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## ROBBIE BURNS DAY

John McBean, MC

John McBean arranged for some Scottish guests to help with the ceremony – Dayle West our Piper, Ron Pratt our story teller and song bird, plus Jim Osborne for the toast to the Haggis.

To start the meeting, we had to pipe in the Haggis. The procession was led by Hank Popoff, followed by Jack Steen carrying the Haggis, our piper, and bringing up the rear was Jim Osborne.

After the Haggis was marched by all the members it came to the front, and Jim Osborne did



the toast to the Haggis, and he asked for all the members to rise and drink a toast to the Haggis. The hotel had provided each member of the club (who wished) with a wee drop of Scottish to toast the Haggis. After the toast, the Haggis retired to the hotel kitchen to be placed in bowls so that a bowl could be placed on each table for all to enjoy.

Our Chairman for the event was John McBean who asked Ron Pratt to led us in the Scottish song of "The Flower of Scotland" (song sheets provided) followed by our National anthem. Ian Burgess led us in Grace which of course was a Robbie Burns prayer! Our dinner was roast beef and Haggis and some other stuff.



Ron Pratt was the guest speaker telling of the life of Robbie Burns. He started off with a couple of Scottish jokes-which I would repeat but I'm not sure that they should be put in print?

Robbie Burns was born on January 25th 1759 to a poor Scottish family at a time of poor food, injustice and a class system. His Father and Mother believed that

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## Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook

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# Meeting Minutes



January 22nd, 2013

Scribe: Gord Billings

To start the day, a few of our members dressed in the Scottish Kilts – John McBean our MC for the day, plus Hank Popoff and Jack Steen. Honourable mention was Ed McLean for his Scottish vest!

Following the luncheon, President Dave returned and asked Jeff Evans to introduce the guests with Betty French on the piano.

## Sunshine Committee:

Harry Nazarchuk reported that Father Gregg still had his sense of humour, but he was frail. Lyle Davidson is in good spirits and doing okay!

## Minute Men:

- Stephen Pick spoke about the District Rotary Convention in Lethbridge on May 3rd to 5th. You can still get tickets. If you could not go for the whole weekend, you can buy tickets for any day and pay accordingly. There are a number of good speakers who have presentations along the theme of the convention of "Peace, Passion & Partnerships". If you are interested, see the ad elsewhere in this issue.

- Norm Moro reminded us of Cribbage on this Thursday at the Horton Road Legion – if you wish come early for supper. 5:30 for supper, 6:30 for Cribbage.

- Hank Popoff reminded us of the Distinguished Rotarian of the Year Award. He is looking for candidates. He gave us a point sheet so we could recognize a candidate. If you have someone in mind, contact Hank.

- President Dave advised that the Board has decided (based on the show of hands of the Members) that the Club will go ahead with the Rotary Friendship Exchange. Dale Perret is heading it up so if you can host a family, please let her know.

- President Dave also confirmed that the "Fireside" is on for this Thursday (January 24th) at the Tonkinson home. This is aimed at new members mixing with present members to get a feel for Rotary.

- The Calgary West Club is again selling its Strawberry Short Cakes. If you wish to order please contact President Dave for the phone number, or check last week's Arch.

50/50 was won by Bill Stemp.

President Dave said that there was no time for Sergeant at Arms, but he held the Good news Bad news part. President Dave said he will be away next week on a trip to Beijing, China –he didn't know if that was Good News or Bad News considering the Smog! Terry Green will be conducting the meeting next week.

Bob Montgomery introduced Glad Bury the widow of Rotary's long time member Chuck – we're happy to see Glad – and she's Scottish!

## ROBBIE BURNS DAY .... cont'd from page 1

Robbie would become famous some day! Robbie Burns had a short life of only 37 years. Ron Pratt made several quotes from Robbie Burns, in the Scottish accent, so this poor scribe had no idea what he said – but it was good I'm sure! Ron Pratt then proposed a toast to Robbie Burns.

Back to John McBean who introduced Hank Popoff to propose a toast to the Lassies in Robbie Burns life. As noted by Hank, Robbie Burns liked the Lassies – he had about 13 children from a least 5 women. Hank read from Scottish folklore and ended by proposing a toast to the Lassies at the meeting – all the men rose and tipped a glass to the ladies.



