

THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South Paul Siska: My Exchange (A Lifetime in a Year)



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Kathy Demorest introduced our returning Exchange Student, **Paul Siska**. "Good afternoon fellow members and guests! I am delighted to introduce our Rotex Student, back from MA-DRID, SPAIN! **Paul** was our Outbound Youth Exchange student from Sept 4, 2016 – July 11, 2017. **Paul** has shared with me that he felt that learning another language, Spanish in his case, was probably one of the top priorities of his exchange journey, and that coming home with that language would probably be one the biggest things that he would gain form his exchange year......BUT today, **Paul** would tell you that indeed his exchange journey was that, but it was oh, so very much more than that!! We look forward to learning more about your exchange through your presentation, **Paul**."

Paul spent his year in Madrid, Spain. Although learning a new language was a priority, one of the greatest benefit of his year was living in a new culture. He was lucky to be one of only 5 students that lived in the city; most students were in smaller centres around the country. Some of the cultural things he learned were that the Spanish colours, red and yellow, are not worn as clothing or accessories; bullfighting is still carried out but is becoming quite controversial because of the death of the bull; and Spain is one of the few countries in which no words are sung to the national anthem, because of the words' association with the previous dictatorship.

The school system in Spain is different than the Canadian system. There are three streams – science, social sciences, and humanities. The last 2 years of school are the *bachillerado*, which is preparation for university. **Paul** attended at this level. Only 30% of students complete this level and move on. Most go into trade school or drop out. There are no extracurricular activities in school – sports or clubs, etc.



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Paul had two host families. His first family had 2 sons who were Exchange Students in Canada, one in Kelowna and one in Okotoks. His second family had a daughter who was an Exchange Student in Pennsylvania. His families took him on many trips and activities throughout Spain. He got to ski in 15C weather, which was more like slush skiing, compared to Canadian snow skiing.

Some of his experiences included meeting 2 other students from Canada. One was in Barcelona, which had a completely different culture and language than Madrid. He was able to visit Italy twice on school trips, as well as a Eurotour which went to 10 different countries with 50 other Exchange Students. Another highlight was a 5 day, 110 km hike on a portion of the Camino de Santiago with 50 other Students. The Camino de Santiago is religious pilgrimage which traverses Spain and ends at Santiago de Compostela, and can take up to 2 months to complete.

Rotary in Spain is made up of 3 Districts. His host Club had 5 Exchange Students, out of about 150 in the country. He was only invited to 3 meetings of his Club, so doesn't know too much about its activities and programs.

Now that he is back, he will complete his Grade 12 at St Mary's, and continue with the Rotary association through student clubs. He wanted to specifically thank his family for their support, **Ron Prokosch** and **Kevin Hayes** for acting as his counsellors, and South Calgary for giving him the opportunity.

Chas Filipski thanked **Paul** for his excellent representation of our club while in Spain and commended his parents Lucia and Matt for raising such a fine son. His presentation indicated he made the most of his adventure, which is the goal of the program. All Calgary South Club programs are simple success stories because of the hard work and dedication of our members to the task, but the goal cannot be realized without worthy candidates and organizations who are equally dedicated to themselves or their mission. We are happy to hear that Rotary is going to be included in his life, and wish him well. Visit often!

President Bill added his thanks, and noted that a donation will be made to our Stay In School Program in **Paul**'s name.





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President Bill LeClair opened the meeting with "This Day In History':

1971: Peter Lougheed led the Progressive Conservatives to a majority victory in the Alberta provincial election over the Social Credit government lead by Harry Strom, after 36 years of SoCred rule in the province.

1997: Diana, Princess of Wales, died in a car crash in a road tunnel in Paris.

And – for all the Rotary retirees over 70, when is a retiree's bedtime? Why, 3 hours after falling asleep on the couch!

He then asked Lisa Fernandes to accompany us in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.

President Bill announced that our Financial Statements for 2014 to 2016 are posted on our website and if you go to the last page of the Bulletin there are instructions as to where it is posted.

