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This year's Calgary South Christmas Luncheon brought out an unusually 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.

Upon entering, we were greeted by carolling from the St Mary's Choir Ensemble, and a very jolly Santa Claus handing out treats.

President Bill LeClair, in his inimitable fashion got everybody seated and quiet and welcomed us. He noted that he had contacted **George Adam** to ensure that he was going to attend his 62nd Christmas function, but found that **Lois** is quite seriously ill and in hospital and George is not sure what the prognosis is. Our best wishes go out to **George** and **Lois**.



Special visitors and guests were introduced. Santa Claus (of course); St. Mary's Principal, **Luigi Fortini**; St. Mary's Interact Coordinator, **Louise Vanterve**; Singers and Choir Director, **Monica Hnatiuk**; Counsellor **Carmen Oustad**; Exchange Student, **Maisa Piazza**; Maisa's Host Family, **Tannis and Ronan Rasmussen**; Co-Chair Calgary Rotaract, **Nancy Li**; and our previous outgoing Exchange Student and Co-Chair St. Mary's Rotaract, **Paul Siska**.

President Bill Also brought greetings from our current outgoing Exchange Student, **Lucas Rasmussen**.

Hey all!

Merry Christmas! I hope everything is going well back home in Calgary. Once again I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for this amazing, eye opening experience. I've been loving every aspect of Hungary, from school, to Rotary to my host family. I've really been enjoying the Hungarian Christmas traditions, the Christmas markets, the music and of course the food!

Rotary has been very kind to me here, I've had the opportunity to sell hot wine and tea, go to a Hungarian language camp, go to Budapest and explore Hungary! I would consider myself to be making fast advances in the Hungarian language, my grammar is still terrible but I can conjugate all sorts of verbs into the past, present and future tense along with adding different suffixes and prefixes.

I've been learning so much here so far, from the fascinating Hungarian history to new math skills. And congratulations on the tremendous success of the Dream Home this year! \$634,000! Wow the amount of good Rotary is capable of doing astounds me every day.

Once again thank you very much for this opportunity and good luck in the coming year!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Your Outbound to Hungary,

Lucas

Pres. Bill then asked us to join in O'Canada with the assistance of **Glenn Potter** and **Lisa Fernandes**.

President Bill offered a toast to the Partners:



If you were to sit down and think of the strengths of Calgary South as some of us have with the Strategic Planning Committee, one of the things you would come up with is Rotary Partners. We have a unique group within the Rotary world because you are a formal organized group that participates in our activities while carrying on your own.

I remember the days of the Rotary Ann's and thought it was fitting that the name be changed to Partners. This year, as President, I attended the Partner's Christmas Luncheon where I was fortunate enough to be able to hand over a cheque to the Partners for \$85,000 to distribute to charities. No other president in this District has the privilege of doing that in conjunction with a group such as the Partners.

I ask our members to rise and join me in a toast to our Partners, to thank them for what they do for us, to wish them all the best of the season and to above all wish them good health and happiness.

Rotary Partners President, Karen Grant, replied on behalf of the Partners:



At this time of year, our thoughts are of family and friends. Look around.....you are surrounded by not only your friends, but your Rotary Family. As Partners we are so blessed to have the connection with the Rotary Club of Calgary South. Thank-you for sharing with us all of your projects, fund raisers & fellowship.

We are fortunate to have this connection. It allows us, as Partners, to "Make a Difference".

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with much success in all of your endeavors.

Partners, please raise your glasses in a toast to those that support us, the Rotarians

Ron Prokosch presented the Grace. He started by congratulating **President Bill** and **Teri** on becoming grandparents to **Baby Henry**.

Let us take a moment to remember all the religions represented in worldwide Rotary. Let us recall that when we were invited to join this Rotary Club, we were not asked if we were a protestant, a Hindu, a Muslim, a Jew, a Catholic, or a Buddhist. We were not asked because all religions are welcome in the Rotary family.

Let us take a moment for reflection and thanks with these words. With our friends bedside us, and no person beneath us, with the bonds of Rotary between us, and our worries behind us, with our goals before us and no task beyond us, with a thirst for knowledges and a dream for a strife and conflict free world, we are thankful for our Rotary friends and the meal we are about to share. Thank you.

After a delicious turkey lunch, moving right along, **President Bill** brought **Glenn Potter** (still with a mouthful of turkey!) up to introduce the Acclamation Handbell Team from 1st Baptist Church. The art of Handbell Ringing began in England in the early 1700's when they first learned how to cast and tune bells. Handbells moved to the United States in the early 1900's. **Carol** and **John Nelson Sr.** started the bell program at 1st Baptist in the 1960's. **John** brought the first bells into Alberta and gradually handbell ringing has become a vital part of our elementary school programs and many churches in Calgary. **Anne Hergot** has been the director of the program at 1st Baptist for the last three years.