As is tradition the Lassies response – the spokesperson was Tammy Truman who gave a presentation commenting about men and proposing a toast to the men at the meeting – all the women rose and tipped a glass.

Jim Osborne spoke further of Robbie's life in Scottish prose, and of his many loves.

Ron Pratt again joined us and sang several Scottish songs, some with music and some without, and he ended with "My Bonnie lies Over the Ocean" which we all joined in to sing this old familiar song.

John McBean rejoined the meeting, and closed the meeting with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne". Thanks John for a job well done!

*Photos courtesy of John Beatty*

## Greeters

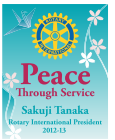
January 29th Pat Hutchinson and Harold Hanna

February 5th Gerald Langereis and George Kimura

If you are unable to GREET on your assigned day, please contact Barry Korpatsnisky so he can get a replacement ... 403-278-8982



# Upcoming Events



## Rotary Awareness Month

January 29th

Classification Talks

## World Understanding Month

February 5th

February 12th

February 19th

February 26th

Jim Button, Co-Founder, Village Brewery

Classification Talks

Myrna Dubé, CEO, Parks Foundation Calgary and

Jenna Findlater, Project Manager — Calgary Greenway Project

Bill Dunn, Foothills Historian

## Literacy Month

March 5th

Ed Lukowich, former Brier Champ

## Magazine Month

April 29th - 30th

Casino @ 'Calgary Casino' — contact Joe Hooper for info

## Promote RI Convention Month

May 3rd to 5th

District 5360 Conference 2013 "Peace, Passion & Partnerships" in Lethbridge

## Rotary Fellowship Month

June 23rd to 26th

Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal



## Rotary Foundation - Donation Status Report

Our Polio Plus target is \$2,000 and we have raised a whopping \$3,810 or 190% of our goal. With the year's match by the Canadian Government and the Gates Foundation, the club has raised \$11,430 in support of polio eradication!

Our Annual Programs Fund target was \$13,500 and we had reached \$9,020 or 66% of our goal. (Note by mid January this had risen to \$10,175 fully 75% of target!)

The total giving so far is \$12,830, and we still have 6 months to go.

The club also had a target to get one benefactor (\$1,000 or more to the permanent fund) and one member to join the

bequest society (\$10,000 or more in your will). We are hopeful that this will be achieved before year end.

Another wonderful event has been that we have doubled the number of members giving monthly, and that translates into more certainty for the Foundation. Remember the Foundation accepts monthly contributions of as little as \$10. For those who love a Timmy's, that's less than three large ones.

My thanks to all who have given. This is a great result for the club and the Rotary Foundation. Remember 50% of all gifts to the Foundation come back for use in district grants so we can really get some major matching for our World Community Service projects.

If you can see it in your heart to give to the Foundation, please see Jeff Evans or I when you wish to use a cheque or credit card. Otherwise go to [www.trfcanda.org](http://www.trfcanda.org) or [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) for secure online giving. If you do it online, do drop Jeff or I an email so we can organize the club match.

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## Knees, Knees, Knees ...



*Whose knees be these ! ??*

## Cribbage Club

Horton Road Legion

9202 Horton Road SW

(close to the bar)

Arrive anytime after 5:30 to enjoy food, drink(s) and most of all, fellowship.



**Start play:** Tables of four to be ready to start play at 6:30 sharp.

**Membership:** New members are welcome. Lifetime Membership is \$3.00

**Thursdays**

February 14th

February 28th

March 14th

March 28th — final game for the Lew Reid Memorial Trophy and possible Cash Tournament, if there's enough interest.

Questions, contact Norm Moro at [nlmoro@shaw.ca](mailto:nlmoro@shaw.ca)





# THIS AND THAT

## Shelter Box - Current and Recent Deployments



### Lebanon – Syrian Refugees

Already 190,000 Syrian people have registered in Lebanon as refugees although it is believed that the figure is more than 300,000. In addition to our support in Kurdistan, ShelterBox is offering a practical winter response to the Lebanese government's call for international help with its growing Syrian refugee crisis. Read more at: [www.shelterboxcanada.org/news\\_global.php?id=1087](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/news_global.php?id=1087)