President Bill asked that our prayers go out for the mother of **Penny Leckie, Dawn Robinson**, who passed away on August 27th.

Head Table: Kathy Demorest, our new Outbound Exchange Student counsellor, Paul Siska, our speaker today, Roselyn Jack, new Member Inductee Siva

Sam, and PP Earl Huson.

Guests: Rick Jakubec also introduced Ric McIver (Guest of Bryan Walton), Pietro Griffa, District Governor Rick Istead, Maisa Costa (Next YEX Student), Doug Lacombe, Chad Hason and Paul Siska's Parents: Lucia and Matt

50/50 Draw: Michael Zacharki awarded the 50/50 draw to **Jim Fitzowich**, who donated his winnings to **Paul Siska**, thereby avoiding a fine from the Sergeant at Arms.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR RICK ISTEAD

District Governor: Rick Istead asked to say a few words to announce a New Generation Service Exchange Program.

This brings young people, aged 19 – 30 and who are in university or early in their careers, into the District to intern for 1 to 3 months in a new company and country.

The District's first Inbound Exchange is *Pietro Grif-fa*, who is from Italy and is in 6nd year Mechanical Engineering.

He would like to job shadow with any engineers that the can be introduced by the Club.



PIETRO GRIFFA



Terry Fox Run: Glen Godlonton advised that the annual Terry Fox Run is coming up on Sept 17th

Glen needs about 20 volunteers are needed to handle the morning registration.



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Rotary/Mattamy Greenway: Sherry Austin reminded us about the grand opening of the Greenway on Sept 2. Details will be sent to you again.

Our Club will be part of the festivities at the SW quadrant location, accessed off 90 Ave and 24 Street SW.

Glen and Jeanette Richardson have donated giant screens for each quadrant to display all the activities.



Inbound Exchange Student: Chas Filipski introduced our Inbound Exchange Student, Maisa Piazza Costa, from Brazil.

She will be attending St. Mary's, and her counsellor will be **Chloe Dusser**.

Maisa had the chance to go hiking with the hiking club, photos are on page 8 of the Bulletin

Sergeant at Arms: Tom Walton collected from everybody who did not golf last Thursday or Tuesday, and also from everybody who did not buy a 50/50 ticket this week.



New Member Induction: Roselyn Jack introduced **Siva Sam**, a young entrepreneur who has been living and working in Calgary for 18 years.



Siva Sam has an MBA, and currently owns and operates a software consultancy business, Appbeat Solutions, which helps companies optimize their business processes, as well as Prozus, an engineering, drafting and document control services company.

Siva is a member of Toastmasters, and is currently joining the boards of two 'not for profit' organizations that serve special needs clients.

Siva and his family have benefited from these organizations in the past, and **Siva** thought "*as a grateful and proud Canadian, now is the time to start paying it forward*".

Rotarian Hyder Hassan of the Heritage Club and DG Rick Istead introduced him to Rotary and Calgary South.

Roselyn stated that *"I believe that Siva will be a proud and very good Rotarian and as his sponsor, I am pleased to introduce him to you today."*



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PP Earl Huson inducted Siva.

"This is an Honour and a privilege for me to induct **Siva Sam** as our newest Member of the Rotary Club of Calgary South. We thank your sponsor **Roselyn Jack** for introducing you to Rotary and Calgary South. When we all think back, we each enjoy several life changing milestones. We got through life focussed on family and ca-

reer, and that is as it should be. But, at some point we realize that we should give back to society and communities as a balancing factor. We believe that *joining Rotary is a life altering moment* for most Rotarians and hope that it will be for you. You have been chosen for membership in Rotary because your fellow Members believe you to be a leader in your vocation and community. We look to you to be a liaison between our Members and your profession. You have a duty to educate us on your business and to carry Rotary ideals and principles to friends, associates, and members of your vocation.

While membership in Rotary is an honour and a privilege, it involves corresponding obligations. One important obligation is attendance. Try to attend meetings on a regular basis. We recognize that this is not always an easy task, so we have various avenues for make ups. Please consult with other Members on these.

