skills they need for the job, the job coach fades out of the picture. If the employee needs to learn new skills, a phone call is all that is needed. Whether it's two weeks, two months, two years or later, and even on an ongoing basis that support is there for the employer.
- Regarding liability, an employer is already providing a healthy and safe workplace and the business has Workers Compensation and general insurance coverage. Hiring someone with a development disability does not increase the employer's liability.
- REP promotes open and honest communication between employers and employees. If there is a medical condition or anything else that could affect health and safety on the job, an employer will know about it just as they would with any other employee.
- Wages: Employees with developmental disabilities earn minimum wage or above depending on the job and the employer's pay scales. Collective agreements can also accommodate employees.
- Many employers find it hard to find reliable, long term, entry-level employees. People with development disabilities are a labour source that is vastly under-utilized by most industries and businesses.

## World Polio Day

### World Polio Day reviews the bold steps taken to end polio

Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) have had to take bold action in the historic fight to eradicate polio. At Rotary's 6th annual World Polio Day event on 24 October in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, we'll highlight the monumental and innovative steps that are getting us closer to our goal. We'll also celebrate 30 years of achievements by the GPEI.

In 1988, when Rotary and its partners founded the GPEI, the paralyzing disease affected 350,000 children. Our collaboration with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and later the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, local health workers, and national governments has helped reduce the number to just 15 cases of wild poliovirus this year.

This year's event will be live-streamed from The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, known as the "birthplace of American medicine". It is one of the oldest professional medical organizations in the United States. Global health experts and celebrities will discuss our remarkable progress toward a polio-free world. Patience Asimwe, the protagonist of Rotary's upcoming virtual reality film "Two Drops of Patience" will introduce the movie. A sneak peek from Rotary's documentary "Drop to Zero" will also be featured. Jeffrey Kluger, senior editor for Time magazine, will discuss his experience traveling to Nigeria with Rotary to report on polio eradication. And we'll celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the GPEI.

World Polio Day is observed in late October to honour the birthday of Dr. Jonas Salk, who led the development of the first polio vaccine.





# Join Us

Thursday Oct 30, 2018

7:30 - 8:30 am

The Westin Calgary: 320 4 Ave SW, Calgary, AB

Please RSVP by Oct 23, 2018 to your Table Captain.

If attending on your own, RSVP to Saltanat Ashymova

403.717.0361, sashymova@inclusionalbarta.org

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Dear Friend,

On behalf of Inclusion Alberta, we would like to invite you to attend our annual Changing Lives, Changing Communities Fundraising Breakfast. By attending this event, you will have the opportunity to hear from families whose lives have been dramatically enhanced through the work of Inclusion Alberta. Your support helps us Change Lives and Change Communities.

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# Fundraising Breakfast

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October 30, 2018 | 7:30-8:30 am

The Westin Calgary: 320 4 Ave SW, Calgary, AB

Together, we can create a world of difference!

# Table Captain Kick-Off Luncheon

Wed, September 19, 2018  
11:45 am – 1 pm

Holiday Inn:

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We would like to invite you to join us for a luncheon at our Table Captain Kick-Off to show our appreciation for agreeing to be a Table Captain at our October fundraiser. We will use this opportunity to explain your very important role. Any information or materials you may need as a Table Captain will be provided to you at this event.

Please RSVP by September 17 to Saltanat Ashymova  
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## Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 11th Myron and Elaine Semkuley, MMC  
 September 18th Club Assembly  
 September 25th Terry Bullick, Editor/Publisher, Apple Magazine  
 September 27th Networking Night — @ Limericks, 5:30 - 7pm — contact Rob Wolfson  
 Guest speaker Dean White

## Economic and Community Development Month

October 2nd History of Canada from the very beginning  
 October 9th Gaye Watson Warthe, MRU Professor — Dating Violence  
 October 16th Kelly Hrudey, HNIC Analyst  
 October 25th Networking Night — @ Limericks, 5:30 - 7pm — contact Rob Wolfson

## Rotary Foundation Month

November 20th Tom Higgins, former CFL Head Coach In Calgary, Edmonton and Montreal  
 November 22nd Networking Night — @ Limericks, 5:30 - 7pm — contact Rob Wolfson  
 Friends of Chinook Rotary Information Night



## Speaker August 28th

### College of Physicians and Surgeons Kate Wood, President



Bart gave the introduction of our speaker Kate Wood who is President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA). She is a retired lawyer who graduated from the U of C, and practiced family law for several decades. She has a Queen Council's designation, and is a member of the U of C's Senate.

Community service has been a part of her life having served on several boards, as well as President of the Canadian Red Cross Society. She started on the board as a public member of the CPSA in 2012, and is now its President.

