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Dr. Allan Jones

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Meeting & Bulletin Requirements

If you wish to / or are asked to speak at a meeting:

- Advise Pres. Ron you wish to make an announcement on Monday before meeting by email
- Provide digital copy of notes to Bulletin Editor in advance of meeting. If you can't then immediately after the meeting
- At a minimum give Editor your hand written notes
- Try to encourage weekly speakers to send out advance copies of presentations
- Anything for the Bulletin needs to be submitted by 2:00 pm on Thursdays in order to go into the current Bulletin

Thank you for your assistance.

It's difficult for the Bulletin Editors to take accurate Notes at a busy and loud meeting so let's help them out

Do you want to watch this week's Meeting? CLICK THE LINK: <u>https://bit.ly/2IKLIVc</u>



John Fitzsimmons introduced our speaker today. Dr. Allan Jones was raised in Calgary and attended University in Calgary and Oregon. He has been a practising for over 30 years and he is currently at The Bonavista Eye Clinic, Olds Eyecare Clinic, and the Rockyview Hospital.

He is the past president of the Alberta Association of Optometrists, and is active with Canadian Vision Care. He's also been travelling the world yearly doing eye care projects for all this time. He's assisted in starting a new optometry school clinic in Malawi, Africa and is the Canadian Director of Specs Eyetrain in Manila, Philippines. He enjoys full scope of family optometry practice.

Dr. Jones began his presentation with a video which illustrated the "world wide scope" of his organization with projects and centers from Africa to Indonesia. The video showed his co-operation with the Lion's Club in the gathering of lenses glass frames, analyzing the lenses and then distributing them throughout the areas where they're involved. The video especially illustrated how the receiving of a pair of glasses can impact not only the life of a patient, be it child or adult, but also the remainder of the family.





Here is the link to the video: <u>https://vimeo.com/103961953</u> This is worth watching!

Dr. Allan Jones took to the mic to follow up the video with the thought that glasses can change people's lives and eye exams are an important health aspect.

Dr. Jones' goal is to educate the health communities within many countries so that with the proper equipment and training they can begin to treat their own people. These clinics run six days a week and the need is high. The idea is that eventually Dr. Jones will not need to go back and that these clinics can run as a self sufficient unit.

Dr. Jones then went on to explain that he is now working in Malawi. They have built a School of Optometry and have produced 50 graduates. The clinic there is a teaching clinic and the concept is to provide eye care and education. By training we can create a country with proper eye care for all.

This is where the concept of "See-Cans" began. The cost to create a "See-Can" is approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000 for everything and It can become an eye care clinic. The High River Rotary has taken up this cause because of a now deceased member (Morris Walsh) and the concept of leveraging began. Morris felt that Canadian Vision Care could fundraise better through leveraging.

Dr. Allan Jones advised us that his is proud to say that Canadian Vision Care is made up of mainly Albertans volunteering their time but also encompasses individuals all throughout Canada.

Dr. Allan Jones is headed to Malawi with four student and then to Manilla with students. The idea is that the students will give back once they see the need. The See-Can will begin with High River and the idea is to keep this going.



Question: What is a See-Can comprised of?

Answer: Microscope, eye chart, everything is bolted down, solar energy sinks, self sufficient from Power, LED Volts in microscopes, eye measurement equipment, lens kits etc.. Turnkey for the optometrist

Question: What can you tell us about the relationship with the Lion's Club?

Answer: Federal funding was pulled and the Lion's Club stepped up in 1981. Jamaica was the first place we visited. We have many Rotarian volunteers as well. China is now helping to fund us and we have sent over 50,000 frames to the Philippines to date.

Question: Do you send over the glasses or just frames? **Answer**: We send all of it. We send readers, prescription glasses and donated items. We also get glasses made in some of the countries depending on the Country's ability and cost to do so.

Ken Copithorne thanked Dr. Jones and said that your work is helping many and it is so important to provide the gift of sight. Your humanitarian work is important and the work that you do with your group is worth so much more than you will ever know. The power of one has helped so many people in so many regions and you have given a better quality of life to so many people. Your talk was delightful and informative and we thank you. At this point Dr. Jones was presented with a box of glasses from the club and we hope to do this again. Dr. Jones advised us that Three million glasses have been used just from Canadians alone.

