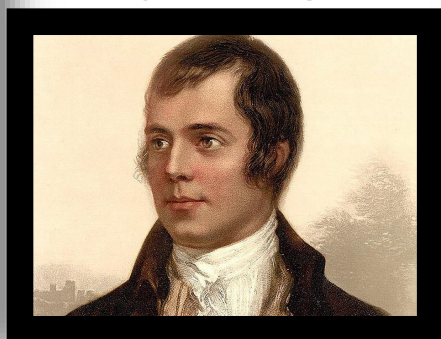




The meeting started with a welcoming serenade by **Piper Stephanie West** as we arrived.

The haggis was piped in, escorted by those famous Scotsmen, **Jim Hutchens, Tony McNg and Amy McGiang**.



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Jim Hutchens toasted the haggis (translation follows):

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o' the puddin-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm:
Weel are ye wordy o' a grace
As lang's my airm.

(*fa* = befall, *sonsie* = jolly/cheerful)
(*aboon* = above)
(*painch* = paunch/stomach, *thairm* = intestine)
(*wordy* = worthy)

The groaning trencher there ye fill,
Your hurdies like a distant hill,
Your pin wad help to mend a mill
In time o' need,
While thro' your pores the dews distil
Like amber bead.

(*hurdies* = buttocks)

His knife see rustic Labour dight,
An' cut you up wi' ready slicht,
Trenching your gushing entrails bricht,
Like ony ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sicht,
Warm-reekin, rich!

(*dicht* = wipe, here with the idea of sharpening)
(*slicht* = skill, *reekin* = steaming)

Then, horn for horn, they stretch an' strive:
Deil tak the hindmaist! on they drive,
Till a' their weel-swallow'd kytes belyve,
Are bent like drums;
Then auld Guidman, maist like to rive,
"Bethankit" hums.

(*deil* = devil)
(*swallow'd* = swollen, *kytes* = bellies, *belyve* = soon)
(*bent like* = tight as)
(*auld Guidman* = the man of the house, *rive* = tear, ie: burst)

Is there that o're his French ragout
Or olio that wad staw a sow,
Or fricassee wad mak her spew
Wi' perfect scunner,
Looks down wi' sneering, scornfu' view
On sic a dinner?

(*olio* = stew, from Spanish *olla*/stew pot, *staw* = make sick)

(*scunner* = disgust)

Poor devil! see him ower his trash,
As feckless as a wither'd rash,
His spindle shank, a guid whip-lash,
His nieve a nit;
Thro' bloody flood or field to dash,
O how unfit!

(*nieve* = fist, *nit* = nut, i.e. tiny)

(But mark the Rustic, haggis fed,
The trembling earth resounds his tread.
Clap in his wallie nieve a blade,
He'll mak it whistle;
An' legs an' arms, an' heads will sned,
Like taps o' thistle.

(*wallie* = mighty, *nieve* = fist)
(*sned* = cut off)
(*thistle* = thistle)

Ye Pow'rs wha mak mankind your care,
And dish them out their bill o' fare,
Auld Scotland wants nae skinkin ware
That jaups in luggies;
But, if ye wish her gratefu' prayer,
Gie her a haggis!

skinkin ware = watery soup)
(*jaups* = slops about, *luggies* = two-handled continental bowls)





After a joke at the expense of the only Prince Edward Islander in the room, and a wee bit of song to explain where the kilt came from, **Jim** introduced our Guest Speaker to present The Immortal Memory.

Henry Cairney was born in Kilwinning Ayrshire and is an engineer by profession. He grew up in Robbie Burns country where he met and married **Shona** in 1973. Hobbies include semi-professional soccer, golf, and black belt judo. He is a musician and composer influenced by an immersion in Robert Burns from school days.



He attended and presented at many Burns Suppers in Scotland and after immigrating to Canada in 2006, became a member of the Calgary Burns Club, of which he is immediate Past President.

