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BULLETIN REQUEST for anyone at the Podium

President Bill has requested this before and this is a reminder to please send a digital copy to the Bulletin Editor and/or Kathyann at: kathyann@rotarycs.org if you are asked to speak at the Podium. It would be great to receive this info in advance of the meeting or if you can't then right after the meeting. Thank you!

Hugh Delaney led our St Patrick's Day program, after some confusion between **Joe Connelly**, **John Fitzsimmons** and **Hugh** about who was doing what. **Hugh** led off with a short narrative about the "coffin ships" that brought hundreds of thousands of Irish to the New World during the potato famine years (roughly 1845-1849). Over one million are estimated to have died during the famine, and it became cheaper to ship survivors overseas than to feed them.

*(To add to Hugh's narrative, I quote from Wikipedia) "Grosse Isle located in Gulf of St. Lawrence, also known as **Grosse Isle and the Irish Memorial National Historic Site**, was the site of an immigration depot which predominantly housed Irish immigrants coming to Canada to escape the Great Famine. In 1832, the Lower Canadian Government had previously set up this depot to contain an earlier cholera epidemic that was believed to be caused by the large influx of European immigrants, and the station was reopened in the mid-Nineteenth Century to accommodate Irish migrants who had contracted typhus during their voyages. Thousands of Irish were quarantined on Grosse Isle from 1832 to 1848.*

It is believed that over 3000 Irish died on the island and over 5000 are currently buried in the cemetery there; many died enroute. Most who died on the island were infected with typhus, which sprang up from the conditions there in 1847. Grosse Isle is the largest burial ground for refugees of the Great Famine outside Ireland. It is estimated that in total, from when it was set up in 1832 to the closing in 1932, almost 500,000 Irish immigrants passed through Grosse Isle on their way to Canada".

Hugh, accompanied by **Lisa**, then led us in the singing of some traditional Irish songs. He also treated us to an emotional rendering of *O'Danny Boy* and *Dear old Donegal*. Thank you, **Hugh**.

Carol Rosdobutko started by using some cue cards to teach everybody how to pronounce her name. Although Carol is new to Rotary South, she is a long-time Rotarian having been a member of the downtown club for 9 years. Carol was very involved in the Club's activities having served as club secretary, co-chair of the Christmas Hamper Campaign, Food Services Manager for the Fort Calgary BBQ's, worker-bee on many small BBQ's, Paul Harris Committee, New Member Committee and as District Learning & Development Chair.

Volunteering has been an important part of Carol's life. She has volunteered for many organizations – including teaching swimming to people with disabilities, a "baby cuddler" at the Children's Hospital, a volunteer for the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre's annual golf tournament, many projects related to breast cancer, Country Thunder & the Dream Home for Rotary South.

Carol was born in Red Lake, Ontario then moved with the family to Kenora, Ontario on beautiful Lake of the Woods, where her parents still reside.

Travel, cooking and working with people are true passions of Carol's. Combining all these passions led to many years working, travelling and cooking her way around Europe, Russia, Scandinavia, Scotland, New Zealand and Toronto before finally landing in Calgary in 1990.

Carol's love of travel continues to this day, only now she prefers the luxury of ships going to exotic places such as French Polynesia, Europe, the Far East, South America, around the Cape Horn and most recently out of Sydney, Australia and around New Zealand.

Carol has a diploma in Fashion Merchandising from Ryerson University in Toronto and a Human Resources Management Certificate from the U of C.

Carol spent many years as the Vice President of Human Resources for an international oilfield service company. When that came to an end, Carol decided it was time to make one of those 7 career changes statistics talk about. Following her passion for working with people Carol purchased a sales training franchise which she operated for 9 years.

Once again the time for change was in the wind or as Carol says: "it was at the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge", which she had just climbed. Given an opportunity she'll tell you every detail about that climb and how amazing it was. She'll also tell you how it changed her life.

