

Next week, we are recognizing International Women's Day. A couple of years ago, I was asked to present to the Women's branch of the Financial Executives Institute in Calgary. I was asked to speak about lessons I had learned as an entrepreneur. The biggest lesson I learned when I started on this journey is in connection with risk. Below is the excerpt from my presentation that relates to risk. I hope you find it interesting, and I hope you invite young women to join our meeting next week.

"To be an entrepreneur, you require risk tolerance. My comments on risk are best explained by examples.

Thoroughbred Horse Trainer - I knew a man who trained thoroughbred horses for the racetrack. He galloped on yearlings that were just being broke. He handled huge stallions with lots of attitude. I wouldn't consider going near any of those horses. I thought he was fearless.

The lesson about risk came when he was offered a position with another thoroughbred farm. The pay structure was different. Lower in the short term, with potential in the long term. I saw lots of financial upside and thought it was a no brainer as a business decision. I couldn't believe he was virtually paralyzed by what I perceived to be a normal, every-day business decision.

This experience taught me people's **perception** of risk varies.

Contractor - A few years ago, I wanted to sell off part of my practice to a contractor working for me so she could start her own firm. She was a strong practitioner, knew the clients, was being offered a discount, and yet, she hesitated to move forward.

To get the deal across the finish line, I backstopped her on the risk related to the office lease. I told her if she did not want to continue in the space we were carving off for her, I would step back into the lease, no questions asked. I removed the risk associated with the lease from her decision.

This experience taught me people's **tolerance** for risk varies.

Partner - When I announced to the large accounting firm I worked with that I was leaving to establish my own firm, I was surprised by the number of partners who stopped in my office, congratulated me on the move I was making, and shared with me how often they had thought of making the same move, but weren't comfortable with the risk involved. I had admired these men in business dealings and was taken back by their comments.

I think these men have similar perceptions of risk and similar levels of tolerance for business risk, as I do, but what I think stopped them was the other people they had to consider in their risk assessment. I am divorced and don't have children. If things went sideways for me, I was the only one who would pay the price.

This experience taught me that assessment of risk is impacted when individuals have **different fact situations** and others may be affected by a decision.

Summary

In summary, risk is perceived differently, risk tolerance varies and decisions regarding risk are affected by different fact situations. If you can't handle risk, it will be difficult for you to become an entrepreneur or to take advantage of certain career opportunities. It will impact how you serve on corporate and community boards.

To fully understand your approach to decision making, I suggest you do a personal risk assessment. To understand other people's approach to decision making, whether it be coworkers, people on the other side of a business negotiation, or life partners, consider their ability to handle risk.

There is no right or wrong approach to risk, but with the knowledge of how you and others handle risk, you will be better equipped to make decisions and understand their decisions."

President Penny Leckie



Good afternoon Rotarians and Guests. Welcome to the February 25th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President for 2020/2021 – Penny Leckie

We have a very meaningful meeting today, and I feel very privileged to be part of it. It's a busy meeting, so I am going to move right into O Canada.

Can you please rise for the singing of O Canada.

Announcements:

We have many special guests with us today, and I think the best way to welcome everyone is to say hello and welcome now, but have introductions as we work through the stages of our program.

I want to give a big shout out to Charlesglen Toyota and Tim Beach who hosted a few of us on Tuesday to celebrate the birthday of Rotary International. Rotary was formed by Paul Harris, in Chicago, on February 23, 1905. Thank you to those who were able to attend in person, on very short notice, as well as those who gave the video some action on social media, to help our Mental Wellness fund earn some charitable dollars.

What I didn't know when I was at Charlesglen, and only learned later when I received an email from Rotary International, is that our Club was also formed on February 23. It was our Club's birthday as well. Don't you think it is a strange coincidence that our Club and Rotary have the same birthday? I think there was some micro management and some stickhandling to make that happen.

Also, for full disclosure our Club was chartered in 1955. I have been saying it is our Club's 65th anniversary, and that was true during the first half of my year in 2020, but technically, the 65th birthday was in Chas' year. I am going to play the "female" card, and "fudge" the age a bit, and will stay with 65. Anyways, Happy Birthday, Rotarians.

