



## SHORT TERM EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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**Toby Oswald-Felker** introduced the Short Term Exchange students for this year. The Short Term Exchange program is a straight exchange between two families.

This year we have two students **Cassidy Moline** and **Emma Rach-Sislak** who are exchanging with two students from Milan, Italy, **Gaia Garavaglia** and **Sara Genzianella**. Cassidy and Gaia could not be here today as they are camping near Kelowna.

We have a little surprise for Sara and I'd like to ask Maisa to join us as well as **Elaine Bowman** from **Tourism Calgary** to join us.

Elaine Bowman spoke about the long tradition of making visitors welcome by making them honorary Calgarians with the White Hat ceremony. She then proceeded to have Maisa and Sara raise their right hands and repeat the pledge.

We joined in the final Yahoo to complete the ceremony. Thanks to Elaine for the special ceremony.



**Kathy Demorest** introduced the RYLA Students: I have the delightful task of introducing the students that we sponsored to attend the "Rotary Youth Leadership Awards" known as our "RYLA Camp" earlier in the year. RYLA is an exciting and challenging Leadership training program.

RYLA graduates support and challenge one another to form a better society through the Rotary International motto of *Service Above Self*. This is a high energy, high impact three-day program. The camp was held at Camp Chestermere from May 10th to 13th earlier this year.

We sponsored 4 amazing students: Our Current Inbound Student (Maisa Costa), Our Current Outbound Student (Saim Ahmad) and 2 of our current Stay-In-School Scholarship Students: Fariha Khan (going into grade 12 at Western Canada High and Sukhmani Saini (going into grade 12 at Springbank District High School). Sukhmani could not join us today as she is away on summer holidays, however she did want to express her gratitude to the club for her experience. I would like to share a couple of sentences from her written experience of RYLA to Rotary:

*"While I find it difficult to come out of my shell sometimes, the RYLA experiences provided a safe place to do so.....The counsellors were some of the most positive and incredible people ever.....I can proudly say that I left RYLA a better and more secure person than when I walked in. The friends that I made as well as the memories will stay with my forever as some of the best ones ever."*

**Fariha Kahn** spoke of her experience at the RYLA Camp:

*"I was initially apprehensive about attending RYLA and I didn't really know what to expect. I'm generally a pretty introverted person and I didn't know what a 3 day camp could teach me about leadership. However, at the end of the first day, any reservations I had were completely wiped away. We participated in a group activity called "Cross the Line" where a person reads out a statement and if it applies to you, you step forward. The statements started off simple enough with things like "Cross the line if your favorite season is summer" but they eventually evolved into statements that dove deeper like "Cross the line if you've ever felt discriminated against" and "Cross the line if you or someone you know is affected by mental illness" and etcetera. I thought this was an extremely powerful activity and it really instilled the importance of compassion in me. We often forget or don't realize the adversity those around us may have faced and it was pretty eye-opening to see the amount of people who crossed the line for some of the questions. It was also comforting in a sense, to see this commonality between myself and all these people my age from all walks of life. To know, they have similar experiences and struggles."*



*We also did a ton of team building activities that taught the importance of team work which I found to be really valuable. One of my favorite things we did throughout the entire weekend was punching through wooden boards. At first, I didn't quite see how this was related to leadership or character building in any way, but it was something I had always wanted to do, so I gave it a try. I had always thought that board breaking was something that took years of training and Bruce Lee like agility to do but it turns out, all you need is proper form and some encouragement. It took me quite a few tries, but the motivation I received both from counsellors and my peers was incredible. Eventually, I got it and it was one of the most empowering feelings I have ever felt. As soon as I broke the board, I knew exactly why we were made to do this activity. I learned a huge lesson about patience, perseverance, confidence, commitment, and the importance of encouragement- and these are lessons I will carry with me for the rest of my life."*

*The people I met during RYLA, both the counsellors and attendees, were some of the most incredible, inspiring, and encouraging people I have ever encountered and I want to sincerely thank you all for giving me this opportunity and allowing me to attend".*

**Maisa Costa** concurred that RYLA was an enjoyable experience and helped her to open up and make some good friends.

**Saim Ahmed** recalled talking about both the high and low points in your life and how important it was to take responsibility for your actions. It also taught him more about leadership and when you are personally in a good place it is your responsibility to help others who are not in a good place and lead by example



**Saim Ahmad** began his presentation as an Outbound Student going to Finland on August 4th. He told us we were the rehearsal for the presentation at the Finland Club on August 17th.

