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if you know of anyone that is not well, that could use a visit or a ride to a Rotary Meeting

Before President LeClair began speaking he insisted that Paul Brick, our Photographer take a number of pictures of the Assembly, announcing quite proudly that there will be "no fake news" about the size of the crowd at his inaugural speech. He also gave greetings from his wife Terry thanking many for the cards and gifts and that she would attend as many events as she could during Bill's tenure.

"Firstly, let me say how honoured I am that you have placed your trust in me as President for this year."

There are three words that will guide my Presidency but before I get to that let me tell you how the committees in this club are set for this year. I asked each of you to submit your choices for committees. All of you except for 3 or 4 responded. I then talked with a number of you about your choices and with the committee chairmen about the make up of committees. I was not able to speak with all of you but I thank you for your overwhelming response. The conversations I did have were very interesting. The two committees I am about to mention were appointed.

As many of you know, we will have to leave our current Rotary House within the next 3 years as space is needed for the 17th Avenue expansion and other Stampede projects. The Downtown Club is interested in sharing a new and large facility. I have established a committee that is working with both the Stampede and Downtown Club to look at our options for the future. It is the Rotary House / Stampede Liaison Committee. The committee reports to me and the Board. No decisions have been made as yet but will be at our first Board meeting. I will have an announcement for you following that meeting. Rather than let you have insight into the nature of the announcement, I will defer and let the Board deal with it first.



A second committee that I have established is the Strategic Planning Committee which Reports to **President -Elect Ron Prokosch** and the Board. Their mandate is to develop a strategic plan for the next 3 years. They have been given full leeway to look at all aspects of our club in terms of our plan. I know you may have a tendency to only look at the list of committees you serve on but I would encourage you to look at the make-up of all committees as listed in Club Runner. You may have ideas for some of them. This applies from our newest to our oldest member.

Now for my three words. They are Membership, Transparency, and Communication.

On **Membership**, we started last Rotary year at 151 members and wound up at 138. Are you aware that 50% of our members are over 70? My lasting memory of Country Thunder is the lady who upon finding out that I was a Rotarian said "Ah, you are the old guys!" How many times when inducting a new member has it been mentioned that we have 1.2 million members worldwide. That's because 100,000.00 new members join and 100,000.00 leave yearly. We are not the largest service club in the world; Lions is at 1.325 million.

Your Strategic Planning Committee which has already had one meeting is using the District Membership Survey to develop a plan on membership. Do not be surprised if President-Elect Ron or someone designated by the Committee is your guest speaker in the future as he goes through the survey. Our club response rate was 42% which is outstanding. Here are some of the things you said: "Too much emphasis on money", "Decision making confined to a few", "need to get younger". There is no question we have to take the issue of membership seriously as new members are our lifeblood. In my view, we should look beyond our traditional ways of attracting new members. Do you know that the Rotary Club of Cochrane won the District 5360 award for this year for largest increase in membership? I was on a Presidential-Elect training call with Martin Parnell, President of the Cochrane Club. These are some of the things they did: revamped their website, used social media, used the newspaper, had membership recruiting meetings.

I have appointed a recruiting committee. A recruiting committee was on my list of committees before I knew about the District Survey. While we can look at other ways of recruiting the best way is through you so my hope is that some of this serves as a wake-up call. The other side of membership is retention and we all have a part to play in that. When I say, "here is a new member please get to know him / her," I would like you to consider it your personal responsibility to do so and to continue to do so. Please be very inclusive.

We need to become more **Transparent**. My law practice is primarily Real Estate law. Three words often used are disclose, disclose, disclose. I tell clients that if you disclose you are better off than not. Once every three months our Treasurer Larry Kennedy, will be at the podium to let you know our financial situation. If we need others, they will be here. We would much prefer to answer questions than for you to make assumptions. If we need smaller meetings to discuss a concern then we will have them.

As soon as we have information on the availability of funds for our committees we will let those committee chairs know and you as well. We will not wait until we have it down to the penny. Further once board minutes are approved at the meeting subsequent they are posted on the Club Runner. That is a good way to follow along.