F. Scott Fitzgerald has a great quote: "For what it's worth: it's never too late to be whoever you want to be. I hope you live a life you're proud of, and if you're not, I hope you have the strength to start over again."

And start over Carol did. Carol is now a Relocation Consultant for SIRVA International. SIRVA is a worldwide relocation company that moves people around the world. Carol's role is to assist employees relocate from one city or country to another. She assists with all aspects of the relocation from selling your house to buying a new one, shipping your household goods, finding you temporary accommodation, booking travel and all activities related to getting you settled comfortably in your new city. Carol is having the time of her life doing what she does best, helping people.

Carol is excited to have been invited by **Luanne Whitmarsh and Bill LeClair** to join Rotary South. She looks forward to getting involved in the club's activities and hopes to see you all out at the New Member Celebration on April 19th.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself.



President Bill LeClair opened the meeting by noting that Rotarians are your neighbours, your community leaders, your friends or business acquaintances, and some of the world's greatest history makers:

- Warren G. Harding – US President
- Dr. Charles H. Mayo – co-founder of the Mayo Clinic
- Guglielmo Marconi – Italian inventor of wireless radio, Nobel laureate
- Admiral Richard E. Byrd – American explorer
- Manny Pacquai – Filipino world champion boxer and congressman
- James Cash Penney – founder of JC Penney



Joke of the Day: A sobering Mrs. Murphy approaches Father O'Grady after mass. He says "So what is bothering you?" She replies 'Oh, Father, I've terrible news. My husband passed away last night.' The priest says "Oh, Mary, that's terrible. Did he have any last requests?" "Certainly, Father" she replied, "He said, please Mary, put down the damn gun!"

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

RCCS Virtual Meetings: Web site viewing of meetings is now available for a three month test period. Instructions on how to access the site will be available in the Bulletin. Viewing as a way to claim a make up for missed meetings will cost \$20, which can be paid on line. **Steve Mason** and **Craig Stokke** are thanked for coming up with the idea and the technology, and for doing the website modifications to make this possible.

Head Table: **Hugh Delaney**, New Member **John Amonson**, New Member **Carol Rosdobutko**, **Jack Thompson**, and **Craig Stokke**.

Visitors and Guests: **Ben Steblecki** started with the obligatory Irish joke: "Father O'Houlihan received a call from the CRA asking if the church had received a donation of \$10,000 from **Jim Hutchens**. Father replied, I will." **Ben** then introduced our visitors and guests. **Kevin Connors** from Dartmouth East took the honours for the visitor from furthest away. **Kevin** wants a copy of our welcoming song to take back to his club. Also Darrel Luhr (Heritage Park), Maureen Hutchens, Teri Filipski, Brett Albers and Maisa Piazza Costa were Guests.

50/50 Draw: **Jim Hutchens** first anointed **President Bill** as the world's largest leprechaun for a day.

He then awarded the prize to **Kathy Demorest**.



Paul Harris Fellows: Jack Thompson awarded multiple PHF's to Rod Bower (PHF +2), David Young (+2), Paul Brick (+4) – good to see Paul getting around without his cane, George Deegan (+4), Larry Stein (+5), Bill Sumner (+6), and Bev Ostermann (+7). Congratulations to all.



Sergeant at Arms: Jack Thompson (doing double duty today) fined everybody not wearing green and then challenged a person at every table to solve an Irish riddle. Groaners all – a sample: “Why don’t you iron 4-leaf clovers? Because you don’t want to press your luck!”



“Why can’t you borrow money from a leprechaun? Because they are always a little short.”

John Fitzsimmons carried on the money collection with his popular “Identify the Rotarian” series. Not one correct answer from the group.

President Bill closed the meeting with two related stories which are on page 6.





STORY NUMBER ONE

Many Years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the Windy City in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder.

Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was Capone's lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! in fact, Eddie's skill at legal maneuvering kept Big Al out of jail for a long time.

