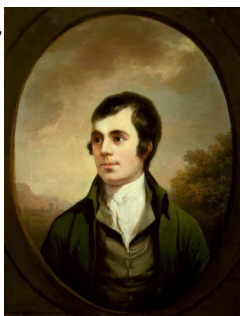


*The celebration commenced with the traditional entrance of the haggis, piped in by Billy Hawes, carried aloft by Jim Hutchens and escorted by those redoubtable Scots, Kendall Bocking and Don Taylor, impressive swords in hand. Jim then addressed the haggis in his inimitable style.*



## Address to the haggis

Fair is your honest, happy face,  
Great chieftain of the sausage race!  
Above them all you take your place,  
Stomach, tripe, or guts:  
Well are you worthy of a grace  
As long as my arm.

The groaning trencher there you fill,  
Your buttocks like a distant hill,  
Your skewer would help to mend a mill  
In time of need,  
While through your pores the juices emerge  
Like amber beads.

His knife having seen hard labour wipes,  
And cut you up with great skill,  
Trenching your gushing insides bright,  
Like any ditch;  
And then, O what a glorious sight,  
Warm steaming, rich!

Then spoon for spoon,

They stretch and strive:  
Devil take the last man, on they drive,  
Till all their well swollen bellies  
Are bent like drums;  
Then old gent most likely to rift (burp)  
Be thanked, mumbles.

Is there that over his French ragout,  
Or olio that would sicken a pig,  
Or fricassee would make her vomit  
With perfect disgust,  
Looks down with sneering, scornful opinion  
On such a dinner?

Poor devil! see him over his trash,  
As feeble as a withered rush,  
His spindle shanks a good whip-lash,  
His clenched fist...the size of a nut;  
Through bloody flood or field to dash,  
O how unfit.

But take note of the strong haggis-fed Scot,  
The trembling earth resounds his tread,  
Clasped in his large fist a blade,  
He'll make it whistle;  
And legs, and arms, and heads he will cut off  
Like the tops of thistles.

You powers, who make mankind your care,  
And dish them out their meals,  
Old Scotland wants no watery food,  
That splashes in dishes;  
But if you wish her grateful prayer,  
Give her a Haggis!

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Jim opened the celebration with one of his patented jokes.

**Two boys were chatting in the school playground.**

**One boy said to the other (Johnny), everyone has a secret they want to hide.**

**So, Johnny being a rather enterprising young man, says to his Dad as he leaves for work, "I know your secret"**

**With that, his Dad gives him \$50 and says "Don't tell your Mother".**

**He then says the same thing to his Mother.**

**She gives him \$100 and says, "Don't tell your Father".**

**Emboldened as he walks down the path, he says to the Postman. "I know your secret".**

**"Oh, my God, that's great. Now come and give your Daddy a hug!"**

**Jim** introduced our guest speaker. **Gordon McCulloch** was very astute as a young lad, and this would stand him in good stead for his chosen occupation.

**Boy: The principal is so dumb!**

**Girl: Do you know who I am?**

**Boy: No...**

**Girl; I am the principal's daughter!**

**Boy: Do you know who I am/**

**Girl: No.**

**Boy: ....Walks away.**

Born in Edinburgh, the son of a passionate Burnsian, **Gordon** delighted his dad by winning the Burns Federation prize for excellence in Scottish literature on three separate occasions...that is until puberty struck and his attentions were drawn elsewhere.

A serving police officer in Auld Reekie, **Gordon** emigrated to Canada in 1979 and joined the Calgary Police Service in 1980 where he served until retirement. The father of four children, all Calgarians, and the grandfather of three grandsons, all Calgarians, he now divides his time between the family castle and his ancestral lands on the Shuswap and his retirement home in Calgary. **Gordon** refuses to exercise, cheats at golf, and thinks that because his wife is a physician he knows something about the causes of various ailments that afflict him...she is a physician, **Gordon**, NOT a psychologist!

**Detective Gordon McCulloch** (retired) is Scotland's answer to the famous, bungling French police officer, Inspector Clouseau.

**Gordon** delivered a most insightful, very humorous and entertaining talk about Robert Burns, Scotland's Nation Bard.



***Your Editor's admission: any reporting of Gordon's talk will fail to do it justice. There is no way I could capture the humour and asides. For the full flavour and your own enjoyment, please view the video available on the website.) <https://youtu.be/-MaiOnGA3q4>***

He opened by declaring that **Jim** is a liar, so do not believe anything he says. Also, **President Chas** has already stolen three of his best lines. Perhaps he can blame it on the meds that **Chas** is on.