Ken then offered \$5.00 to cover postage costs and challenged everyone in the club to do so as well. **President Ron** also said his thanks and said that it is his hope that we can connect again with Dr. Jones.



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Good afternoon and Welcome to the Rotary Club of Calgary South for April 4th, 2019.

Today's Joke: Vladimir Putin, Donald Trump, and Justin Trudeau all die and wind up in Hell. While there, they spy a red phone and ask what the phone is for. The Devil tells them it is for calling back to Earth. Putin calls Russia and talks for 5 minutes. When he was finished the Devil informs him that the cost is a million dollars, so Putin writes him a cheque. Next Donald Trump calls the U.S. and talks for 30 minutes. When he's finished the Devil informs him that the cost is 6 million dollars, so Trump writes him a cheque.

Finally Trudeau has his turn and calls Canada for 4 hours. When he's finished, the Devil informs him that there would be No charge and to feel free to call Canada anytime. Putin and Trump go ballistic and ask the Devil why Trudeau got to call Canada for free. The Devil replied, " Since Justin Trudeau became Prime Minister of Canada, the country has gone to Hell, so it's a local call! "

Please join Lisa Fernandes in the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace

Head Table: Rudy Ruberto, Liisa Lehtio, Kendall Bocking, Craig Stokke, John Fitzsimmons, Speaker Dr. Allan Jones and Carol Rosdobutko

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Visitors and Guests were introduced by Dave Read



50/50 Draw: Ben Steblecki entertained us with a math story about a young student rising to the top of his class.

Len Hamm won the \$149 with the winning ticket drawn by Liisa.





Sergeant-at-Arms: Tom Walton chose an agricultural theme today, trapping Roselyn Jack, Ernie Yaskowich, Chad Hason and Don Taylor on questions relating to chickens and eggs. Needless to say several "eggs" were laid and our club coffers profited.

New Member Celebration: Carol Rosdobutko reminded us to plan to attend <u>"THE PARTY OF THE YEAR!"</u>

Reminder: - **THERE IS NO MEETING AT NOON NEXT WEEK!** It is replaced by the New Members Celebration Event being held at the Air Museum beginning at 5 pm. There is a wine barrel draw, 50/50 draw and if you have items for the silent auction bring them to the site as early as possible or contact Carol.



Dedication of King Family Dining Room at Rotary Bethany Atrium at 1:30PM until 3:00PM on April 12th.

Health and Wellness: Len Kushner is home and recovering from surgery. Earl Huson is experiencing some sciatic nerve pain but will hopefully return to the Club shortly.





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Paul Harris Fellowships: Jack Thompson presented the following awards today:

Our two new Paul Harris Fellows are: Gena Rotstein and Ernie Yaskowich, Kendall Bocking: PHF +2, Roselyn Jack: PHF +4, Larry Stein: PHF +6, Stan Cichon: PHF +7 and Bill Sumner: PHF +7. Our thanks and congratulations to you all





Dream Home Announcement: Jim Bladon informed us that we have <u>91 days</u> to go until Stampede!

- **May 30th** is the date when Rostering will go live.
- June: every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday we will have training ses sions on the new ticketing procedures: More Details will follow.

Signing of agreement: Following this meeting and as a result of the e-vote your executive will be meeting with the Stampede executive to sign an updated "Terms of Reference "document and to make our first \$50,000 installment payment. This will allow Oliver House to have renovations and the soon to be renamed with

the Rotary Brand. (See attached Concept Image)



Rumour: There is a rumour that Rotary House will not be moved and that we will be able to stay in this location. I want to clarify the situation with regard to Rotary House.

The fact is we don't know if we will stay or move – this is in the hands of three entities involved in the planning



and decision regarding 17th Åve. and its impact. The Stampede, Calgary Municipal Lands Corporation and City of Calgary Planning Department. Until those three bodies have agreed upon a plan we are not in a position to plan or to confirm any status as it relates to Rotary House.

The status of Rotary House depends on the area development plan – as developed by the Stampede, the Municipal Land Corporation and the City of Calgary Planning Department.

That is the status currently. We'll need to keep you posted as things develop.

President Ron Prokosch adjourned the meeting. HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK











Only 91 days to the Stampede 2019 Kickoff. The Dream Home is up and at the drywall stage! *Homes by Avi* have developed another gorgeous home.