My last word is **Communication**. I have found in my professional life that breakdowns on files occur because of lack of communication. I have observed that we have a lot of that. I want you to be as active with your committees as possible but those committees to be active with their director. My directors will meet with committee chairs face to face every three months. I would really appreciate that you as members deal with Committee chairs and your director. Involve your director at all times. We want clear lines of communication from committees to directors, if necessary the Board. Not only do we want vertical lines of communication but horizontal committee to committee lines of communication as well.

There are new deadlines for committee chair reports. Directors are to have them to other Board members no less than three days before the board meeting. I want to cut down on the time required for Board meetings.

I have a 24-hour rule from hockey days. It is simple, if you are not happy with some one or some thing then step away for 24 hours, think about it and make your point rather than regretting saying something. We used to tell parents who wanted to complain about how their son was being coached to cool their jets for 24 hours.

I am a pretty positive person. I can tell you that there are so many positives in this club. We just need to tweak things and maybe engage in attitudinal change. This club is great but can be greater. I am open to anything that makes that happen.

This year you will have the best opportunity to attend a District Conference and World Conference that you have ever had. One is in Calgary (the District Conference) and the other Toronto (Rotary International Conference). It doesn't get any better than that.

I would like to tie something else into what I just said. I have not entered this year with any definitive goals. Yes, I want membership increased, our transparency and communication to be better. Yes, we need to continue to have great meetings. We need to laugh a lot which we are good at. We are a team.

As I was driving to the District Conference in Red Deer I thought of these words "ask not what Rotary can do for you but what you can do for Rotary." I thought that sounds good but that was the end of that. The next day one of the speakers used those words and I knew you would hear them from me.

Then I went to the R I convention. President John Germ was speaking of Polio Eradication. To do that we need 3 years of no new cases. Last year there were 5 I believe. He pledged that Rotary would donate 50 million per year for the next three years, Bill Gates pledged 300 million. The pledges stopped at 1.2 billion of a desired 1.5 billion. That is Amazing.

I asked Jack Thompson what his goals were for the year. He said \$35,000 US to the foundation and \$5,000.00 for Polio. Not good enough. What you can do for Rotary to get us over \$5,000.00 (a modest \$35 US would be a start) Lastly, have fun and bring all your energy to the next meetings.

President Bill ended with a joke. It was about two Larry's (our own Larry Stein and Larry Koper) and a mule named Bessie.

There was an accident involving Farmer Larry Koper who later sued the truck driver who rammed into Farmer Larry Koper's truck as he was loading Bessie the mule into the truck.

Lawyer Larry Stein had received the Police Report where the Officer clearly stated that at the scene Farmer Larry Koper insisted he had suffered no injuries as a result of the collision.

At the trial Lawyer Larry Stein cross examined Farmer Larry Koper on this statement to prove that there were no injuries and thus no claim: "Did you not say you were fine at the scene of the accident?" Farmer Larry Koper went on to explain that he was loading his mule Bessie at the time of the collision and he could hear his mule moaning and groaning. The Police officer attending the scene looked in on the mule who was in bad shape and shot her. The Police Officer then went to Farmer Larry Koper and said: "Your mule was in such bad shape I had to shoot her. How are you feeling?"

The Assembly rose to their feet in a standing ovation to thank President Bill. It is going to be another great year!



President Bill LeClair opened his first meeting by welcoming everyone to the Rotary Club of Calgary South for August 3, 2017. He recalled **Past President Murray's** weekly introduction of "the day in history" and commented that this was a day in the history of the Club, namely that the **President-Elect Ron Prokosch** held a meeting before the President (confirmed by **George Adam**). He then asked us to join Lisa Fernandes in the singing of O' Canada and Rotary Grace.

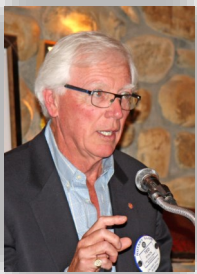
Head Table: Don Bacon, Secretary to the Board; Glen Godlonton, Director of Club Service, Membership and Social; Jim Hutchens, Director, Community Service; Dana Hunter, Director of Community Service Ways and Means; and Kevin MacLeod, Director of International and Vocational Services.



President Bill presented his Directors with their Director pins with the comment: "Here's your pin; enjoy your life"!

