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Emcee Hugh Delaney: Hugh was emcee for our St. Paddy's Day celebration, wishing everyone who is Irish, or who is a wannabe Irish, a Happy St. Patrick's day. First of our performers was **John Fitzsimmons** – our Sergeant at Arms.

Ed Whitaker: \$2 for the possibility that his fall might have been caused by a few green beers beforehand.



Bill Sumner : fined for wearing **Jack Thompson's** Flames jersey to a game that the Flames lost after 10

wins in a row. **Jack Thompson** fined \$5. Actually Bill then claimed he had told a little lie, the room went crazy, and Bill was fined for telling an "untruth".

Dana Hunter : who initially remained seated instead of standing and addressing the Sergeant, was asked who a famous Irishman, and TIME person of the year was. Answer is Bono – fined \$2 for not knowing. (and for lack of respect to the Sergeant J.)

Stacey Johnson: who sits in the same seat every week, picked on because he was not taking **George Adam's** advice of moving around. What nationality is James Bond? A rousing audience at Stacey's table answered English. For everyone jumping in, they were fined \$5. Second question, what Irishman played James Bond? Answer is Pierce Bronson – fined \$3.

Incoming President Bill LeClair: was asked to stand as he too is sitting in the same chair. Who is a former all-star with the Flames who played for an Irish team – Bill answered correctly: Theo Fleury. Everyone at the table paid \$2.

A quick series of "pick the right answer" ensued:

Did the Irish invent taxes or the hypodermic syringe?

Both are a pain in the butt – **Gail McDougall** correctly answered the syringe.

Stethoscope or cruise control. Cruise control is the right answer which **Larry Kennedy** managed to get correct

Ian sang three beautiful Irish songs which we joined in with when we knew the words J. When Irish Eyes are Smiling, Galway Bay, and Danny Boy. A huge round of applause for our singer and pianist followed the performance.

History of Ireland by Hugh Delaney

With sincere apologies to Hugh, simply because I had a hard time keeping track of all the historical dates and notes Hugh shared (although I gave it a valiant effort of 2 pages of typing!), I sourced and drastically edited a version of the history of Ireland online. This part of the bulletin is a combination of my sourcing, and Hugh's presentation. Editor Corinne (Source: localhistories.org)



The first humans arrived in Ireland between 7,000 and 6,000 BC after the end of the last ice age. About 4,000 BC, farming was introduced to Ireland. Around 2,000 BC, bronze was introduced into Ireland and was used for making tools and weapons.

About 500 BC the Celts arrived in Ireland. They brought iron tools and weapons with them. The priests of the Celts were called Druids and they worshipped many gods. At the top of Celtic society were the kings and aristocrats. Below them were the freemen who were farmers.

In the 4th century Christianity spread to Ireland, probably through trade with England and France.

In 432 a man named Patrick arrived in Ireland. Patrick was probably born about 390 or 400. He lived in Western England until he was captured by Irish raiders at the age of 16 and was taken to Ireland as a slave. Patrick was forced to work as a herdsman and so had much time for thinking about religion. After 6 years as a slave Patrick managed to escape back to England. However he had a vision in which he read a letter asking him to come to Ireland. This he did. Patrick became a missionary to Ireland until his death in 461.

From 500 to 800 was the golden age of the Irish church. Many monasteries were founded across Ireland and soon the Irish sent missionaries to other parts of Europe such as Scotland and Northern England.

The Vikings first attacked Ireland in 795.

During the 11th and 12th centuries the church in Ireland flourished once again. In the early and mid 12th century it was reformed. In the early 13th century the English extended their control over all of Ireland except part of Connacht and Western Ulster. The first Irish parliament was called in 1264 but it represented only the Anglo-Irish ruling class.

In 1315 the Scots invaded Ireland hoping to open up a second front in their war with the English.

Henry VII (1485-1509) tried to bring Ireland to heel. Henry VIII (1509-1547) continued his father's policy of trying to bring Ireland under his control by diplomacy. In 1536 the Irish parliament agreed to make Henry head of the Irish Church. In 1541 the Irish parliament agreed to recognize Henry VIII as King of Ireland.

