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**Bryan Targett** introduced us to **Jeannie Everett** – a grad from Central Memorial, with an undergrad and Masters at the U of C in education. She has been at CBE for 32 years in a variety of positions including teacher, Principal, Area Director, and Superintendent. She is involved in the community including the Calgary Police Foundation Board, Calgary Public Library, and the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre. She is now the Acting Deputy Chief of Education. And.....she is Bryan's niece!

When she first graduated from U of C, CBE offered internships to new graduates without paying for them. Brian, as Principal of Van Horne school, offered her a position. Only a couple of weeks into the job, a fight broke out outside Jeannie's classroom door. When she stepped out to see what was going on, she was met with a heavy swing that landed her on the floor. Bryan came across the fight, and Jeannie laying on the floor who was not hurt. He commented on Jeannie's start to her education career and to see where it has taken her now.

Jeannie thanked **Maisa Piazza Costa** for her presentation and commented how inspiring it is to see young people grow their education. Our Stay in School program is very near and dear to her heart.

She explained that curriculum is determined by the Province, working with teachers and taking a grass roots approach. Albertans will be able to comment as the process goes forward but she can't comment at this time.



## THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South

### Jeannie Everett: New Alberta Curriculum



Jeannie shared a number of interesting points on public education in Calgary:

- most buildings are over 50 years old yet they still house and support students today
- 91% of children in Calgary choose public education. It is a strong organization that supports students and their learning.
- We all have our favourite teachers – many being the cornerstone of our lives. CBE believes that students deserve the best education possible – all should have an equal opportunity to succeed.
- There are 121,000 students in CBE. CBE would be the third largest city in AB if CBE were a city
- With 245 schools, CBE is the second largest land owner in the City of Calgary
- CBE has 14,000 employees and 10,000 full time positions
- CBE is a significant economic driver. \$500M spent on new schools in the past 3 years
- In 2017 CBE opened 18 new schools – thrilled to offer schools closer to home
- 1 in 4 Calgarians are connected to CBE as a parent, employee, student, or former employee
- Of the 121,000 students – one-quarter are English language learners. We are very diverse – we embrace all cultures.
- CBE doesn't refer to EST (English as a second language) anymore, as some students know 3 – 4 languages – so English is not necessarily their second language
- Many students are refugees. Syrian refugees – we accepted 500 students in January and February when they arrived. That is equivalent to accepting an entire elementary school of kids from Syria in a very short period of time. Being responsive to that need has strengthened all of us
- 80 languages are supported by CBE. Cultural advisors and translators are critical to any child. CBE goes far and wide to support student learning and that of their parents
- 21,000 students have special education needs. CBE welcomes those students and helps them to become contributing members of society
- Very proud of Christine Meikle school which received modernization funding for severely cognitive delayed students and complex medical needs. The school is state of the art
- Literacy and math are the foundation to be successful, and will always include reading, comprehension, and writing.
- CBE is working to cultivate a balance of Indigenous knowledge systems. They are going about it very intentionally –creating new curriculum.
- CBE is looking at each student – to determine what life long learning will look like for the next generation. We are building the best skill sets now, which look very different than what we grew up with. CBE is not putting kids in boxes, but rather creating jobs and partnerships. CBE knows it cannot do it alone.
- Kids as early as junior high can start to look at future career jobs. Through many partnerships – students are meeting the trades such as plumber and pipe fitter. Jeannie shared that one student in his first year was employed by a construction company, and is now well on his way to buying a house only months after graduating from grade 12.
- Volunteers in our schools are also very important – they support the students with readiness for school, reading an important book, and acting as support for students whose parents are working
- The Province evaluates every school and builds benchmarks around it. Calgary and CBE are ranked very high against other jurisdictions.
- In Math 30 we surpass the Province results by 4%
- 47% of students in grade 12 physics pass the standard of excellence

In concluding Jeannie said that the strong foundational skills are what kids need. But they are coming up in a world that looks very different than ours did. Public students are leaders of tomorrow, and are coming from the CBE.

**Terry Allan** thanked our speaker and said Jeannie was being ganged up on by all the teachers in the club. And also joked that it is always fun to talk back to a Superintendent and a Principal.

Jeannie provided a different perspective on all school systems of what everyone has to face with a diverse population and changing curriculum. He thanked Jeannie for being forthright of what's happening at the CBE.

President Bill shared that at least half a dozen times he has been told that he should have been a teacher, and not a lawyer. (insert audience laughter here). He expressed gratitude, and in Jeannie's name, \$100 would be donated to the Stay in School program.



