

THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South

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CALSARA Calgary Search & Rescue Association



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Do you want to watch this week's Meeting? CLICK THE LINK: <u>https://bit.ly/2IKLIVc</u> Luke DaSilva started by saying Thank you for the opportunity to display CALSARA: Calgary Search & Rescue to RCCS.

CALSARA, and Rotary support the community. Ryan, Johnathan and I met during training and became friends as we share common values to helping others in need.

We make a meaningful contribution to help and we end up with a keen sense of satisfaction for a job well done. We all have regular jobs and we volunteer our time.

Welcome Ryan and Johnathan!

Ryan Ko and Johnathan Ludwig

took to the podium and began their presentation.

Johnathan is the asset director making sure assets are on the ready. Ryan is the Treasurer overseeing the organizations financial health while serving the community.

They showed a captivating video. The organization is: 100% volunteer based, charitable, provincially regulated and does not receive any operational fund-ing from any level of government.

Since 1993 they have assisted with criminal evidence search, missing person, lost person or child at public events, civil emergency response, and search management and incident command. In 2018 they attended to 21 taskings logging 640 incident hours!

Since 2014 CALSARA Members have contributed over 52,000 hours to better our community in Southern Alberta.



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CALSARA has conducted 116 tasking for Missing Persons or Evidence Searches (~2 per month). They ran 167 Preventative SAR courses like Hug-a-tree and Survive outside in our community and schools.

Another core activity for CALSARA is missing person's searches for our tasking agencies. Searches include: Individuals suffering from dementia, children lost in the city or its parks, overdue hikers, locating potentially deceased individuals and joint taskings as needed with other

Search and Rescue groups.

There are over 100 members that work with a team structure. They have at least 65 hours of training, security clearances and expectation of continuing education of 3 sessions per year. Each team has a search manager who has the responsibility for the call out and has additional responsibilities.

All volunteers are on call 24 hours per day and in 5 years they have logged over 50,000 hours! They have 3 vehicles in the fleet for the transportation of the team to the site, equipment hauling and transportation of victims. The bike unit have a vehicle that is specific to their large needs to transport bikes to the search site.



They serve Calgary and then they support the surrounding areas teams in Cochrane, Foothills, Badlands with the RCMP and CPS.

Question and Answers:

Are dogs used? No, they partner with another organization in Calgary that has the dogs.

Is there a link with STARS? All volunteers are trained at STARS and in a situation STARS leads and CALSARA supports.

What is the annual budget of this organization? Between \$80,000 - \$100,00.00. Training costs use up a large amount of this money.

Do you use drones? No. Federal regulations are just coming down now so it will be looked at in the future. How are you funded? Grants, government, donations make up our funding. We have no secured funding sources.

Is Luke DaSilva any good? He is GREAT!!!

Do you respond around the globe in disasters? No, we focus primarily on Calgary and sometimes in Alberta to help.

Walter Flores: Thank you on behalf of our Club to our Presenters for an informative description on the valuable work your group does. Thanks so much for what you do. The yellow jackets make it easy to recognize you. Thanks again for all you do! **President Ron** thanked our Presenters for an interesting presentation.







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Good afternoon and Welcome to the Rotary Club of Calgary South for March 7. Ron noted that there are a few prospective members in the meeting today!!

Joke of the Day: Drinking and Driving

I would like to share an experience with you about drinking and driving. As you well know, some of us have been lucky not to have had brushes with the authorities on our way home from the various social sessions over the years. A couple of nights ago, I was out for a few drinks with some friends and had a few too many beers and then topped it off with a margarita. Not a good idea. Knowing full well I was at least slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before: I took a taxi home. Sure enough I passed a police road block but because it was a taxi, they waved it past. I arrived home safely without incident, which was a real surprise. I have never driven a taxi before and am not sure where I got it.

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

Head Table: Luke DaSilva, Ryan Ko and Johnathan Ludwig from CALSARA SAR, Walter Flores, Liisa Lehtio, Gena Rotstein

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Visitors and Guests: Rod Bower introduced our guests: He noted 'I got no joke, I don't have a punch line and I have no idea what time it is'!

50/50 Draw: Jim Hutchens noted that the events on Parliament Hill are quite like the show Jeopardy "is this your final answer?"



He had \$153.95 as the prize as **Keith Davis** gave in a \$5.00 bill with a corner missing! Jim announced the winning number for the \$154.00 and low and behold (through lots of excitement) Jim won the prize! He gave the winnings to Liisa (who later gave him

back \$5.00 to pay for a fine he received!). Always lots of fun at our meetings!!



Sergeant-At-Arms: Tom Walton was really focused on the Mardi gras theme and he called out Bev Ostermann, Kathy Demorest, Tony Ng, Keith Davis, Christine Kyte, Spencer Tonkinson and Jim Hutchens!



New Member Celebration: Walter Flores reminded the Club of the event and early bird pricing is until April 4th. He encouraged everyone to bring a friend, a girlfriend, a boyfriend (although not at the same time!!) and come and enjoy a great event, some comedy and there is tons of items to bid on! See flyer in Bulletin (Page 5) and an invite will be sent out again by email

YEX Update: Liisa Lehto is doing really well in school (math, Spanish, art and advance legal). Plus, she is playing lots of ringette! Her team had already won SILVER – but in the Provincials they won GOLD!! The team is off to the Nationals next – and she hopes to be back home with a medal! - See photos in Liisa's Literary Lore (Page 8)



THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South International Women's Day



