



Christmas Luncheon



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This year's Calgary South Christmas Luncheon brought out a large and spirited crowd to take advantage of the familiar facilities and service at the Carriage House Inn. A big thank you must again be extended to **Toby Oswald-Felker** and her Social Committee for organizing this most enjoyable event. The food, arrangements and fellowship was appreciated by all, and the cookies were a nice touch. Lots of grandkids will appreciate the ones that didn't get eaten!

Upon entering, we were greeted by entertainment from the St Mary's Jazz Trio (**Gabriel, Cedrick, and Adam**), and a very jolly Santa Claus handing out treats.

President Ron Prokosch eventually broke through all the visiting going on and got everybody seated and quiet and welcomed us.

Special visitors and guests were introduced. Santa Claus (of course): Rotaract (recently relocated to MRU); **Joyce Li** and **Kathryn Martens**: St. Mary's Guests; **Principal Luigi Fontini, Louise Vanderve, Leah Moore** and **Band Director Jeremy Zego**: Interactors (from St. Mary's); **Maya Watson, Nicole Fleming** and **Madeline Harvey**: our YEX Student **Liisa**, her new host family **Mark** and **Mckenna Lyle**, and her next host family, **Lossie** and **Jan Alston**: 2019-2020 Outgoing YEX Student, **Kayley Quinney** and her family: 2017-2018 YEX Student **Lucas Rasmussen** and his Mother, **Tannis Rasmussen**.

He then asked us to join in O'Canada, led by **Glenn Potter** and **Lisa Fernandes**.

President Elect Chas Filipski offered a toast to the Partners:

Good afternoon everyone and Merry Christmas! My name is Chas. Filipski and I have the honor and pleasure to deliver a toast to the Rotary partners. In this case a special pleasure because my late mother Marjorie was a Rotary Partner and when I get an opportunity to think about my mother - it is a good day. Merry Christmas, Mom!



Like all of us, I have listened to many of these toasts and they have all been wonderful tributes. Quite rightly - quite properly the sentiment centered on the uniqueness of the Rotary Partners - what they add to South Club - how they make our events more dynamic - more interesting and just more fun! It is a unique group to be certain and to be even more certain we are blessed to have them stand beside us and work with us. But today I choose to salute not the brilliant minds of the ladies of that group or their strong work ethic. I choose to salute their amazing HEARTS.

Now, I've been a member of the Rotary club for over 22 years. During those years in Rotary I have - sadly - seen us lose incredible Rotary members. I have seen Rotary members lose amazing, beautiful partners - I have seen families endure struggles and hardships that are heartbreaking. The Filipski household is no more immune from those than many in this audience today.

However, in those difficult times the Rotary partners are the first with a hand - first with a comforting word - first with a meal, a card, a thought, a prayer, and anything to simply help lessen the burden of their fellow Rotarian - their friend. I know this because I've seen it firsthand. My friends, in my estimation it is the glue that emanates from those beautiful hearts that binds all of us in this room - Rotarians and Partners - together.

*And so - as we joyously celebrate the coming of Christmas with its thoughts of kindness and goodwill to all - I ask my fellow Rotarians to stand with me and raise your glasses. In the words of **Helen Keller**: Here is to a group of Women who remind us that the best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen nor heard. They must be felt with the HEART. To the Rotary Partners.*

Rotary Partners President, Claudia Brews, replied on behalf of the Partners:

It truly is a privilege to represent the strong, independent women of Rotary Partners. It is easy to use those descriptive words given many of their husbands are in the audience and I'm sure would completely agree! Starting out somewhat as an extension of Rotary, the Partners have established their worth with an enduring commitment to Rotary values as well as participation at its many events. Additionally, we have added many fun activities which continues to build the camaraderie and strength of our Club. We take pride in the partnership formed with our Rotarians and it too continues to grow – invitations to be on Rotary committees, to generously participate in your fund raising events and attendance at some mutual events.



And probably most of all, it is your strong recognition of the Partner's commitment to volunteering at the Rotary Dream Home event that results in your generous contribution to our Project Research Fund. We all agree on the importance of giving back to the community. This prevailing partnership allows each of us to fund diverse charities in Calgary and beyond allowing them to accomplish their goals.

I also have to acknowledge the reciprocal relationship that Ron Prokosch and I have established this year – one of mutual respect and support for Rotarians and Partners alike. I hope this tradition continues with future Presidents of our organizations.