Saim started by showing some facts about Canada in a PowerPoint presentation, including the expression “eh?” and poutine as well as our political structure and the diversity in Canada. He then explored Alberta, Calgary, the Community, Friends, Family, Self and then Rotary.

He expressed thanks to the Club for this wonderful opportunity to continue on the road to success. All the best in the next year Saim!



**Maisa Costa** gave us her farewell presentation to the Club titled “My Year in Canada” and what a year it was! She is leaving tomorrow and wanted to thank all three amazing Host Families for a wonderful 11 months in Calgary. She can’t understand why Brazil doesn’t celebrate Hallowe’en! She loved it.

Maisa was a bit concerned initially that there was no snow but at last it came on December 24<sup>th</sup> and came and came and came...it didn’t stop until April! Maisa showed wonderful pictures and shared memories of skating, skiing, hockey games and dog sledding. She had a wonderful experience in San Diego and Mexico where she helped to build homes with other students. Her birthday was bittersweet as Brazil lost in the soccer game that day but she got to go on the rides at Stampede.

Maisa concluded by presenting a gift to the Club made of Brazilian stones and thanking all of us for

an amazing year-happy to go but also sad to leave. She hopes to convince her parents to let her come back and visit us. We hope so too!



**Chloe Dusser** thanked Maisa for her presentation and gave her a Bear Claw pendant to remind her of Alberta and her friends in Calgary.

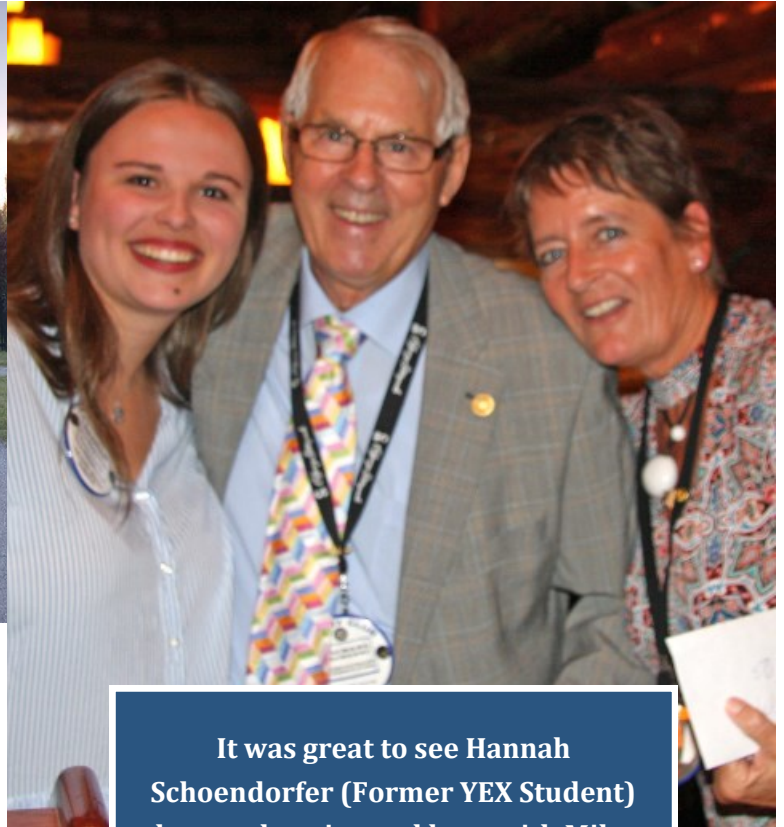
**President Ron** also presented Maisa with a Banner from our Club and thanked

all of the Host Families for their efforts and dedication to our Students. On behalf of all the students today the Club will donate \$100 to the Stay in School program.