**Chloe Dusser** introduced our exchange student, **Maisa Piazza Costa**, who shared what she has enjoyed so far about being in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Maisa shared a map of Brazil, and showed that she lives in a small town the size of Red Deer – at the southeast corner of the country.

The largest economic driver in her town is agriculture. They have one university and three colleges.

Maisa studies in a small public school of 400 students in total. She plays volleyball and enjoys drama - both of which she is carrying on in her Calgary adventures. She was in a play in December which helped her with being away from her family from Brazil during the holidays. Her fellow drama classmates kept her busy.

One of her final exams is to write a play and will be presenting it later this Spring.







In Brazil Maisa is a member of Job's Daughters. This is an organization for girls between ages 10 and 20 to foster leadership and volunteer for various projects. Maisa shared that Job's Daughters has helped her overcome her shyness which she has found to really help her now.

Maisa's mom is a nurse and dad is a doctor. They work in the same place, and met in university. She has one older brother and one older sister. Her brother is 19 and her sister is 23. Maisa and her sister look very alike, which prompted her sister to now dye her hair red!



Maisa has stayed with two host families here: the Rasmusson family first which Maisa enjoyed especially with their three children – Maisa didn't feel lonely in her first months of getting adjusted to Canada. She was with them until after Christmas. It was very hard to say good-bye to her 10 year old host sister. Host sister has two older brothers, and she really enjoyed the opportunity to bond with Maisa – and vice versa.

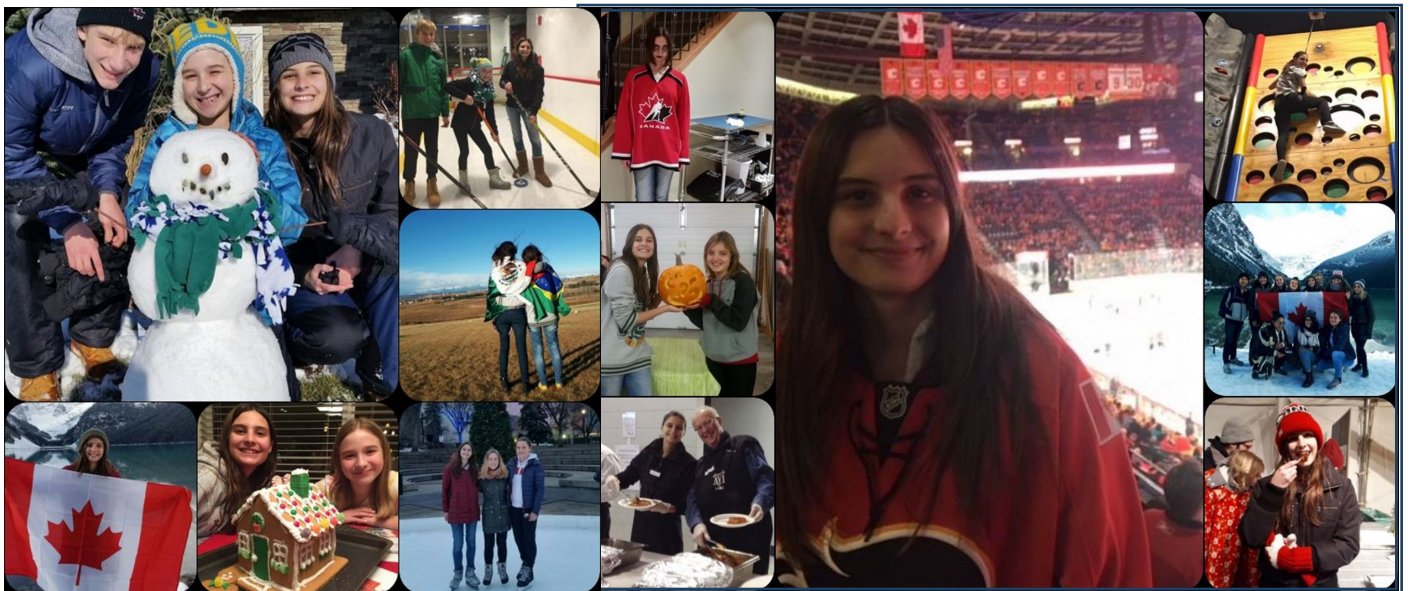
Maisa is now with the Fitzowich family – and they took her skiing. Maisa shared pictures of what she has done so far. She has built her first snowman as they don't have snow in Brazil. She tried to play hockey but found it really hard – although her new host brother is really good at it. At Halloween all exchange students met, and went skating with two other students – another first in Canada. She also built her first gingerbread house. In Lake Louise she was proudly hoisting a Canadian flag as she forgot her Brazilian flag for the trip.