From 1704 all members of the Irish parliament and all holders of office had to be members of the Church of Ireland. Another Act of 1704 stated that Catholics could not buy land. They could not leave their land to a single heir, and they could not inherit land from Protestants. These measures meant that by 1778 only 5% of the land in Ireland was owned by Catholics. There was a great deal of dire poverty during the 18th century, at its worst during the famine of 1741. This disaster killed hundreds of thousands of people.

In 1845 potato blight hit Ireland. Hundreds of thousands of people died each year of starvation and disease such as typhus. Many people fled abroad. In 1851 alone some 250,000 people emigrated from Ireland. An estimated 1 million people died during the famine.

In 1800s Thomas Darcy Magee landed in Boston. There he founded a newspaper, moved to Montreal, and became involved in developing Canada into a country. Called on all islanders in Atlantic to join in confederation – and this year we celebrate our 150th birthday!

In 1868 Magee was the first and only member of parliament to be assassinated. Because he spoke in the House of Commons and supported Confederation, the Irish shot him as he knocked on the door of the home he was boarding in.

In the 1900s Ireland moved towards civil war until 1921.

In 1920 the British government passed the Government of Ireland Act providing 2 parliaments in Ireland, one in the north and one in the south. However both parliaments would be subordinate to the British parliament. During the 1920s and 1930s unemployment was high in Ireland. Furthermore many people lived in overcrowded conditions. As a result emigration continued. In 1973 Ireland joined the EEC (forerunner of the EU). Membership brought great benefit to Ireland both in direct aid and in investment by foreign companies. During the 1980s the Irish economy was in the doldrums.

In the late 20th century and the early 21st century the Catholic Church lost a great deal of its influence.

In the early 21st century the Irish economy grew rapidly. In 1999 Ireland joined the Euro. In 2008 Ireland entered a recession, however, began to recover in 2011. Today Ireland is recovering well.

George Deegan thanked Hugh very much for his research and the history lesson. He shared how he now understands why his forefathers left. President Ken shared that it proves the Irish are pretty tough.

President Ken also expressed gratitude for the Irish songs and history today, said he was sorry for those who lost money to Sergeant John, and to demonstrate our appreciation \$100 towards the Stay in School program will be donated in each of our performers names.



Welcome to the Rotary Club of Calgary South. My name is **Ken Farn**. Please join Lisa Fernandes and your head table in the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.

Head Table: Hugh Delaney, George Deegan, Norm Devitt, John Fitzsimmons & Dave Read

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Guests: Dave Read introduced Ian Funditus (our amazing singer), Eleanor May (our amazing accompanying pianist), Ogden – our favourite dog, Keith Evans (Guest: John Labun), Evangiline (Guest: Sam Switzer), Manny Rai (Guest: Roselyn Jack), Lucas (Outbound Student), Pablo (our exchange student), and Martin Bunting (prospective member).

A rousing rendition of the Welcome Song ensued.

Health and Wellness: While President Ken initially reported we had no one in our Rotary family who was sick, **Dick Shaw** made his way to the podium to announce that **Jim Smith** is still at home recovering from a very bad case of Shingles. He also asked **Ed Whitaker** to stand – ok stand a little taller – and hold up his right hand. Ed fell, and while he didn't fracture anything, he is sporting a very bruised and swollen hand. Dick reminded everyone not to shake Ed's hand during the healing process. President Ken then reminded everyone that it is that time of year when the ice takes a few victims. A side note from your Editor Corinne, so does the mud! A beautiful evening walk on Thursday landed me on my butt via a mudslide at the river – be careful!

Dave Todd Announcement: Run for L'Arche on March 25 is still in need of volunteer course marshals – sign up using the link and info found further in the bulletin. All volunteers receive free pancakes and a t-shirt.



Craig Stokke Dream Home: A reminder that the dream home shift times are 11 am – 5:30 pm and 5:30 pm to midnight. Luanne is already getting her volunteers lined up and Craig reminded all of us that this is something we can all start doing. The Dream Home, in ten days, is a \$70M operation – we need the right people on our team to be successful. Check your volunteer lists now to let those you know would offer excellent customer service for our selling and printing shifts and get them booked early.

