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CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

The Honourable Jason Kenney, PC, MP

The speaker was The Honourable Jason Kenney. Jason is the Member of Parliament for Calgary Southeast and Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism.

Minister Kenney was first elected in 1997, and has been re-elected 5 times, the most recent being in May of 2011. Minister Kenney assumed his present cabinet position in October of 2008. The Fish Creek Rotary Club has awarded Minister Kenney a Paul Harris Fellowship. This is the third time Minister Kenney has spoken to the Calgary Chinook Rotary Club.

Minister Kenney, in his initial remarks, indicated Canada has the highest per capita immigration in the world and the highest intake of re-settled refugees in the world. He said Canada needs newcomers, but immigration must work for Canadians. The Minister said immigrants must come with the intent to integrate and be prepared to have a positive impact on the economy. Immigration must proceed according to the rule of law.

Currently unemployment is a concern among immigrants. Their income is only 60% of the average Canadian. This doesn't make sense in an economy where there is a labor shortage.

Minister Kenney indicated immigration reform is underway. He said the goal is to have a fast, flexible, market driven system. It is his intention to get input from employers so as to take in immigrants that can be gainfully employed when they arrive. Early in 2013 a new system will be introduced for the fast tracking of skilled trades people. Another initiative will be to fast track the immigration of out of country university students who wish to stay in Canada upon graduation from a Canadian University. They won't have to leave the country upon graduation and end up at the back of the line.

Measures will be taken to deal with fake immigration such as the fake marriages. There will no automatic permanent residency for spouses in new marriages. The government intends to further crack down on human smuggling and false asylum claims.

Minister Kenney indicated the new system will be one that has 'high walls but a broad gate'. All immigrants will have to "play by the rules". The focus of immigration will be in three areas - employment, cultural and social. There will be no ethnic enclaves. The Minister made it clear our multiculturalism doesn't mean that



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Meeting Minutes



November 13th, 2012

Scribe: Tom Sorenson

The meeting was started at 12:17pm by President Dave Saunders. Betty French was at the piano for the singing of the National Anthem and the Rotary Grace.

Guests:

Bart Dailley acknowledged the visiting Rotarians and Guest in attendance. There were a total of 68 in attendance: 8 guests, 2 visiting Rotarians and 58 club members.

President's comments:

President Dave thanked the 20+ club members who attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Kensington Legion last Thursday.

Dave spoke on the progress being made on the Club's Strategic Plan. This is being facilitated by Terry Craig and Ann Marsh. All members will be contacted for their input over the next few weeks.

A cheque for \$3,000 was received by President Dave from Marg and Ron Southern. They indicate it was to be used on any charitable project of the club.

Paul Harris Fellowship Presentations:

Jeff Evans presented Norm Myden with a Paul Harris Award (+4), and Peter Bickham with a Paul Harris Award (+2). They were congratulated and thanked by President Dave.

November is The Rotary Foundation Month.

Jeff identified the three areas or ways of giving. These ways are:

- 1) giving annually to the foundation,
- 2) giving to the Polio Fund, and
- 3) contributing to the Permanent Fund.

This year our club has set giving goals of \$13,500 for the annual program, \$2,000 to the Polio Fund, and having a couple of members become benefactors and/or make a bequest in their will. Peter Bickham or Jeff Evans can answer any questions you might have about The Foundation or any methods of giving.



Minute People:

Jordan Katz of the Crowchild Rotary Club spoke on the club's annual Grey Cup Pool. Tickets are \$10.



Paul Gaudet indicated that there are a few shifts open on each weekend of the Spruce Meadows Parking project. Members are asked to check the signup list which is being circulated at the meeting. You can also phone Paul if you have some free time on either weekend.

Police Service Checks:

Fran Hochhausen announced she had the forms for the Police Service Checks. Members working with Rotary Youth should have these completed. See Fran for the details.



