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Bread Beyond Borders Wilner Pagaling, Founder



Bart introduced our speaker, Wilner Pagaling, who visited us today to tell us about "Bread Beyond Borders". Wilner's wife, Leonora Pagaling, also attended to assist in the presentation. We should also note that they are both members of the Rotary Club of Calgary Millennium.

They were both born and raised in the Philippines, with an upbringing of extreme poverty. However their parents always pushed them to rise above their poverty and to pursue education and a better life for their future families. Leonora came to Canada in 1985 and Walter joined her in 1991.

While very happy to be in Canada, they never forgot where they came from, and therefore decided to establish a non-profit charity to help provide non perishable food products and clothing to the malnourished children of the Philippines. Thus "Bread Beyond Borders" was born.



Bread Beyond Borders is a charitable program that has been feeding children in a number of locations in the Philippines since 2005. The feeding program started with 300 malnourished children and over time has grown. The program now has 26 feeding locations in numerous provinces, and feeds over 2,000 children. They basically accept food/clothing/funds from local donors, and then pack containers which are shipped by sea to the Philippines, and subsequently distributed to those in need.



President Paul thanked our speaker by presenting Walter with our certificate noting a donation to help eradicate Polio in the world.

BREAD BEYOND BORDERS



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Our greeter today was Dale Perret who provided a warm welcome to both members and guests.



President Paul started our meeting at 12:15. He introduced "O Canada" with Ruth Wylie on the piano. This is the first week of our month-long trial period during which we will be trying two meetings without "Grace", and then two weeks reciting the "4 Way Test". We will have a membership vote on how to proceed in the future at the end of the trial.

Paul noted that we didn't have a scribe on hand (he suggested that he would put some notes together for the ARCH, and Alina volunteered to be our photographer for the day). He then called on Dale to introduce our visitors and guests.

Paul's Announcements covered two points:

- firstly, he told us about why he was wearing a large bandage over his nose ... no, Beti didn't whack him, and no, he wasn't wearing a viral mask in the wrong place ... in fact he had Basil cell removal surgery recently and is still healing.
- secondly, Paul congratulated Dean White for the excellent article on "Roots 2 STEM" which has been published in March's edition of "Business in Calgary" magazine. The 3 page article's byline is "Producing Tomorrow's Leaders Today". It's great to see our members get such well earned recognition.

Rotary "Minutes":

- Rob Wolfson presented a hockey pool prize of \$20 to Paul G.

Then he reminded everyone to attend our upcoming "Membership Mingler" being held on Thursday, March 19th at 5:30pm to 7:00pm at the Carriage House. We have some great speakers lined up and encourage everyone to consider, if possible, bringing a guest who might be a membership candidate.

- Alina told us about an upcoming financial seminar being hosted by the CIBC that is designed to encourage women to



develop financial skills, and to provide a forum to answer any questions or concerns they may have in this area. She invited anyone interested in attending to contact her at alinaoprea@live.ca

- Rhea told us about the importance of linking up with Rotaract, which has reached an amazing size worldwide ...



1,223 Rotaract Clubs, with 172,030 members in 179 countries. We will be inviting some of their local Rotaract members to join us for our Membership Mingler.

She also highlighted that our meeting next week will be presenting the excellent work of our two Interact Clubs (through the guidance provided by Ron May). Please try to join us for this important meeting.



- Bob Montgomery told us about our next Community Service event "Brown Bagging 4 Calgary Kids" which is scheduled for March 23rd at 433 Macleod Trail, from 1:00 to 3:30pm. It involves making sandwiches for distribution to children in need within our community. This is a wonderful activity which provides important nourishment for our children, allowing them to enjoy and learn within their school environment. We encourage our members to consider getting involved in this project. This is why many of us

joined Rotary. We need a minimum of 10 volunteers and currently have 8 signed up. Please email Bob at rotarymonty@shaw.ca if you can help.

Pat H provided our **Sunshine Report** — David Irving is still in the hospital and our best wishes go out to him. We look forward to seeing him back at our meetings.

