



LIISA'S YEAR IN REVIEW



Dorothea Schaab began by introducing Liisa: Liisa Lehtio has warmed our hearts with her enthusiasm to participate in Rotary events. She loves to arrive early at Rotary meetings to greet members and guests with a friendly word, a hug and a smile.

This has been a busy year for Liisa including: studies at Western Canada High School, many Rotary Exchange activities, participating with the South Calgary Ringette Team, broadening her circle of friends and travel.

Ringette is one of Liisa's passions in Finland and she also plays hockey for fun. Her Calgary team was successful, winning the city league and played in the provincials where they won gold to represent Alberta at the western finals where they placed third.

Liisa is from *Naantali, Finland*, a city of over 19,000 people, which is located in south-western *Finland*. It is known as one of the most important tourist centres of the country.

Liisa lives with her parents, who are both architects and she has a younger brother, Lauri. She and her family are very involved in sports.

Liisa returns to Finland on July 10th and back into her high school activities. During her time at Western Canada High School she has developed an interest in the legal system and may follow a career in law. But she has also developed a passion for art and shows very creative skills in jewellery design and photography.

Let's listen to Liisa's highlights of her exchange.

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Do you want to watch this week's Meeting?

CLICK THE LINK: <https://bit.ly/2IKLIVc>

Liisa arrived in Calgary last August. She had a choice of four Countries: Canada, US, Mexico and Spain. So Why Canada? Liisa wanted to continue playing ringette and Canada was the founding country for the sport. She was also excited about skiing opportunities.

Differences between Canada and Finland:

Calgary's Population: Unlike Liisa's hometown of 20,000, Calgary is much larger with a 1.3 million population. This was quite an adjustment for Liisa but she feels she has enjoyed it and now wants to consider Helsinki as a place to be in Finland as it is the largest city.

People are more social: Calgarians are more social and open than the Finns and this suits Liisa's very social personality. Her personality is more like Canada.

Small Talk: In her country small talk with strangers is the exception but here she has developed "small talk" skills and she fits very well in our environment.

Climate and Chinooks: The only negative report was with the rapid climate change from warm to cold very quickly. This impacted Liisa's migraines.

Metric or Imperial Measurement System: Liisa found it very confusing when to use the metric system and when to use the imperial system. When is it kilo and when is it pound? She is not alone with that confusion!

School: Liisa outlined the various subjects that she took at Canada Western High School: English, Art, Math, Sports Performance, Spanish and Legal Studies. She enjoyed them all but math took more work! She explained that she doesn't get credit for Grade 11 studies here and will return to Grade 11 in Finland. Her school here was very large with 2000 students in comparison with her regular school of 300 students. Although you get to know everyone in the Finland school she enjoyed the opportunity to meet more friends with a larger population of students at Canada Western. The other advantage in a larger school is not everyone knows your business! She also commented that the teachers here really seemed to enjoy teaching.

Skiing: Her favourite thing was skiing in our mountains. At home the mountains are more like hills.

Ringette: Liisa has played this sport since she was a child and was anxious to keep up her skills. Coming to Canada allowed her to do that. She belonged to two teams, one in Calgary and one in Edmonton. The Calgary team won the Provincials and they went on to represent Alberta at the Western finals and placed third. Liisa was one of 5 players picked for the "ALL STAR" team, a great accomplishment. More than the wins, Liisa felt she really "belonged" on the team, making good friends and creating happy times.



Ottawa Trip: As part of the Edmonton team, Liisa had an opportunity to take part in a tournament in Ottawa and was able to spend some time sightseeing in Canada's capital.

Host Family #1: Liisa's first host family was Frans Hettinga and Anne-Marie Simoneau (a member of the Rotary Club of Fish Creek). Liisa stated that this family was very welcoming as her first Canadian experience and the mom was always supporting her. She really enjoyed the trip to Vancouver she took with them and loved to see the ocean, reminding her of home



HOST FAMILY #1

Host Family #2: Liisa's second and final host family Mark and Kelly Lyle, with son Brett and daughter Makenna. They were not scheduled to be her host family. She applied to the coach (Mark) to play on the ringette team and she not only made the team she found herself invited to be with them for the remainder of her stay. As she said: "she made the team and made the family"! She became very close friends with son Brett and had the advantage of having a one on one coach at home. She felt she had a family here and this helped her not to miss her own family too much.