L to R: Gaia Garavaglia, Emma Rach-Sislak, Sara Genzianella and Cassidy Moline



It was great to see Hannah Schoendorfer (Former YEX Student) here today pictured here with Mike Zacharki and Corinne Wilkinson



We will miss you  
Maisa



Said Ahmad, Fariha Kahn, Maisa Costa and Lucas Rasmussen



**President Ron** welcomed everyone to the Rotary Club of Calgary South for today's meeting. This week's meeting has a focus on our 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue of Service: Youth Services and we have a lot of guests today: inbound students, outbound students, RYLA, returning students, parents and host parents (as introduced by **Sandy Dougall** today doing a lot of double talk).

Before the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace we have a few brief announcements:

- A Big **"Thank You"** to our Dream Home Committee for yet another huge effort and success.
- Thank you to the 13 members of the club who attended the Rotary International Convention in Toronto.
- There will be an Apron Auction later in the program. This is a Barbeque apron designed by our inbound student Maisa.



#### **Dream Home Update by Craig Stokke:**

Now that Craig has completed his second year as Dream Home Chairman he wanted to tell the Club how he "really" feels. He suggested we turn off the video camera while he did (kidding, of course!).

Someone asked Craig on the final Sunday of the Stampede if he would do it again (knowing what he now knows) he said "Absolutely!!!". Craig said that while it was a lot of work (and there were definitely some headaches) it was a great experience overall. He learned a lot about our Club, the Stampede, and our individual members. And we got to know him. Craig feels he gained a lot of experience that he would take back to his business and future Rotary committees. For that Craig offered a resounding "thank you" to the Club for putting our trust in him and offering him the opportunity to chair the Dream Home committee. On park sales this year were down a bit from last year but a surge of online ticket purchases during the Stampede mean our Club will still receive a huge cheque. Craig thanked all volunteers who helped out and especially the members of the Dream Home committee who worked hard all year on this important project. Another thanks went out to members of the Calgary Stampede Lotteries committee. It's important not to underestimate how important our Club's relationship is with the Calgary Stampede and Stampede Lotteries. They are our great partners.



*Please join Lisa Fernandes in the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace.*

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**Health and Wellness:** President Ron reported on behalf of Don O'Dwyer that Peter Penner is recovering very well from his recent surgery and should be returning to the Club on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Best wishes Peter.

**Stay In School Golf Tournament: Janet Matthews** announced a new and exciting event available to golfers and non-golfers alike at the upcoming tournament. It is called "Make Rotary an Offer" which is a silent auction bid for one of four exclusive dinner opportunities (**see the Poster in the Bulletin**). For those not golfing that day who wish to make a bid please email Janet and specify which of the 4 you want. Minimum bid starts at \$1,000.00.

**Old Tyme Country Picnic: August 12: President Ron** on behalf of **Keith Davis** reminded us of the upcoming Old Tyme Country Picnic, which will be held on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at **Bob and Carole Brawn's** Bow River Ranch. Be sure to register for this very popular family event by Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> so sufficient food and prizes can be brought in. There are sack races, egg races, tugs-of-war, face painting, horseshoes and a lot of other activities, not to mention some terrific hamburgers, hot dogs and lots more from our very own beginning at 11:30 AM. This is one of our best-attended events every year and a chance **Chef Christine Holstine (Kyte)**, to involve the whole family! (**See Poster in the bulletin**) **Here is the link to Register:**  
<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=0cd6f8eb-7968-4bb0-bc3c-411c43e9674d>

**50/50 Draw: Michael Zacharki** announced a \$151.00 pot. Maisa selected the winning ticket for **Corinne Wilkinson**. Congrats Corinne!