### Australia, Tasmania – Bushfires

Bushfires have swept across Tasmania, SRTs and Rotarians are working with local Government and Tasmania's State Emergency Service to assess the need, and assist the 150 households who have lost everything. "Residents had no time to flee as the fire came over the hills and swept through the town in under four minutes", said Dunally's Mayor Kerry Vincent, also a Rotarian. Read more at: [www.shelterboxcanada.org/news\\_global.php?id=1086](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/news_global.php?id=1086)



### Philippines – Typhoon

ShelterBox continues to work with various partners to bring emergency shelter to families made homeless by recent Typhoon Bopha, which hit early December. Read more at: [www.shelterboxcanada.org/news\\_global.php?id=1088](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/news_global.php?id=1088)



### Nigeria – Flooding

Nigeria has suffered from devastating flooding caused by excess rainfall, which resulted in the over flooding of Rivers Benue and Niger and their tributaries all the way to the states of Southern Nigeria. ShelterBox Response Teams have been working with key partners to distribute emergency shelter to those in need. More distributions continue as there is still a huge need, particularly in River State where much of it is below sea level. ShelterBox has now distributed 794 boxes and 576 tents.

For a full update of our deployments, visit the deployment page at: [www.shelterboxcanada.org/deployments.php](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/deployments.php)

by Dale Perret



### Two Welsh Girls in a Pub ...

I was in a pub on Saturday night. Had a few. I noticed two large girls by the bar. They both had strong accents so I said: "Hi, are you two girls from Scotland?"

One of them chirped: "It's WALES you friggin' idiot!"

So I immediately apologized and said: "Sorry, are you two whales from Scotland?"

That's when the lights went out !!!!

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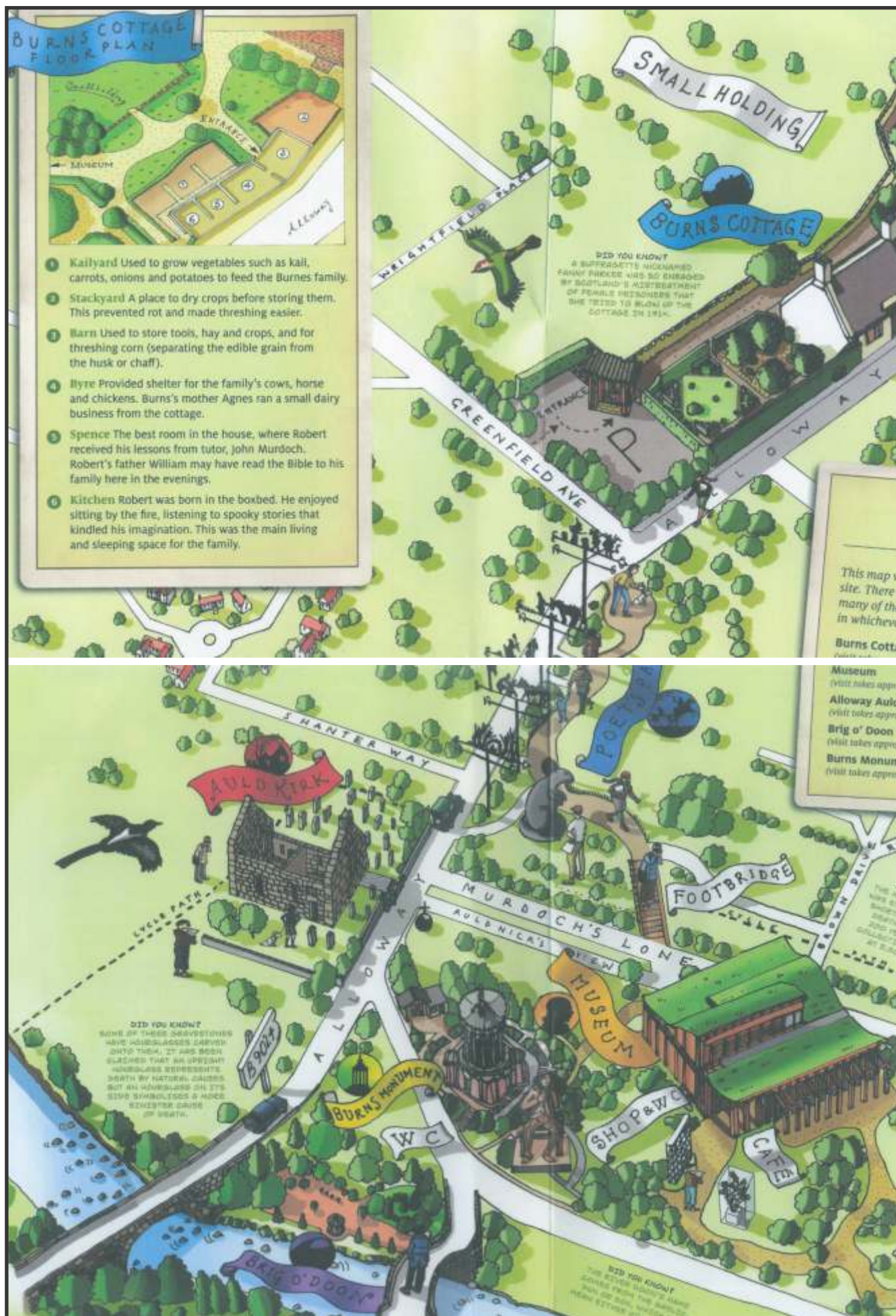
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# Robbie Burns Museum Brochure