"Thank you to the Rotary, members and guests for allowing me to address and present The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns. When **Jimmy** asked me to deliver this, it allowed me to reflect on a lifetime of involvement with his works. During my life in Ayrshire, I always had a connection to the life and times of Robert Burns. We won't concentrate on my teenager era, as that is not for discussion and would be a novel in itself.

At Loudon Montgomery and Irvine Royal Academy in my "English Classes", we read Robbie's poetry and stories, in my music classes we sang Robbie's songs, and I even made the school choir by singing "Ye Banks and Braes" acapella at a key much higher than a normal 10-year-old should ever have reached. In fact, the only other time I reached that note was when playing soccer and Tiger Shaw connected his knee with my unmentionables.

I also remember my quintessential Scottish teacher, Miss King, displaying her ivories, with a prominent single gold tooth in the centre sparkling in her smile. This was not pleasantries, the same lady delivered the tawse with the brutality of a defenseman sacking a quarterback at full speed, for being a minute late from recess in the morning. Character building!

A man walks into the library and at the enquiry desk asks a beautiful librarian, 'Robert Burns, the complete works'. The librarian looks up and says, 'I am sorry, Mr. Burns, the massage parlour is back outside and next door to this.'

Jimmy is making a presentation and asks everybody in the room who is stupid to stand. No one does, until Henry finally stands. Jimmy asks "Are you stupid, Henry?" "No", replies Henry, "I just didn't want to see you standing by yourself."

A bloke walks into a Glasgow library and says to the beautiful librarian, "Excuse me Miss, dae ye hae any books on suicide?" At which she stops doing her tasks, looks at him over the top of her glasses and says, "Bugger off, ye'll no bring it back!"



So enough of that, here we all are in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, in the year 2018 where our association with the bard is why we are all here today – original, ancestral and adopted Scots – remembering someone none of us knew personally, but surely would have socialized and mingled with, given the opportunity. What do you think that would consist of? Let me remind you.

All over the world, the affection and influence that Robbie brings in his works of song, stories and verse takes many forms, including politics, religion, drama, humour, sadness, culture and love. The Calgary Burns Club, of which I am a proud member, extrudes Burns on a month by month basis, and it is never saturated with his material, considering the very young age at which he died, and the prolific quantity he produced.

Consider the politics he grew up in and the dreams of an independent Scotland and Jacobite rebellions captured in songs like “Ye Jacobite”, with the dangers of the time of becoming involved in any movement defying the Crown. The imagination in one of his greatest works in the drama of “Tam O’Shanter” and the horse ride over the Auld Brig O’Doon, being chased by a cacophony of witches and warlocks grasping for him, and that poor old grey mare, or “cuddy” Meg, he was riding at the time losing her tail.

The culture of Scotland contained in many of his works, you heard today in Tae A Haggis, where it captures all the nuances of “Dear Old Scotland” in its form and structure, by comparing the humble sheep’s pudding to the exotic “French Ragout”. All from a man who died needlessly at the very young age of 37. Had he survived his God given allocated and expected lifespan of twice that, what more would we be salivating over today? That provokes many thoughts.

And I ponder to myself, what would Robbie think, had he been alive today in the world of Internet, Wikipedia, Facebook, Twitter and all the other social media we are bombarded with in this modern age? Would he thrive and grow, or recede and drown? I personally believe he would have thrived. He was born way before his time, and I believe technology would not have phased him. But would we have acknowledged the pure grown talent of a Scottish literary genius in our world today in the same way? As we reminisce from days of old, I cannot answer.

All I can say is that we do celebrate that genius from the 18th century. We are grateful he gave us the heritage we now proudly recount in our lives, and finally, influence us to deliver those works on occasions like today, in which program I am sure he would have been an active participant. Scotland gave birth to a legend that has survived the passage of time, and as such I would ask you to stand and join me in a toast to our well-remembered countryman Robbie, “For Auld Lang Syne”.

I give you Robbie Burns.”

Jim then asked **Barb King**, accompanied by **Grace King**, to entertain us with some Scottish songs, including “My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose” and “The Star of Robbie Burns.” Their beautiful renditions earned a standing ovation.