To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well... Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends, as well. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block.

Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him.

Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object.

And, despite this involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was.

Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name or a good example.

One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Easy Eddie wanted to rectify wrongs he has done.

He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some resemblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified.

Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he could ever pay. Police removed from his pockets a rosary, a crucifix, a religious medallion, and a poem clipped from a magazine.

The poem read:

"The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time. For the clock may soon be still."

STORY NUMBER TWO

World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare.

He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific.

One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank.

He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship.

His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet.

As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold; a squadron of Japanese aircraft was speeding its way toward the American fleet.

The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet.

Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 caliber's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent.

Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible, rendering them unfit to fly.

Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction.

Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier.

Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had, in fact, destroyed five enemy aircraft.

This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of WWII, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Medal of Honor.

A year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His hometown would not allow the memory of this WWII hero to fade, and today, O'Hare airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man.

So, the next time you find yourself at O'Hare International, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial displaying his statue and his Medal of Honor. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2.

SO WHAT DO THESE TWO STORIES HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OTHER?

Butch O'Hare was "Easy Eddie's" son. (Pretty cool, eh!)



Many Members have said that it would be nice rather than going to do an online makeup for information that is not about Rotary Club of Calgary South that we should be able to see our own meetings and rather than pay an online service that the money could go to our own Club.

Thanks to Steve Mason, Craig Stokke and President Bill we have managed to make that a reality.

You now have the opportunity to view a missed meeting and you can also use this as a makeup for a \$20.00 Fee.

Online meetings are a great way to stay connected to the Club when away and if you want or need a makeup you can simply pay online and you will receive the makeup.



- Just go to: www.rotarycs.org
- At the Home Page go to: **"Member Resources"**
- Now go to: **"Calgary South Virtual Meetings"** which is just below "Bulletins"
- Click this and you will be taken to a screen which allows you to view our meetings.
- If you **Register under "Members" and pay online** you will be able to receive a makeup.
- The makeup will count for 14 days before or after the date that you paid online just like any other makeup.

OR: you can just view the meeting at the bottom of the page if you do not want a makeup but want to know something about a specific meeting.

We are going to take 3 months to trial this and we hope you will all get online and see what you think. Please feel free to send any feedback to: kathyann@rotarycs.org
If you haven't signed in for a while and need help doing so just contact Kathyann

It is with great sadness that we announce that Jim Porter passed away peacefully on March 13th 2018



ROTARY DISTRICT 5360 2018 CONFERENCE

MAY 4 TO 6 2018

HYATT REGENCY HOTEL

District Conference Service of Celebration

Fellow Rotary Members:

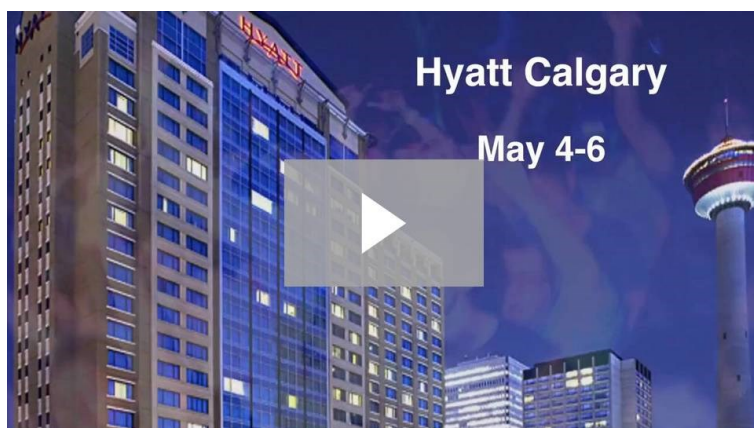
On Sunday, May 6th at the District Conference, there will be a Celebration of Life remembering those Rotarians and Rotary Partners who have passed away this past Rotary Year. We will also be Celebrating any new children and grandchildren who have arrived to bring joy to our Rotary members.