She went to her first professional hockey game to see the Flames. On Halloween, her costume was a zombie hockey player. They carved pumpkins, helped Rotary at Feed the Hungry, and climbed a wall for the first time. She had her first maple taffy but couldn't eat it all because it was very sweet.

She went skiing this past weekend and in concluding, said she loves it here and really doesn't want to go home.

**President Bill** thanked Maisa for her presentation. He said that if before Job's Daughters she was very shy, this Rotary presentation has brought her even further out of her shyness.

By the time she goes home, her parents may not recognize her. This is a tribute of what the exchange program does for our young students.



**President Bill LeClair** opened the meeting with "This Day in History":

- ⇒ 15 years ago today the Columbia Space Shuttle broke up over Texas with the loss of 7 lives
- ⇒ Today is **Kathlynn Reginato's** 32nd Wedding Anniversary! **Congrats!**
- ⇒ Today in 1964 Bobby Rousseau of the Montreal Canadiens scored five goals against the Detroit Red Wings. Score was 9 – 3 and was the only 5 goal performance in NHL between February 1955 and November 1968
- ⇒ A little girl in grade 2 named Martha was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it is a very large mammal, it's throat was very small. Martha stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said "when I get to Heaven I will ask Jonah." The teacher asked "What if Jonah went to hell? Martha replied "then you ask him".

**President Bill** then asked **Lisa Fernandes** to lead us in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.

**Head Table: Stacy Johnson, Jim Hutchens, Lynn Topp, Bryan Targett and Jeannie Everett**

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**Visitors and Guests: Rick Jakubec** introduced: Jeannie Everett (Guest Speaker), Marilyn Dennis (Guest: Dorothea Schaab), Brett Albers (Guest: Dilan Perera) Espy (Guest: Sam Switzer and Maisa our exchange student. We provided our guests with a rousing round of the Welcome Song.

**50/50 Draw: Dorothea Schaab** won the 50/50 today, and without a Sergeant at Arms, **President Bill** warned Dorothea to bring some of her winnings back next week.



**St. Mary's Career Day: Dorothea** announced an opportunity for Rotarians to hold career discussions at St. Mary's High School. They will be scheduled for 45 minutes every Friday until May and the audience will be small groups of 20 students. It is an opportunity to share your profession and business in general. Please let Dorothea know if you are interested in participating. (Details on Page 7)

After some joking around and a somewhat distracted audience, President Bill, teased Toby about walking around, and chastised Bryan Walton for showing up in a Flames jersey when he is actually an Oilers fan. Moments later he reminded us that we don't always have to listen to him! Hmmmm....let's see if that holds true when our Sergeant at Arms returns next week!



**Rotaract Hitmen Support: President Bill** reminded everyone of Rotaract's game night with the Calgary Hitmen - \$15 a ticket for the March 3 game. \$5 goes back to Rotaract to help with their charitable programs. You can attend the game, or purchase tickets for the Rotaracts to in turn give to kids to attend the game. (Details on Page 7)



**President Bill** also reminded everyone that Valentine's Day is February 14th even though our Valentine celebration will be on February 15th. He suggested that ignoring February 14th and hoping that lunch on February 15th would be the way to thank your loved one might not be your best decision.



**Go to Page 8 to Register.** Just his bit of advice as you head into another great Rotary week.





**Rotaract:** Sarah Kahn (a member of Rotaract) will be with us to sell tickets to their Rotary Day with the Hitmen on March 3rd.



**Rotary Day will be held on Saturday March 3rd at the Saddledome at 7pm seeing the Calgary Hitmen face off against the Regina Pats. Each ticket costs \$15 with \$5 from every ticket sold going towards Calgary -26 happen! We hope that your club members, their families, and friends are able to help us fill up the dome, have some fun, and support some worthy causes.**

*If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute, tickets can be purchased and Rotaract will donate them to a Women in Need Calgary client who may not have the opportunity to attend a hockey game otherwise. For tickets please contact Joyce Li (403) 797-2630 or Sarah Kahn from Calgary Rotaract ([president@calgaryrotaract.com](mailto:president@calgaryrotaract.com)).*

This is our chance to get involved with and support potential new, young Rotarians in a worthy cause. Let's step up! President Bill will be purchasing tickets to be donated and hopes that many of you can do the same.