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Greeter Schedule			
March 10th	Francis A, Neil C	March 31st	Garth S, Michael S
March 17th	Alex S, George V	April 7th	Moe T, Paul H
March 24th	Peter B, Ron M		

Water and Sanitation Month

March 10th Rhea Graham, Ron May — Interact Program
 March 12th Cribbage @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham
 March 17th No meeting — Membership Mingler in lieu
 March 19th Membership Mingler, 5:30-7pm, Carriage House
 Introduce someone to Rotary!
 Members & spouses \$20/pp (prospective members free)
 Guest speakers: Francis Akkinouye, Manon Mitchell and Mary Turner
 March 24th Breanna MacSephney, Intake Coordinator, Calgary Meals on Wheels
 March 26th Networking Night @ Limericks Pub, 5:30-7pm — contact Rob Wolfson
 Cribbage @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham
 March 31st Julia Reimer, Co-owner, Firebrand Glass Studio

Maternal and Child Health Month

April 7th Ben Sargent, Project Manager, United Way — Calgary HUBS Project
 April 9th Cribbage @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham
 April 14th Club Assembly
 April 21st Rhea Graham — Youth Appreciation Evening
 April 23rd Cribbage @ Horton Road Legion — contact Peter Bickham
 April 28th Dan Doherty — Homes for Mexico, Mission Trip Report

Youth Service Month

May 5th John Hufnagel, Prez/GM, Stampeders
 May 12th Jeremy Farkas, City Councillor, Ward 11



Meeting Minutes

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Recognition of Outstanding Service:

Paul continued with the initiative of PP George by recognizing our long term and active member, Ted Wada, for his significant contribution to our Club. Ted was sponsored into Chinook by Harry N in 1996. He was very active at Spruce Meadows, participated in almost all of our Community Service activities and is a proud member of the "Stickers" curling team. He has been on our Board, heading up both Community Service and Club Service. Ted also is active as a founding member and Chair of the Japanese Community Association. He is a member who is always willing to lend a hand whenever needed.



Our "Chase the Ace" draw winner was Bev Tonkinson who won \$45 on the daily draw, and failed to select the Ace of Spades, so didn't win the larger pot, which is now \$298.



Bob Montgomery was ready to conduct our **Sgt at Arms** program however we had run out of time and had to move on to our guest speaker's presentation. We did request any **good news/bad news**, and got some from Hank (anniversary of when he joined Chinook), Jim T (son taking RYLA years ago), and Dick Snel.

After our speaker's presentation, President Paul closed our meeting at 1:30pm. He thanked everyone for attending and wished them all a great Rotary week.

Photos courtesy Alina Oprea



Bev presented our **Birthday and Anniversary Report** for the month of March. Birthday best wishes to Graham Boone, Stephen Pick, Garth Plunkett, Faye Green, Josie Hennessy, Margaret Langereis and Judy Thompson. Happy Anniversary to David and Margaret Irving who celebrated their 51st on March 1st.

While at the podium, Bev shared an email from Pat and Sally Wierzbza who report that they are getting settled in the U.K. and have found a small Rotary Club close to their home which they are both planning to join. We wish them well.



Creating Icoshedrons at Roots 2 STEM February 28th

An icosahedron is a regular polyhedron that has 20 faces.



Membership Meeting

Thursday March 19th from 5:30-7pm at the Carriage House

Do you have some in your personal network that you have thought would make a great Rotarian?? Maybe your neighbour, your son or daughter, your friend, your barber, your coffee buddy...the list goes on.

Speakers: 'The Rookie', 'The Veteran', and 'The DG Elect'

An Evening at Yuk Yuks

We had 10 members from Chinook out on Thursday Feb 27th to support Calgary East club at their annual fund raiser at Yuk Yuks.



March Networking Meeting

Please join us Thursday March 26th from 5:30 - 7:00(ish) at Limericks Pub for our February Rotary networking meeting.

As always, all guests are welcome to share a business or Rotary update. Please bring any potential new members or business contacts, as you do not need to be a member to attend. This is a great way to introduce guests to other Rotarians and tip a pint, and encourage them to come to a regular meeting or make a business connection.