HOST FAMILY #2

Liisa will miss the Ginger Beef and Tim Horton's and hopes that both come to Finland. She proudly reminded us that Finland won the World Cup in hockey and further commented that "Canada may have a chance next year!"

Finally Liisa reminded us of the upcoming International Shelterbox Dinner: June 15, 6pm, \$30 at Okotoks United Church. In closing Liisa thanked everyone for their warm welcome to her and how everyone actually listens to her! You will go far Liisa. We all wish you the best.



President Ron thanked Liisa for her entertaining presentation and for choosing Canada.

He also wished Canada good luck in the World Cup next year.

Good afternoon and Welcome to the Rotary Club of Calgary South for June 6th. D Day took place on this day on June 6th, 1944

Determined to end four years of often-brutal German occupation, on 6 June 1944, Allied forces invaded Western Europe along an 80-kilometre front in Normandy, France. Of the nearly 150,000 Allied troops who landed or parachuted into the invasion area, 14,000 were Canadians. They assaulted a beachfront code-named "Juno", while Canadian paratroopers landed just east of the assault beaches. Although the Allies encountered German defences bristling with artillery, machine guns, mines, and booby-traps, the invasion was a success.

Other Canadians helped achieve this victory. The Royal Canadian Navy contributed 110 ships and 10,000 sailors in support of the landings while the R.C.A.F. had helped prepare the invasion by bombing targets inland. On D- Day and during the ensuing campaign, 15 R.C.A.F. fighter and fighter-bomber squadrons helped control the skies over Normandy and attacked enemy targets. On D-Day, Canadians suffered 1074 casualties, including 359 killed.



President Ron asked for a minute of silence to reflect on the sacrifice

Betty Stein's Grandson: President Ron advised the Club that **Betty Stein**, a long time Rotary Partner lost her grandson, **Jonathan Paul Stein-Palmiere** in a tragic drowning accident in Invermere. His funeral is being held at Foothills Alliance Church (33 Edgemark Blvd NW T3A 4K4) at 1:00 pm next Monday. Please watch for further details in the paper.

Bulletin Editor: Carol Graham Photographer: Steve Mason

Head Table: Liisa Lehtio, Dorothea Schaab, Emily Stokke, Craig Stokke, Lynn Grant, Nancy Spence and Carol Graham

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

Visitors and Guests: **Ben Steblecki** advised us that "by popular demand" there would be no joke today (some spontaneous applause followed). We welcomed everyone with the "Welcome Song".

50/50 Draw: **Michael Zacharki** announced that the pot was worth \$154 and asked our exchange student (and guest speaker) Liisa Lehtio to pick the winning ticket. **Len Hamm** was the lucky winner!

Sergeant-At-Arms: **Lynn Grant** asked all those who did not attend the Invermere weekend to ante up \$2 (which included Lynn!). He also fined **Bruce MacDonald and Penny Leckie** for claiming a 19 hole golf score when there is only 18 holes. Bruce tried to provide a lame brain excuse which resulted in a higher fine!



The rest of Lynn's questioning of helpless Rotarians was based on Dream Home fun facts such as how many days to the first selling shift, the total value of the Dream Home package, the square footage of the home, the neighbourhood it was moving to, etc. Good job Lynn

Dream Home Minute: Jim Bladon advised that the launch last week went very well with a good uptake on shifts. As advised by former Chairs, the first 900 shifts are easy-the hard part is the last 100 shifts which are the evening shifts. He asked everyone to sign up for their shifts, if not already done and to check your shifts to make sure they are correct. He provided a final reminder that the training shifts are every Tuesday and Thursday in the evening and Saturday mornings for the remainder of June. Please sign up for both shifts and training. A reminder to confirm the shifts you have registered for is also a good idea. It's the Rotarians to ensure their shifts are correct in the system. For those of you that are interested in seeing the Dream Home just Click Here: <http://dreamhome.homesbyavi.com/2019/>