Bulletin Editor: Bev Ostermann

Health and Wellness – **David Read** reports that **Roger Jarvis** is doing well. **Pat Farn**'s leg is starting to mend, but the best news is that **Ellen Smith** is expected to go home next week. She is undergoing a new treatment and will have further treatment at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre. Let's keep sending positive thoughts to all of these individuals.



Casino: Lynn Grant requires 6 more volunteers for our casino planned for April 1st and 2nd. See note in bulletin.

Stay in School: Earl Huson is looking for report cards. Mentors, please submit your student's report cards to Earl as soon as possible. See the note in bulletin



St. Patrick's Day drivers: The social committee is looking for drivers to help with distribution of the St. Patrick's Day gifts. Please email Kathy. See note in bulletin

As you know, we weren't able to give the Partners a budget this year. I am sure you also know that Lorraine MacDonald was a member of the Partners for many years, including a year as President. In recognition of Lorraine's service and the dedication and commitment by the Partners to our Club, overall, on Monday evening, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to provide a budget to the Partners equal to donations received in memory of Lorraine. We used a cut off of February 28th, but I am sure we are open to discussing some "female fudging" on this, as well, if necessary. The Board is confident the Partners will make recommendations for distribution where the greatest impact in our community will be made.

So, to get to the special parts of our meeting, Stan Cichon, can you please introduce the newest member of our Club.

Stan Cichon introduced our newest Member, **Darlene Switzer-Foster**

President Penny, Rotarians and Guests: Whenever Rotary introduces a new member it is a happy day for Rotary. For me today it is really an extra special and happy day. Some 33 years ago Darlene's father Sam Switzer became my mentor in Rotary. Upon Sam's passing our own Roger Jarvis spoke to me "that should Darlene be nominated for Rotary he wanted to be on record as the seconder". Roger on behalf of us both it is my pleasure to present Darlene Switzer-Foster as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. Let me begin...



Darlene was born and has spent the majority of her life in and around Calgary. After graduating from Grade 12 from Henry Wisewood she continued her education at the University of Alberta, graduating with a BSc in Zoology. Soon after graduating, Sam challenged her about the poor job opportunities for a field scientist whereupon she enrolled in the famed Cornell School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration. There she earned her MBA/MPS degree, formally cementing her place in the hospitality industry. Her career has been in administration and she borrows the club classification of Administrative Trustee Philanthropy. During the 30 + years I have known Darlene, both as a colleague and friend, I can assure you she has lived a life that reflects our motto of service above self.

Darlene's volunteer activities have included her role as Senator (now Past) at the University of Alberta, and board member of the Calgary Community Land Trust (now the Calgary Homeless Foundation). Today she is the Calgary Chapter Chair of Weizmann Canada, which supports research at The Weizmann Institute of Science, one of the world's premiere scientific research facilities. She says she often jokes of the irony that where in the past she couldn't get a job in science, today she is the one paying to support scientists and their research.

Darlene is married to Bill Foster who is here today and they make their home in nearby Bragg Creek. They have 2 children and two grandchildren who as most know can keep you hopping. I would also like to acknowledge his presence and also welcome him into the world of Rotary. Bill, sharing Rotary with Darlene will be most fulfilling for you both.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Please join with me in welcoming Darlene-Switzer Foster to Rotary at Stampede Park and her and her husband Bill into the world of Rotary.

Sherry Austin inducted our newest Member, **Darlene Switzer-Foster**.

Darlene, as you know I adored your father and I am very honoured to have been asked to do his daughter's Induction into our Club. I am looking very forward to spending much time with you in the years to come. While the tiny but mighty COVID-19 virus is changing the way we live right now, it is not changing the courage and tenaciousness of Rotarians. You have already shown a huge commitment to our Club by becoming a Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF) Benefactor and it will be my pleasure to present you with your recognition pin as soon as we are back in Rotary House.

Now, for your formal induction.