President Bill LeClair opened the meeting with "This Day in History":
Surprise! Surprise! On January 25, 1759, Robbie Burns was born.

So, a Scottish joke is in order: *Alistair Biggar, a Scotsman, applied to join the New York City Police Force. The inspector glared at him and asked "How would you disperse a large, unruly crowd?" "Well", replied Alistair thoughtfully, "I'm not so sure how ye do it in New York, but in Aberdeen we just pass the hat around, and they begin to shuffle off."*

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

The head table was introduced: **Jim Hutchens**, guest speaker **Henry Cairney**, **Kevin McLeod**, **Bruce MacDonald** and **Neil Fraser** – good Scottish names, all.

Visitors and Guests: **Rick Jakubec**, introduced our visitors and guests: Henry Cairney (Guest Speaker), Helen Hu (Rotary Club of Calgary Downtown), Maureen Hutchens (Guest: Jim Hutchens), Stephanie West (Guest: Jim Hutchens), Maisa Costa (YEX Student), Joan Glasgow (Guest: Dorothea Schaab), Brett Albers (Guest: Dilan Perera), Brittan Baylys-Holuk and Mike Ling (Guest: Amy Giang), Barbara and Grace King (Singers) and Espy (Guest: Sam Switzer).



50/50 Draw: **Jim Cairns**, very expeditiously awarded the prize to **Dorothea Schaab**.

Health and Wellness: **President Bill** advised that **George Adam** is not only out of the hospital, but is at the meeting. **George** just couldn't miss a Robbie Burns day. Welcome back, **George!!!** **Paul Brick** is back home after successful hip replacement surgery.

Update after today's meeting: **Dick Shaw** had to go back in hospital as his incision was infected and the wiring together of his kneecap did not hold. **Dick** had surgery on his knee again yesterday and will probably be there for 4-6 days then back to Amica. He would appreciate emails or calls but visitors are not a great idea at the hospital. After he returns to Amica, I'm sure he would like visitors there, but that won't be until end of January.

Sergeant at Arms: **Tom Walton** challenged a number of Members of Scottish heritage to provide the punch lines for some Scottish jokes. Not one winner in the bunch!

Bulletin: **President Bill** noted that the Bulletin is available to the public (which the Bulletin Committee is very proud of)



Our Bulletin is available to the public and, as such, we should make more use of it as a tool for recruitment and for enhancing the public image of Rotary. I will remind you that our Club website (www.rotarycs.org) has a wealth of information about Rotary for both you and the public, including access to the Bulletin. You could send a copy of the Bulletin to a friend or neighbour that you believe might be a good Rotarian. This could be a door opener long before inviting a prospective new member to his/her first meeting.

There are a multitude of ways we can get a Bulletin into the hands of a prospective Rotarian:

- ⇒ You can forward a copy by email with a short note.
- ⇒ You could tell a prospective new member how to login to our website and find the Bulletins.
- ⇒ We can forward a copy of the Bulletin from our Central System. All we need is a name and email address.

Starting immediately, the program committee will have the person who introduces the guest speaker forward a copy of the bulletin to the speaker of the day in whatever manner they wish.



Rotaract: President Bill advised that Sarah Kahn (a member of Rotaract) will be with us starting February 8th 2017 to sell tickets to their Rotary Day with the Hitmen on March 3rd.

Quoting from their presentation in the Dec 21, 2017 Bulletin:



***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).

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.