Seniors Christmas Luncheon:

Tammy Truman circulated a task sign-up sheet for the luncheon. See Tammy if you need any clarification on the various jobs. Your help is needed to make this project a success.



50/50 Winner: Neil Beatty



Sergeant at Arms:

Hank Popoff made a hit on any member who didn't go the Thursday Remembrance Day Service, and any member who had not signed up to park at the Spruce Meadows Christmas Market. Dave Wharton and Dale Perret shared some Good News and happily improved to the club's financial position.



Greeters

November 20th Anne Dale and Dick French

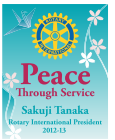
November 27th Patricia Garner and Paul Gaudet

December 4th Gwynneth Gourley and Jeff Evans

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



Upcoming Events



Rotary Foundation Month

November 20th
November 23rd - 25th
November 27th

Gerry Dattilio, CFL Veteran
Parking @ Spruce Meadows Christmas Market
Club Assembly and Elections

Family Month

December 1st

Social Media Workshop, 10am to 2pm, @ the
Taylor Family Digital Library at the University of Calgary
Duke Duplessis, Alberta Oil Sands
Seniors Christmas Luncheon, 12 noon @ The Carriage House Inn
Club Christmas Party — **evening meeting** @ The Carriage House Inn
Fellowship Meeting



2012

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

CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

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anything goes. For example: treating women as personal property and honour killing are out.

From the question period:

The United States is the sixth largest country in terms of number of immigrants to Canada. Efforts will be made to streamline the process for getting skilled US tradesmen into Canada. There is concern about those who have dual citizenship and use the Canadian Passport as a get out of jail free card. For example - the evacuation out of Lebanon a couple of years ago.

Minister Kenney wants to stop the madness of allowing highly educated people into Canada and have them end up driving taxis because they can't get licensed to work in their profession.

Jason was thanked in our usual manner.

Scribe's note: An Excellent Program !

Rotary Remembers

I want to thank all of you for supporting Rotary Remembers. It is not easy to get everyone in our Clubs to want to come to something like Rotary Remembers. But in supporting the event we support veteran families and that is worth a lot to all of us.

If you have any suggestions on how we can improve our program, I would welcome an opportunity to hear from you.

Thank you for being part of a program that makes a difference for our Veterans and our Rotary Clubs.

Norm Haines, Chair
Ph: 403-258-3340
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Janos' Journal

Well we had a Halloween party as you can see. Almost all the inbound exchange students were present, and we managed to take some funny picture. Fran taught us a version of the trick or treating song, and with that new knowledge we began our hunt for candies. And at the next day we had a big breakfast at Ron's place. It was so good that I became sad that I can't eat anymore.



At the next weekend Jan (the exchange student from Switzerland came to my place for the weekend. At first night just to make me happy, Michael (exchange student from Croatia) and Jan took me shopping ... Next day, me, Jan, and my host sister went for a big walk around fishcreek, and he took some pictures with his camera. The one which you can see below is my favorite from them, and not just because im the one on it. :)



At the weekend after, I went to a football game with one of my friends from school, and E.P Scarlet won the semi final. :D

So is my exchange going so far. Hope you liked it.



THIS AND THAT



December 11, 2012 Seniors Christmas Luncheon

**Please read so you clearly know what the event entails.
Things are very different than previous years.**

The venue has changed this year from Kerby House to the Carriage House Ballroom. The room will be set up for 300 guests, 8 guests per table. A core of 38 Table Hosts is required in addition to other positions like Coat Check etc.

The Table Host will

- meet a group of 8 at the door, when they arrive on the bus
- get them to the coat check (keep their tickets for them as you will go retrieve their jackets near the end of the program)
- attend the tables for around one hour through the meal, serving and clearing the plates for each course
- keep the guests seated at the table, and retrieve their coats following the entertainment
- advise the guests when their bus has returned for pick-up

The Carriage House staff will bring the food and place it on serving tables by each table.

