



A lively crowd of over 300 enjoyed our annual Dream Home Kickoff luncheon at The Ranchman's. We were greeted at the entrance by the Bow Valley Fiddlers, who presented their entertainment throughout the afternoon. **John Fitzsimmons** was our Master of Ceremonies, admirably filling in for the MIA **Joe Connelly**. **Well done, John** – you might have a permanent position.

**John** thanked **Maggie Knorr** and her Stampede Promotions Committee for bringing their photo booth, which was open throughout the event. He then introduced **President Bill LeClair** and asked him to welcome everybody to the 2017 Dream Home Kickoff.

**President Bill:** “Since we are here at The Ranchman's I would be remiss if I did not mention **Harris Dvorkin**. He was, amongst many other things, a proud member of our Club. This is the house that **Harris** built and we remember him. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Calgary South I want to welcome all volunteers, Rotarians, partners, and special guests to the 2017 Dream Home Kickoff. That probably includes everyone, but just in case, we have a saying in prince Edward Island where I am from that is a catch all, “various and assorted riff-raff”.

Today is all about thanking our many Dream Home volunteers for their support of our major fundraiser. All funds raised go back into the community as everyone donates their time. Last year our Club donated \$470,000 to our community and another \$100,000 to World Community Service. Give yourselves a big pat on the back.

I really want to thank the Calgary Stampede as our Partner in the Dream Home, for their support of our Club in making the Dream Home a major community fundraiser and on-park attraction. Hats off to Homes by AVI for building such a beautiful home. Rotary's theme this year is Rotary “Making a Difference” We appreciate your help in doing just that.”

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Special guests were introduced: Our Club's own **Lynn Grant** (Chairman Stampede Lotteries Committee) and wife **Karen Grant** (newly elected Partners President); **Ed Gordon** (Vice-Chair Stampede Lotteries); **Christian Orme, Kyle McAlister** and **Kim Trim** of Homes by AVI; **Stampede Royalty, Charity Guests** and other **Dream Home Volunteers**. Also from Stampede Lotteries, **Dana Peters, Steve McDonough** and **Warren Connell**. Visiting Rotarians **Michael Reynolds** and **Joy Seamon** from England, guests of **Bob Brawn; Rhonda Keister** and **Pam Kitchner** from Arizona, guests of **Mary McPhee**; and **Mary Retzall**, President Elect of Toronto Downtown Sunshine Club.

**Glenn Potter** led us in the enthusiastic singing of O'Canada, although in a variety of keys.

**John** introduced "**The Mountie Cowboy Poet**". **Staff Sergeant Robbie Robertson** spent 28 years of service in the RCMP and has represented the Force at western festivals for many years since his retirement. He writes and recites poetry about the early history of Canada's NWMP as well as traditional cowboy poetry. His performances have been enjoyed across Canada, in the national media, in Montana, Texas, Arizona, Great Britain, and on cruise ships. **Robbie** recited the poem "True Grit" by **Elizabeth Ebert**. A link to the poem follows:

<https://blog.cowboypoetry.com/category/poems/true-grit-by-elizabeth-ebert/>

He then led us in grace:

#### FRIENDS OF ROTARY GRACE

Lord bless our time of fellowship  
As we bow our heads to thee,  
While we visit and talk of Stampedes past,  
With our friends in Rotary.

We thank you for your blessing,  
Of what we call "The West".  
We've so much to be thankful for,  
You've made our lot the best.

We thank you for the mountains,  
The rivers and the streams,  
The livestock and the fields of grain,  
As we live the Canadian dream.

We thank you for your bounty  
Of bread and drink and meat.  
Please bless it for our bodies' use,  
As we sit down to eat.

AMEN



**John** had the enviable task of introducing our Stampede Royalty (again – he gets to do this every year!).

- **Stampede Queen, Meagan Peters.** **Meagan** is 23 years old and is from Chestermere, Alberta. She spent 4 years with her local 4H Club and rode for the Calgary Stampede Showriders for 3 Years. She is a successful hair stylist and enjoys horses, camping, fishing and skeet shooting.
- **Stampede Princess, Brittany Lloyd,** was born and raised in Calgary, where she spent her time competitively show jumping horses and exploring the Canadian Rockies. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the University of Colorado in Boulder, and competed on the intercollegiate circuit in Western Horsemanship. She currently works in the communications field here in Calgary.
- **Stampede Princess, Lizzie Ryman** was born and raised in Springbank. Since she grew up spending a lot of time on her grandparent's farm, she has a passion for horses and western traditions. **Lizzie** is entering her fourth year of Criminal justice at Mount Royal University and would like to become a police officer. She enjoys riding, hiking, hunting, running and training Muay Thai.
- **Stampede Indian Princess Savanna Sparvier** is 19 years old and is from the Siksika First Nation. Her Blackfoot name is "*All Round Snake Woman*", a third generation name passed down from her Grandmother. Savanna is a Ladies' Traditional Dancer, and is working towards her goal of becoming a teacher in both the English and Drama departments. She is a direct descendant of the last traditional Siksika Chief (Duck Chief).