Submitted by Gord Billings



**ROBERT BURNS BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM**

**REMEMBERING BURNS: BURNS MONUMENT**

This monument was designed to allow visitors to enjoy views of the landscape that Burns loved and made famous through his writing. Both Burns and the monument's architect were Freemasons and the monument is filled with Masonic symbolism, such as the number 3, which inspired much of the design.

**THE MYSTICAL MASONIC TRAIL**

Are you able to unlock the secrets hidden within the monument? Find and follow Burns's Masonic trail.

← X → to answer these questions:

Q1 - When was the monument built? (CLUE: seek a model answer to this question)

Q2 - Where was Burns's first book of poems published? (CLUE: you are surrounded by the source of the answer)

Q3 - Where did Burns go to seek the bright lights of fame? Find the mark and solve the anagram underneath. (CLUE: to seek the dizzy heights of fame, first you have to climb)

**'THE AULD CLAY BIGGIN' BURNS COTTAGE**

Robert Burns was born in this cottage on 25 January 1759. He spent the first seven years of his life here. During this time many seeds of inspiration were planted that shaped him both as a man and a poet.

Built by Robert's father, William, the cottage has four rooms - the barn, the byre, the spence (parlour) and the kitchen.

**DON'T MISS!**

- The bird's-eye view of the cottage in the barn and sounds from the past in the byre, spence and kitchen.
- Scots words written on the walls - Burns wrote and spoke using both Scots and English.

For more information on the cottage please see the map in the centre of the guide.



**SCULPTING BURNS: POET'S PATH**

The Poet's Path links the two main areas of the site. Walk along the path and view sculptures of all shapes and sizes that celebrate the world of Burns's imagination.

**DON'T MISS!**

- Kenny Hunter's muckle, brazen beastie!
- The weathervane scenes telling the tale of Tam o' Shanter.
- Stone overslabs by Glasgow designers Timorous Beasties.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

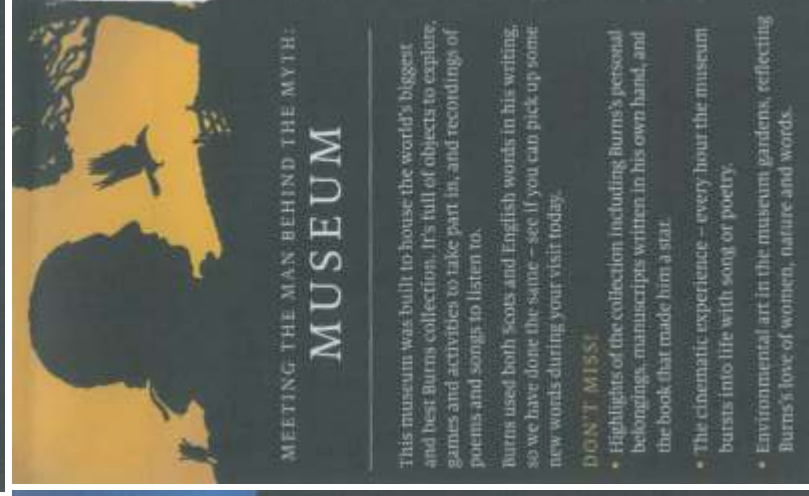
Kenny Hunter's monumental sculpture is based on a real mouse that was caught by his cat one day as he was looking for inspiration for this statue.