## More Eyes on The Bulletin



As described by President Bill from the podium last Thursday; we sometimes forget that the Bulletin that arrives in our Inbox every Friday is a public document that is accessible to anyone and everyone via our Website, and we as members should make better use of it as a tool to recruit new members and enhance of the public image of Rotary. The following are examples of situations that could benefit from broader circulation of the Bulletin:

Members could send a copy of the Bulletin to a friend or neighbour that they believe might be a good Rotarian just to pique their interest. This could be a good door-opener even before inviting them to their first Club meeting.

Once a member brings a potential new member to their first Club meeting the potential new member would see a copy of the Bulletin describing the happenings of that meeting and all future meetings until they are accepted for membership and are eligible to receive the Bulletin via ClubRunner.

A chance to see the Bulletin would give future speakers some insight into the Club in advance of their presentation, and then again after their presentation so they know how it was reported to the membership.

There is a multitude of other situations where it might be advantageous to give others a chance to see the Bulletin; for example: Dream Home Volunteers see a copy of the Stampede Kick-off edition or Charities see pictures of the presentation ceremony.

There are two ways a member can get a copy of the Bulletin into the hands of others, either: "Forward" a copy the email they get from the ClubRunner system, possibly with a short note, or tell a prospective new member how to login to our Club Website at [www.rotarycs.org](http://www.rotarycs.org) and find the Bulletins themselves.

If it is easier, a new category of circulation for the Bulletin has been established called the **Friends of Rotary Club of Calgary South**. Just provide a name and email address to [donbacon@shaw.ca](mailto:donbacon@shaw.ca) and we will take it from there.



**CRCF Reminder:** The following donations (listed below) were made online to CRCF during the month of **December 2017** and the Rotary Club to receive credit for the donation was not mentioned:

December 11 \$250.00  
December 19 \$ 40.00

If you made one of these donations and wanted the funds to go to the credit of Calgary South please let me know.

**Thank You** Submitted by: *Neil Fraser on behalf of CRCF*

### Career Mentoring at St. Mary's High School

St Mary's High School will hold its career mentoring sessions on Friday mornings starting **February 9th**. The information will be presented to small groups of interested students and provides an opportunity for good dialogue with the students.

The weekly sessions will run from **February 9th to May 25th** with the exception of these school dates - February 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, April 30 and May 18.

Sessions will be held at the high school and run from 9 am to 9:45 am under the direction of Susan Huvenaars.

Please contact **Dorothea Schaab** to book a time to speak about your career or business entrepreneur experience.