If you would like to have your new family members included in this event, please send me a picture and a note on their relation to you to: tgallen1@telus.net A JPEG photo is preferred.

President Bill LeClair has asked me to assemble the names for our Rotary Club and to send this along to the organizers of the Celebration of Life. I should have these no later than March 31st, 2018

Submitted by: Terry Allen

REGISTER NOW



Hyatt Calgary

May 4-6

View an interesting video:

[Videos - Rotary District 5360 Conference 2018](#)

Register for the Conference by clicking this link:
<http://discon5360.ca/registration/>

You are Invited!

THE ANNUAL NEW MEMBERS CELEBRATION

COUNTRY CASUAL GATHERING

APRIL 19TH, 2018
THURSDAY
| 6:30PM



Blue Room, Stampede Park
Tickets \$45
Silent Auction, Cash Bar,
Entertainment, Western Buffet

Register here by clicking this link: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/Event/2018-new-member-celebration>

BOOTS FOR KIDS

Bryan Burt is seen here giving a donation to Rhonda from "Boots for Kids". This will provide many more winter boots to Elementary Students.



PROVIDENCE CHILD DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

Phil Jackson had the pleasure of presenting a cheque to Maureen O'Connor of Providence Child Development Society.



HILLHURST SUNNYSIDE

Bryan Burt is here is seen here giving a donation to Hillhurst Sunnyside.





Wonderful Fun and Fellowship for All to Enjoy!

2018 Invermere Getaway Weekend

Our annual Windermere Valley Getaway Weekend is coming up fast. Our dates this year are:

June 1st, 2nd and 3rd 2018

This year the activities will once again be centered at Copper Point Golf Club, Invermere's most luxurious and breathtaking golf and dining facility. The theme of this year's event will be "Something for Everyone" and will include dining, golfing, hiking, shopping, sight-seeing or just socializing and relaxing.

Activities include our traditional Friday evening mixer, with dinner on Saturday and a hosted private Sunday brunch.

Costs are:

\$150 per person for the entire Saturday golf/weekend dining package
(including carts) excluding accommodations, or

\$85 per person for a Weekend Dining and Fellowship package.

Please save the date and start your planning now.

More details to come!

If you wish to attend, please RSVP markambrose@shaw.ca

Tickets will go on sale soon, so start your planning now.

More details to come!

MARCH 2018

March 22: Jutta Wittmeier: Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre

March 29: Kevin Keough: Prion Research Institute

APRIL 2018

April 5: Ken Farn: Rotary Bethany Update

April 12: David Docherty: Mount Royal University

April 19: New Member Celebration Evening Meeting (6:30pm) at the Blue Room

April 25: Fireside Event for New Members: Atrium at the Rotary Office

April 26: Terry McDonough (Deceased): Rotary Profile

April 30: Mustard Seed Dinner Prep (need 20 volunteers)

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: Fred Fox: Terry Fox Foundation



JUNE 2018

June 5: Ronald McDonald House (need 6 volunteers)

June 7: Terry Allen/Bill Sumner SIS Presentation

June 14: Stampede President Presentation

June 21: Small Grants Charity Day Presentation

June 28: Changing of the Guard, WCS and Large Grants Presentation



JULY 2018

July 5: Dream Home Kickoff

July 12: No Meeting Due to Dream Home Operations

July 19: To Be Determined

July 26: No Meeting Due to SIS Golf Tournament



AUGUST 2018

Aug 2: Inaugural Address

Aug 9: Dick Shaw: Rotary Profile

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

Aug 23: To Be Determined

Aug 30: To Be Determined

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sept 6: To Be Determined

Sept 13: Art Borzel: Rotary Profile

Health, Wellness & Transportation:

Contact **Tony Ng** at: tng@cirrealty.ca or: 403-861-1306 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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