**'WHERE/GHAISTS & HOULETS NIGHTLY CRY' ALLOWAY AULD KIRK**

In Burns's poem *Tam o' Shanter*, Tam peers through the windows of this creepy, ruined kirk one dark and stormy night, and sees a gaggle of witches dancing to a tune played on the bagpipes by the Devil. Tam foolishly disturbs the witches and has to flee for his life.

**DON'T MISS!**

- Peeping through the windows of the kirk, but be careful, you never know what may be lurking within!
- The grave of William, Robert Burns's father, (opposite the entrance). Robert composed the epitaph on the back of the headstone.
- Exploring the graveyard. What is the oldest headstone you can find?



**MEETING THE MAN BEHIND THE MYTH: MUSEUM**

This museum was built to house the world's biggest and best Burns collection. It's full of objects to explore, games and activities to take part in, and recordings of poems and songs to listen to.

Burns used both Scots and English words in his writing, so we have done the same - see if you can pick up some new words during your visit today.

**DON'T MISS!**

- Highlights of the collection including Burns's personal belongings, manuscripts written in his own hand, and the book that made him a star.
- The cinematic experience - every hour the museum bursts into life with song or poetry.
- Environmental art in the museum gardens, reflecting Burns's love of women, nature and words.

**THE GREAT ESCAPE: BRIG O' DOON**

Having disturbed the eerie gathering of witches in nearby Alloway Auld Kirk, Tam and his horse Meg flee for their lives, reaching the safety of the keystone of Brig o' Doon in the nick of time. The screaming witches, unable to cross running water, are left seething with poor Meg's tail in their knarled clutches as their consolation prize.

**DON'T MISS!**

- The view from the centre of the brig that inspired some of Burns's best work (please keep an eye out for witches).
- The keystone (keystone) in the central arch of the brig. This stone marked Tam's escape from the witches.
- The chance to play a game of Pooh Sticks at the centre of the brig.

**ROBERT BURNS BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM**

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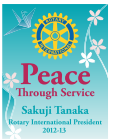
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**Confirmed sessions :**      Featured :      The Right Honourable Paul Martin – The Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative  
   Other:      Rotary Peace Scholarships  
        Mercy Ships  
        Los Amigos Project  
        Slave Lake Fire Study  
        Right to Play  
        Aboriginal Youth Justice  
        .... and many more

Sessions start mid-day with lunch on Friday, and wind up on Sunday early afternoon.

Note: there are packages for attendance on Friday only, Saturday or Sunday only, and for just the District Governor's Gala on Saturday night.

Go to [www.discon2013](http://www.discon2013) or use the link on the District 5360 home page for updated information on events, registration and to pay on line. The site also includes hotel information.

So plan on attending for a great weekend. Get a group together and car pool down for a day (Saturday is the best bet) or for the full event!

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## Janos' Journal

On this Monday I have been to the foodbank. This time it was really busy, we had a lot of people coming.

On Tuesday I came to the Rotary meeting, and tried out the haggis. It was way better than I first thought. Especially after everyone I asked about how does it taste, and the most of the answers were not too positive... After the rotary meeting I got picked up by Wendy (your next outbound) and went to downtown with her to show around a Brazilian guy. Well.... It turned out that we are not the best guides in the word. I was able to get to the Devonian Gardens but after that I didn't know anything else. And as it turned out Wendy wasn't very familiar there either. So we just kinda decided to walk around, and it took us about 10 minute to get a little bit lost. Somehow we ended up at a Chinese driving school. But it was still really funny.

On Wednesday Basketball training.

On Thursday I went Snowboarding for the first time of my life, with Tyler (Peter's son) you can see him on the pictures. He taught me the basics of snowboarding on the (for first terrifying) bunny hill. To be honest for first I couldn't even stand up on the snowboard but after a few round on the bunny hill I felt safe enough to try out the harder ones. After a few falls I got it figured out and had a tons of fun. It was a very very ..... very happy day. Had tons of fun. I'm very grateful for being able to get there, and can't wait to try it again.

On Friday I was just trying to relax my body because it was very sour from snowboarding.

That's how my week has been so far.  
Hope everyone is doing well.  
Sincerely: Janos Takats







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