

THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South New Members ... New Friends



New Member Walter Flores and President Bill



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Ron Prokosch introduced **Walter Flores**; one of our newest Rotarians.

Walter Flores was born in Peru in 1968 where he attended primary and secondary school. Third of four children, Walter grew up along the Peruvian coast surfing, dirt biking and playing soccer.

As a teenager he worked at the family business (Full service Investment Firm) filing, organizing and record keeping. Upon graduating from high school in December of 1985, he participated in Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program arriving in Medicine Hat, Alberta in January of 1986. Hosted by the Medicine Hat Rotary Club, he attended McCoy High School and lived with 6 different families. Upon completion of the program, he returned to Peru where he attended The University of Lima for 1 semester.

In early 1988, he returned to Medicine Hat to study at the College in a University transfer Bachelor of Commerce program. In 1990, he transferred to The University of Calgary where he graduated with a B-Comm degree in Finance.

After University, Walter moved back to Peru where he married in 1991 to Evelyn and had two children, Franco and Valeria. In 1998, after selling the family Investment Firm, the family of four moved back to Canada settling in Calgary. Walter rejoined the investment industry working for Merrill Lynch, CIBC Wood Gundy, and most recently since 2010, ScotiaMcLeod. In 2001, his youngest son Carlo was born in Calgary.

Staying true to his professional roots, Walter provides financial and investment advice to a private clientele. He and his team work on financial, estate, and investment planning at the personal and corporate level. As a family, they have stayed close to Rotary by being a member for a short while in 2001 – 2003 and also by having their daughter Valeria participate in the Youth Exchange Program travelling to Thailand in 2013/14.

Last year the family hosted Pablo at their home. Walter's goal is to continue participating in Rotary by becoming a member once again.



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Keith Davis introduced John Lamming. John has been the driving force with MRU in Peace Studies – he comes from Sault St. Marie ON where he did his schooling. He started to move west, joining the RCMP in Regina in 2006 and upon graduation was posted to Alberta. This has been very fortunate for Alberta. With an extensive policing career John has had his fingers in the peace movement for a long time. He attended Rotary at the University in Bangkok as a Rotary Peace Scholar.

Being a teacher of Rotary Youth Leadership, John was involved in the awards in Edmonton. In 2014, John joined the Peace Prize Organizing Committee and became the Chair. This work has all led John to MRU. Our club is a sponsor of this committee and program, and we hope it is a long-term commitment by Calgary South.

In his last year with the RCMP John was sent to the Ukraine to observe what was going on at the ground level and to

PRES. BILL WITH NEW MEMBER JOHN LAMMING



assess Canada's involvement. John has only been back from the Ukraine for 2 months. Upon his return, John was promoted to Acting Sergeant of Crimes. John is an outstanding individual – the future of our club and the of Rotary.

Keith announced that this afternoon at 2:30 pm, John is speaking at MRU about the ground involvement in Ukraine and that later this month John will be speaking to another Rotary Club in District 5370.

Terry Allen inducted both members today –something the club has not done before- two at once. John and Walter, you will both remember your day today as the snowiest day in Calgary's history.

John and Walter it is my honour to welcome and induct you into the Fellowship of Rotary as members of the Rotary Club of Calgary South. Both of you have become aware of the work of Rotary,

John through your participation as a Rotary Peace Scholar where you trained in Thailand and speaking to Rotary Clubs on Peace Studies and Walter and Evelyn; as the parents of a Rotary Youth Exchange student who travelled to Thailand.

As noted by Ron, Walter you were at one time an exchange student and a Rotarian for a short period of time.

Both of you understand the principles and responsibilities as well as the obligations of Rotary and you have expressed your willingness to become a Rotarian. All Rotarians are expected to practice the principles of goodwill and service in their business and professional lives which are embodied in the Four Way Test of Rotary.

The members of this club have invited you to join them because they believe that you embrace the important principles of goodwill and service and by welcoming you to our membership we are doing more than taking you into our fellowship. We are making you a trustee of the Rotary ideals, and knowing you as a Rotarian, the world will henceforth judge Rotary by your conduct.

We thank you for making the decision to join Rotary, and our Club in particular, and we hope that each of you will find that your involvement in Rotary is a fulfilling personal experience.