After Table Hosts serve dessert, they can take a quick break for their dinner during the entertainment ... at the tables set aside for volunteers. Note that you must sign up in advance for the meal (\$20.00) as the kitchen needs to know the meal count.

Please wear a white, light colour shirt/blouse as we have lovely Christmas ties for the workers to wear instead of those hats!

Any questions on this, please email Tammy Truman at tammy_truman@cooperators.ca or call daytime 403 221 7021

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:

We would like the tables of four ready to start play at 6:30 sharp.

Membership:

New members are welcome. Lifetime Membership is \$3.00

Dates: Thursday November 22nd
Thursdays December 6th & 20th

Questions, contact Norm Moro at nlmoro@shaw.ca



Social Media Workshop

by Kathryn Kaldestad

The District is focusing on social media to promote Rotary this year. So add Rotary International District 5360 to your Facebook account. The goal is to use Facebook to raise awareness of Rotary, and help increase membership.

There will be a Social Media Workshop in Calgary on December 1st, from 10am to 2pm, at the Taylor Family Digital Library at the University of Calgary. Bring your own computer, or others will be provided. This is an interactive session to teach you how to share the good news of Rotary on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.

Registration will be on the District website, as well as on Facebook. It is a great opportunity to learn how to promote the good of Rotary via social media.

Fish Creek Club Notice

Fish Creek Club requests that if members of other clubs plan on doing a make up there, they would appreciate being notified up front so they can notify the Willow Park Golf Club to arrange for additional meals (they are in the off-season).

Contact info is: Linda Deminchuk, ldeminchuk@shaw.ca, 403-703-4881
Please note also that there is a Dress Code which does not permit jeans.

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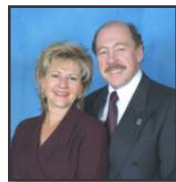
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Chinook Rotary Nature Park Gets New Signage !

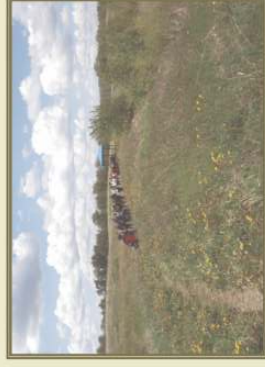
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A Stroll in the Park



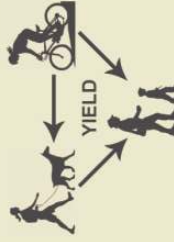
The Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook invites you to stroll along the pathways of Chinook Rotary Nature Park. Land reclamation and the development of the engineered wetlands have created habitats now home to a wide variety of plants and animals. Relax and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Bow River and the engineered wetlands of this restored natural area.

To ensure the park continues to thrive we need your cooperation. Remember to do your part to help protect this revitalized natural area.



Cycling on the Pathways

Please restrict your travel by bicycle to the main paved pathway. The gravel paths around the wetlands were designed more with pedestrians in mind.



Wherever you ride please remember share the path and allow ample space when passing. Cyclists must stay on designated pathways. This is to limit potential damage to the landscape and the creation of unwanted trails. It is also required by provincial park regulations in Fish Creek Provincial Park.

Pets in the Park

You are welcome to bring your pets to the park. However, because of the abundance of wildlife in the area, it is essential that pets stay on-leash and under control at all times. It is also required by provincial park regulations. This is for the safety of both the wildlife and your pet. An off-leash dog's curiosity may result in a muzzle full of porcupine quills or other unwanted wildlife encounters. Pets can also pose a risk to wildlife, especially ground nesting birds and small or young animals.



It is also important to recognize that not all visitors appreciate dogs. They could be fearful, allergic, or resentful of dogs. Please respect the experience of other park users by not troubling them with an unleashed pet.

Picking up after your dog is another way to help keep the park in its natural state for everyone to enjoy. Dog waste does not decompose easily and may contribute additional nutrients to the soil. It is not a natural component of the park's ecosystem. Please ensure that all dog waste is picked up and disposed of properly.