Home: *\$1,060,000* Dream Home Package which includes \$100,000 Cash. Home will be located in Walden again

<u>Rotary Team & Rotary Volunteer reminder:</u>

there are a couple of significant changes for Calgary Stampede 2019...

Split Em 50 is now called **"Showdown 50-50"** (minimum prize will be \$500,000 take home)



- This now aligns with the rodeo and chucks prizes and Champions... daily winners and a Grand Prize drawn in the eve of Sunday July 15
- Still a cumulative 50-50 (winner gets ½ of the pot) with added 10 daily winners drawn (with an additional daily prize of approx. \$1,000 value) to get us to "Showdown Sunday" where the Grand Prize winner will be drawn and take home ½ of the cumulative pot cash.

Ticketless! Rotary and Kinsmen all ticketless in 2019 – It's a GO!!!

Technology: iPads and Thermal Printers with ability to scan driver's licenses and also do manual entry

•The new technology will be touch screen, menu driven and provide for an awesome seller and purchaser "buying experience". This will include the ability to sell "packages" of prizes...

Comprehensive Training Sessions are planned for Rotarians and our Volunteers:

Sales Managers	Sellers & Sales Ambassadors
Cashiers & Accounting	Technology experts

- We have booked 3 Training Sessions per week for the entire month of June (every Tues, Thurs (evenings), and Saturday (during the day) in June additional details and dates to follow)
- We will have 35-40 sellers per shift required & no printers (we are developing several key and exciting new roles for our Rotary volunteers under 18 years of age)

Stay tuned over the next coming weeks for more specific details, training schedules, launch dates, etc!!

Here's to another incredible *Calgary Stampede in* **2019**!!



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I just want to acknowledge everyone at Rotary Club of Calgary South and thank them for sending me the Get Well card which I received yesterday. What a great surprise to open the envelope and find the card with all of the signatures from the group. My thanks to all. I'm improving every day and hope to be back in Calgary in two weeks.

Cheers ! Jim Burns

Fellow Rotarians:

Last night I attended the Okotoks Rotary club and witnessed the induction of one of my sons.

Kevin was inducted into the club and I am confident that he will be a great asset to the Okotoks Rotary club as well as Rotary International.

I am a proud father and an especially proud Rotarian

Norm Legare,

A proud contributing Rotarian for 32 Years





THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South Liisa's Literary Lore



My ringette team (South Calgary U19) won the provincial tournament and therefore got to represent Team Alberta in Western Canadian Championships last weekend and we got 3rd!

We also took part to the Skills Competition (all the players from all the teams competed against each other) and our team got the best overall times/points! Me and my friend Natalia won the passing, my host sister Makenna won the agility skating and our goalie Justin was the best of the goalies!

They also nominated an All Star Line (5 best players and the best goalie) from all the players in Western Canada (BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba). I was chosen to be one of those 5 best players and I was the only player from Alberta



... Liisa







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ROTARY PARTNERS BOOK CLUB MEETING

Welcome back everyone who has returned from their winter vacation

Date: April 15, 2019
Time: Please be ready to start at 9.30am
Contact: Jane Topp at <u>janetopp@shaw.ca</u> by Thursday April 11, 2019 to reserve your spot
Where: Calgary Golf and Country Club
Cost: \$16.00

Reminder: All partners please save your books and bring them along to our book sale to be held on April 24, 2019 at our Spring Luncheon. Hard and soft cover novels please.

Submitted by: Jane Topp and Maureen Hutchens

Calgary South Rotary Partners' Spring Luncheon

Wednesday, Apríl 24, 2019 at 11:30 A.M. Willow Park Golf & Country Club 639 Willow Park Drive SE Ticketz \$40.00 — Guestz Welcome!

Please R.S.V.P. by April 15 to Millie Huson 403-686-0828 or <u>ehuslink@telusplanet.net</u> Send cheques payable to "Calgary South Rotary Partners" to: Karen Grant, 3927 Vancouver Cres NW Calgary AB T3A 0M2



Book Sale! Jewelry Draw! 50/50 Draw!





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Contact **Dorothea Schaab** at: 403-238-1730 or: <u>schaab@telus.net</u> if you know of anyone that is not well, that could use a visit or a ride to a Rotary Meeting.





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