John and Walter it is my honour to induct you to the membership of the Rotary Club of Calgary South and to ask **President Bill** to pin the Rotary Pin on your lapel. Wear it with pride.

President Bill pinned both gentlemen with their Rotary pin.



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Bryan Burt did his classification talk today. Although he appreciates the opportunity to talk – he keeps rewriting it! Bryan admitted to being a later in life entrepreneur – recently starting a business. Every book he read says not to work in your business, but rather on your business. So far he has ignored that advice. His company fixes water leaks in foundations (hint hint President Bill). However, the company, Dyna-Crete is expanding to doing more than stopping water leaks.

Bryan has taken his company as an extension of who he is as a person. They find the right solution, learn from it, and repair the problem. There are 3 employees – his son Colin who is also his business partner. And his honourary adopted son.



Dyna-Crete is both structural or non-structural, water filtration, for residents with leaky basements. They also have commercial clients where they stop water from coming in parkades and elevator shafts. A huge recent job included stopping 5,000 feet of cracks in the Bears Paw expansion. Whether one needs to keep water in or out, they can make it happen. They are looking to expand to new construction and water proofing below grade, building high liners. Bryan shared that his largest challenge is to manage

expansion of the company.

Chad Hason began his classification talk. Chad's company is Candid Marcom; a company that works on brand marketing. Chad previously worked with Ken Copithorne's daughter before striking out on his own. That's how he was introduced to Rotary. Brand marketing comes before marketing to figure out who you are and the best way to tell your story. If you don't have a brand, you are adopting the spray and pray method of marketing which is fine if you have loads of money to spend. You need to know what it is about your company that you want people to know. Chad explained it is like a view from outside a bottle. When it comes to your company; you know more about what you do than anybody. That's because you are inside the bottle.



What Chad does is tell a story that emotionally engages the audience that you are going after. Chad back checks your competitors, and explains the best way to position yourself. What you say and how you say it. He is a professional story teller by pulling the story out of his clients to create your brand.

Brad concluded with his joke on each man giving a story:

Three men were standing in line to get into heaven one day. Apparently it had been a pretty busy day, so Peter said, "Heaven's getting pretty close to full today, and I've been asked to admit only people who have had particularly horrible deaths. So what's your story?"

So the first man replies: "Well, for a while I've suspected my wife has been cheating on me, so today I came home early. As I came into my 16th floor apartment, I found my wife in bed, the sheets all messed up but alone. I could tell something was wrong, but all my searching around didn't reveal where the guy was hiding. Finally, I went out to the balcony, and sure enough, there was this man hanging off the railing, 16 floors above ground! By now I was really mad, so I started stamping on his fingers. Of course, he couldn't stand that for long, so he let go and fell -- but even after 16 stories, he fell into the bushes, stunned but okay. I couldn't stand it anymore, so I ran into the kitchen, grabbed the fridge and threw it over the edge where it landed on him, killing him instantly. But all the stress and anger got to me, and I had a heart attack and died there on the balcony."

"That sounds like a pretty bad day to me," said Peter, and let the man in.

The second man comes up and Peter explains to him about heaven being full, and again asks for his story.

"It's been a very strange day. You see, I live on the 17th floor of my apartment building, and every morning I do my exercises out on my balcony. Well, this morning I must have slipped, because I fell over the edge. But I got lucky, and caught the railing of the balcony on the floor below me. I knew I couldn't hang on for very long, when suddenly this man burst out onto the balcony. I thought for sure I was saved, when he started stamping on my fingers. Finally I had to let go, but again I got lucky and fell into the bushes below, stunned but all right. Just when I was thinking I was going to be okay, this refrigerator comes falling out of the sky and crushes me instantly, and now I'm here."

Once again, Peter had to concede that that sounded like a pretty horrible death.

The third man came to the front of the line, and again Peter explained that heaven was full and asked for his story.

"Picture this," says the third man, "I'm hiding inside a refrigerator..."



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

- February 8, 2002: the Canadian Team attends the opening of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. This was the Olympics where Canada would win gold for both men's and women's hockey (your bulletin editor was there that was a party!!); protests erupt when Jamie Sale and David Pelletier are awarded Silver in pairs figure skating later changed to Gold and shared with a Russian couple. This led to changes in the judging system.
- February 8 is also National Boy Scouts Day.