One of the great benefits of Rotary is

fellowship and the mutual confidence that it inspires. We have a very special Club and feel that you will be a big part of that. We pledge to do our part to make you feel welcome and we would ask that you reciprocate to the mutual benefit of all.

Good Rotarians should constantly keep before them the primary objective of Rotary "Service Above Self". This is our motto and we expect Rotarians to live up to this ideal. We all live by the Rotary Four Way Test. We believe that these principles and ideals will be safe in your hands. As well, we know that we will receive much from you in help and service which will enable all of us to be better Rotarians. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Calgary South and Rotary International, we welcome you to our Rotary Wheel, which faces inward for fellowship, and outward in service to our community and to the world. Welcome, **Siva**."

President Bill presented **Siva** with his induction package and Rotary pin, and urged all of us to consider it our personal responsibility to get to know him.

Have a great long weekend









Proposed New Member

Please be advised that **Chad Hason** has been proposed for active membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary South by Ken Copithorne and George Deegan with a proposed Classification: **Brand and Marketing Strategies.**

On August 21, 2017 Chad's membership was approved by the Board of Directors on the basis of the recommendations of the Membership, Qualification and Classifications Committee subject to completion of a formal application and communication of his name and proposed classification to the membership.

If any member objects to Chad Hason joining our Club or to his proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary: Don Bacon at <u>donbacon@shaw.ca</u> within ten days of first publication.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Sherry Austin, Chair, Club Handbook Development and Board Continuity Committee announced to the membership that on August 21, 2017 the Board of Directors approved the following proposed two changes to the Club Bylaws as last amended on January 19, 2017:

Article 3 – Election of Officers and Directors, Section 2 – Criteria, Directors, Paragraph (a):

"Is a member of the Club. It is highly recommended that the nominees have a minimum of 3 years in our Club."

This paragraph has existed since it was amended January 19, 2017 to accommodate the requirements of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission with regard to our anticipated involvement in the Country Thunder project. The Board propose a return to the previous wording as follows:

"Has been a member of our Rotary Club for at least three (3) years."

And

Article 14 – Amendments

"These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been **mailed** to each member at least **twenty-one (21)** days before such meeting"

The Board propose a change to this wording to better accommodate today's communication standards as follows:

"These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been **elec-tronically mailed** to each member at least **seven (7)** days before such meeting."

These proposed changes will be put to the membership for approval by a show of hands at the September 14, 2017 regular meeting of the Club.



THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South Waterton Peace Park Assembly





Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association Established June 18, 1932 1 www.wetertor.glacierpeacepark.org



Rotarians please support the Peace Park Assembly in Waterton this year, this International initiative was started by Rotarians in 1932 and your participation would be appreciated.

Registration for the Assembly at the

Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Website

www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org

Accommodation

Accommodation may be available at the following Waterton hotels. Use the code word PEACE for conference rates at the first2 hotels listed. <u>There are</u> <u>frequently cancellations so call directly.</u>

Waterton Lakes Lodge Resort:

Email: reservations@watertonlakeslodge.com Phone: +1-403-859-2150 (direct) + 1-888-985-6343 (toll free)

> Aspen Village Motel Phone 1-403-859-2255

Bear Mountain Motel

http://bearmountainmotel.com/ 1-403-859-2366 Reasonable rates (3 stars)

Waterton Glacier Suites 1-866-621-3300

http://www.watertonsuites.com/

Bavshore Hotel

1-403-859-2211 Listed as sold out, but should check. http://www.bayshoreinn.com/

<u>Crandell Mountain Lodge</u> 1-403-859-2288 http://www.crandellmountainlodge.com

> Northland Lodge 1-403-859-2353

Other accommodation may be found in nearby Bed & Breakfasts, using the web.



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Our Global Grant with the Rotary Club of Nuevo Ibague is going very well and is nearly complete.