Why do we celebrate Robert Burns' life? Why not Shakespeare or some of the other great English poets? It is said that you can take the measure of a man by those who are arraigned against him. But, you can also relate to those who admired and were inspired by him. In Burns' case, you can refer to Walter Scott, Longfellow, John Wendell Holmes, Mark Twain and Abraham Lincoln. The latter is said to have memorized 300 of Burns' works and quoted them liberally.

More recently, move forward to June 6, 1944 when a 21 year old landed in Normandy with his Black Watch Regiment, carrying in his breast pockets his pay book, a picture of his young bride, and a thick volume of Burns' poetry. That young man was **Gordon's** Father, and his love of that poetry is part of **Gordon's** life.

Burns wrote the truth about humanity. In "To a Mouse" he writes about mankind's desire to just live a peaceful life, without war and strife,

***But Mouse, you are not alone,  
In proving foresight may be vain:  
The best laid schemes of mice and men  
Go often askew,***

By today's standards, Burns was rogue, a cad and a philanderer. But he got away with it because of his beloved poetry. He was much admired in his own time. He wrote about the desire for approbation and love, and was very progressive in his views but not dogmatic.



His view was that who a man is was the important thing, not what the rank is.

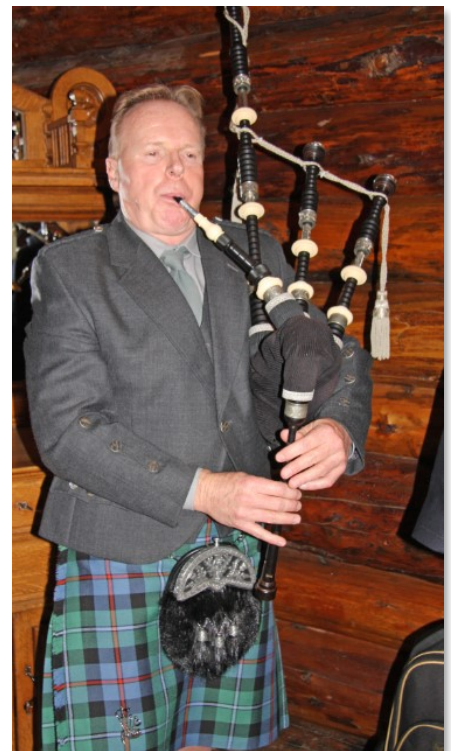
*The rank is but the guinea's stamp,  
The man's the gowd for a' that.  
What though on hamely fare we dine,  
Wear hoddin grey, an' a' that?  
Gie fools their silks, and knaves their wine,  
A man's a man for a' that.  
For a' that, an' a' that,  
Their tinsel show, an' a' that,  
The honest man, tho' e'er sae poor,  
Is king o' men for a' that.*

Jim thanked **Gordon** for his talk, and **Billy Hawes** for his piping. He left us with a thought from one of Burns' famous poems. When Robert Burns wrote his poem, "Bruce's Address to His Troops at Bannockburn, or "Scots Wha' Hae", he never thought his words would be as relevant today as they were when he wrote them in 1793. Freedom should never be taken for granted.

The last stanza of his poem serves as an unofficial national anthem of Scotland and is a universal reminder of the sacrifices made by generations past, the generations present, and what might be asked of future generations, as long as there are those who would oppress and enslave others.

*By oppressions woes and pains  
By our sons in servile chains  
We will drain our dearest veins  
But they shall be free.  
Lay the proud usurpers low  
Tyrants fall in every foe  
Liberty's in every blow  
Let us do or die.*

Piper Billy Hawes then piped us out of the meeting.





**President Chas Filipiski** welcomed us to the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park (getting better at it, **Chas!**). He apologized if he seemed a bit vague, blaming the heavy medication he is on.

**This day in history: Robert Burns** referred to himself as Spunkie, and used this in a letter of 1793 as his signature and symbol. Burns' poems inspired works by many great authors, including John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men", inspired by "To a Mouse", and John Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye", by "Comin' Tho' the Rye".

Please join **Lisa Fernandes** in the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace. Enjoy your lunch and fellowship.