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad. Our guiding principles have been the foundation of our values: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. There are many Rotary Clubs in Calgary and the surrounding areas and they all serve their communities in diverse and significant ways.

Our motto: Service Above Self

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 100 years, Rotary members have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects around the globe. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end. We are very close to eradicating polio on the planet.

Rotary throughout our City and surrounding area has also completed numerous projects for our local community that involve working with youth, seniors, schools, the homeless, persons with disabilities, and others in need. Buildings have been erected, facilities renovated, parks built, and essential equipment supplied all over our City. You will see many products of Rotary generosity such as the Rotary/Flames Hospice, the park outside Ronald MacDonald House at the Children's Hospital, MRI machines for our hospitals, Southern Alberta Urology Centre, playgrounds for the disabled, Project neuro-arm, Rotary/Mattamy Greenway, bursaries and youth leadership facilities at Stampede Park, and scholarship programs to help kids finish high school and then succeed in postsecondary and so very many more.

For our guests:

We are you; we come from all walks of life. But most importantly, we are all volunteers. Rotarians donate their time and resources to help create a better, healthier and stronger community for you.

Our Club expectations:

Attendance is very important to our Club as we believe that meeting together builds bonds of fellowship that will help us to fundraise for our charities and volunteer in our community.

To create fellowship, when we are back in Rotary House, I encourage you to have lunch at a different table every week so that we can get to know you and you can learn about us. During this time of physical distancing, our members are just a phone call or a Zoom meeting away.

Involvement in a variety of committees will allow you to learn more about our Club and allow us to use your considerable expertise. You will see that we support one another in good times and we will have your back in times of challenge.

Darlene, while we are in the middle of a pandemic and may seem far away from one another, please know the spirits of your new Rotary friends are shining through in unison to welcome you into our Club. We look forward to you enriching our lives as I hope we will enrich yours.

Welcome to the world wide fellowship of Rotary. And, welcome to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

President Penny - Darlene, welcome to our Club. It is truly wonderful to have you join as a new member, and I look forward to getting to know you better.

Sergeant at Arms: Joe Connelly remembered his friend **Sam Switzer**, mentioning his many charitable endeavours, but challenging a number of our ladies to remember some of Sam's firsts:

- ♦ The first (and only) round hotel in Calgary, the Summit
- ♦ The first disco in Calgary, Daddy's Money
- ♦ The first casino in Calgary, in the Summit
- ♦ The name of Sam's book, "Seeking the Summit"
- ♦ What Sam had a way with – his casino volunteers

Also, for those of us who remember the Summit and ever partook of its amenities, a donation was solicited. Good job, Joe.



The tribute was led by Dorothea Schaab:

From the time we received the news that Harry Pelton had been diagnosed with cancer, it was only a short ten months until he was gone. He died on August 20th last year at the age of 71. Joining us today are Harry's family: wife Nadia, daughters Sarah, Meaghan and Julia.

I have shared with Nadia that every time I open my utensil drawer and take out the vegetable peeler I am reminded of Harry. That's because the last time I volunteered at the Mustard Seed with Harry, my job was to peel carrots. Harry had noticed their peelers were dull so he had bought new ones for them. That was so like Harry to make meal preparation easy for us.

Nadia, I want to share with you that the other night some of our club members were on a Zoom Party Line and there was mention that you had been busy sending out beautiful thank you cards which has Harry's photo on it. Please know how much your thoughtful and personalized words are appreciated and treasured.

To share more memories of Harry will be **Past President Ken Farn & Past President** and close friend, **Mark Terrill. Steve Mason** has created a beautiful slide show of Harry for us to enjoy as well.

Past President Ken Farn:

It is an honour to speak about Harry Pelton, the Rotarian: Harry joined our club in June of 1990. He was sponsored by Larry Winters and Past President Don McNeil. He served on the Board of Directors in 1996 & 97, under PP's Bob Brawn & Dick Shaw.

He was a SIS Student Mentor who developed a good relationship with his student over the years. According to Earl Huson, Harry was an excellent mentor, who maintained good records and never had to be chased for student reports!