Enjoyment for All

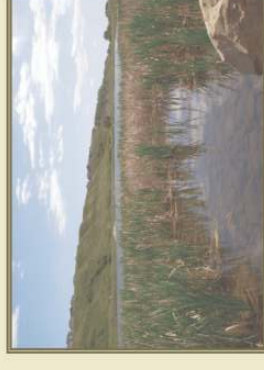
As a restored natural area, Chinook Rotary Nature Park was created with the future in mind. You can help maintain and protect these lands so that they remain a vibrant part of Fish Creek Provincial Park. Please remember to leave nature in its place. Do not pick flowers, berries or any other vegetation, do not feed wildlife and be sure to pack out any garbage.



If we all remember to limit our impacts on the park, wildlife will return year after year and wildflowers will continue to colour the landscape you see before you.



Take a seat or stroll the pathways and enjoy all that Chinook Rotary Nature Park has to offer.



For more information contact the main park office at (403) 297-5293 or visit our website at www.fish-creek.org



Wildlife of the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook Nature Park

A Few Common Species

This land, once stripped bare to extract gravel, now reclaimed as a natural area is home to a variety of wildlife species. Birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians now call this park home. Animals to watch for range in size from the tiny boreal chorus frog, only a few centimetres long, to white-tailed deer, standing 100 cm tall at the shoulder. No matter the species, please watch wildlife quietly from a safe distance so as not to disturb them. Remember that feeding wildlife is not necessary and is against provincial park regulations.

Coyote (*Canis latrans*)

Identification: A medium sized wild dog, grizzled grey-brown in colour with a white belly and throat. Coyotes have large, pointed ears and a bushy, black-tipped tail that is often carried low. Almost between the back legs.

Food and Feeding: Coyotes feed mainly on small mammals, cottontail, birds, eggs, insects and fruit. They are solitary animals and hunt alone by stalking and pouncing on their prey or as a team when taking down larger mammals.

Breeding Notes: Breeding occurs from late November to March. A female coyote mates with a monogamous pair. By late April a litter of roughly 5 pups is born in an underground burrow.

Range and Habitat: Coyotes are found across the entire province of Alberta. They prefer hilly country with poplar stands and willow-lined streams. Coyotes are one of the few larger mammals that have adjusted to human settlement and can be found in many of our towns and cities.

Tidbits and Notes: Coyotes can jump distances of over 4 metres and can run between 55-70 km per hour. You will often hear their calls in the early evening as they yip and howl to communicate with one another.



Black-billed Magpie (*Pica hudsonia*)

Identification: A white and iridescent black bird with a black tail that's as long as its body. This bird is not easily confused with any other species.

Food and Feeding: Magpies are scavengers, feeding on a variety of seeds, insects and animal prey and are also known to get into human garbage and pet food when given the opportunity.

Nesting Notes: Built in a tree or shrub, a magpie nest is a large domed structure made of twigs and sticks. Inside the dome is a smaller grass and mud nest where 6-9 eggs are laid.

Seasonal Movements and Range: Found across western North America and common throughout Alberta. The magpie is a permanent resident and wanders erratically across its range in the winter months.

Status in Calgary: Common to abundant. **Tidbits and Notes:** Magpies are often seen as a pest by farmers and sportsmen. In the early 20th century the species was culled and numbers were drastically reduced in Alberta. Population numbers have bounced back, proving the magpie's ability to thrive in the face of adversity.



Boreal Chorus Frog (*Pseudacris maculata*)

Identification: Alberta's smallest amphibian, this frog averages a 20-40 mm long and swims in colour from grey to brown to tan. These dark, broken stripes extend the length of the back and an additional stripe runs along the side of the body. Also look for a pale pointed snout, through the eye and along the side of the body. Also look for a pale

Food and Feeding: Adults feed on insects, snails, millipedes and spiders, while tadpoles eat mainly algae. A long, sticky tongue helps to capture prey.