Our joke for the week:

A few years after graduation from college together, a group of guys agreed to hold a reunion lunch. Being in their 30's and with busy schedules at work and at home, it took a little white to select a proper time and place that was suitable to everyone. Eventually, though, they settled on a Saturday at the Ocean View Restaurant. They had a great time and agreed that, to maintain at least some connections going forward, they would meet for a reunion lunch every 10 years. So 10 years later, as the hit their 40s, they started to discuss where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they should go back to the Ocean View Restaurant because the waitresses were gorgeous with tight skirts and lean legs. Ten years later, now in their 50's, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. The Ocean View Restaurant seemed to be the top choice because the food and service were good and the wine selection was excellent. In their 60's, they again discussed their luncheon spot and decided on the Ocean View Restaurant because they could dine in peace and quiet, away from screaming kids and with a beautiful view of the ocean. Ten years later, all in their 70's now, the same question came up: Where to go for lunch? They decided once again to go to the Ocean View Restaurant because it was wheelchair accessible and it had a lift. Once they turned 80, they decided they would plan their final reunion luncheon. This time, after a fair amount of time and consideration and a little bit of squabbling, they decided to go to the Ocean View Restaurant because they had never been there before and were told it served great food!

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

Head Table: Ron Prokosch, Walter Flores, Keith Davis, John Lamming, Terry Allen Bulletin Editor: Corinne Wilkinson Photographer: Steve Mason

We are all feeling badly for President Bill as he was a tad distracted today with a flooded office. Luckily Bryan who shared his classification talk today specializes in all things "leaky basements"! There is no end to the value of networking at Rotary every Thursday!





Before **Blake Pelham** introduced our guests he had a few announcements:

- Blake asked that the audience not shoot him since he was wearing an eye glass chain around his neck recalling that a week ago President Bill said to "shoot him" if he was ever caught wearing one of these.
- Blake wondered if he was in fact one of the gentlemen in the Ocean View Restaurant, as he was certain he had heard the joke from the Rotary podium before.
 Long into the meeting, President Bill owned up to having told this very joke before so it's ok Blake you are not losing it.

Guests: Maisa: YEX Student, Sarah Kahn from Rotaract (Guest: Dorothea Schaab), Evelyn Flores (Guest: Walter Flores), Victoria (Guest: Wendy Giuffre). Our favourite rendition of Welcome Song was sung at the top of our voices.

Health and Wellness: Dick Shaw is back at Amica and doing well. He still has stitches – on the second surgery doctors put in screws instead of staples. He has a lot of therapy to come, but is in good spirits and on the mend.

50/50: Today's pot was a bit lower than normal, likely due to our snow day. \$150 was won by **Terry Allen**.

Superbowl Winners: \$100: Al Johnson. \$50: Gui Salazar. \$50: Bryan Walton. \$200: Bill Sumner.



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Attendance Milestones: Ron Prokosch said that he was pleased to perform an extra duty today. One of the initiatives **President Bill** undertook was to bring back awards of milestone attendance at the club. Attendance is so important to our club and to each Rotarian. Regular attendance and participating in social events are two of the best ways members can get value for themselves out of the club.

Charlie Goldsborough heads our Committee on attendance and as such, established the **Terry McDonough Milestone Award**. Terry achieved 2,046 consecutive meetings. April 20, 2017 was his last meeting. Terry's attendance is the highest level of attendance in our club and likely stacks up as one of the highest around the world. Today we recognize 3 members for their attendance.



Larry Stein: 200 consecutive meetings at Aug 24/17. A month later he went on a leave for a month to travel. Charlie Goldsborough: 500 consecutive meetings. President Bill LeClair: 1,400 consecutive meetings Everyone accepted their framed certificates with President Bill saying he didn't initially shake hands with Larry and Charlie, as he didn't know how he was going to shake his own hand.

RI Foundation: Jack Thompson was invited to make a presentation. Today Jack recognized one of our members who has achieved the status of Major Donor for RIF. Eighteen members since 2001 have achieved this incredible milestone. Sadly 3 or 4 have since passed away, however, most are still very active Rotarians. Many members are at the PHF +8 status, with the next being the Major Donor level. Jack and all trustees express their appreciation that all donors give to support humanitarian and educational initiatives which makes a significant difference around the world. President Bill LeClair was recognized on behalf of the Foundation and has now joined a special group of donors both near and far. Bill was presented with a Major Donor pin and a beautiful crystal with Bill and Terry's name engraved on it.