Today's ringers are from the Acclamation Advanced Choir, who regularly ring in church services, concerts and at other events all over the city. Usually they would ring a full 5 octaves – that's 60 bells in all, along with a set of chime bars, and they would have a total of 15 ringers. Our group today is only ringing an octave and a half. Please welcome **Margaret Dunkerley, Judy Garrison, Myrna Dyck, Jim Winslett, Carol Kerfoot, and Director Anne Hergot.**

The Team beautifully performed a number of traditional Christmas carols, which sounded especially festive with these unique instruments. The program was received enthusiastically by all attending.

Lynn Grant announced that the toy drive yielded about 125 toys that will be delivered to the Salvation Army, along with over \$340 donated today. **Pat Burns** was the lucky winner of the door prize from the drive. Congratulations to everybody who contributed.

Lisa Fernandes, with accompaniment from **Glenn Potter** and the St. Mary's High School Singers, used her beautiful voice to lead us in singing some more Christmas carols to close out the luncheon.

President Bill closed the meeting (5 minutes early!) with the observation that this is a time for family and wished everyone happy memories with their families.

Unfortunately, during the luncheon **Ed Whitaker** suffered a medical episode that required attention from EMT, but we are assured that it was not as serious as first appeared, and **Ed** was his usual self before being taken to the hospital for observation. Have a speedy recovery, **Ed!**

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Meeting Attendance Minute: Committee Meetings as Make-Up Meetings

Subject to the approval of the Board attendance at regular meetings of certain committees that meet the following criteria qualify as 14 Day Rule make-up meetings for attendance purposes:

It is recognized that all Club Members are expected to perform certain committee assignment during the course of the year; however, the work load and time commitment of members of this Committee are well beyond that of other Committees, and Committee meetings are generally held on monthly basis throughout the course of the year, and Committee meetings are generally of a duration in excess of 60 minutes, and Minutes of the meeting are recorded by a permanently designated Committee Secretary and circulated to all Committee members and others.

Committee meetings held at times just before and/or just after regular Club meetings at the same location as the Club meeting that meet the above criteria. Sub-Committee meetings held at separate times and places as meetings of the main Committee are not applicable.

The Committee Secretary or Chair is responsible for tabulating and communicating the meeting attendance to Kathyann for record keeping purposes.

Bulletin Committee Request: Requirements for Speaking at the Podium

Anyone that speaks at a weekly meeting needs to provide electronic copies of their speaking information before or immediately after the meeting to the Weekly Bulletin Editor or to: kathyann@rotarycs.org

President Bill will be expecting you to submit an electronic copy of your information so that we can have accurate Club News on your behalf. Thanks very much for your assistance.

Bev Ostermann: Chair: Bulletin Committee

Health, Wellness & Transportation:

Contact **Gena Rotstein** at: grotstein@karmaandcents.com or: 403 860 7572 if you know of anyone that is not well, that could use a visit or a ride to a Rotary Meeting.

Don O'Dwyer: Chair: Health Wellness and Transportation Committee

Cleven Award Recipients



The Board of Directors have confirmed the following recipients of the Cleven Award for 2017.

Bob Brawn and Bill Sumner will be recognized at the Christmas Luncheon on December 21st, 2017.



All members are invited to attend this special meeting at which time we will have an opportunity to congratulate Bob and Bill for their long-term commitment to our Rotary Club.

Menu for December 21st, 2017

**Fresh Garden Greens with Herb Vinaigrette
AAA Alberta Beef Stroganoff finished with Sour Cream
Buttered egg noodles
warmed breads and butter
French lemon house made tarts**



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Please Note: The remaining food from Feed The Hungry was donated to The Calgary Drop In Centre and they offered their thanks to Harry Pelton and the Rotary Club of Calgary South

Thursday, December 07, 2017

Harry Pelton
 Rotary Club of Calgary South
 120, 200 Rivercrest Drive SE
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Dear Harry,

Your gift of 8 dishes of food and 40 bags of mini cucumbers is sincerely appreciated.

We depend on people like you to meet the increasingly complex and diverse needs of our clients at the Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre Society.

Together, we can improve the lives of those who are less fortunate. Thank you for supporting us in our work to make Calgary a city that cares.

We are working to make Calgary a kinder, more inclusive community. Thank you for your generous donation and heartfelt support.