**Savanna** performed a traditional dance for us. **Lizzie** thanked all of the volunteers for helping make Stampede time an enjoyable tradition and for all of their help in making the Dream Home a success. They have gone through the home and think it is beautiful.



**MC John** introduced the Bow Valley Fiddlers.

They are an Educational Division of the Calgary Fiddlers Association and are an impressive group of youths (ages 7 – 18) learning to perform the art of fiddling in an ensemble.

They entertained throughout our luncheon.



**Lynn Grant** brought thanks from Stampede Lotteries to all of the Rotarians and volunteers. Ticket presales to date are very close to last year's record levels and are continuing to grow. Last year Rotary received \$580,000 and Kinsmen got \$611,000, and with the current weather forecast we should be able to do even better this year.

**Christian Orme**, Corporate Marketing Manager, AVI Homes, brought greetings and has been impressed by the hard work of all of our volunteers. AVI always wants to build the best house possible and dedicates a full time team to the project each year. He acknowledged **Kyle McCalister**, who has been the Construction Manager for the home for the past 7 years.

**Craig Stokke**, Dream Home Committee Chair, thanked his committee members, who work all year to get ready for this 10-day event. This is our 40<sup>th</sup> year of Dream Home and it would not succeed without all of the dedicated and passionate volunteers. Many of the charities in attendance today assist us every year by taking Dream Home shifts and this is appreciated. Many people need extra help in these times, so get out and SELL, SELL, SELL! Training and information videos are available at [www.rotarydreamhome.org](http://www.rotarydreamhome.org).



**Charlie Gouldsbrough** and **President Bill** then made a special presentation of the traditional Dream Home belt buckle to **Craig**. This is normally done after the Stampede, but since **Craig** is doing a 2-year term as Chair, it was moved up.

**John** thanked the Ranchman's staff for a great meal and recognized **Lynette Dvorkin** in the crowd.



**President Bill** closed the Kickoff (please note – 20 minutes early!). "I want to thank **John Fitzsimmons** for a great job as MC, and big **THANK YOU** to **Toby Oswald-Felker** and her Committee. Have a great Stampede everyone and **SELL, SELL, SELL!!!**"

**HAPPY SELLING AND HAPPY STAMPEDING!!!**





**Elaine Lois WHITAKER**



WHITAKER, Elaine Lois

January 12, 1928 – June 25, 2017

Surrounded by adoring family, Elaine Lois Whitaker passed away on Sunday, June 25, 2017. Her life personified joy, thanks and hope. Born on January 12, 1928, Elaine's life sparkled with positive energy for her 89 beautiful years; and 88 of those years were shared with her beloved husband, Ed. Together they raised three children who reflect their parents' love, Wendy Cartwright (Gordon), Carol Mortimer (Don), and Bruce Whitaker (Shawn Atlee). Elaine delighted in her grandchildren, Karly Mortimer (Jeremy Pavka), Stacey Langen (Mike), Kelly Mortimer (Mark), Stephen Cartwright (Megan), Andrew Whitaker, Jayden Whitaker, Quintin Whitaker, Hunter Langen, and Houston Langen. Three years ago Elaine was blessed with a great-grandson, Talon Langen. A Celebration of Elaine's Life will be held at Eden Brook Funeral Home (17th Avenue and Lower Springbank Road S.W.) on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. To those wishing, the family would be grateful for memorial donations in Elaine's memory to the charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be forwarded to the family by visiting [www.edenbrookcemetery.ca](http://www.edenbrookcemetery.ca). Arrangements entrusted to EDEN BROOK FUNERAL HOME AND RECEPTION CENTRE, 24223 Twp Road 242, Calgary, AB T3Z 3K2.