### 4-Way Test Public Speaking Competition

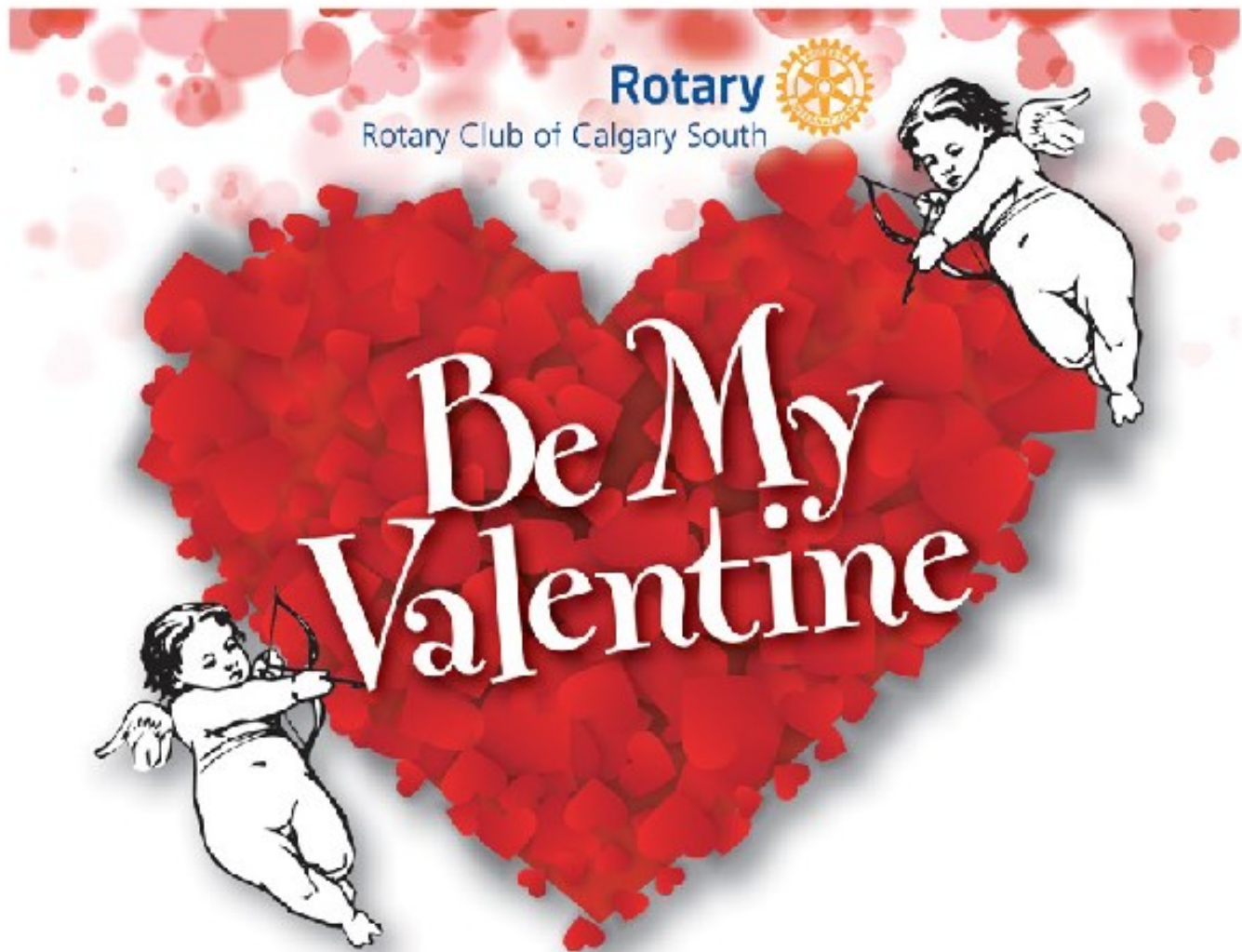
St. Mary's High School will hold its annual public speaking competition focused on Rotary's 4-Way Test on the evening of **Tuesday, March 13th**. The event will run from **6:30 pm to 9:00 pm**.

**The winning entries will be presented at Calgary South's May 10<sup>th</sup> luncheon.**

The Rotary Club of Calgary South will provide judges to adjudicate the students' presentations and if you are **available to assist in this event March 13th**, please contact Dorothea Schaab.



**PLEASE NOTE: Kathyann Reginato will be away from the office from: February 19th to February 23rd**



It's that time again to send your love to your Valentine.

Please join us for Rotary's annual

## Valentine Day Luncheon

Thursday, February 15, 2018

at

Rotary House, Stampede Park

Doors Open: 11:15 AM      Cash Bar until 12:10 PM

Luncheon and Program: 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM

Cost: \$40 per person

RSVP by Monday, February 12th to:

By clicking this link: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/Event/2018-valentine%E2%80%99s-day-luncheon>

or by responding to the invite. If you cannot do this then email Toby at: [toby@shawlink.ca](mailto:toby@shawlink.ca)