Now, the Partners would like to wish all Rotarians the best of the season. May you celebrate each day, be blessed in the future and never forget the friendships formed because of Rotary. Partners, please join me in toasting the Rotarians.

Penny Leckie presented the Grace.

After a delicious turkey lunch, moving right along, **President Ron** brought **Glenn Potter** and **Lisa Fernandes** on stage to entertain us with some beautiful renditions of traditional Christmas carols.

Then the Rotary Singers (**Lisa**, **Hugh Delaney**, and **Don O'Dwyer**), accompanied by the St. Mary's High School Singers, and **Murray Flegel** (on guitar, broken ankle and all), **Jim Burns** (on accordion) and **Glenn Potter** (on piano) led us in a sing-a-long of Christmas favourites.

Lynn Grant announced that the toy drive yielded several bags of toys that have already been delivered to the Salvation Army, along with over \$785 in cash donated today. **Heather Davies**, a new Rotary Partner and friend of the **Grant's**, was the lucky winner of the \$200 door prize from the drive. Congratulations to everybody who contributed.



Club News

RI Convention, Hamburg, Germany: **Marianne Jost** is organizing a pre-convention tour of Germany. Anyone interested is asked to contact her ASAP so she can finalize arrangements.

President Ron closed the meeting with our traditional welcome song to acknowledge all of the visitors and partners with us today.



Merry Christmas



Click link below to view all 2018 RCCS Christmas Luncheon photos:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/PhotoAlbums/2018-rccs-christmas-luncheon>



Rotary Helps at the Calgary Food Bank: **Corinne Wilkinson** is looking for a **few more** volunteers to assist with sorting food in the warehouse (in the back section of the Food Bank - NOT serving the clients) on Friday, December 21 from 9:45 am to 1:00 pm.

Please send an email to Corinne by clicking this link: corinne@whitehathospitality.com if you are interested in joining us!

It is always a great time for friendship while lending a hand to our city's amazing Food Bank that serves thousands of Calgarians every month.



President Ron and Bev Ostermann would like to give a Special Thanks to **Stacey Johnson and Print Three** for donating the 2018 - 2019 Rosters.



The first wine club event was a fun night. Thanks to Christine and Jean for hosting!

The theme was BIG & BOLD and we tried wines from California and Europe. Some definite winners in the group! We will be compiling a list of wines that make an appearance to share with those who are interested.

The next wine club event will be held in early February at the home of **Denise & Kevin McLeod**. Please check a future bulletin for more information about the theme and date.

Membership lunch Feb 28th: *Bring a Guest to Rotary – on February 28th . A regular meeting but a special day and agenda geared towards prospective new members. February 28th, 2019. Fun and easy way to get the invite out to those prospects you have talked to about joining our club. Invite a potential new member to a fun lunch, meet great people, and learn more about Rotary.*



Dear Rotary Club of Calgary South Members

Your wonderful support of the **Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF)** is most appreciated! For those of you who donated online, **ATB** has experienced some challenges tracking donations. The following donations do not have the donor identified. Would you please let us know if this was your donation so that we may update the donor list.

October 4	\$100 + \$15	
October 9	\$2000 + \$300	
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October 18	\$150	

Thank you for your kind assistance!
Sherry Austin Chair, CRCF Committee

It was a great day at the Feed the Hungry on December 9th.

A meal of Turkey, roasted potatoes, peas, carrots, salad and dessert was prepared by 25 volunteers in the morning. In the afternoon 75 volunteers plated and served the meal. Front door guests were 293 plus 221 family members (about 60 families). This is way more families that we usually serve. The draw of course was Santa. The families had their pictures taken with Santa. Each family received a Christmas gift courtesy of Heninger Toyota.

We prepared meals for 800 plates and served 1071. Most had seconds. We ran out of food. The chefs quickly prepared some meat balls for the remaining guests. We served a lot more meals than in prior years.

Our club contributed \$5,000 to cover the cost of the meal plus we provided all of the volunteers. Great work. We are scheduled for Sunday November 24, 2019. Thanks to everyone who helped out.

**Submitted by: Harry Pelton
and Glen Godlonton**



The most recent Dinner Club was hosted at the home of Carole and Bob Brawn.