Breeding Notes: Breeding occurs in any body of water. Boreal chorus frogs are often heard calling before the snow melts. 150-1800 eggs are laid in clumps attached to vegetation and hatch within 2 weeks. Adults only live to breed for one season.

Range and Habitat: Boreal chorus frogs are frequently found in and around grassy pools, lakes, marshes and along any body of water.

Status in Calgary: Common. **Tidbits and Notes:** Because it is sensitive to pollutants, the boreal chorus frog is considered a bioindicator. It is also one of the few amphibians that can breathe through its skin and its call that sounds like a finger running over the teeth of a plastic comb.



Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Identification: A large hawk that is dark brown above and mostly white underneath. It has a mainly white head with a distinct black eye-stripe.

Food and Feeding: The osprey feeds almost entirely on fish, diving head and feet first into the water. It has powerful talons and with strong talons. Using its wings to push itself out of the water, the osprey then carries its meal back to the nest or to a nearby Osprey nest.

Nesting Notes: Ospreys build large nests with sticks and twigs in the tops of trees or on utility poles near open water. Nests grow larger with yearly renovations and accommodate 2-4 eggs.

Range: Found almost worldwide, the osprey also calls the central regions of the prairie provinces, including Alberta's Rocky Mountains, home. In the summer, they prefer wooded areas near open waters containing fish. Ospreys migrate to the southern United States, Chile and Peru for the winter.

Tidbits and Notes: Unlike bald eagles, ospreys can become completely submerged under water by diving from heights of up to 30 metres! They have gripping pads on their feet to help them grip fish and once in flight, will orient the fish headfirst to ease wind resistance.



American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*)

Identification: One of North America's most familiar birds, the robin has a uniform dark grey upper side and rusty orange belly and breast. Males boast a dark grey or black head.

Food and Feeding: Robins feed mainly on berries and earthworms but other insects are also consumed. Robins are also known to be found anywhere from a tree branch to on top of your outdoor light fixture. Normally 3-5 bright blue eggs are laid.

Seasonal Movements and Range: Robins are found in the entire province of Alberta and migrate into Central America.

Status in Calgary: Common to abundant. **Tidbits and Notes:** Affectionately known as the "familiar bird", robins are often heard cheerily chirping and singing in early April as males battle it out over territories and mates.



Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*)

Identification: The most obvious identifying feature is the large, light blue wing patch or speculum that is best viewed during flight. Flashes of iridescent green and white may also be seen on the male's wing. In spring the male also has a distinctive white crescent mark on its face.

Food and Feeding: A dabbling duck, this teal feeds on aquatic insects, seeds and vegetation under the water's surface.

Nesting Notes: The nest is built on land, not far from the water's edge. It is constructed of twigs and lined with down and is home to 6-12 eggs.

Seasonal Movements and Range: This duck is found throughout the prairie and parkland regions across Alberta, but is more common in the south. In October, flocks head to the southern United States and northern South America for the winter.

Status in Calgary: Uncommon, breeds in Fish Creek Provincial Park. **Tidbits and Notes:** A group of teal goes by many names, including a "cove", "dapping", "drake" and "teal". They are often heard calling out with a high-pitched peeping and nasal quacking throughout the spring.



Common Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*)

Identification: The male is mostly white with black back and head and a distinct round grey spot between the beak and eye. The female is grey with a brown head.

Food and Feeding: This diving duck feeds primarily on insects and aquatic invertebrates. **Nesting Notes:** Oddly enough the goldeneye nests in old tree cavities. The nest is lined with down and houses 6-11 eggs. When chicks are only a few hours old they jump from the nest hole, bouncing on the water. Then they follow their mother to a nearby lake or river.

Seasonal Movements and Range: Many goldeneyes remain in the Calgary area year-round, wintering in open waters along the Bow and Elbow Rivers. Others migrate to areas across the United States.