With best regards,

Dobbie

Thanks Harry for your support

Dobbie Newman
 Executive Director

"Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work"

Mother Theresa

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November 30, 2017

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Dear Mr. Marchant,

Thank you for supporting student success at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. Since 1916, SAIT has been a leader in applied education and your generosity has improved the lives of our students on campus and in our communities. I am pleased to share with you that Yuliana Castillo Mendoza, Business Administration has been selected as the recipient of the Bob & Gynell Dawson - Sponsored by Rotary Club Calgary South Award in recognition of their achievements during SAIT's 2017/18 academic year, and included is a thank you note from her.

This past year, we gave over \$5.6 million in student awards to more than 4,000 deserving students. By supporting SAIT, you are giving our students an opportunity to launch onto the global stage as entrepreneurs, leaders, and community builders. Thank you for helping us deliver career-ready graduates to industry and action-based learning experiences to our students.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Donna'.

Donna Lambert, Student Awards Manager
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This past week was a lot of fun. On Friday we had "hell night" at school for the play. Hell night is when we stay after school until 11 pm at school rehearsing for the play. It was a lot of fun. After that one of my friends gave me and some other people a ride home, and we stopped at 7-eleven to have Slurpee. It was the first time I ever had a Slurpee. During my weekend all I did was rest. I've been really busy this week with the play so I haven't been doing a lot.

But some of the things that I still want to do while I'm here in Canada is trying some winter sports and visiting Toronto.

Last week it was 100 days since I arrived to Canada and I decided to write about what I learned in this 100 days on Facebook and Instagram, so here is what I posted on Facebook:

"It's been 100 days since I got here, and it's been amazing. I had good days and bad days, like every one. I've fallen in love with a new sport, Hockey, and a new culture. Since I got here people have been asking me "are you cold?" or "do you still like the cold?" specially when they hear I'm from Brazil, and obviously there are times when I'm cold, but like I said it before, I still like the cold. The snow is amazing, even though it's not good when it melts. But Canada is not all about the cold.

People here are really welcoming to international people, and it's amazing how walking at school I can hear people speaking in at least 3 different languages, English, obviously, French, because there are a lot of people from Quebec, and Spanish, because they have so many international students here. Canadians are very welcoming and they don't really care where you came from. They are interested in new cultures.

I've met people from all around the world, and they are amazing people. I'm really glad Rotary and my parents gave me this opportunity and I'm doing my best here.

My 100 days in Canada have been amazing and I can't wait to see how the rest of my days here will be."

Maisa Piazza Costa



DECEMBER 2017

Dec 18: Interfaith Food Bank: (9:45 am to 1:00 pm)

Dec 18: Board Meeting

Dec 21: Clevelen Awards and Christmas Social

Dec 22: Interfaith Food Bank: (12:15 to 3:00 pm):

Dec 28: No Meeting re: Christmas



JANUARY 2018

Jan 4: President Bill LeClair: Mid-Year State of the Union Address

Jan 11: Brian Farrell: REVV52

Jan 18: TBA

Jan 25: Robbie Burns Day



FEBRUARY 2018

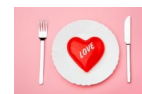
Feb 1: Jeannie Everett: New Alberta Curriculum

Feb 2: Larry Kwong Chinese New Year Dinner

Feb 8: Valentine's Day Luncheon

Feb 15: Dick Shaw: Rotary Profile

Feb 22: Brett Endres: Virtual Construction



MARCH 2018

March 1: TBA

March 8: Nancy Mannix: Palix Foundation

March 15: St. Patrick's Day

March 22: Art Borzel: Rotary Profile

March 29: TBA



APRIL 2018

April 5: TBA

April 12: David Docherty: Mount Royal University

April 19: New Member Celebration Evening Meeting: Carriage House

April 26: Terry McDonough (Deceased): Rotary Profile

MAY 2018

May 3: Dream Home Registration Kick off

May 10: St. Mary's 4 Way Test Contest

May 17: Copithorne Family History

May 24: Stay In School Luncheon: Carriage House Inn

May 25: President's Party: Acadia Rec Centre

May 31: TBA

JUNE 2018

June 7: TBA

June 14: TBA

June 16: TBA

June 21: TBA

Have you applied for your Volunteer Clearance yet? Here is the link from the District to do so:
<http://www.rotary5360.ca/page/volunteer-screening>

This is also located on our website on the Home Page under: Member Resources: Club Protection Policy

Attending the District Conference or the Rotary International Convention? Here are the links to Register:

Discon 2018 Registration: <http://discon5360.ca/registration/>

RI Convention 2019 Registration: <http://www.riconvention.org/en>

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