He was not only generous with his time, but also invested his treasury back into Rotary, achieving a Paul Harris Fellowship "Plus 6" recognition, while also contributing to Polio Plus and our CRCF Foundation. From the beginning, Harry was fully involved in the life of our club.

One of the earliest committees we worked on was Community Services Volunteering which in those days focused on helping Senior's from Father Lacombe Care Facility conduct outings at Chinook Shopping Centre. They arrived by bus, were greeted by Rotarians, who took them shopping or on a tour followed by lunch at the dinner. Harry was a regular at this event engaging with the seniors.... creating laughter and smiles, he helped make their day!

Eventually Father Lacombe stopped the program, so our committee reinvented itself, taking on other projects such as: Feed the Hungry, The Mustard Seed and Ronald MacDonald House, being the notable ones we still do today... Harry was an integral part of that transition, through participation and as Chair of related committees.

As Chair of those committees, Harry would often take to the podium to ask for volunteers.... you knew Christmas was just around the corner, when Harry quietly asked for 100 + volunteers for "Feed the Hungry" ... Or when a few more shifts were required for an upcoming Casino. He always got 110% participation... which speaks well of our club, but also of Harry for his willingness to volunteer.

As Chair of the Casino Committee, organizing manpower and taking the least popular shifts was a given... and if a shift had to be filled at the last minute, he did not hesitate to fill it. As you know, our club depends on members doing at least eight (8) shifts for our Rotary Stampede Dream Home. Harry was a consistent volunteer and made sure his shifts were always completed. Time went by quickly selling tickets with Harry.... he engaged young and old alike, talking them up, always with his ever-present smile.



I think Harry's most heartfelt volunteer activity was Ronald McDonald House ... here a small group of Rotarians would prepare and serve dinner for families of cancer -stricken children, who because of their treatment had to remain close to the hospital. Harry loved to cook so making a hearty meal for these families was right in his wheelhouse. If you were lucky enough to join him at this event, you would prep, cook and serve a wholesome meal, following directions from Harry and spend time with the families during the meal. Harry was very comfortable in this setting and happily engaged family members during the entire evening. He brought fun and laughter into their day and the staff knew him well and trusted him to interact with families in a friendly and respectful manner. An evening with Harry at Ronald Mac-Donald House was an impactful event ...not soon to be forgotten!



Harry was a golfer too... but never let a poor shot ruin the fun. He was part of our foursome for several years supporting Rotary Challenger Park. He was an extremely good sport and we had many laughs at each other's expense. While golfing...poking fun at each other was the order of the day!

As mentioned, our association began with Rotary volunteering and committee work which strengthened into a great friendship over the years. I know, our Rotary Club is a better club today for having Harry Pelton as a member for the past thirty years and I am a better Rotarian and person for knowing him.

I believe we can best honour Harry, and other great Rotarians, who have passed away in our club, by continued our participation in community service.

Rotary's Motto of "Service Above Self" really does describe Harry Pelton.

Mark Terrill:

Good Afternoon Everyone:

It is my pleasure to speak for a few moments about my dear friend Harry Pelton before what I will always refer to as the Calgary South Rotary Club - the name it carried so proudly during my many years as a member.

I will touch briefly on five distinct groups that Harry influenced during his life journey in Calgary. They are: Family, Friends, Community, Rotary and Personal

FAMILY:

Harry and Nadia were married for 42 years and it is truly impossible to recognize Harry without including Nadia. They were inseparable and together they raised 3 strong and accomplished daughters, Meaghan, Sarah and Julia. All 4 women are a tour de force in their own right. Together, they shaped Harry's views of the world in so many ways. Harry balanced his role of a traditional father and provider with the perspectives and view points of the women in his life. He was a lucky guy!



FRIENDS:

Harry had so many great friends. They came from all walks of life but if they gravitated to one of the pubs at The Glencoe Club, that was even better. Harry's obituary stated that he was an avid squash player and a passable golfer! In fact, Harry's first profession was teaching and, anyone who either golfed with Harry or played squash with him knows that he was always teaching, no matter how badly he might actually be performing himself. Also, if you were in Harry's circle, no better friend could be had. He was always available to help - and for those of us who were challenged when it came to fixing things, well Harry was almost always "on call". He enjoyed being a friend to those who needed him - and he always enjoyed the future opportunities to point out your deficiencies in front of others!

