



Toastmasters and Rotary

Laura Chambers

George VS introduced our Speaker, Laura Chambers, a member of Toastmasters. She gave an entertaining talk linking Toastmasters and Rotary.

She began by describing herself as a passionate advocate of Toastmasters. She was a shy girl, born on a farm in Lake of the Woods area, before moving to Vancouver when she was 14. As a young adult, a friend introduced her to Toastmasters and it became her lifeline.

Laura commented on the cooperation between her organization and Rotary, and encouraged us to attend a Toastmasters meeting. Locations can be found at their website www.toastmasters.org



Laura gave examples of where Rotary clubs could interest new potential new members, such as trade shows, cultural associations, industry connections, and retiree groups. She thinks, that as people need social interactions and have been restricted due to the pandemic, now is a good time to advertise Rotary. She suggested that our club brainstorm ideas of how to stand out from the crowd. She noted our grey hair and said that we have reached the age where "we don't have to sit down and shut up".

Garth P thanked Laura for a most interesting presentation and presented her with a polio certificate.



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Our meeting began with a **Robbie Burns Celebration** — a piper leading a proud Russian Scot (Hank), dressed in Scottish garb and carrying the Haggis. This was followed by a real Scotsman, who gave the **Address to the Haggis**. (Your scribe thinks that was it, for he didn't understand a word that was spoken!) John McBean was standing proudly by, also dressed for the occasion.



There were approximately 50 in attendance. **Greeters** were Moe and Wayne, who welcomed many **Guests** as follows: Lois Beatty, Bev Pettigrew, Lyla Stevens, Sharon Fraiman, John Bossuyt, Dave Verkh, David Falconer, and our speaker Laura Chambers.



Paul also gave a **Report on our Roses Campaign** as follows: the campaign was begun to thank the teachers and staff of the 3 area schools with which we have an established working relationship — Dr E.P. Scarlett; Henry Wisewood and Fairview. The project was constructed



as a fund raising opportunity and asked our members and parents at the three schools to participate in the "Thank You" with a donation of \$10 to purchase a rose. We then held a Presentation Event at each school to honour teachers and staff. The campaign took longer than planned due to COVID concerns. The Chinook committee was comprised of Paul G, George K, Wayne W, Garth S, and Garth P. Ted and Grace Wada joined the group to provide floral expertise. Ron M was also involved because of his personal contacts with the schools. Stephen and Anne Pick assisted by helping to design our Campaign page and the Thank-You card and printing of same. The campaign wrapped up last week with the last school presentations. \$3200 was raised, expenses were \$1100, for a profit of \$2100.

Pat Hutchinson, himself back from a hospital stay, gave a **Sunshine Report** — Jim T is home from hip surgery. The operation went well, but an infection developed which is still being treated. Paul G has reached Harry N at his new care home. He is doing well. His home phone is 403-278-9405, cell 403-650-8666.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

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Paul G announced **February Birthdays:** Albert Amaniampong, Pat Hutchinson, and Ron Hardy, and the **Members' Anniversaries:** Bruce B - 37 yrs, Neil B - 18 yrs, George VS - 17 yrs, Dean W - 7 yrs.

Chase the Ace was won by Anthony, who pocketed \$90. To the relief of the rest of us, the Ace of Spades remained in the deck.



Dave Wylie performed **Sergeant at Arms** duty, and fined Anthony on behalf of wife Bev who is protected by her position as Prez.



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Our meeting concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.



Curling Is Hard Work!



Submitted by Bev Tonkinson

Working Away @ Roots2STEM



Submitted by Anthony Tonkinson

English

Let's face it — English is a crazy language! There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England, or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

February 21st Kourtney Penner, City Councillor Ward 11
 February 23rd Rotary Club of Calgary East Social Event, Coast Plaza Hotel, 5:30-7pm
 Guest speaker Rotarian Robyn Braley — "Building Your Rotary Brand Post COVID"
 February 28th Pints @ Peanuts at noon

Water and Sanitation Month

March 4th Rotary Club of Calgary Fish Creek — Pub Quiz @ tops Pizza, 6pm
 March 7th Mason Trafford, Commercial Director, Cavalry FC
 March 14th Club's 46th Anniversary and Pints @ Peanuts
 March 21st Michelle Nedelec, Business Coach
 March 30th Evening Networking Meeting — Rob will send details

Maternal and Child Health Month

April 4th Lauren Atkinson, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada
 April 11th Pints @ Peanuts
 April 18th Elaine Wilson, Senior Director, Calgary Urban Project Society
 April 27th Evening Networking Meeting — Rob will send details

Youth Service Month

May 2nd Dean White, Roots2STEM
 May 5-6th DisCon 2023 in Lethbridge — registration fee \$350
 May 16th John Hufnagel, Calgary Stampeders
 May 27th - 31st Rotary International Convention in Melbourne Australia

Rotary Fellowships Month

June 6th Dale Perret, Acadia Food Bank



A Fundraiser Event

Submitted by Anne Dale ... a fundraiser for a project in Pakistan



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Friday, March 10, 2023, 5:30 - 9:45 p.m.

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Rotary Club of Calgary East

At our social meeting at 5:30 pm on Thursday, February 23rd, our guest speaker is Rotarian Robyn Braley (Brand Specialist, Writer, Speaker) and his presentation is "Building Your Rotary Brand Post COVID".



Get your ticket in advance so we know the amount of hot and cold appetizers to order. Meet and mingle with Rotarians from other clubs, guests and enjoy Robyn's enlightening presentation. The link below takes you to the Calgary East website where you can register as a guest.

www.rotarycalgaryeast.com/event/social-with-speaker-robyn-braley

Brian Carnahan

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