The CPSA sets technical standards for its members as well as for laboratories that perform medical tests. They review applications for registration, evaluating their qualifications, and if they meet their standard, they are given a licence to practice medicine in the areas in which they are qualified. They review members' conduct in their practices, reacting to complaints from the public, applying discipline when warranted. The CPSA is not involved in setting compensation from the Health Care System. The Alberta Medical Association represents the practitioners to the Government in that area.



If you feel that you have been mistreated in any way by the medical profession, you should contact the CPSA.

President George thanked the speaker.

## Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre .... cont'd from page 1

able to discuss options available to the woman in the areas of adoption, parenting and abortion.

The Centre has a facility in Strathmore and are looking at putting one in Airdrie. Most of their funding comes from donations, staging event such as The Baby Bottle Campaign, and some from the United Way.

More information is available on their web site at [www.pregcare.com](http://www.pregcare.com)

President George thanked Jutta in the usual manner.



## Networking Nights

Join fellow Chinook Members and Friends of Chinook Rotary at our Networking Nights.

4th Thursday evening of each month  
 Limericks Traditional Public House  
 7304 Macleod Trail, Calgary



No need to be in business ... come out and enjoy the fellowship and hear fellow members or guest speakers talk about their industry trends. Discover what members are involved in — you might be surprised! Perhaps take advantage of this opportunity to find that great service provider you've been looking for!





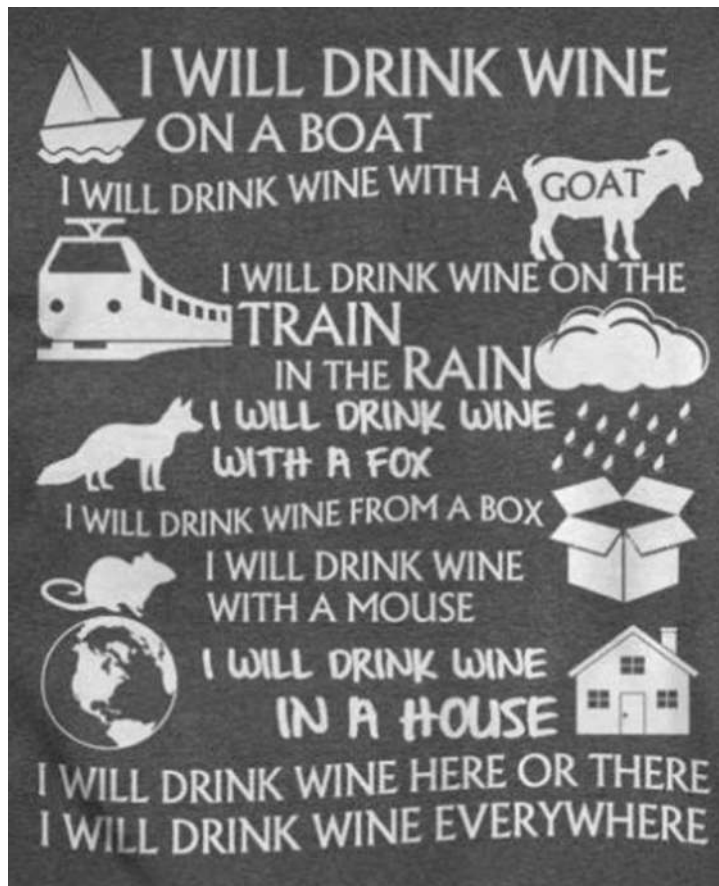
Convention as a attitude changing experience. My first RI Convention back in the 80s helped me better understand the meaning of "International" in RI.

Dan alerted us to the issues facing us in the District. Our total membership is decreasing, and many new members are not staying as members. A study of 2,000 former members who joined for a short time said they left for three main reasons:

- #1 Our culture is broken. We are an old clique male dominated group who are not respectful of new ideas and of people with passion for the changes needed. We reject new ideas for many reasons such as no money. We must find a way to make the right thing happen.
- #2 The cost of been a member. I feel that we in the Calgary Chinook Club are lucky in regard to the fees we pay and the cost of meals. A club like Calgary Downtown where the lunch cost is \$40 - \$45 and the dues are \$500 or so, is another story.
- #3 We have become disconnected from our own local community. We need more hands-on projects.

The survey revealed that 1/3 of the former members want to come back to Rotary if we make some changes. He emphasized that membership is not just the Membership Committee's job but the job of each and everyone of us.

Dan said that the District Convention will be May 3-5, 2019 at the Olds College. It will involve the participation of many of our youth and accommodations for delegates and guests will be available at the College.



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