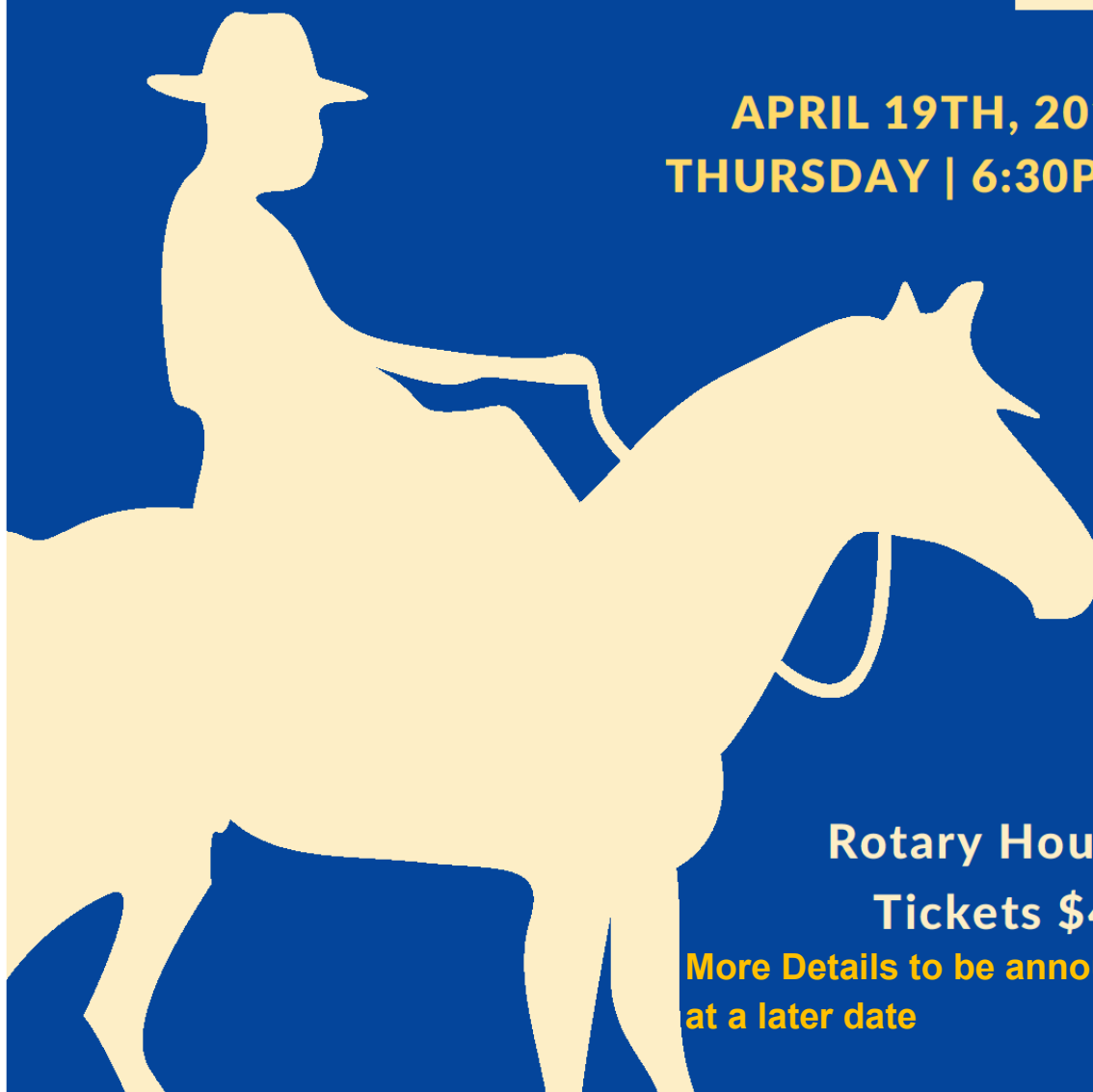




# THE ANNUAL NEW MEMBERS CELEBRATION

COUNTRY CASUAL GATHERING

APRIL 19TH, 2018  
THURSDAY | 6:30PM



Rotary House

Tickets \$45

More Details to be announced  
at a later date

## **FEBRUARY 2018**

**Feb 5:** Ronald McDonald House Dinner Prep

**Feb 8:** Art Borzel: Rotary Profile

**Feb 15:** Valentine's Day Luncheon

**Feb 22:** Brett Endres: Virtual Construction



## **MARCH 2018**

**March 1:** Mirette Dube: Simulation for Life

**March 1:** Ronald McDonald House Dinner Prep (need 6 volunteers)

**March 8:** TBA

**March 15:** St. Patrick's Day

**March 22:** Dick Shaw: Rotary Profile

**March 29:** To Be Determined



## **APRIL 2018**

**April 5:** Ken Farn: Rotary Bethany Update

**April 12:** David Docherty: Mount Royal University

**April 19:** New Member Celebration Evening Meeting

**April 26:** Terry McDonough (Deceased): Rotary Profile

**April 30:** Mustard Seed Dinner Prep (need 20 volunteers)

NEW MEMBER  
*Celebration!*

## **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 28:** Mustard Seed Dinner Prep (need 20 volunteers)

**May 31:** To Be Determined



## **JUNE 2018**

**June 7:** To Be Determined

**June 14:** Stampede President Presentation

**June 21:** Charity Day Presentation

**June 28:** Changing of the Guard, WCS and Large Grants Presentation

**June 28:** TBA



## **JULY 2018**

**July 5:** TBA

**July 12:** TBA

**July 19:** TBA

**July 26:** TBA

### **Health, Wellness & Transportation:**

Contact Don O'Dwyer at: [dpowdye@hotmail.com](mailto:dpowdye@hotmail.com) if you know of anyone that is not well, that could use a visit or a ride to a Rotary Meeting.

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