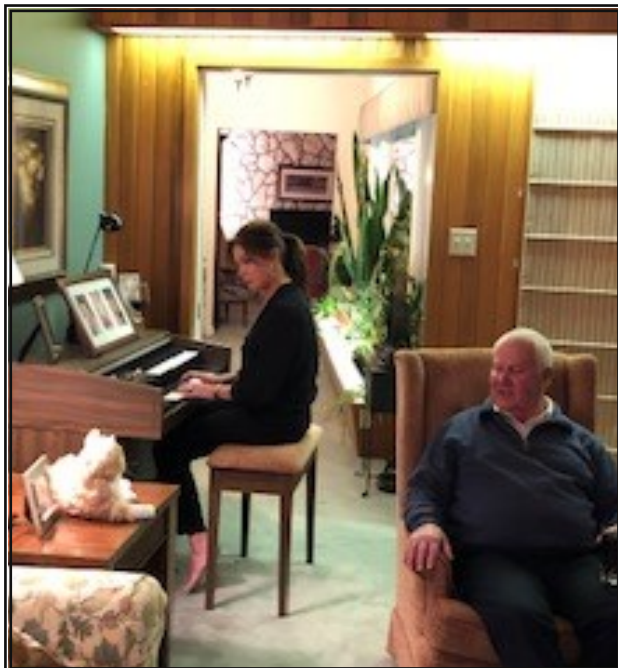
Everyone had a wonderful time.

Carole and Bob Brawn along Jim and Barrie Gorman and George and Pat Deegan and Walter and Evelyn Flores were in attendance.

There must have been some musical moments by Carole, Evelyn and Barrie.

A great time was had by all!

Submitted by: Walter Flores



DECEMBER 2018: DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

Dec 20: Clevelen Awards and Christmas Social

Dec 17: RCCS Board Meetings at Ranchmen's Club

Dec 21: Interfaith Foodbank: information in the bulletin

Dec 27: No Meeting Due to Christmas



JANUARY 2019: VOCATIONAL SERVICES

Jan 3: Mid Year State of the Union Address

Jan 10: Calgary Search and Rescue Association

Jan 16: Mustard Seed Dinner Prep and Service: Foothills Location

Jan 17: Robbie Burns Day

Jan 24: Anne-Marie Syslak: Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society

Jan 25: L. Kwong Memorial Chinese New Year Dinner: Regency Palace

Jan 28: Ronald McDonald House Dinner Prep and Service: Need 5 Volunteers

Jan 31: Janice McTighe, Exec. Director: Renfrew Educational Services



FEBRUARY 2019: WORLD UNDERSTANDING

Feb 2: Cowboy's Casino: Need 20 Volunteers for Morning, afternoon & count room

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Feb 5: Ronald McDonald House Dinner Prep and Service: Need 5 Volunteers

Feb 7: Jesse Moffat: National Music Centre

Feb 14: Valentine's Day Luncheon at Rotary House

Feb 21: Stay In School Golf Presentation

Feb 28: Membership Development Day: Bring a friend to lunch



St. Patrick's
Day!

MARCH 2019: WATER AND SANITATION

Mar 7: To Be Determined

Mar 14: St. Patrick's Day

Mar 21: BitQuest CEO Koley Karrington: Intro to Blockchain and Crypto Currency

Mar 28: To Be Determined

APRIL 2019: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Apr 4: To Be Determined

Apr 11: To Be Determined

Apr 16: Mustard Seed Dinner Prep and Service: Foothills Location

Apr 18: New Member Celebration

Apr 25: Bob Sartor: Calgary Airport Authority

New Members
Celebration

MAY 2019: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

May 2: Dream Home Registration Kickoff

May 9: St. Mary's 4 Way Test Contest

May 16: To Be Determined

May 23: Stay In School Luncheon

May 30: To Be Determined

JUNE 2019: ROTARY FELLOWSHIP

June 6: To Be Determined

June 13: Stampede President Presentation

June 20: Charity Day Presentation

June 27: Changing of the Guard

Weekly Meetings & Bulletin Requirements

If you are asked or request to speak at a weekly meeting please note the following:

- Advise President Ron that you wish to make an announcement on Monday before the meeting by email
- Provide a digital copy of your notes to the Bulletin Editor and/or Kathyann Reginato in advance of the meeting. If you can't then immediately after the meeting
- At a minimum please give the Editor your hand written notes after you speak

This is for Speakers, Intro Speakers, Thankers and anyone making announcements at the Podium.

We cannot guarantee that your announcement can be made if you don't provide this information.

Thank you for your assistance with this. It is very difficult for the Bulletin Editors to take so many notes at a busy and loud meeting so let's help them out

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