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Published in The Calgary Herald on June 30, 2017

The following proposed new member is transferring from the Rotary Club of India

He has been approved by the Board of Directors. If any Member objects to them joining our Club or to the assigned classification, an objection must be filed in writing and delivered to the Club Secretary by: July 12th, 2017

Name: Manpreet Rai                      Classification: Health and Wellness / Massage

Proposed by: Roselyn Jack

Seconded by: Allan Johnson

The following proposed new member is seeking entry to the Rotary Club of Calgary South

He has been approved by the Board of Directors. If any Member objects to them joining our Club or to the assigned classification, an objection must be filed in writing and delivered to the Club Secretary by: July 12th, 2017

Name: Siva Sam                              Classification: Business / Software Engineering

Proposed by: Roselyn Jack

Seconded by: Allan Johnson

**JULY 2017**

**July 13:** No Meeting: Dream Home Operations

July 20: Michelle Gallant: Calgary Fringe Festival

**July 27:** No Meeting: Stay In School Golf Tournament (See Bulletin)

**AUGUST 2017**

Aug 3: President Bill LeClair: Inaugural Address

Aug 10: TBA

Aug 13: Olde Tyme Country Picnic (Bob Brawn's place)

Aug 17: TBA

Aug 24: Mount Royal University Library Tour

Aug 31: TBA

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

Sept 2: Rotary Mattamy Greenway Celebration

Sept 7: TBA

Sept 14: TBA

Sept 21: TBA

Sept 22-24 Waterton Peace Park Assembly

Sept 25: Dinner Service: Drop In Center (5:45-7:00 pm)

Volunteers needed

Sept 28: CRCF Presentation

**OCTOBER 2017**

Oct 5: TBA

Oct 12: TBA

Oct 19: TBA

Oct 26: District Governor's Visit

**NOVEMBER 2017**

Nov 2: TBA

**Nov 9:** No Meeting re: Rotary Remembers

Nov 11: Rotary Remembers: Carriage House Inn

Nov 12: Feed The Hungry: 125 Volunteers Needed

Nov 16: Rotary Foundation Presentation

Nov 23: TBA

Nov 30: TBA

**DECEMBER 2017**

Dec 7: TBA

Dec 14: TBA

Dec 21: TBA

Dec 28: TBA



## 2017 Supreme Windows \$1,000,000

### Calgary South Rotary Amateur Golf Classic

### We Look forward to seeing you there!

Welcome to the **2017 Supreme Windows \$1,000,000 Calgary South Rotary Amateur Golf Classic in support of the Rotary Club of Calgary South Stay in School Program** representing our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Event. We are excited to offer “cars with class” for 4 hole-in-one prizes and a chance for one of twelve tournament participants to win \$1,000,000 in the Peloton \$1,000,000 shoot-out.

Cottonwood Golf and Country Club management and staff have assisted us in organizing this event for the past 13 years. They are looking forward to once again accommodating us on Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The tournament is a major source of funding for the Stay-In-School Program and provides an opportunity for sponsors and players to participate in a meaningful program that will have a long-term impact on the future of Calgary students. To date through the generosity of Supreme Windows, the sponsors and the players, the tournament has raised close to \$1,600,000 in its 16- year history.

We're excited to build off of the success of our past tournaments and continue raising funds to help promising young students obtain a post-secondary education.

**Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017**

**Location: Cottonwood Golf & Country Club**

**Registration/ Breakfast: 7:00 AM to 8:45 AM**

**Shotgun Tee Off: 9:00 AM Sharp**

**Million Dollar Shoot- Out: 18th Green at 3:00 PM**

**Cocktail Reception: 4:00 PM**

**Dinner & Live Auction: 5:00 PM**

**Participants: 144 Golfers**

**Investment: \$1,600 per foursome or \$400 per individual**



On Thursday, June 8, 2017 President Ken Farn and Dorothea Schaab, chair of St. Mary's Partnership, attended St. Mary's High School to present two \$1,500 scholarships to outstanding students in the areas of Speech and Debate and Leadership and Service.

The winners were Haley Frerichs and Karla Tejada-Iglesias and their stories continue:

**Haley Frerichs**  
**Rotary Club of Calgary South Leadership and Service Scholarship**

This scholarship is given to a student who works hard both at school and in the community. Haley Frerichs is a talented volleyball player and captain; president and participant with Reach for the Top; founder and president of the crochet club; volunteer tutor and leader in the writing center; regular volunteer with open houses, shadow day activities, peer tutor for physics and chemistry, and participant in the physics club. In her spare time, she plays community volleyball, has coached Junior volleyball, trained to become a first aid responder and has also worked part time all three years of high school. She has served the school and community well.



To the Rotary Club of Calgary:

I would like to express my gratitude to your organization for awarding me the Rotary Club of Calgary South Leadership and Service Scholarship. Receiving funding for my postsecondary education will greatly impact my life as it will allow me to pursue my dreams without being limited by financial constraints. I am passionate about the sciences, and will be pursuing a Bachelor Science with Honours in Physiology at the University of Alberta. My current financial situation renders this path difficult and requires me to depend on student loans. The impact that this scholarship will have on my life is substantial, as I will be able to focus on transforming my aspirations into realities, instead of dealing with significant debt.