**Head Table: Kathy Demorest, Michael Ruttan, Jim Hutchens, piper Billy Hawes, and guest speaker Gordon McCulloch.**

**Bulletin Editor: Bev Ostermann**  
**Photographer: Paul Brick**



**Visitors and Guests: Ernie Yaskowich** introduced our many guests, including two of our Exchange Students, **Rowan** and **Lucas Rasmussen**, and **Dick Shaw's** grand-daughter, **Kaillie**. Welcome to all.

**50/50 Draw: Michael Zacharki** awarded the prize to **Rod Bower**.



#### Health and Wellness:

- **Jack Black** is feeling well and would appreciate a ride to get to meetings.
- **Stacey Johnson** has recovered from surgery and is back with us today.
- **Earl Huson** is continuing with back injections but isn't letting that stop him from attending.
- **Gui Salazar** has had a cardiac incident and is being monitored at home.
- **Dana Hunter** continues to recover elegantly.
- **George Adam** is coping and talking about a celebration of life for **Lois** in April when family can be there.
- **Jeanette King** has broken her ankle two days ago at Sewing Club and was taken to the hospital. She broke it in two places and had a two hour surgery yesterday. She will be out of commission for eight to ten weeks. She will be released either today or more likely tomorrow. She has booked herself in to Amica on Elbow Drive for a month or more. She has a scooter and is already using that

**Corinne Wilkinson** reminded us of the **Larry Kwong Memorial Chinese New Year on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**.

We want to continue this tradition in honour of a great Rotarian.

Our **Valentine's Day** will be on **Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** at Rotary House.

Valentine cards will be on sale the next two weeks. Bring quarters.





**Lucas Rasmussen** announced the **International Dinner**, put on by the District's Exchange Students as a fund raiser for **Shelter Box** is on **January 24<sup>th</sup>**.

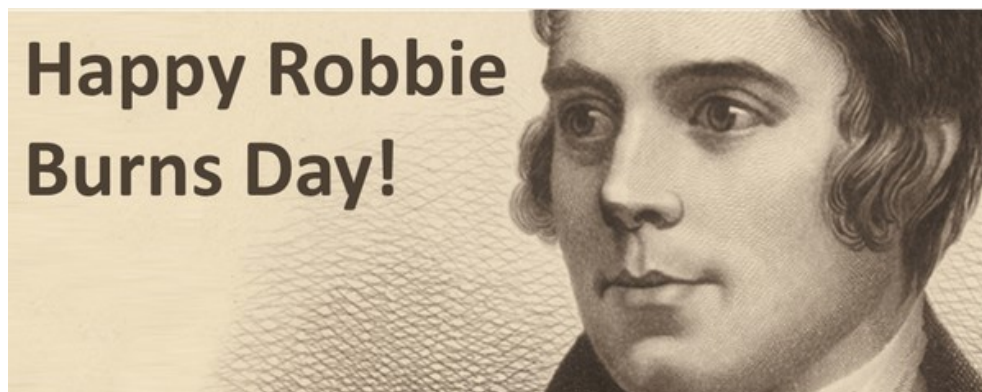


**Meeting Technical Support:** **Jamie Moorhouse** is looking for volunteers to handle meeting I/T and video setup, as he and **Steve Mason** will be away for 4-6 weeks. Off to Cambodia again.

**Club Bylaws:** The board has approved the amendments to Club Bylaws that have been under review for some time. Many thanks to **Sherrie Austin, Terry Allen and Larry Stein**. The revised bylaws will be published on the website next week, and will be available for review and comment for 21 days, after which they will be revised, if necessary, and adopted by the Board and then come to the membership for ratification.

**Rotary House:** The Stampede Liaison Committee arranged a recent meeting with **Warren Connell** of the Stampede, in which he advised that Rotary House will not be touched for at least 8-10 years. After the new 17<sup>th</sup> Ave entrance is in place, Rotary House will front onto the Avenue.

**Final Words:** **President Chas** closed the meeting, thanking **Jim** for another successful and enjoyable **Robbie Burns** celebration.