Host Families for 2019/20: Dorothea Schaab: Calgary South Rotary Club is recruiting Host Families for the 2019-2020 Exchange year. Our incoming exchange student is Carlota Ferrer from Barcelona and she arrives in late August. The time that she will spend with her host families will be from two to four months. It is our goal that she will have the opportunity to stay with three to four families to provide broad cultural experiences. This is a unique experience; it broadens awareness of other cultures, builds life-long friendships, and introduces the student and family to many new adventures. Please contact **Dorothea Schaab or Walter Flores** for more information on the Host Family program.

Adventures In Citizenship: Emily Stokke: Emily was involved in a short term exchange to Brisbane Australia 3 years ago. Most recently she had an opportunity to travel to Ottawa, and experience the "Adventures in Citizenship" program. This program allowed Emily to make connections with people all around the country. There were 200 students with 200 different stories.

This trip taught her what it truly means to be a Canadian citizen. It doesn't mean saying "eh" and getting a Tim Horton's before school. It means actively participating to make our country a better place. She experienced a First Nation's ceremony and on the last day she was able to be part of a citizenship ceremony. This brought tears to her eyes when she saw how excited and grateful these new citizens were to finally become Canadian. It made her realize how much she has taken our beautiful country for granted.



One main thing she has learned from this trip is that she and her fellow students are all the future leaders of tomorrow and they must be the change for a more positive future. The Rotary Clubs all around Canada have invested in all the students who went to Ottawa and it has given her an opportunity to apply what she has learned to the rest of Canada and the world.

Every single adventurer has their own story, but we all have one thing in common: our drive to make a difference in the world and make it a better place. Thanks to Rotary we are able to make our dream a reality. (We are in good hands with you Emily!)

Next week we are at the Blue Room for our meeting (See the map in the Bulletin)

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Please be advised that **Rudy Ruberto** has been proposed for active membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary South as Sponsored by **Glen Godlonton** and Seconded by **Shellie Marshall** with a proposed Classification of **Industrial Glass Maintenance**

Rudy's membership has been 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 **Rudy Ruberto** joining our Club or to his proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary by email to: larrystein@shaw.ca prior to **June 13th, 2019**

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING IS AT THE BLUE ROOM. YOU NEED TO PARK AT LOT 2. PLEASE SEE ARROW ON THE MAP FOR THE LOCATION OF THE PARKING LOT



For more information on the Calgary Stampede please visit:
calgarystampede.com



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DREAM HOME KICK-OFF 2019

New Location! Heritage Park Historical Village

New Time! 10:30am - 1:00pm

New: Scrumptious Brunch, Cash Bar
includes Mimosa's and Caesars.

Same Great Western Hospitality, Same Great Food, Same Great Stampede KICK-OFF!

ENTERTAINMENT

The Calgary Fiddlers, Stampede Royalty,
Harry the Horse, Roping Demonstrations, 50/50!

Free Parking! (car pool if you can) Heritage Park Shuttle Bus to Celebration Tent for those that need it

Rotarians: \$40.00 Volunteers: Be our Guest

You have received an Email Invite. Remember to list Volunteers (including your Partner) in Comments Section of the Registration Form



Everyone was having so much fun at the President's World Fest Party recently that they forgot to take photos. At least these photos can highlight what was a wonderful and joyful evening that was enjoyed by all