COMMUNITY and ROTARY:

Harry quietly went about his business making his community better. And the underlying ingredient for Harry was food. He loved to cook, was good at it and he showed his love through food. If someone was going through a difficult time, food magically arrived at the door step. And over many years - mostly through Rotary- Harry cooked hundreds of meals for the Homeless and Ronald MacDonald House. When I was still active as a Rotarian, we used to host an annual event called the Integrity Awards. When I was asked me to speak today, my mind was immediately drawn back to this event because (to me) Harry was the poster boy for an Integrity Award recipient. If you know Harry well, please reflect on the following and ask yourself if this definition suited our good friend:

Occasionally in our lives, we meet a unique person who earns our respect and attention because of some inherent quality that we have to conclude to be integrity. Whether well-known or obscure, rich or poor, outgoing or quiet, this person is recognized as someone who tells the truth, is fair in dealing with others, takes time to build friendships and goodwill, and tries in working with others to set goals of common benefit. For such people, their word is their bond. They feel accountable for their actions and are comfortable with themselves. We expect them to do the right thing in public and in private, whether someone is around or not. All of this embraces the purest meaning of the word Integrity.

PERSONAL:

I will conclude my remarks today with a couple of personal reflections. Harry was and remains my best friend. Harry was so reliable - so kind - so generous - and he loved life. He never took himself too seriously but he took his friendships and family responsibilities very seriously. This little story makes me smile but also illustrates what I mean. Shortly before he passed, Harry told me he had a big favour to ask. I leaned in expecting something heavy. And then Harry asked me to go to Canadian Tire to get Nadia salt for their water softener- and to pour it in as well because it was heavy. Finally, in the fall, after Harry's passing, I got quite sick. During that time, meals magically arrived at our doorstep - either from Nadia or Meaghan. Harry, my friend, your legacy lives on. It must make you very proud.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak about my dear friend, Harry Pelton - spouse, father, friend and Rotarian.

*Special guests today: **Nadia Pelton** and their three daughters, **Sarah, Meaghan** and **Julia**. I understand that Nadia's sister and brother in law **Diana and Len Johnson** are with us today, as well as Harry's sisters, **Carol Cole and Nancy Mongeon**. It's wonderful you are able to share these memories with us.*

Nadia thanked Dorothea, Ken and Mark for their kind words, and Steve for the video presentation, and said she was grateful that Harry's family could be present for this tribute.

Ken thank you for your tribute. Steve, thanks for creating the video memories. Mark, it's great to see you at a meeting again. I know Harry kept you informed about things going on in the Club and when the time came, you helped us stay connected with Harry and Nadia. We want to keep these connections alive.

Thank you everyone for a beautiful tribute to Harry. It's helpful for all of us to come together and spend these moments remembering.

Nadia, I hope you and your family will stay on for the next part of our program. I know it will make you feel good. We are profiling a man who has a ton of presence and energy, one of the biggest voices and one of the biggest smiles of anyone I know, Hugh Delaney.

*I am going to turn it over to **Bryan Targett**.*

Bryan Targett introduced the video profile of **Hugh Delaney** with some comments about his friend. We all know about Hugh's career as an entertainer in movies, TV and commercial voice overs. However, Hugh is also an avid stamp collector and historian, and has combined the two interests. He has published his research and is well known in philatelic circles. He also loves single malt scotch and has learned a lot about it from his son-in-law Dale, who is an expert. Bryan and Larry Koper have spent many evenings with Hugh and Dale, "discussing" and enjoying scotch. Hugh is not only a great and dedicated Rotarian, but has many interests outside of Rotary.

