

# THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South **Amnesty International**



From Left to Right:

**Dorothea Schaab** (Speaker Intro), Heidi Lambie (Speaker), President Bill LeClair, Sarah Damberger (Speaker) and Terry Allen (Speaker



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#### **HEALTH, WELLNESS, TRANSPORTATION**

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Dorothea Schaab paid tribute to Terry Allen with whom she attended a Peace evening at Mount Royal College where she and Terry met our guest speakers.

Heidi Lambie is the Regional Fundraising Officer for Alberta with Amnesty International. She is currently the only staff member in Alberta. She works alongside her colleagues who are across the country stewarding donors and volunteers to ensure their philanthropic values are addressed. She



has a 20 year career in the non-profit industry and her personal mission is to be an active contributor in improving her community for all generations starting with the equality of human rights.

Sarah Damberger has been involved with Amnesty International in Calgary for the last seven years in numerous roles. She is interested in a wide variety of human rights issues and is most passionate about women's rights and indigenous rights in Canada. She hold a B.A. Honours degree in Communications Studies from the U. of C. Her research focused on online activism campaigns and their effectiveness in supporting activist movements.





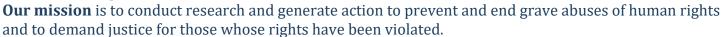
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The organization was founded by Peter Berenson in the United Kingdom due to an incident in Portugal where a small boy was incarcerated. He used the following phrase to help establish the organization.

# "It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness" - Peter Benenson

**Our vision** is of a world in which every person enjoys all the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments.



Amnesty International conducts Research, exposes the Truth and then Takes Action. There are over seven million supporters world wide in 150 countries and they are independent of governments political ideology, economic interest or religion with offices in 80 countries.

Amnesty International makes a difference by: Protecting human Rights Defenders, Strengthen the International human rights framework, Bring perpetrators to justice and to Influence legislation and policy

#### Refugees:

- There are 65.3 million displaced persons in the world
- The refugee population has increased to 21.3 million
- 49% of these are women and girls
- The least developed countries are hosting 4.2 million people

We Defend: The peoples free right to protest

- 281 people were killing in 2016 for defending Human Rights
- 75% of the killing of Human Rights Defenders in 2016 took place in the Americas.
- In 63 countries, governments used smear campaigns against Human Rights Defenders
- In 68 Countries, Human Rights Defenders were arrested or detained solely because of their peaceful work.
- In 94 countries, Human Rights Defenders have been threatened or attacked.

**Does it work?** Over 650 people have been released.

### Dec. 10th is INTERNATION HUMAN RIGHTS DAY. Here's how you can help:

Host a Write for Rights event, Write letters or sign a petition, Join our community group, Join the Amnesty Book Club and DONATE

The presentation concluded with a brief question period and **Terry Allen** thanked the speakers. Terry indicated that the club had donate \$2500 to Mount Royal University Peace Movement and with the current turmoil in the world with our Canadian, Italian and Venezuelan refugees we need organizations like Amnesty. He thanked both speakers for their presentation. **President Bill LeClair** thanked Heidi and Sarah as well, advising them that a \$100 donation to the Stay In School Program was made in their name.





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**President Bill LeClair** welcomed everyone to the Rotary Club of Calgary South meeting of Aug.  $10^{th}$ , 2017. He invited everyone to join with Lisa Fernandes and our head table in the singing of O Canada, followed by Rotary Grace.

### This Day in History:

- On Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1921, Franklin Delaney Roosevelt was stricken with polio and as a result he later in life set up the March of Dimes Campaign. It took 30 yrs. to develop a vaccine.
- 1901 Chicago White Sox Frank Isbell stranded a record 11 teammate base runners.
- In 1945 Japan announced it's willingness to surrender following the dropping of the two atomic bombs.

Head Table: Dorothea Schaab, Heidi Lambie (Speaker), Sarah Damberger (Speaker), Harry Pelton, Community Service Chair and Past President Terry Allen.



**Guests: Bill Sumner introduced** our speakers from **Amnesty International:** Heidi Lambie and Sarah Damberger, **The Richardson family: Glen Richardson** and his wife Jeanette, their son Todd and wife Natasha, granddaughter Julia, and Kari Meggs. Bill asked Glen if he had to "foot the bill" for all their lunches and Peggy Davis and Espy

#### **Announcements:**

- President Bill warmly welcomed Ed Whitaker back to our meeting after a tough time.
- He also indicated that **Ted Stack** would be in attendance for the whole meeting today as Ted had nothing more pressing to attend!!
- President Bill encouraged all Directors to remember to submit their reports three days in advance of the Board Meeting in order to better streamline club administration.

**President Bill** introduced **Julia Richardson (Glen Richardson's Granddaughter)** and asked her to give us a presentation on her experiences at the "**Adventures in Citizenship**" program she attended in Ottawa.

Julia thanked the club for sponsoring her and spoke about how she was impacted by the main speaker who talked to the students about Conflict Resolution. He urged them to follow three guidelines – to Listen, to Think and then to Act. She had a few surreal moments when she found herself in the House of Commons and realized this was the place where important decisions were made that impacted all Canadians.

She was inspired by the leader of the Green Party who spoke to the students on "Women in Politics". As a result Julia wants to commit herself to working to support Women in Leadership roles.

Julia concluded her presentation by once again reiterating her thanks to the Club.





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### **Drop In Centre Service:**

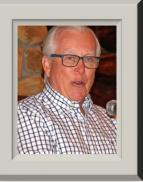
**Harry Pelton** informed everyone that volunteers would be needed to serve supper at the Drop-In Centre on Mon. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 5 and 7 pm.