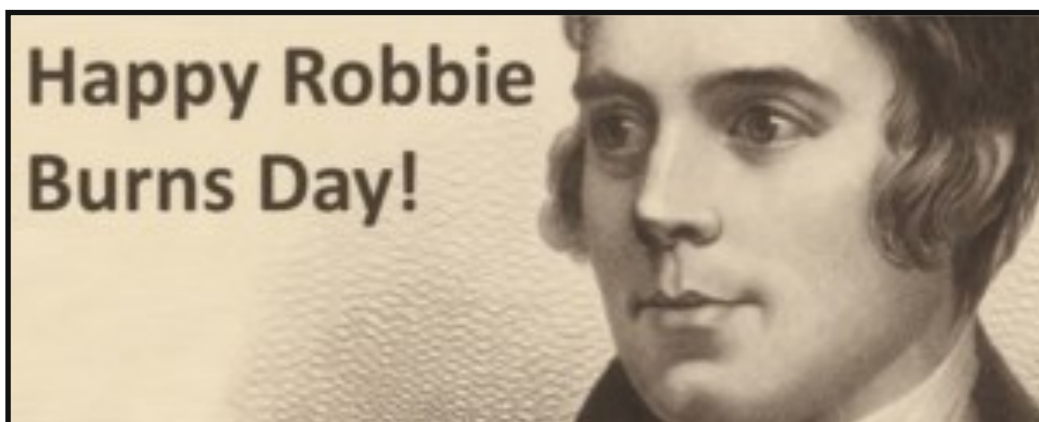
Larry Kwong Chinese New Year Dinner: Tony McNg under the influence of a few "nips" of Scotch that **Amy McGiang** "made him drink" attempted to share the details of the upcoming Larry Kwong Chinese New Year Dinner. Toby prompted Tony as needed to provide us with some important details. Parking is available at the James Short Parkade and there will be some street parking as well.



Please register ASAP online. We have approximately 200 people attending and our goal is to have 250 in attendance. You can contact Toby if you cannot register online. The deadline for Registration is this upcoming Monday.

CRCF News: See Page 8 for recent CRCF information from **Sherry Austin** and Committee.

President Bill closed the meeting by asking **Piper Stephanie West** to serenade us once more, and then sent us home right on time.



Stay in School Mentor Requirements:

A memory jogger for all Mentors of our SIS Students.

I have received a couple of report cards for the first half of the school year. Most schools are only producing two report cards per year so that first one should be available now or shortly. I would ask you to contact your students for their report card.

Please remind your student that they signed a contract to submit the report card within 15 days. I am still waiting for a number of **last June report cards** and if you could submit those at the same time it would be much appreciated.

Your efforts as a mentor in our important SIS Program is very much appreciated by the Club and the SIS Committee. If you need a hand please let me know.

Thank you in advance for your efforts

Submitted by: Earl Huson: Stay In School Mentor Chair



NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS

Please be advised that **Brett Albers** has been proposed for active membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary South as Sponsored by **Dilan Perera** and Seconded by **Jim Bladon** with a proposed Classification of **Investment Management**.

On January 15, 2018 Brett's membership was approved by the Board of Directors on the basis of the recommendation of the Membership, Qualifications and Classifications Committee subject to completion of a formal application and communication of his name and proposed classification to the membership.

If any Member objects to **Brett Albers** joining our Club or to his proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary at donbacon@shaw.ca prior to January 28, 2018.

Please be advised that **John Lamming** has been proposed for active membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary South as Sponsored by **Keith Davis** and Seconded by **Terry Allen** with a proposed Classification of **Law Enforcement - RCMP**.

On January 15, 2018 John's membership was approved by the Board of Directors on the basis of the recommendation of the Membership, Qualifications and Classifications Committee subject to completion of a formal application and communication of his name and proposed classification to the membership.

If any member objects to **John Lamming** joining our Club or to his proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary at donbacon@shaw.ca prior to January 28, 2018.