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**YEAR OF THE RAT**

**HAPPY  
CHINESE  
NEW YEAR**



# LARRY KWONG MEMORIAL CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER

*February 7th, 2020*

Regency Palace Restaurant  
335 Centre Street South

*There will be an array of Chinese Food*

Cocktails: 6:00 PM  
Entertainment: 6:30 PM    Dinner: 7:00 PM  
*\$50.00 per person*

HERE IS THE LINK TO REGISTER:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/Event/2020-annual-larry-kwong-chinese-new-year-dinner>

**Please register online, from your invitation or at a meeting. You can book tables of 10 by emailing Kathy Demorest at: [kathylynne@shaw.ca](mailto:kathylynne@shaw.ca)**

**Seating is limited, so purchase your tickets ASAP. Payment required at time of placing ticket order**



Rotary Club of Calgary  
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# Happy Valentine's Day

It is time again to send your love to your Valentine

Please join us for Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park's Annual

## Valentine's Day Luncheon

Thursday February 13th, 2020 at Rotary House

Doors Open: 11:15 AM • Cash Bar until 12:10 PM • Luncheon and Program: 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM

Cost: \$45.00 per person RSVP by: February 10th, 2020

Special Guest: 12 year old Harry Knight playing his Flamenco Guitar. Harry is an Anomaly and has been playing expertly since he was 7 years old. Harry has played shows in Spain and has travelled to other countries to demonstrate his special skill. Valentine Cards can be purchased for 25 cents each. Cupid will make an appearance to hand deliver Valentines at lunch. Be sure to come and check out the Kissing Booth!!

CLICK THIS LINK TO REGISTER: [2020 RCCSP Valentines Luncheon](https://www.rotaryclubofcalgary.com/2020-RCCSP-Valentines-Luncheon)





## Rotary YEX International Dinner Fundraiser for ShelterBox



**An International Evening for a  
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**JOIN US FOR THIS UNFORGETTABLE EVENT**

Connect with exchange students and Rotarians  
from across the district in support of those who  
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**Get your tickets now: <https://internationaldinner.square.site/>**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 24TH 2020 AT 6:00 PM**

**Slovenian Canadian Club of Calgary**

2335 16A Street SE in Inglewood

### **What's on the buffet menu?**

Home-made lasagna (including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free lasagna) with fresh Garlic Bread and an assortment of salads (Caesar, spinach and vegetable).

Coffee will be available with the purchase of a ticket (thanks to a sponsorship from McDonald's Okotoks).

Coke, Sprite, beer and wine will be available for purchase.

An international array of bite-sized desserts provided by our exchange students.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A TALENT SHOW

### **What is ShelterBox?**

An organization dedicated to helping ensure no family is left without shelter after natural disaster or conflict – by going where others can't or won't.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Senator Black: Bill C69</b>	<b>Rotary House</b>
Feb 6	Brian Farrell: Mind and Music	Rotary House
<b>Feb 7</b>	<b>L. Kwong Chinese New Year Celebration</b>	<b>Regency Palace</b>
<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Valentine's Day Luncheon with Partners</b>	<b>Rotary House</b>
Feb 20	Jen Davies: Stigma Roots: Cannabis: from Roots to (Stock) Tips	Rotary House
Feb 27	TBA	Rotary House
Mar 5	Jeff Davison: New Arena Deal	Rotary House
Mar 12	St. Patrick's Day Celebration	Rotary House
<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>Wine Club: Chas Filipski's House: Theme is Italian</b>	<b>Chas' House</b>
Mar 19	Glen Street: CEO Street Characters	Rotary House
Mar 26	Bob Wiens: Colombia Projects Update	Rotary House
Apr 2	Gus Yaki: Alberta Southern Prairie Orthinology	Rotary House
Apr 9	Tom Leppard: Field of Crosses	Rotary House
Apr 16	Calgary Philharmonic (CPO) Presentation	Rotary House
<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Partners Spring Luncheon</b>	
Apr 23	TBA	<b>BLUE ROOM</b>
<b>Apr 27</b>	<b>Wine Club: Brett Albers</b>	<b>Brett's House</b>
Apr 30	Bethany Atrium Tour	Bethany Riverview
May 7	Stuart Cullum: Olds College	Rotary House
May 14	Annual St. Mary's 4 Way Test	Rotary House
May 22	President Chas' Cocktail Social	Lazy S: Grandstand
May 21	Annual Stay In School Luncheon	TBA
May 28	Annual Dream Home Kick off	Rotary House
<b>May 29</b>	<b>Invermere Golf and Social Weekend (May 29 to May 31/20)</b>	<b>Invermere</b>
June 4	Annual Stampede Board Presentation	<b>BLUE ROOM</b>
<b>June 11</b>	<b>U of C Vet School Offsite Tour</b>	<b>U of C</b>
June 18	Annual Charity Day Presentations	Rotary House
June 25	Changing of the Guard, Large Grants and WCS	Rotary House
<b>July 2</b>	<b>Annual Dream Home Kickoff Party</b>	<b>Heritage Park</b>



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