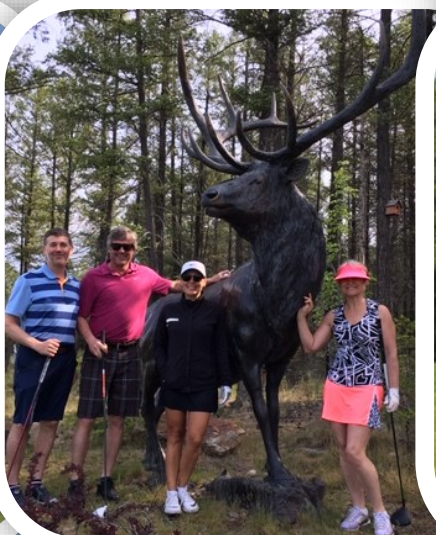


Here are "Pa and the Four Darryl's" at the President's World Fest Party. This shooting group from Incest Alberta amazed the crowd of more than 160 Rotarians and guests

Here are some photos to highlight the Invermere Rotary Fellowship Weekend

Click this link to see more:

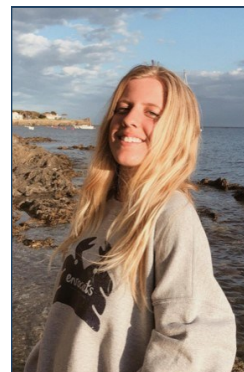
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Host Families Needed

The Rotary Club of Calgary South requires host families for our 2019 / 2020 Inbound Student Carlota Ferrer who is 15 years old and will be arriving from Barcelona



Who Can Be A Host Family?

- **Any caring and responsible family** with an interest in hosting a young person from another land.
- **Families with small children** make great host families. Young children experience having a Big Brother or Sister; Exchange students may share a new language for the young children.
- **“Empty Nesters” or retired couples** often have more time than younger families to spend with the exchange student and they enjoy having a young person to host.
- **Families with high school age children** help the exchange student integrate into the school activities.
- **Single parent families or single adults** make good hosts.
- **Families do not need to be affiliated with Rotary** to host Rotary Exchange Students.



How Long Will I Host an Exchange Student?

The typical length of stay is about two to four months. This provides the student with an opportunity to experience different cultures and family traditions. The student is in Calgary from late August 2019 to early July 2020.

To learn more about becoming a Host Family visit:

<https://vimeo.com/339149005>



For more information on the Host Family program or for an application to become a host contact Dorothea Schaab at 403 660 6232 or by email: schaabd@telus.net



June 15th: There is a fundraiser dinner in Okotoks, organized by the past, present and future exchange students of the District 5360.

The price of is \$30.00 per ticket.

All proceeds go to ShelterBox Canada.

I'm hoping to see as many people as possible at the dinner.

I'll be there with my homemade traditional Finnish dessert!

Submitted by:

Liisa Lethtio



JUNE 15TH **INTERNATIONAL** **SHELTERBOX** **DINNER**

Fundraiser Dinner hosted by the past, present and future exchange students of the District 5360!

TICKETS AND
MORE INFORMATION AT:
INTERNATIONALDINNER5360.WEEBLY.COM

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**Okotoks
United
Church**

**June 15th
6pm**

\$30

**Talent Show,
Silent Auction,
International
Desserts**

**All proceeds go
to ShelterBox
Canada to
support those
affected by
disasters around
the globe.**

Get your tickets now at: internationaldinner5360.weebly.com



I watched every game in the World Hockey Championships and was really happy when Finland won in the final!
I played ringette in a team in Calgary but also in a few tournaments with a ringette team from Edmonton this season. With the Edmonton team we went to Ottawa last week and did a few days of sightseeing and played a 3-day tournament. We had a lot of fun and had a great the trip!

Keith Davis from our club took me and Toby to a shooting range which is something I wanted to do before going home. Keith is a registered firearms instructor. Keith brought an assortment of "shooters" to try. Toby also stepped in for instruction and the two ladies then took to the target range. I really enjoyed it! The weather was hot and I'm hoping to go shoot again because it was so much fun and I shot pretty well for my first time! One more item is checked off my "Bucket List"

... Liisa



We had a great start to the hikes for 2019 with 12 hikers from 6 to more than 60 years old, going to Big Hill Springs Provincial Park. If you have never been, then it is worth a short drive to see the waterfalls and creek. On a sunny day with plenty of Buffalo Bean covering the hills. it was lovely. We took a challenging hill to see the view from the top. Walking along the path beside the creek was so refreshing. It was good to be outdoors again. We finished early and had lunch on a real picnic bench. This was a great conditioning start for the hikes that will follow.