New Member Celebration: John Labun: Last week a special “feathered boaguest” told us all about the New Members Celebration. While John Labun was not showcasing feathers, he did say he was second best this week. Last week's demonstration by the ladies is a reflection of what April 20 will be. Please save the date, plan to come, and be ready to purchase your tickets during the March luncheon meetings. Cost is \$60 per person and offers jam-packed value. Come out to enjoy Casino Royale and bring fat and heavy wallets because great prizes are already coming in. More donations are always welcome.



East Rotary Club Fundraiser on April 29: The East club is doing a fundraiser with proceeds to the Public Library for the program: "It's a Crime not to Read". The program involves police, social workers and others who sit and read with kids. It has proven a tremendous success, especially in breaking down cultural barriers between our police and new immigrants. We are very privileged with our club funds, but also encourage our members to participate with other Rotary clubs to help with their fundraising efforts that benefit our community. Support of the April 29 fundraiser would be very much appreciated. See notice in Bulletin



Dilan Perera Returns Back Up from Down Under: Dilan has been travelling down under for two months through Australia and New Zealand – and brought us home some Rotary banners! In New Zealand he attended Rotary in a small town of 35,000 people and a club of 50 Rotarians, and in Melbourne attended Rotary of a 100-member club. While they loved their travels, Dilan returned home to what he claims, as others do as well, "the best club in the land".

Invermere Fellowship Weekend: Plan to Attend! First weekend in June – it promises, as always, to be a wonderful weekend of fellowship, laughter and memories to last a lifetime. Note the new location from Radium to Invermere. Further details on the weekend activities are in the bulletin.

Our favourite jokester: Jim Hutchens told one of his all-time best jokes – although Editor Corinne loves all of Jim's jokes!

A Scotsman, Englishman and Irishman were working in construction for 40 years.

One day, when they opened their lunch buckets, they all complained to each other how, for 40 years, they received the same d@&n sandwiches everyday. They made a pact between themselves.

They decided that they would monitor their sandwiches for the rest of the week, and if by Friday they were still getting the same d@&n sandwiches, they would all jump off the roof of the building together.

Well, Friday came, and sadly they all had the exact same sandwiches. Three construction workers jumped to their untimely death. At the funerals, the wife of the Englishman, very distraught, said if only she had known, she would have made a variety of sandwiches each week. The wife of the Scotsman said the same – she was completely devastated. The wife of the Irishman, also very distraught, said she simply could not understand it – her husband Buddy had been making his own sandwiches for 40 years.

50/50: Bryan Burt was our big winner today



President Ken, with a few minutes to spare, shared some of his favourite wisdom from Andy Rooney of the TV show *26 minutes*. When asked why Andy gambled on horses, Andy replied that when he was 16 he went to the racetrack and lost \$2. He has been trying since then to win it back.

Some of Ken's favourite Andy Rooney quotes:

I've learned that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of the elderly.

I've learned that the best feeling in the world is a child falling asleep on your lap.

I've learned that being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned that no matter how serious the situation, everyone needs a friend to act goofy.

I've learned that it takes just one person who tells me "you made my day", to make *my* day.

Thanks everyone. Have a great week.



Hello to Rotary Club of Calgary South and the Partners

Re: Wayne Smith

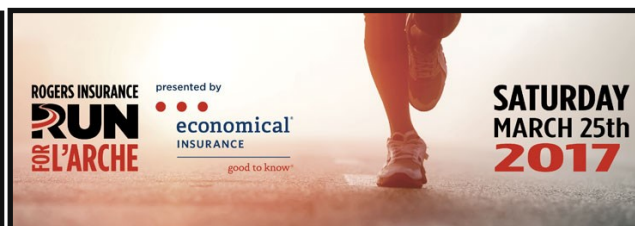
My Family and I wanted to acknowledge and thank the Rotary Club of Calgary South and the Partners for attendance at his Memorial, for posting my father's obituary on their webpage and for the donations made in Memory of Dad.