Video Profile Link: <https://vimeo.com/513453888>

George Deegan first encountered Hugh while they lived in Winnipeg where Hugh was a TV weatherman. They lived close to the Delaney's there and knew Hugh when he headed up the coordination of the construction of the first ecumenical Catholic/Anglican church in Canada. He was very happy when John Stein introduced Hugh to our Rotary club when he relocated to Calgary. George noted that Hugh is an excellent chef, and anyone who scored an invite for dinner at one of the Club's fundraiser was lucky.

Hugh Delaney thanked everybody for the tribute and noted that he is proud to be a Rotarian. We get out of Rotary what we put in, and anyone who is interested in serving the community would well advised to join Rotary with its great skill at organizing and returning to those in need.



Congratulations Hugh and to everyone involved in Hugh's profile. Great video, but I wouldn't expect anything different from someone who has made their career in the industry. I can't help but wonder if Hugh gave Steve and team some tips while they were filming the profile. Also, can we record and use Hugh's comments as a great advertisement for Rotary and RCCSP?

Hasn't today's meeting been special? It's a tough act to follow for next week, but we are going to try.

When I became President of our Rotary Club, one of the things I wanted to do was have an inspiring meeting for International Women's Day. I want a meeting to which our Members will invite their daughters, grand-daughters, and other young women in their lives. All women and men are welcome, but in particular, I want to give young women a chance to see what Rotary is about, and why they might want to become involved, at some point in their lives.

The meeting will start with a Top 40 under 40 female entrepreneur, who is also a member of our Club, talking about her career path, mentors, challenges and opportunities.

Next, some of our granting committees will remind us of projects for women our Club has recently supported, and how our Club is making an impact in the lives of women and girls.

Stan Cichon has arranged for Leila Aheer, Alberta Minister on the Status of Women and Multiculturalism to speak to us. We have asked Leila for a conversation that will inspire young women and provide information about opportunities for women in Alberta.

I hope you will join us, and please invite others, but in particular, young women you know.

Today, I want to quote from an unlikely source, Muhammed Ali, who said, and I quote:

"Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school, but if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you haven't learned anything."

Normally, I try to close with some humour, but today's meeting has focused on some incredible individuals. Our Rotary Club is truly blessed to have these individuals as part of our Rotary Family.

Let's just savour the things we heard today, and let's let the warm connected feeling of fellowship and friendship linger.

Have a great week everyone.

Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park

Bylaws Update re Alberta Societies' Act

THIS NOTIFICATION WILL RUN UNTIL FEBRUARY 25TH IN THE BULLETIN TO SERVE AS AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN ADVANCE OF AN E-VOTE ON FEBRUARY 26TH

Submitted by Sherry Austin

Chair, Constitution, Bylaws, and Governance Committee

This report refers to Bylaw requirements from Service Alberta regarding our Rotary Club. It must be emphasized that this is not a new review of our Bylaws and no sections of the Bylaws have been opened. This is simply an update based upon Service Alberta Societies Act requirements.

For background information, a comprehensive review of our Bylaws was initiated in 2017/18 under the leadership of then President Bill LeClair and continued through 2018/19 under then President Ron Prokosch and concluded in 2019/20 during then President Chas' year. This work is an extension of that done during these past three years and thus, the Constitution, Bylaws, and Governance Committee from that time period was reconstituted and completed the work they conducted on behalf of our Club – **Sherry Austin, Larry Stein, Terry Allen and Bill LeClair**.

It is important to commend Larry, Bill and Terry for their excellent work in bringing this matter to a successful conclusion. They have expended much time and effort in this regard. Bill's legal searches and analytic skills, Larry's work as scribe and analyst, and Terry's knowledge of the past and his analytic skills were invaluable to sort through a decades long Registry trail.

On March 3, 2020, our Rotary Club ratified the Board approved Bylaws that had undergone revision during the three year period by over 95%. As per the Societies Act, these Bylaws were then forwarded to 'Corporate Registry, Service Alberta' to update our file and for official registration. Our Bylaws were first registered with the Society in 1994 and, to our knowledge, we have never received any feedback in the intervening years.

However, that all changed on December 2, 2020 whereby we received a letter from the Registry stating that to register our new set of Bylaws, we had to use the terminology and process contained in the Societies' Act. Rotary International wording was no longer sufficient. This has happened to other clubs as well.