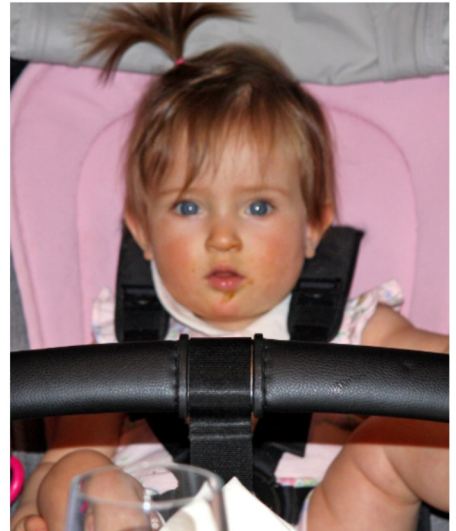


**Auction of Maisa's Apron for ShelterBox: Tom Walton** took to the podium to be the auctioneer. Although announcing he had only been practicing his auctioneering skills for about 10 minutes he did a great job and awarded the hand painted apron to **Jim Fitzowich** for \$120.00. The proceeds from this auction went to ShelterBox along with a Club donation of \$3000.00.

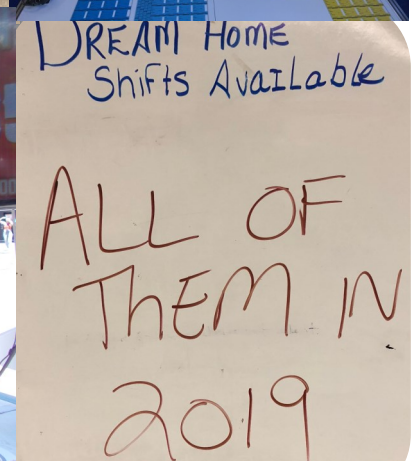


**If there is nothing else for the good of Rotary –the meeting is adjourned. Have a great Rotary Week!**

This is a photo of a very distinguished guest and Rotarian, Rodolfo Soto from Bolivia with his mesmerizing grand daughter, Victoria. Sherry Austin met Rodolfo while selling Dream Home tickets at the Calgary Stampede and he was able to attend the meeting today











\$1,000,000 Amateur Golf Classic

in support of the Rotary Club of Calgary South  
Stay in School Program



## Make Rotary An Offer 4 Exclusive Dinner Opportunities

Four Par 3 holes will each feature an invaluable dinner experience for you and your friends - highest offer wins the item. Minimum bid of \$1,000 will be implemented. Golfers submit bids anonymously throughout the round on each Par 3, and everyone will have one last chance during dinner. Highest bidder wins!

### A Night Out at Bread and Circus Trattoria for up to 8 friends

#### What is included?

- A fun and interactive family-style five course menu
- featuring local produce; hand-made pastas; local meats and house made desserts
  - Welcome cocktails
  - Italian wine pairings with each course
  - Dessert, coffee/ tea

### A Dinner for 8 with Chef Mike Christen

#### What is included?

- 4 course dinner featuring Soup, Salad, Main (Lobster) and Dessert
  - Your meal will be accompanied by Wine Pairings
- Chef Michael will work with the winner to create a customized menu
- If you have a Lobster allergy, Chef Michael will work with you to change the main course

### A Dinner for 8 with Chef Christine Holstine

#### What is Included?

- Wild Mushroom Bisque
  - Goat Cheese Tart
- Pomegranate Greens Salad
- Alberta AAA Herb Crusted Tenderloin Roast
  - Cheese course
- Chocolate and Salted Caramel Bombe

### A Fabulous Afternoon/Evening in the Countryside for 4

Eau Claire Distillery Tour & Tasting followed by dinner at Longview Steakhouse  
plus transport by limousine - 4 people

#### What is Included?

- A limo to pick you up, take you to the Distillery and the Steakhouse and home again.
- You will experience a fascinating, behind the scenes look at how spirits are made and have a view into their working distillery (known for its vodka and gin)
  - A visit to the exclusive dunnage barrel warehouse
- A tasting of Eau Claire products, including some which are available only at the distillery



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# Old Tyme Country Picnic

Sunday, August 12th 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Bob and Carole Brawn's Bow River Ranch  
(Direction will be provided)

This is one of our Club's most popular family events! Bring the children, grandchildren, your extended family and anyone else who loves a great, old-fashioned picnic!