Volunteering in both my school and local community has allowed me to exercise my leadership abilities in order to better the quality of life of others and assist my peers. Through my participation in various in-school activities such as peer tutoring, leading in the writing centre, managing both Reach for the Top and the crochet club, as well as my volunteerism through St. John Ambulance, I have demonstrated my dedication to improving the wellbeing of others in my community. I am extremely thankful that I have been recognized for my service to St. Mary's High School and am excited to continue being a leader in my community at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Sincerely,  
  
Haley Frerichs

*President Ken Farn and Dorothea Schaab present a \$1,500 RCCS scholarship to Haley Frerichs for her Leadership and Service contributions made through both community and volunteer efforts.*

**Karla Tejada-Iglesias**  
**Rotary Club of Calgary South Speech and Debate Outstanding Student Scholarship**

This scholarship is presented to a student who has the gift of writing and speaking. Karla Tejada-Iglesias is writer and editor for St. Mary's school newspaper; a rugby player, a competitor and mentor with the speech club, Reach for the Top and also an award winning Slam poet. She is a winner of medals and subject wards and a volunteer and ambassador with Rotary through a student exchange in 2014.



the Rotary Club of Calgary South,

I have a longstanding relationship with Rotary thanks to the Youth Exchange program, which sent me to Germany in 2014-2015. While I knew that my time with Rotary would not end upon the completion of my exchange, I certainly did not anticipate the amazing generosity of Rotary and the ways in which it would manifest itself. I have been a member of the speech club since grade 10 and I am very familiar with its plight to carve out a place for itself in the school.

The Rotary Club of Calgary South has not only granted me this scholarship, it has continuously provided funds for the club that were instrumental in our ability to compete. While I am tremendously grateful for the scholarship I have been awarded, I would also like to take a moment to express my thanks for your support of speech club itself. I truly believe that without your continued support and the steadfast presence of teachers like Ms. Matsui and Mr. Hayden, this club would not be possible.

When I reminisce about my time in speech, I think about the student I was in grade 10 and the student that I am now. Next year I will begin a one-year contract as a member in the House of Commons, and I will be studying Linguistics at the University of Ottawa. It has taken me years to cultivate enough confidence to participate in public speaking, and much of that confidence was developed thanks to speech club. I am proud to contribute my recent role as Master of Ceremonies at the St. Mary's graduation and newfound self-assurance while speaking in public to this club that some have occasionally overlooked, but that you as a club have helped foster.

Not only has your generosity extended to speech club, in the form of this scholarship it will now be contributing to my post-secondary education. I have been doubly grateful because your support has played an integral role in maintaining a club that has helped me so much on my educational journey, and now that support extends to me personally on this new adventure I am embarking upon. I have no other than simply to say thank you. I will forever be grateful to this club and I hope you find yourselves in Ottawa, allow me to take you on a tour.

Thank you,  


*President Ken Farn and Dorothea Schaab present a \$1,500 RCCS scholarship to Karla Tejada-Iglesias for her outstanding contributions made through the Speech and Debate club. At left is Natalie Matsui, speech and debate teacher-coach.*

On a perfect day, July 5th, we had twelve happy hikers climbing Fullerton Loop. It is an illusion that the elevation is only 220 meters because there are a lot of ups and downs on the trail.

The flowers were incredible and these coral coloured paint brush are an example



The view is very green but clear cutting is evident.



Western Wild Bergamot is fairly unusual and very beautiful. After all that exertion we had to go for ice cream in Bragg Creek where a "single" is actually three scoops of wonderful tasting ice cream.

**SUBMITTED BY: PAT FARN**



**HIKERS:** There is no scheduled hike during Stampede week. On July 19th we will go to Ford Knoll, W. of Bragg Creek. Please contact Pat Farn at 403-271-5567.

The Partners 2016 - 17 year officially ended with our dinner meeting at the Calgary Golf and Country Club on *Thursday June 15th*.

It was an enjoyable evening with a presentation from Pablo about his year as a Youth Exchange Student.

The gavel was presented to **Karen Grant**, with best wishes for the 2017 - 2018 year by **President Pat Farn**.

Thank-you Pat for making this past year a success for the Partners.

We lost **Elaine Whitaker** recently and her Memorial Service will be on **July 25th, 2017**. There are further details in the bulletin and email was sent out to all of you.

We are now in the midst of Dream Home Ticket Sales and we thank you all for your volunteering time and efforts.

Summer is a busy time for all of us, remember to rest and enjoy!

I hope to see everyone out to the **Membership/Breakfast Coffee Party on September 14th**.

***Karen Grant***

***President,***

***Calgary South Rotary Partners***

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