Calgary Rotaract: See Page 9 for details and link

District Conference: See Page 10 for details and link

President Bill took the opportunity to thank **Toby and the Social Committee** for a great Larry Kwong Chinese New Year dinner last Friday - a job well done! See Page 8 for more information



Valentine's Day: Toby, ringing her Valentine's bell and looking fab in her heart shaped glasses reminded everyone of next week's Valentine luncheon at Rotary House. There will be an upgraded menu, entertainment by Robert Penner (Peter's son), Joan Glasgow (Pianist) and a few special surprises. Confirm with Toby by the end of this week if you are able to attend as the Stampede needs to confirm meal numbers. Toby had a very important piece of advice for the men in the audience. If your wife says "I don't want anything for Valentine's Day it is the same thing as when she says "I'm fine".



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Tom Walton was our Sergeant of Arms today: Larry Stein was asked to pick a number between 1 and 4. He picked 2. **Christine Holstine** (A New Member) was asked to stand. Larry was asked what the name of Christine's company is and what her classification is. Larry knows Christine as a new member but wasn't sure of the answers to Tom's questions......oops – that would be a big hefty fine Larry!

Tom Walton (Sergeant-At-Arms) asked Jim Fitzowich (Chair: Sergeant-At-Arms) to stand – Jim reminded Tom that he is the big kahuna and a senior Sergeant of Arms – he should not be picked on! But Tom didn't back down. Tom asked Jim to pick a number between 1 and 4 that wasn't 2. Still trying to prove he is boss, Jim chose 5. Tom asked Carol Rosdobutko to stand – asking Jim what her classification and company is. Jim suffered the same fate as Larry – a big fine! Carol's company is Server Relocation Canada and her classification is Relocation. During all this, there was also a discussion of Jim wielding a knife at Tom (Tom's version), with Jim insisting he was saving Tom from a flying knife (Jim's version). Somehow this feels like it isn't over between Tom and Jim and there might be a fight at the bike racks next week (joking of course!).

Penny Leckie was then "told" to choose number between 3. Tom asked **Chad Hason** to stand and Tom asked Penny if she knew Chad's company and classification. Now on big fine number 3, Penny added to the bank as she said she had not yet had the opportunity to meet Chad. Chad's company is Candid Marcom and his classification is Brand and Marketing Strategies.

Greg Martin was asked to stand. *"Hello Tom" said Greg* – trying to soften the Sergeant up. Tom said during Robbie Burns day there was a lengthy presentation. The question is what historical figure was the wisest fool in Christianity. Greg asked: "is he in this room?" with much laughter erupting. Tom gave a couple of clues: he has a well-known book with a version named after him. That being the Bible and King James. Another big fine!

Jim Hutchens was asked to stand up. Rather than using Greg's police tactic, Jim's was an "Ah shit" response. Tom said King James was first of England but what number of Scotland? Jim with the first correct answer of the day said "sixth". Being the first person with the correct answer, everyone at Jim's table had to pay \$5.

George Deegan was asked to stand. Tom said that King James had a lifetime of gluttony. A famous visitor could scarcely believe he was King. Who was the visitor? Hint: A President of the USA always refers to a senator as this person. Correct answer is Pocahontas. Another big fine! Great work collecting money this week **Sergeant Tom!**

Have a great week everyone!





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Reminder



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 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



THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South 2018 Annual Larry Kwong Chinese New Year



On February 2nd, almost 200 Rotarians from Calgary South, Calgary (Downtown) and Okotoks Clubs celebrated the upcoming 2018 Chinese New Year at the Regency Palace.



The group welcomed in The Year of the Dog with a traditional Lion Dance performance that always brings the colour and pageantry of China to the event. The program emceed by **Corinne Wilkinson** also included the traditional songs sung by the talented Annie Wu to the delight our host **Larry Kwong** and the beautiful music of the Ghuzeng (the Chinese Harp) played by Sylvia Lee.

The food, which kept on coming all throughout the evening, was a delicious selection of traditional and well recognized favourites that by the smiles all around the room was very much enjoyed by all.