Status in Calgary: Common. **Tidbits and Notes:** While looking for nesting sites females have been known to fly into chimneys, creating serious safety concerns. Nesting boxes placed in favourable locations may attract breeding pairs.



Black-capped Chickadee (*Parus atricapillus*)

Identification: This little bird, as its name suggests, has a black cap along with white cheeks, a black bib, a pale belly and grey wings and back. **Food and Feeding:** The chickadee has a small black beak which it uses to catch insects and pick berries and seeds.

Nesting Notes: Chickadees nest in a cavity excavated or enlarged in a tree trunk lined with soft material such as moss. The female incubates for 12 days, usually 9 eggs, which the female incubates for 12 days.

Seasonal Movements and Range: In the fall and winter, black-capped chickadees gather in small flocks. They typically spend the winter close to their nesting grounds.

Status in Calgary: Abundant. **Tidbits and Notes:** In winter other species of birds (often juncos and white-breasted nuthatches) creepers and white-breasted nuthatches.



White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)

Identification: The member of the deer family, the white-tailed deer has a reddish-brown body with slim legs. If danger is sensed, it waves its tail to reveal a flash of white underneath.

Food and Feeding: Browsers, white-tails feed on buds and new branches of shrubs and saplings in the winter, as well as grass and alfalfa in the summer.

Breeding Notes: The rut or breeding season begins in October and ends in December. Males or bucks thrash stags with their antlers and start to show off. They will battle with other males to establish dominance and breeding. Females give birth between May and June to 1-4 young, with twins being the norm.

Range and Habitat: White-tails can be found across southern Canada and as far north as the Yukon. They prefer young hardwood forests, edges of wetlands, and prairie coulees.

Status in Calgary Area: White-tails are relatively common in the city, preferring the river and creek valley areas, where they share habitat with the mule deer. **Tidbits and Notes:** White-tailed deer are reluctant to leave their home ranges. They are often seen in the city, and have been known to spend their entire lives within a 1.5 km² range.



Wandering Garter Snake (*Thamnophis elegans*)

Identification: This snake ranges from 45 to 107 cm long and is coloured with shades of brown or grey. It has a cream coloured stripe on its back and a black checkered pattern along its sides.

Food and Feeding: This snake has a varied diet, feeding on animals and insects, including earthworms, slugs, small birds and mammals. It uses a mild venom to immobilize its prey, then swallows it whole. This venom does not affect humans.

Breeding Notes: Unlike some snakes who lay eggs, the wandering garter snake is viviparous, meaning it gives birth to 4 to 25 young each up to 18 cm in length, between July and September.

Range and Habitat: In Alberta, this species is widely distributed south and west of the Red Deer River. It can be found in almost any habitat, though often lives close to water.

Status in Calgary Area: Common, though rarely seen. **Tidbits and Notes:** Garter snakes survive the winter by gathering in groups and hibernating. They are found in the old dens of other animals. Temperatures in hibernacula remain a few degrees above freezing.



Ring-necked Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*)

Identification: Males are brilliantly coloured in iridescent purple on the head and neck, orange to bronze and black on the body, with a white ring around the neck. Females are generally brown and nondescript and well camouflaged. Both have long tails up to 45 cm in length.

Food and Feeding: The pheasant's diet consists of seeds, grains, roots, and berries, but can also include insects, fresh green plants, worms, earthworms, and 12 other invertebrates.

Nesting Notes: Pheasants lay 10-12 olive coloured eggs, sits on the ground and is often concealed by tall grass or shrubs.

Seasonal Movements and Range: Pheasants are found in the southern portion of the province and the Peace River area. Found in habitats of open fields, willow brush and forest edges, pheasants may spend their entire lives in an area less than 1 km².

Status in Calgary: Common. **Tidbits and Notes:** Pheasants were introduced to North America from China and Japan. Populations may fluctuate here in Alberta due to our harsh winters and cold, rainy springs. You will likely hear a pheasant before seeing one. Listen for a long, loud clucking call followed by a burst of wing beats.



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