## Tons of Fun!

- Egg-on-the spoon races • Disc golf •
- Tug-of-War (Kid's version, and also one for adults) •
- Face Painting • Guess how many jellybeans in the jar •
- A cow-chip-throwing contest for the adventurous types •
- Cotton Candy •

And new this year: The Frank King Memorial Sack Race!

Loads of Food! Hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixins. Salads, snacks and lots more. And ice cream by the gallon!

**Cost is \$10 per Rotarian and adult guests.**  
Children 6 and under are free.



thank you

for your support of RYLA 2018!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Rotary Club of Calgary South

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Thank you, you are  
amazing ♥♥♥

TO XO XO XO

Thank you for not only being able to be here  
at RYLA but for hosting me as an Exchange Student  
- Maisa Pinzon

I cannot express  
how thankful I am  
for the support and  
opportunities you have  
offered me!  
- fairhope

I want to thank  
you for giving me  
this incredible  
opportunity. I have made  
amazing memories and  
friends here. I also want to  
thank you for everything that  
you have given me; confidence,  
my scholarship and support. Thank  
you so very much. - Sukhmani Selhi



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July 11, 2018

Rotary Club of Calgary South  
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20 200 Rivercrest Dr SE  
Calgary, AB T2C 2X5

Attention: Mr. Ken Farn

Dear Mr. Farn:

What a phenomenal difference Rotary Club of Calgary South has made to Bethany and the  
Rotary Atrium project. Thank you for the Club's recent \$180,000.000 instalment towards the  
Club's amazing contribution.

The South Club has continued to put wind in the sails of this project from the very beginning,  
Ken, and we're so grateful. As we look at the building now, and plan for programming for our  
residents and their loved ones, we can't imagine it without the Rotary Atrium. That's due, in  
no small measure, to the passion of you and your fellow Club members.

The values of choice, quality of life, independence, and community are the cornerstones of  
Bethany's unique spectrum of services. Through your giving, you will be helping Bethany  
clinger on these values at Riverview every day and we're so appreciative.

Thank you for being a partner with us in Creating Caring Communities.

Sincerely,

Jennifer

Jennifer McCue  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Bethany Care Society, and  
Director, Bethany Care Foundation

RTW

Ken,  
we are so apprecian  
of your ongoing  
support.



Despite threats of thunder storms, 9 of us hikers set out for Elbow Lake and Edworthy Falls. Trish Terril took this group pic.



Elbow Lake did not disappoint. There were campers and fishermen enjoying this lovely spot.



While we were finding the Falls we spotted this "other worldly" mountain spiking up in the background.



Speaking of other worldly, this is a mushroom growing out of a pile of horse manure.

After crossing on the rocks of several streams, we reached Edworthy Falls and some of us braved the steep path down to the lake at the bottom of the falls. Notice the patch of blue sky in the corner of that picture. Remarkably the rain held off until we were safely in the dry car. Ice cream was found at the Fortress Mountain junction where again the sun shone on us.



**HIKERS:** On Wednesday, July 25th we will go to two hidden gems near Castle Junction, Silverton Falls and Smith Lake. This is only 5.5 km in length, with a height gain of 240m.