Please refer to the email received at 2:00 pm today with all of the attached documents. Highlighted in yellow are the sections we must include in our Bylaws to satisfy Alberta Registry and the Societies' Act.

We must be registered to continue our fundraising activities. Thus, it is imperative that our membership vote on these revised Bylaws by means of a 'Special Resolution' as outlined by Secretary Larry having recently received Board approval. There are no Club decisions to be made; these changes are mandated.

Secretary Larry Stein will serve as Scrutineer.

ROTARACT PITCH NIGHT

The University of Calgary Rotaract Club is hosting the Pitch Night as previously announced via Zoom on this Friday February 26 from 6-7pm.

Presenters will give a short (5 minute) presentation on the organization / charity that they are passionate about.

The audience members will choose their favourite, and the first prize winner will receive a monetary prize to be given as a donation for the organization/ charity that they presented on.

Your Club has sponsored this and we want as many Rotarians to attend as possible! If you would like to attend, please fill out this short Google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMjo_VFQDOeqcyjWD6CleUfABFOhWgNhANNBTgrpzviFPAow/viewform

The meeting number is 992 5332 2008 with Passcode Rotary.

SUBMITTED BY DON TAYLOR



STAY IN SCHOOL REPORT CARDS FROM MENTORS

We really need to receive the most current Report Cards for the Students in our Stay In School Program.

Covid 19 has certainly had an impact on this and we would appreciate your help in getting to your students for these reports.

Please remind our Students that the contract they signed at the beginning indicated they should get the reports to us **within 15 days**. This report card requirement includes our Post Secondary Institute Students as well

Our job as Mentors is more difficult now and we want to extend a very special thank you to all our mentors, your many efforts are much appreciated.

If you have any questions please call me at: **403 686 0828** or email me at: ehuslink@telusplanet.net

Submitted by: Earl Huson





ST. PATRICK'S DAY DRIVERS NEEDED

The Social Events Team needs drivers for our St. Patrick's Day Gift Packs. Please email Kathy Demorest: kathy-lynnne@shaw.ca if you can help



CASINO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lynn Grant still requires six (6) more Volunteers for the Casino planned for April 1st and 2nd. Please contact Lynn at: lynn@crgrantbuilders.com if you can help

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys, and other things, thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things, requiring them to bend, reach, and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature, requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

Seniors lose coordination so they would drop things, requiring them to bend, reach, and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find, as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

Submitted by Bob Wiens:



⇒ ***What is the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends?***

ANSWER: BOXING

⇒ ***What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?***

ANSWER: NIAGRA FALLS

⇒ ***What are the only three common words in standard English that begin with the letters 'dw'?***

ANSWER: DWARF, DWELL, DWINDLE

Submitted by: Bev Ostermann

LAUNCH OF THE PARTY LINE

The new RCCSP “Party Line” chat site held it’s first gathering this past Tuesday at 7:00 PM, when 20 people went online for a one-hour visit. Launched by the club’s new Membership Mentoring Committee under the guidance of Chair and **Past President Keith Davis** and his hard-working committee, there were jokes told, stories related, topics discussed and generally what you would expect when a group of friends get together for a “chin wag”.

The top story of the evening was told by **Past President Bill LeClair** and related the tale of how Bill had his wallet stolen from his office more than three decades ago, and then recently had it returned (with everything intact except the cash it once contained) by a worker who found it while renovating a building in Calgary.

Everyone appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves during the event, which was adeptly moderated by **Wendy Giuffre**. Technical aspects of the event were handled by **Kathy Lynne Demorest**, who is quickly gaining a reputation as our ZOOM expert.

The next meeting of The Party Line will be a morning event, at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, March 9th. More details will come via email closer to the date.

SUBMITTED BY KEITH DAVIS





The Executive have decided to do a drive-by celebration on March 17th for St. Patrick's Day which is St. Patrick's Day. The drive-by celebration will start at 1:00pm.
It will be in the south corner of the parking lot where Sears was located.
We will be sending out more information in the next few weeks.
Save the Date and start collecting some fun items to decorate yourself and your car!!!
Take care



Submitted by Denise MacLeod, Partners President

Rotary Partners Book Club

On March 22nd we are having a Guest Author, Genevieve Graham attend our Zoom Meeting!