Each guest was given a traditional red packet to take home for good luck. The Red packet is a red envelope with money in it, which in China ranges from one to a few thousand Chinese Yuan. It is believed that the money in the red packet will suppress the evil from the children, keep them healthy, and give them a long life. Apparently giving it away, like a penny, is the luck portion!

An Excellent evening of celebration with old and new friends and to honour Larry Kwong's many contributions to our Club and city.

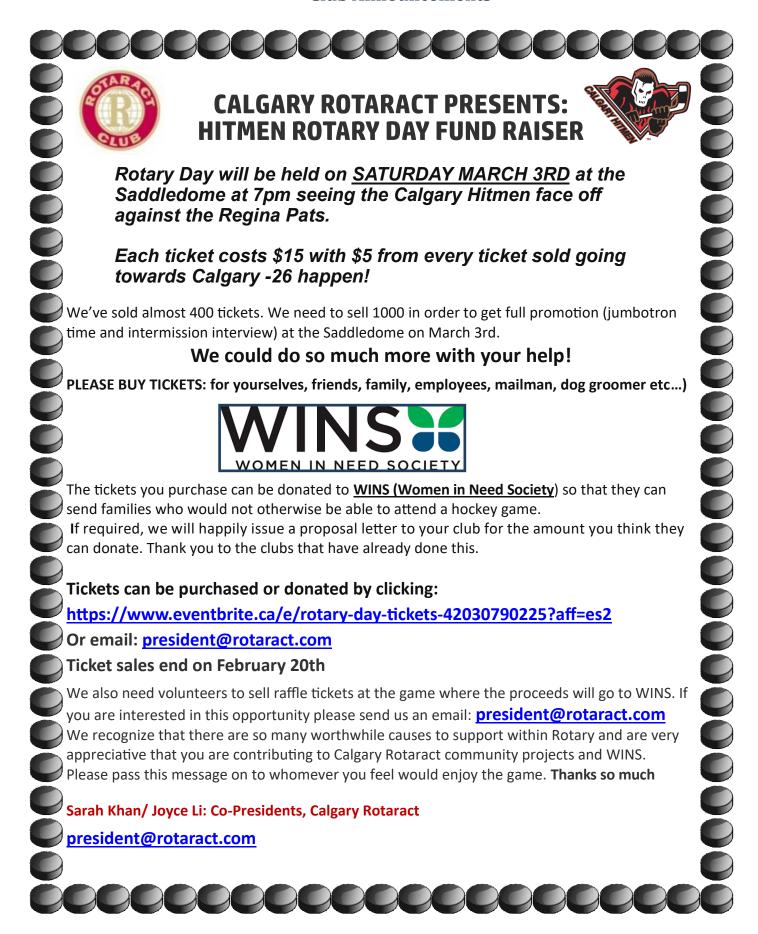
Click link to view photos: https://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/PhotoAlbums/2018-larry-kwong-chinese-new-year

Thank you to Toby Oswald-Felker and the Social Committee !!!



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CONFERENCE 2018

REGISTER ONLINE OR FIND OUT MORE DETAILS:

http://discon5360.ca

Early Bird Registration is open until February 15th 2018 at a 10% saving

- The Conference begins Friday Night: May 4th and concludes Sunday May 6th
- The Conference is at the Hyatt Hotel in Calgary
- You can register for parts of the conference or for the full conference
 ie: Saturday: Keynote Speakers and Breakout Sessions or: just the District Governor's
 1960 to 1970's Party on Saturday evening
- **Keynote Speakers:** Sheldon Kennedy, Martin Purnell & Sylvia Whitlock (the First female Rotarian)

This Conference is **LOCAL**. Please attend all or part of the Conference.

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 <u>February 9th to May 25th</u> with the exception of these school dates - February 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, April 20, 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 **6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**.



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 Stan Cichon.



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FEBRUARY 2018

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: Diabetes Speaker 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)

MAY 2018

May 3: Dream Home Registration Kick off

May10: 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: To Be Determined

JULY 2018

July 5: To Be Determined
July 12: To Be Determined
July 19: To Be Determined
July 26: To Be Determined





NEW MEMBER





Health, Wellness & Transportation:

Contact Earl Huson: ehuslink@telusplanet.net or: 403 686-0828 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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PLEASE NOTE: Kathyann Reginato will be away from the office from: February 19th to February 23rd

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