This club meant a lot to Dad and we want to thank all of you for everything.

Candace Loken (Smith) and Family

Calling all Rotarians!

The Run for L'Arche goes March 25 and we need volunteers! There are lots of positions still available – something for everyone. You also get a t-shirt, goody bag and free pancakes!



We need you, your friends, your family etc. for only 4 hours on Saturday morning March 25. It's a LOT of fun for a great cause.

Click on the link below to sign up:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2017/10308/2017-rogers-insurance-run-for-larche>

Look for the "Volunteer" button on the left hand side of the page.

Thanks!

Dave Tod W. 403-930-2263

MUSTARD SEED DINNER: Another very successful event at the Mustard Seed on Tuesday March 14. We served great beef ribs, roasted potatoes and mixed vegetables. Ice Cream for dessert. Weather was wonderful so the turnout was less than expected. We served over 250 dinners. We had many compliments on the dinner. Our club provides \$1,200 for the meal. Our contribution is at the top end for a meal so the meal is always one of best the clients enjoy. Thanks to all the volunteers.



Submitted
by:

Harry Pelton



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Calgary South

THE 2017 PRESIDENT'S HOEDOWN

Save the date:

Friday, May 26th

Plan to attend President Ken's "President's Hoedown" as he moseys on into the "Past Presidents" list of our Club. The theme is Western, and the dress is Western Formal/Casual (no tuxedos unless worn with blue jeans and boots).

Experience the Magic!

Enjoy the hilariously entertaining magic of Atsushi Ono, a world-famous magician who promises to bring his special magic and humour to our annual party and who is guaranteed to keep the evening lively.

And dance to the music of Murray Flegel and "The Fog".

And come hungry, as our own chef Michael Zacharki and his team of volunteers will repeat their culinary magic with a mouth-watering offering of western favourites.

We'll be back at the ARC (Acadia Recreation Centre), so dust off your hat, polish your boots and plan to join us.

Tickets can be purchased individually, or as tables of 8.

More details to come!





New! Improved! Something for Everyone!

2017 Invermere Getaway Weekend

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

June 2nd, 3rd and 4th 2017

And changes are underway. This year the activities will 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 Every Person and Every Budget" and will include dining, hiking, shopping, sight-seeing or just socializing and relaxing.

Activities include our traditional Friday evening mixer, with dinner on Saturday and lots more.

Costs are:

\$150 per person for the entire golf/dining package

(including carts) excluding accommodations,

or

\$85 per person for those who choose not to golf

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

More details to come!



DISTRICT 5360 CONVENTION NEWS



A lot has happened in the last three weeks:

- ✓ We have three Keynote Speakers confirmed
- ✓ We have confirmed 18 Breakout Sessions
- ✓ We have MUSIC! Three bands to keep your toes tapping!

We are finalizing the program and will have it ready SOON!

Yet another deadline...

Reduced rates and room guarantee ends April 4, 2017!

This poor fellow didn't book his hotel in time! Don't let this happen to you!

Our venue is *the premier* convention centre and hotel in Red Deer!



Don't Delay – Book Today!

To book your room: (Group Rate available until April 4) Rotary Convention May 2017 (OR copy and paste the following link into a web browser)

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/RotaryConference2017>

For more information about the hotel: www.sheratonhotelreddeer.com

For map and directions: <http://www.sheratonhotelreddeer.com/directions.php>

If you haven't registered for the conference, please sign up today

If you have registered, the Organizing Committee says: *Thankyou! Thankyou! Thankyou!*

For more information, please contact:

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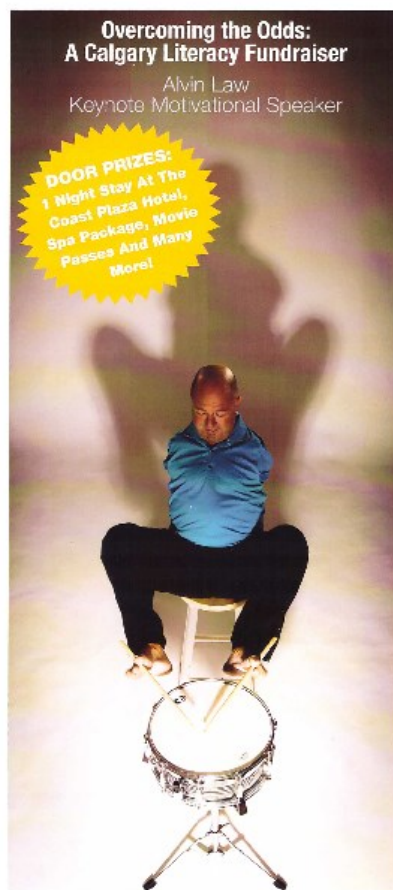
or Tom Lewis: tklewis@live.ca

To all of our Rotarians
and Partners

Please consider attending
this event put on by the
Rotary Club of Calgary
East.

Partners President Pat
Farn has sent the Part-
ners an email highlighting
this Fund Raiser and Ken
Farn announced it in this
week's Bulletin.

THANK YOU



Rotary
Club of Calgary East

JOIN US
April 29th at the
Coast Plaza
Hotel

Rotary is proud to support Overcoming the Odds: A Calgary Literacy Fundraiser with must-see speaker Alvin Law in an unforgettable evening of inspiration, live music, silent auction and a three-course meal!

This event will support literacy programs in our community like The Calgary Public Library's *It's A Crime Not to Read*. This program develops literacy, reading skills, and self esteem while strengthening community ties, resulting in safer Calgary communities.

Tickets only \$50 (includes a gift valued at \$30)

Doors Open at 6:00 PM

Event Starts 6:30 PM

3 Course Meal

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Hello Book Babes: Our next Book Club meeting is **Monday March 20th** at the Calgary Golf and Country Club.

Please note the **NEW START TIME: 9:30am** food is served and **10:00am** Meeting begins. The fee is \$16. Please RSVP to me at reikiangel444@shaw.ca by clicking this link or phone me at: 403-256-1379 by **Thursday March 16th**.

Thank you and Happy Reading!

Cheers,
Kelly Brittain: Book Club Chair 2016-2017



March 23 Alana Asuchak: Stress Busters

March 30 Charlene Bearden: Club Runner Presentation

APRIL 2017

April 6 Vimy: 100th Anniversary

April 13 Jon Fennell: Canada's Water Future

April 20 **New Member Celebration: Carriage House Inn: See Bulletin for more info**

April 27 Janice Eisenhower: Canadian Women for Afghanistan (*Stampede Clubhouse*)

MAY 2017

May 4 Dream Home Registration Kick off

May 5-7 **District Conference (Red Deer)**

May 11 Bob Dubask: Myths About Reverse Mortgages

May 18 **Bethany Centre Site Tour: Details to follow**

May 25 **Stay In School Luncheon: Carriage House Inn**

May 26 **President's Hoedown: See Bulletin for more info**

JUNE 2017

June 1 Legends: Ted Rowsell

June 2-4 **Radium Fellowship Weekend: See Bulletin for more info**

June 8 TBA: At Rotary House

June 15 **Charity Day: Carriage House Inn**

June 12 **Casino at Cowboys (Please contact Harry Pelton to volunteer)**

June 13 **Casino at Cowboys (Please contact Harry Pelton to volunteer)**

June 22 YEX Presentation: Returning Student

June 29 Changing of the Guard

JULY 2017

July 6 **Dream Home Kick off: Ranchman's DanceHall and Cookhouse**

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

July 20 TBA

July 27 **No Meeting: Stay In School Golf Tournament**

AUGUST 2017

Aug 3 President Bill LeClair: Inaugural Address

Aug 10 TBA

Aug 13 Old Tyme Country Picnic

Aug 17 TBA

Aug 24 **Mount Royal University Library Tour**

Aug 31 TBA

HEALTH, WELLNESS AND TRANSPORTATION

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- Contact Bonar Irving at bonar@shaw.ca or 403 254 8476 if you know of anyone that may need a ride



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