I am excited to announce our guest speaker is AG Manon Mitchell from Rotary Club of Calgary. She will be introducing us to Palladio Music and the Rotarian Connection! Palladio Music is a duet team who perform throughout Calgary for a variety of functions. Discover the best kept musical secret behind Palladio Music, The Calgary Civic Symphony.

If we have at least 15 in attendance, Manon will perform on her violin for us!!



Please let me know if you can make it and if you have any guests to bring.

Rob Wolfson

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This article about Roots2STEM appeared in the March issue of "Business in Calgary". The 2 youth on the right are from our Fairview Mentoring program, who will be joining Interact when they start attending Henry Wise Wood in September. The Next Generation Rotarians are progressing thru Chinook Club.

Yours in Rotary Spirit, Rhea



Dean White, CEO and founder of Roots 2 STEM. Photo by Riverwood Photography.



ROOTS 2 STEM

Producing Tomorrow's Leaders Today

by Renny Graats

There is no greater investment than our youth, and Roots 2 STEM is empowering the next generation of engineers and scientists as they explore, problem solve and create with hands-on projects that inspire them.

"This is the future of Calgary. We need to build a community for those future global engineers, scientists and technologists," says Dean White, CEO and founder of Roots 2 STEM.

White knows the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education. After decades of engineering projects around the world, the lifelong telecommunications engineer was ready to do something different and to give back to his community. He and his wife, Eva, established the Engineering Academy that mirrors White's passion for science and engineering and supports the need for hands-on STEM programs in the community.

The not-for-profit organization launched its flagship Junior Engineers program five years ago, offering students access to state-of-the-art equipment that facilitates projects limited only by the imagination. All the while it gives them

a sense of community and a place to belong. Volunteer mentors help students bring their vision to life using the 3D design printer, laser cutters, milling machines, robotics equipment, gaming platforms, metalwork machinery and other high-tech tools in the 4,000-square-foot laboratory.

"There is nothing they can't do. They can build anything they want here, as long as it doesn't go bang," quips White.

Roots 2 STEM offers school field trips and in-class sessions to explore STEM-centric curriculum, after-school programs for kids and a place to host birthday parties. It also offers incredible one-week summer camps covering everything from computer coding to robotics, electronics to architectural design. In addition, the organization hosts the Calgary Engineering Expo which allows students to showcase their projects and vie for prizes.

White is excited to grow his Aerospace Academy that opened in September, teaching participants about robotics, flight training, rocketry and engineering while launching rockets, simulating rover and drone missions and running off-world scientific experiments. The 10-month program



can be capped off with the summer SPACE Camp, where budding astronauts can train and learn about everything extraterrestrial.

Roots 2 STEM merges the creative with the scientific while it instills the engineering design process of identifying a problem and researching and testing different solutions to solve it. "This critical thinking and active problem solving is imperative for the future and something lacking in today's schools."

"With STEM education we help schools by providing extra curriculum with hands-on projects that focus on the engineering and technology," White says.

Unfortunately Roots 2 STEM doesn't have adequate budgets to run and expand its programs. A combination of private school contracts, user fees for programs and a personal infusion by the White family keeps the lights on but the organization is aggressively pursuing grants and sponsorship

to grow the academy and become accredited. Securing more corporate sponsorship would allow White to purchase more equipment, move into a larger space to accommodate more students, and ultimately promote STEM education in Calgary.

"Only \$2,800 a year, or \$240 a month, sponsors someone in the program," says Mitchell Rawlin, director of fundraising. It's advertising and promotion for a company and it helps us run the nonprofit's programs."

As word spreads about what Roots 2 STEM is all about (through events like the Engineering Expo, ESFs, Science Fair and the popularity of its own programs and camps), White hopes more corporations will step forward with sponsorship funding to help foster STEM education in the city. Dean White welcomes corporations to come down for a tour, meet the kids who are impacted every day by these programs and through nominal sponsorship, support the future today.



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