Twenty-two (22) people are needed for serving only, (no meal prep is involved). He was sending around a list and requested that people sign up today or contact him closer to the time if you would care to help out.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Joe Connelly

Joe asked both **Chas Filipski** and **Keith Davis**, to look at **Larry Kennedy** and tell him, "What was wrong" with this view of Larry. Neither answered correctly and were fined \$2.00 but Larry had to "fess-up" to the fact that he was NOT wearing his Badge and hadn't been wearing it for a couple of weeks!! He was fined \$4.00.

Joe then decided to quiz **Bonar Irving**, **Bruce MacDonald** and **Ken Farn** about important points concerning the role of Art in our city. Their responses were less than "illuminating" and they made a further contribution to our Club Funds.



## The Old Tyme Family Picnic: -

**Keith Davis,** once again extolled the virtues of attending the picnic and how there would be a ton of things to do – including a Tug of War.

He finished one minute early and was suitably rewarded and applauded!

**President Bill** thanked **Keith and the Social Committee** for all the work they have done to bring this off.

**50/50 Draw: Michael Zacharki** requested that our guest speaker pull the winning ticket and **Peter Penner** went home \$152 richer today !!!!

We took the liberty of resurrecting a picture from another meeting so that we could include **Justina Penner** in the photo opportunity.

With that, the meeting was concluded (on time) with no carry forward of "minutes" for future meetings.

Have a great week









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Please remember to circulate your written reports directly to other Board members no less than 3 days before the meeting.

We would appreciate all of the Committee Chair's cooperation to allow this to happen

# **NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 21st**

#### **INCOMING YEX STUDENT NEEDS A HOST**

- Are you interested in hosting our Incoming Youth Exchange Student? Would you like further details?
- If so, contact **Chloe Dusser** at: <a href="mailto:chloe@weewildones-yyc.com">chloe@weewildones-yyc.com</a> or: 403 708 0503
- or Chas Filipski at: <a href="mailto:chasfilipski@gmail.com">chasfilipski@gmail.com</a> or: 587 582 4144

We are happy to explain how easy and fun this can be



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Registration for the Assembly at by clicking this link:

https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=9e048d03-7526-472e-99c1-a3e9d8410aa9

If you are having trouble accessing the registration form contact Terry Allen at tgallen1@telus.net and I will send you the link.

#### **Program and Accommodation**

Accommodation in Waterton may be limited due to the free entry to the park this year. You should make reservations as soon as possible. Use the following website to see the program and the list of hotels in Waterton. www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org

Recently an email was sent out to all Rotarians with a brochure to whet your appetite about attending next year's Rotary International Convention.

If you are contemplating attending the RI Convention in Toronto next June, it is not too early to register. Around 10,000 persons are already registered and the hotel rooms are filling up fast. Of the 22 hotels on the RI list which are within 2 miles of the Convention Centre, 14 are already sold out

Go to: <a href="http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto">http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto</a> (by clicking this link) to register and reserve a hotel





# **THE BULLETIN** of The Rotary Club of Calgary South The Hiking Club





Injuries and holidays have depleted our numbers but four hikers enjoyed a climb to Pocaterra (Trywhitt) Cirque. There were fields, over waist-high, of flowers and some new ones to identify. Butterflies were plentiful. We spent some time watching a little Pica munch on his food under the shelter of a rock. He seemed not to be spooked by our presence. At the cirque, where you are surrounded by rock, we ate our lunch. We read that the arch on Trywitt Mountain is called the Wishbone Arch. On the way home we saw a herd of Rocky Mountain Sheep licking salt on the road. The rain was sporadic on the way home so we stayed dry as it stopped when we went for ice cream.



HIKERS: We will be doing a hike in the Sibbald Lake area Wed. Aug. 16th.We will meet at PetroCan station at 8:30 AM. Contact Barb Heuchert: 403-289-2448 or Pat Farn: at 403-271-5567 for further info



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### **AUGUST 2017**

Aug 17: Dr. Jacqueline Smith: University of Calgary

Aug 21: Board Meeting

Aug 24: Mount Royal University Library Tour (more details to follow)

Aug 31: Paul Siska: Returning YEX Student

### **SEPTEMBER 2017**

Sept 2: Rotary Mattamy Greenway Celebration

Sept 7: TBA

Sept 14: Mac Logan: City of Calgary Transport

**Sept 18:** Board Meeting

Sept 21: General John de Chastelaine: Peace Day

**Sept 22-24 Waterton Peace Park Assembly** 

Sept 25: Dinner Service: Drop In Center (5:45-7:00 pm) Volunteers needed

Sept 28: CRCF Presentation

### OCTOBER 2017

Oct 5: Paul McIntyre-Royston: Calgary Library

Oct 12: Artistic Director: Alberta Ballet

Oct 16: Board Meeting
Oct 19: Ken Keelor: Ca

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# **NOVEMBER 2017**

Nov 2: Amarock Society

Nov 9: No Meeting re: Rotary Remembers

Nov 11: Rotary Remembers: Carriage House Inn Nov 12: Feed The Hungry: 125 Volunteers Needed

**Nov 16: Rotary Foundation Presentation** 

Nov 20: Board Meeting

Nov 23: TBA

Nov 30: Reid Henry: C-Space Plant Tour

# **DECEMBER 2017**

Dec 7: Sundae Nordin: Calgary Community Kitchen

Dec 14: Christmas Luncheon

**Dec 18:** Board Meeting

Dec 21: Cleven Awards and Christmas Social

Dec 28: No Meeting re: Christmas

# **JANUARY 2018**

Jan 4: Mid-Year State of the Union Address

Jan 11: Brian Farrell: REVV52
Jan 18: Robbie Burns Day

Jan 25: TBA



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