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Guests: Blake Pelham introduced the visitors and guests



Stay In School Golf Tournament: Ted Stack spoke on the results of the Golf Tournament on behalf of the Chair, **Gord Weicker**. It was another great fundraiser, bringing in \$136,000. It was a great day with 32 degree weather and 6 hour rounds of golf. Ted thanked the unwavering support of the sponsors, Committee members, golfers and the wonderful volunteers. He asked and received a round of applause for all who were involved in such a huge success. **President Bill** commented that the emcee at the dinner later said it was the most well run tournament in his experience.

Red Stripe removal for two new members:

Stan Cichon and Bernie Benning were asked to come forward and have their red stripes removed by sponsors **Terry Allen and Roger Jarvis**.

Congratulations Stan and Bernie!





Waterton Peace Park Assembly: Terry Allen announced that this year was the 85th Assembly. It started in 1928 as a way to celebrate U.S. and Canadian Rotarians coming together in a place of peace. Our own **George Adam** was an instrumental player in this assembly in the 50's and 60's.

It takes place September 22-24th and 4 districts are involved. The information is posted on our website. If you are having trouble registering, **please contact Terry Allen**. He also suggested going on the registration site for accommodations, such as bed and breakfast options.



Old Tyme Country Picnic: Keith Davis: Keith reported that last year's experiment exceeded expectations (i.e. hoping for 25 and hosting 250!). This year it will a similar format with great food by our own **Michael Zacharki**, candy floss supplied by **Bill Sumner** and old time sack races, tug of war and horseshoes. There will be balloons and face painting. The locale is again at **Bob Brawn's** ranch (Bow River ranch). Date and time: **Sunday August 13 from 11am-5pm**. Don't eat before you come! Bring family, friends. Charge is \$10 per adult and children under 6 are free.

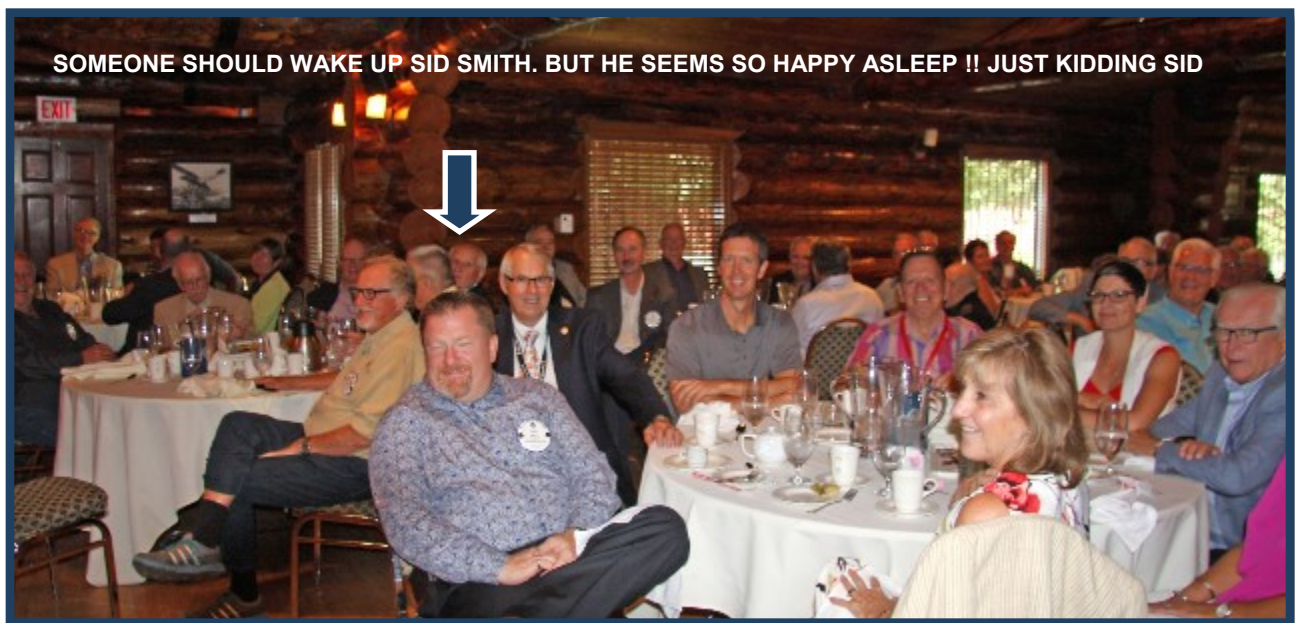
Keith asked for volunteers to assist with the face painting this year and advised that training would be provided. Please contact **Wendy Miles-Copithorne or Ken Copithorne** if you are able to help out. Let us know that you are coming in one of a few ways: register on ClubRunner or contact **Toby Oswald-Felker or Dorothea Schaab**.