For more information contact **BARBARA HEUCHERT** at: (403) 289-2448 or email: [baheuch@hotmail.com](mailto:baheuch@hotmail.com)

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Submitted by: Constance Jackson



## **JULY 2018:**

**July 23: Board Meeting at 5:30 pm: Ranchmen's Club: 710 13 Ave SW**

**July 26: No Meeting Due to SIS Golf Tournament**

## **AUGUST 2018: MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION**

**Aug 2: Inaugural Address and District Governor Dan Doherty's Visit**

**Aug 9: Rotary Profile: Art Borzel**

**Aug 12: Third Annual Old Tyme Country Picnic (At the Brawn Farm)**

Link to Register:

<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=0cd6f8eb-7968-4bb0-bc3c-411c43e9674d>

**Aug 16: Dr. Raylene De Bruyn: U of C**

**Aug 23: Returning YEX Student**

**Aug 30: Ken Copithorne: Copithorne Family History**

## **SEPTEMBER 2018: BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**Sept 6: To Be Determined**

**Sept 13: Dick Shaw: Rotary Profile**

**Sept 20: John Lamming & Others: Peace Day**

**Sept 27: CRCF Presentation**

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## **OCTOBER 2018: ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Oct 4: To Be Determined**

**Oct 11: Christine Phillips: Branch Out Neurological Foundation**

**Oct 18: To Be Determined**

**Oct 25: To Be Determined**

## **NOVEMBER 2018: ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

**Nov 1: Rotary Foundation Presentation**

**Nov 8: No Meeting Due to Rotary Remembers**

**Nov 11: Rotary Remembers (Carriage House Inn)**

**Nov 15: To Be Determined**

**Nov 22: Dr. Jon Meddings: Dean of University of Calgary Medicine**

**Nov 29: To Be Determined**

## **DECEMBER 2018: DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT**

**Dec 6: To Be Determined**

**Dec 9: Feed the Hungry: Need 100 Volunteers**

**Dec 13: Christmas Luncheon**

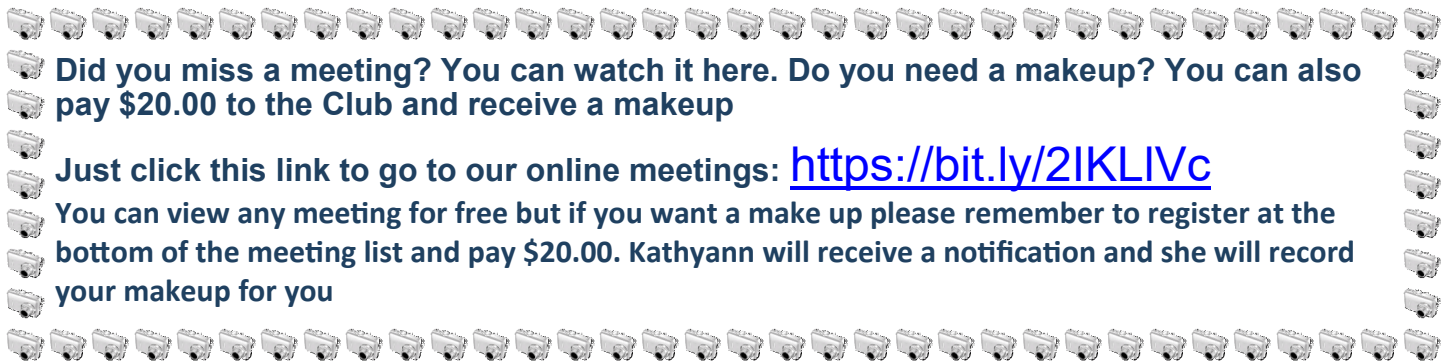
**Dec 20: Cleven Awards and Christmas Social**

**Dec 27: No Meeting Due to Christmas**



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

Contact **Don O'Dwyer** at: [dpodwyer@hotmail.com](mailto:dpodwyer@hotmail.com) or: 403 680 2072 if you know of anyone that is not well, that could use a visit or a ride to a Rotary Meeting.



**Did you miss a meeting? You can watch it here. Do you need a makeup? You can also pay \$20.00 to the Club and receive a makeup**

**Just click this link to go to our online meetings: <https://bit.ly/2IKLIVc>**

**You can view any meeting for free but if you want a make up please remember to register at the bottom of the meeting list and pay \$20.00. Kathyann will receive a notification and she will record your makeup for you**

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