Submitted by: Pat Farn



HIKERS: We are off for another season of exploration, exercise, and fellowship! Wednesday 12 of us found the Big Hill Springs Provincial Park North of Cochrane. The waterfalls, flows, and views were delightful and new faces were welcomed. Wednesday, June 12th we are headed to the Elbow Falls area, W-S of Bragg Creek, along Hwy #66. This can be 6 km in length and almost flat walking. For more information please phone JUNE LEMKE at: 403-807-0676 or email: jlemke@shaw.ca
ALL ARE WELCOME



*Calgary South Rotary Partners'
Annual Dinner*

When: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.

Where: Willow Park Golf & Country Club
639 Willow Park Drive SE

Cost: Tickets are \$50.00 per person
(Guests Welcome!)

Join us for Rotary Golf at Redwood Meadows for the ladies on **June 10th**

Tee off is at 10.45 am and Lunch is at 11.30 am in the Club House

Let's all Have some fun!!!

Call Doreen Devitt at: 403-242 9088 if you would like to join us

June 17th Rotary Partners Book Club Wind-up Luncheon

Time: Be ready to start at 10:30 am

Place: Elbow Valley Residence Club at: 100 Misty Morning Drive

Directions: Go west on Highway 8 to the lights at Lott Creek Blvd. Turn left. At the T intersection turn right on Lott Creek Drive. Follow it until you reach Misty Morning Drive. Turn right and the club house is on your right.

Program: Please return the books you have borrowed and be ready to share what you have been reading.

Lunch: Please bring your "salad ingredients" to add to salads. **Maureen Watson** has the list.

No need to email your attendance as we hope to see everyone who agreed to bring "salad" ingredients. We are looking forward to this fun event.

Submitted by: Maureen Hutchens and Jane Topp



JUNE 2019: ROTARY FELLOWSHIP

June 12: Annual Partners Dinner: Willow Park Golf and Country Club: 5:00 pm

June 13: Stampede President Presentation: **Blue Room (Park in Lot 2)**

June 17: Partners Book Club Windup Luncheon: 10:30 am: Elbow Valley Res. Club

June 20: Small Grants Charity Day Presentation

June 27: Changing of the Guard: Must park in Lot 10 or 11: Golf Cart will shuttle

JULY 2019:

July 4: Dream Home Kickoff Breakfast: Heritage Park Celebration Tent: 10:30 am

July 11: No Meeting: On Park: Dream Home Ticket Selling

July 18: East Village Centre: Walking Tour

July 25: No Meeting: Stay In School Golf Tournament

AUGUST 2019

Aug 1: Inaugural Address

Aug 8: Melissa D'Souza/Lucy Mrakawa: "gutChek" Presentation

Aug 15: Alberta Narratives Project

Aug 22: Outbound YEX Student Presentation: Kaylee Quinney

Aug 29: President Chas Birthday Celebration

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sept 5: Glen Street (CEO): Street Characters

Sept 12: RCCS YouthLink Site Tour

Sept 19: Janice McTighe: Renfrew

Sept 26: CRCF Campaign Kick off

OCTOBER 2019

Oct 3: Returning YEX Student Presentation

Oct 10: District Governor Visit: Christine Rendell

Oct 17: Cambodian Dancers

Oct 24: Kent Fraser: ShelterBox Presentation

Oct 31: Rotary International Foundation Campaign Kick off

NOVEMBER 2019

Nov 7: Colin Glassco: Zambia Eye Clinics

Nov 11: Rotary Remembers at the Carriage House

Nov 21: Sylvia Whitworth: Skilled Trades Training

Nov 28: TBA

Health, Wellness & Transportation for June 2019

Contact Hugh Delaney at: hughdelaney02@gmail.com or: 403-255-0422 or 403-819-4872 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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