The Calgary Rotary Clubs

FOUNDATION

Sherry Austin spoke today on CRCF:

We are here today to explain to new members what CRCF represents

- When you donate to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF) your donation will stay in our community. No administrative fees will be taken from your donation. Our Club receives annual interest on your donations that is used to assist with funding those in need through our Small and Large Grants.
- Donations can be made all year round.
- You can still donate until the end of Feb to be included in the 2017 Annual Report.
- Donations can be made by cheques to "The Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation" or online at www.calgaryrotaryfoundation.ca. Should you prefer to use a credit card please provide this information to Sherry Austin or Neil Fraser.
- Tax receipts will be issued.
- Donations can be made for whatever reason you choose such as: recognition of family and friends, business associates, birthday and anniversary celebrations and to recognize those we have lost.
- Any amount is valued at any time during the year. The Club will keep track of your donations to enable the distribution of pins signifying your investment in our community through CRCF.
- All donations are gratefully received and your kind generosity appreciated in so many ways.

2016 CRCF Donors were acknowledged today:



The following donations 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 7 \$500.00
December 11 \$250.00
December 19 \$ 40.00
December 26 \$500.00

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 : CRCF

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LARRY KWONG CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER

Friday, February 2nd, 2018

Regency Palace Restaurant
335 Centre Street South

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE DOG!

MENU:

Grilled Pork Dumplings and Spring Rolls
Mushroom Egg Drop Soup/Steamed Rice
Ginger Beef
Kung Pao Chicken
Beef and Broccoli
Stir Fried Pea Pods and Shrimp
Salt and Pepper Mixed Seafood
Rice Noodles with Beef in Soya Sauce
Mango Pudding

Cocktails: 6:00 PM

Entertainment: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

\$50/person. Tables seat 10.

Tickets go on sale December 15th.

Space is limited, so book your tickets early!
Payment required at time of placing ticket order.
Order tickets online through Clubrunner at:

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/Event/larry-kwong-chinese-new-year-dinner-1> - JUST CLICK THE LINK

If you can't do this email Toby at: toby@shawlink.ca



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

Four old retired men are walking down a street in Palm Springs. They turn a corner and see a sign that says, "Old Timers Bar - ALL drinks 10 cents." They look at each other and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true.



The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on in and let me pour one for you! What'll it be, gentlemen?"

There's a fully stocked bar, so each of the men orders a martini. In no time the bartender serves up four iced martinis shaken, not stirred and says, "That'll be 10 cents each, please."



The four guys stare at the bartender for a moment, then at each other. They can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round.

Again, four excellent martinis are produced, with the bartender again saying, "That's 40 cents, please."

They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity gets the better of them. They've each had two martinis and haven't even spent a dollar yet.

Finally, one of them says, "How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime apiece?"

"I'm a retired tailor from Phoenix," the bartender says, "and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery Jackpot for \$125 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime. Wine, liquor, beer it's all the same."



"Wow! That's some story!" one of the men says.

As the four of them sip at their martinis, they can't help noticing seven other people at the end of the bar who don't have any drinks in front of them and haven't ordered anything the whole time they've been there. Nodding at the seven at the end of the bar, one of the men asks the Bartender, "What's with them?"

The bartender says, "They're retired people from Canada, they're waiting for Happy Hour when drinks are half-price..."



Submitted by: Keith Davis

Pat Farn: Chair of Project Research and Karen Grant: Partners' President met some of the tenants and presented a cheque to **The Resicare Society of Calgary** for window replacements in two of their homes.

Here is a photo from that day



MAISA'S MEMORIES

It's been a long time since I wrote for the bulletin.

My Christmas here was amazing, I got some amazing Canadian gifts.

I spend New Year's Eve with my friends from Germany and Czech Republic.

I moved host families and am now with Jim and Kathy Fitzowich. My first semester of school just finished and its already been 5 months since I arrived.

On Tuesday I went to the zoo for the first time in my life, it was really fun and I really hope I can go back to see the pandas.



Maisha



FEBRUARY 2018

Feb 1: Jeannie Everett: New Alberta Curriculum / Maisa: YEX Student

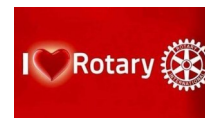
Feb 2: Larry Kwong Chinese New Year Dinner

Feb 5: Ronald McDonald House Dinner Prep (need 6 volunteers)

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

Health, Wellness & Transportation:

Contact Don O'Dwyer at: 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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