Sergeant at Arms: John Fitzsimmons: After thanking **Chas Filipski** for not asking John to help him move (John contributed \$5 to the pot) and fining **Stan and Bernie** now that their red stripes were removed, he announced his theme this week was "all about **President Bill**". He stumped his 'victims', including **Earl Huson, Clive Pringle, Norm Devitt, Sam Switzer, Jim Bladon and the writer Carol Graham** with questions about Bill's birthplace (PEI), his University (Dalhousie), his year of being called to the bar (1978) and the name of his hockey club ("Rum Runners"). Always fun John!

50/50 Draw: Michael Zacharki announced a pot worth \$175.00. Newly minted **Director Jim Hutchens** pulled the winning ticket belonging to **fellow Director Glen Godlonton**. Congrats Glen!

- On that happy note, **President Bill's first meeting** was concluded



Rotary
Rotary Club of Calgary South

An afternoon of old fashioned,
family fun, food, games and fellowship.

Old Tyme Country Picnic

SUNDAY
AUGUST
13

Mark this date in your calendar:
Sunday, August 13th, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Bow River Ranch, North of Springbank Airport

Bring your partner, friends, children and grandchildren to our club's
Old Tyme Country Picnic and enjoy a great afternoon of food, fun and fellowship.
Our activities will include:

- Face Painting
- An egg-on-the-spoon race
- Sack Race
- Tug-O-War
- Horseshoes
- Bubble Table
- Frisbee competition
- Guess-the-candles-in-the-jar contest, and lots more!

It's all in the name of fun, with great burgers, hot dogs and lots of trimmings
by Calgary South's own resident chef, Michael Zacharki.

The cost is only \$10 per person (children 6 years and under are free) to cover costs of food
and everything else is free. A blanket or lawn chairs are highly recommended
– and dress is 'picnic casual', but please wear sensible footwear (that is, no flip-flops, etc).

Respond via this email by clicking the link provided.
Please register not later than August 10, 2017.

<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=af4c4b7e-4bff-458c-92a2-8acc5a02324e>

Wendy Miles Copithorne is looking for volunteers to face paint. Please contact her at: **403 615 8825**
or: mileswendy1@gmail.com



On behalf of the Rotary Club of Calgary South Stay In School Program I would like to extend a huge thank you to the SIS Golf Committee for staging yet another successful golf tournament in support of our Scholarship Program. You are to be congratulated for a job well done, and for making sure that we had great weather for the event.

**Also, a special thank-you to our volunteers!!! Without your help it would not have run so smoothly – thanks so much!
Also, a huge pat on the back for the**

golfers, and those who contributed items for the auctions.

We have an amazing club, one that we should be proud of. It is great to see the tremendous support that we have for our Scholarship Program. Thanks again to everyone for a very successful tournament.

**Bill Sumner
Chair, Stay-In-School Scholarship Program**



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: chloe@weewildones-yyc.com or: 403 708 0503
- or Chas **Filipski** at: chasfilipski@gmail.com or: 587 582 4144

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

PARTNERS IN PRINT

The Celebration of Life for Elaine Whitaker took place on July 25th, 2017. The family of Elaine Whitaker sent thanks to the Rotarians and Partners for the lunch at Elaine's Celebration. Thank you to all that assisted and brought baking.

Karen Grant, Partners President

Fellow Calgary South Rotarians

- Please see the link to the Parks Foundation's Promotional Video for the **Rotary/Mattamy Greenway**. It is 90 seconds long and has no narration. It features Dionysius, a Rotarian & an athlete. It's a great way to give everyone a glimpse of this amazing legacy project.
- Share this with friends & family and encourage everyone to pass it along.