The filter body is heavy but families are highly motivated to pick it up from a central delivery point and get it to their rural homes, whether on a human, a motorcycle or a mule. It is a collaborative effort as you can see.

The present Global Grant leveraged our club funds of USD 3,500 into USD 49,500. We have another application in the works with this club for a project worth USD 90,000.







SUBMITTED BY: BOB WIENS







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







With a forecast of 32 C we decided to hike Heart Creek Trail where the temperature was much lower by the creek. Since there had been a bear sighting, we were noisy and watchful for signs of the bear on the trail. This is a popular trail so there were others on it. We took Maisa, our new exchange student, for an introduction to hiking before school starts. She climbed a steep rocky hill at the end of Heart Creek Trail. We saw two pairs of rock climbers and watched them for a while. After the hike we drove to Moose pond for lunch, a good plan since the picnic table in Heart Creek Trail parking lot was near where the bear had been sighted. We had a peaceful lunch near this calm pond in substantially warmer temperatures. Then we drove to Lake Minnewanka to show Maisa this area. We got a good look at a chipmunk munching on some food. Afterwards we explored the ruins of Bankhead, where coal mining took place from 1904 -1922. At its peak there were 900 residents in this very modern town of its day. SUBMITTED BY: PAT FARN







THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South New YEX Student Arrives



Rick and Donna Jakubec I were at the airport last Sunday: Aug 27th to greet our new Exchange Student.

Our student is Maisa Costa from Assis Brazil.

Chas Filipski, Chloe Dusser And Fran Hochhausen were at the airport to welcome Maisa.

Submitted by: Donna Jakubec





Partners In Print



Calgary South Rotary Partners'

Annual Membership Coffee Party

Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 9:30 A.M. Calgary Winter Club (Skyline West Room) 4611 - 14 Street N.W. Tickets: \$20.00 (full breakfast)

Guests Welcome Membership Fees: \$35.00

RSVP by September 5 to Millie Huson 403-686-0828 or <u>ehuslink@telusplanet.net</u> Send payment to: Donna Kennedy 37 Mahogany Manor SE, Calgary AB T3M 0Y3 payable to "Calgary South Rotary Partners"

Book Sale: Bring your donated books to the Coffee Party and we request "novels" only. Books will be sold for \$3.00 (hardcover) and \$2.00 (paperback). Bring change please. Proceeds to go to "It's a Crime Not to Read".







SEPTEMBER 2017

Sept 7 : Kevin Falcon: B.C. Government Change

- Sept 14: Mac Logan: City of Calgary Transport
- Sept 14: Partners Annual Membership Coffee Party: See Page 10
- Sept 17: Terry Fox Run (Volunteers Needed)
- Sept 18: Board Meeting
- Sept 21: General John de Chastelaine: Peace Day
- Sept 22-24 Waterton Peace Park Assembly: See Page 7
- Sept 25: Dinner Service: Drop In Center (5:45-7:00 pm)
- 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: 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

HEALTH, WELLNESS, TRANSPORTATION

Contact Tony Ng at Work: 403 271 0600, Home: 403 243 3243 or Cell: 403 861 1306 or by email at: <u>tng@cirrealty.ca</u> if you know of anyone that is not well, that could use a visit or a ride to a Rotary Meeting



THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South Financial Statements and Contact Information



DID YOU KNOW? We have posted the Financial Statement for 2014, 2015 and 2016 on Member Resources our Website? Attendance Reports Go to:_www.rotarycs.org and on the main page under "Member Re-**Bulletins** sources" There is a tab that says "Financial Statements" **Club Protection Policy** See the Screen shot to the right **Club Reports** Please note that you must be logged in to see this. **Committee Listing** Our Minutes from June 2017 are posted here as well as Past Bulle-Edit My Profile tins etc.. Email Message Centre **Financial Statements** We are working together to always improve our website and information Forms & Downloads technology. Member Directory Next we will be upgrading and adding some Club Forms Memorials Minutes of the Club Board Meetings Presentations From Meetings Rotary Links Who's going to the convention?

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