Genevieve Graham is from Halifax and is a well known writer of Historical Fiction. Genevieve will give a short talk and answer questions about her novels and the writing process. This so exciting for us!

Please let Maureen Hutchens know via email (mo_hutch@hotmail.com) if you would like the link to attend. We start at 9:30 am.

We hope to see all of our Book Club Members attend this fun event.

Submitted by:
Jane Topp and Maureen Hutchens



<https://www.stayinschool.ca/>



In a year of so many "firsts" - here's a really good one!

The Stay in School Golf Tournament is hosting its first-ever online auction with the July 22 tourney. If there's something we've all learned to do it is shop online and support local. There's nothing more local than supporting our deserving, young children from Calgary in their dreams - their dream for an education and desire to make a difference in the world.

The auction will be "live" for bidding July 12 - 22 however you can check what we have on offer now! Go to <https://www.stayinschool.ca/> and click on "Auction" at the top. Items will be added as we receive them!



Stay in School Online Auction

Rotary  Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



Do you want to be a part of history?

Donate to our club's first ever online auction for the Stay in School Golf Tournament

No donation is too small. There's no limit to how many items we receive. Contact Janet, Roselyn or Corinne to donate. Collecting items now!

Traits February borns are known for

- **February** borns are honest and known for being one of a kind
- They are authentic. self-confident and positive in their decisions
- They are very mysterious
- They are innovative
- They are unique
- They are determined
- They are loyal
- They are generous

Happy Birthday
Rotarians & Partners !

Phil Jackson	Feb 7
Terri Filipski (Chas)	Feb 10
Walter Flores	Feb 11
Bill Sumner	Feb 12
Murray Flegel	Feb 13
Roger Jarvis	Feb 13
Kourtney Tonkinson (Spencer)	Feb 13
Nicole Castle (Kendall)	Feb 18
Ben Steblecki	Feb 19
Bev Osterman	Feb 20
Amy Giang	Feb 23
Blake Pelham	Feb 27
John Shield	Feb 27

*"If only the world was as trusting as the
beautiful and delicate chickadee"*

Photo taken by Corinne at Carburn Park



Happy February
Birthdays

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

Mar 4th: International Women's Day featuring Leela Aheer, Minister of Culture & Status of Women

On April 30, 2019, Leela Aheer was appointed Alberta's Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism, and Status of Women



Mar 11th St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Mar 18th Sue Ozdemir, CEO: Exro Technologies

Mar 25th DG Mary Turner / RCCSP Communications Strategy

Apr 1st Virgil Lowe: Telus Agriculture

Apr 1st CASINO: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Apr 2nd CASINO: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Apr 8th Keith Davis/Hugh Delaney 100 Years of Broadcasting:

Apr 15th Large Grants Presentation

Apr 22nd New Member Celebration

Apr 29th Rotary Profile: Jim Burns

May 6th Annual St. Mary's 4 Way Test

May 13th Ray Price, CEO: Sunterra

May 20th Annual Stay In School Luncheon

May 27th Annual Dream Home Kickoff

June 3rd World Community Service Presentation

June 10th U of C Veterinary School Presentation

June 17th Annual Charity Day Presentation

June 24th Changing of the Guard

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Mobile App



Your key to connect to your club on the go!

Password protected, just like your website, the ClubRunner Mobile App consists of 3 main modules:

- Member Directory
- Latest Stories Feed
- Rotary Club Locator

WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS

- **A link will be sent out every Monday or Tuesday**
- **There is a reminder an hour before the meeting and 10 minutes before the meeting**
- **You can share the link with friends and Partners**
- **Save the link and join us at Noon On THURSDAYS**
- **This meeting is recorded**
- **If anyone would like to join but struggles with Zoom please either help them or reach out to the Tech Committee or Kathyann for assistance**