<https://vimeo.com/223493795>

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Waterton-Glacier
International Peace Park Association
Established June 18, 1932 | www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org



September 22nd to 24th, 2017
Waterton National Park
www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY SOUTH FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



Propose a NEW MEMBER !!!!

- ⇒ Proposing new members is **essential** to achieving Rotary's goal of providing community and international service. As a Rotarian, one of your primary responsibilities is to help identify and **propose new members**.
- ⇒ Contribute to your club's membership by bringing in qualified business and professional leaders who are interested in and committed to advancing the mission of Rotary.
- ⇒ Together with your fellow Rotarians, you can help your club fully represent your community's business and professional life and, help contribute to the continuing good work and fellowship, of the Rotary Club of Calgary South.

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Membership Qualification and Classification



Running Rain Lake

Our hike this week was to Running Rain Lake, a small lake in southern Kananaskis Country close to the BC border. The trail began with by the crossing of Storm Creek on a two log bridge, followed shortly by crossing Running Rain Creek on a beaver dam. The trail then followed the Creek through the forest towards the Lake. As we approached the Lake the forest opened up to a meadow which was a bit boggy in places. There was a large variety of flowers along the trail through the meadow. Cotton grass was growing along the lake shore. This was the first time we have seen cotton grass on our hikes this year. There was still snow on the slopes of Mount Odlum next to the lake. We enjoyed our lunch while sitting on the sunny shore of the Lake.



SUBMITTED BY: TED ROWSELL PHOTOS BY: BARB HEUCHERT



HIKERS: Next week's hike is on August 9th and it will be to **Pocatera Cirque**. This hike is 6km long with an elevation gain of 230m. We will be meeting at the PetroCan at 8:30am. Those interested in hiking please contact Ted Rowsell at rowselle@telus.net or call 403 2810895.

AUGUST 2017

Aug 3: President Bill LeClair: Inaugural Address

Aug 10: Heidi Lambie: Amnesty International

Aug 13: Old Tyme Country Picnic: [Click link below to Register](#)

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Aug 17: Dr. Jacqueline Smith: University of Calgary

Aug 21: Board Meeting

Aug 24: Mount Royal University Library Tour

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: Kevin Falcon: B.C. Government Change

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: Calgary Co-op

Oct 26: District Governor's Visit

NOVEMBER 2017

Nov 2: TBA

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: TBA

DECEMBER 2017

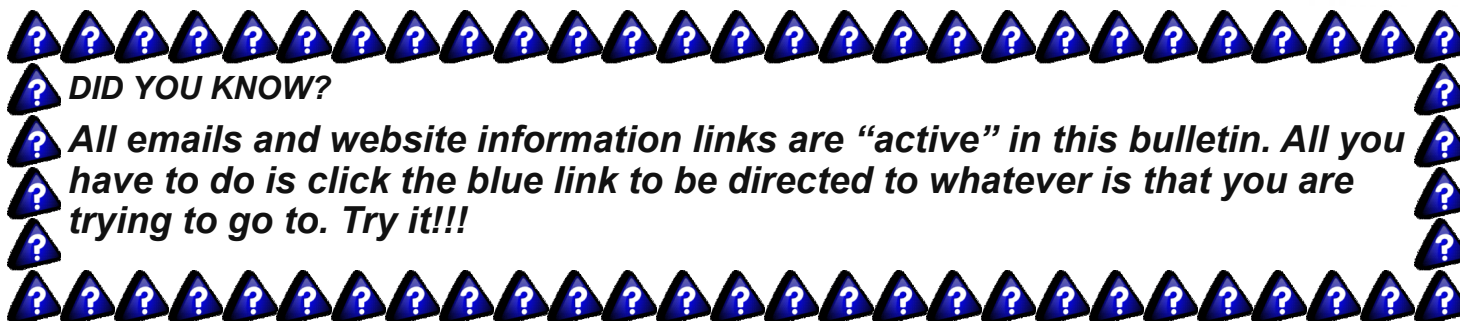
Dec 7: TBA

Dec 14: Christmas Luncheon

Dec 18: Board Meeting

Dec 21: Cleven Awards and Christmas Social

Dec 28: No Meeting re: Christmas



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