International Women's Day: Gena Rotstein: Good afternoon President Ron & fellow Rotarians it is my pleasure to give the international Women's Day address this year. Over the past few years I have spoken on different topics affective women around the world. This year, I thought, in light of the recent conversation about legacy gifts from our club, I would talk about the financial and philanthropic clout that women bring to the North American charitable landscape. And more importantly, how this may play out in Calgary and how we can position our Rotary Club to be more attractive for female members. There are three topics that I will cover: Trends around women & Philanthropy, How biology influences giving and Investing through a Gender Lens. As you know, I work with families helping them set up their legacy strategies, family foundations and support their wealth transition from one generation to the next. In this role, I can have meaningful and in-depth conversations with people about how and why they give to certain organizations. These conversations help shape a family's social vision, articulate their legacy and create a donor profile that is aligned with personal risk tolerance. Just like not every investor has the same investment style, not every philanthropist has the same giving style. And just like investor profiles, gender plays a role in shaping a donor profile. So how does the X-Chromosome Factor play into philanthropy today? There is a lot written about the influence of women in philanthropy. While the Greek term was first documented 2500 years ago, we see one of the first written concepts of female philanthropy in the Book of Exodus chapter 35. In this chapter, Moses tells the Israelite people to collect things of personal value for building the Tabernacle. In ancient Egypt, even the poorest people had mirrors which were made from copper and silver. According to one commentary, women were instructed to go through their personal belongings and that of their families to contribute. These items would be melted down and molded to form the base and walls of the Holy Ark. One could argue that this was on the first documented capital campaigns for community building! Fast forward to the Victorian era, women formed Benevolent Aid Societies; the first giving circles. Giving Circles, as we know them today, originally appeared in the 1960's. Funding of these Giving Circles came from earnings made through Investment Circles, winnings from bridge games and other social gatherings. These funds were then donated to charity. Today, women's giving circles include 100 Women Who Care, a monthly gathering in Calgary and other cities that drive a minimum of \$10,000 cash to a charity that is voted upon by the group of donors; Women Moving Millions, an organization in the US that is committed to supporting female philanthropists contribute a minimum of \$1Million each annually to charities around the world; Women for Change established in the Hamilton Community Foundation has 50 women who drive ten's of thousands of dollars annually to organizations in the Hamilton community. Aside from gender, the common thread amongst all these examples is that these groups bring together a highly educated, financially independent and savvy population who are engaged with community organizations and seek out ways to leverage their contributions so that they are seen as more than just their pocketbooks. According to Investor Economics in a report written for TD Private Wealth in 2014, it is estimated that over the coming decades North American women will control 70% of their household income. By 2020, \$3Trillion will transition to Canadian women and by 2050 it is expected that \$8Trillion will have transitioned between spouses and the next generation in Canada. Needless to say, as a Rotary club and group of philanthropists, we need to consider who is making the philanthropy decisions in the households in our city. As demographics shift, so too will the access to capital and the overall face of Calgary's charitable sector. This speaks directly to the relevancy of Rotary and who we are attracting as members: Where is women's wealth coming from? This wealth is coming from two places: Inherited wealth and Self-made wealth. In a study entitled Fiscal Unequals Joanie Bronfman points out, "Women with inherited wealth often have not been raised to see the money as theirs, but rather as the bank's, their father's or the family's." Because significant personal wealth held by women is relatively new within the North American context, the way that women view and participate in the management of their wealth is starting to shift. All of this to say, as women outlive men, begin to control most of the household wealth, and grow in their careers, cash flow to charities is going to look very different than what it is today. In Canada, on average it can take up to three years for women to make a significant charitable donation of \$10,000 or more, as opposed to their male counter-parts who make similar sized donations within six to twelve months. It's not just an access to wealth issue, it is a biology issue. We all know that men and women are different. But in the case of philanthropy, what makes us biologically different? In the philanthropic context, women's brain activity increases when they can see how their money will impact the world, whereas men's brain activity increases with the talk about the legacy they are leaving. The endorphins that are released is what keeps us moving forward in an activity. So, what motivates women to give? In the same 2014 TD Bank Study, respondents were asked, "What are the key influencers on how you make decision around which charities to support?" There are three influencing forces on women's charitable giving: She must be given the opportunity to volunteer, The charity must have clear, easy to understand, traceable and transparent financials so that they can see where their donation was spent and The charity must acknowledge previous donations and steward the relationship beyond the ask. From these motivations come the goals or business objectives that female philanthropists have. Based on the book "Women and Philanthropy" by Sondra Shaw-Hardy there are five common goals that women have set for their personal philanthropy: Parity; having a voice at the decision making table for the organization, Equality; having her donation valued at the same level as men and Leadership: Not ego driven, but rather impact drive. Women want to be engaged by the organizations they support, Opportunity to diversify the conversation; being able to add a new perspective to the problem solving discussion and Inclusivity; To pave the way for other groups to get engaged with the organization that she is supporting. As Rotarians, and as a club that is actively growing, what are we doing to attract women into our club? How are we demonstrating the goals and objectives that have been articulated by women as to why they would get involve with our organization? Women who are donating to charities, especially leaving significant gifts, are looking at their investments through a Gender Lens. It's not about one gender doing things better than another. It's about Gender Capitalism. According to Sarah Kaplan and Jackie Vanderburg from Stanford University, "Investing with a gender lens can create financial and social impact by increasing women's access to capital, promoting workplace equity, and creating products and services that improve the lives of women and girls." If we are trying to attract women into the Rotary community our investment policies as well as our granting policies should reflect this. We are great at donating to women's organizations. Perhaps one area that we can explore further is how our asset base is being invested - do we have an investment policy around Board equity, C-Suite parity and asset-based gender diversification? Is there an opportunity for us to explore this and promote how we have aligned our giving with our investing? As I have pointed out, there is a lot of money at stake... Trillions! It is my observation that charities and public foundations are going to have to plan now for longer funding cycles, increased parity at the leadership tables, and more diversity of opinions in decision making as women have increased control over wealth. At the end of the day, women's philanthropy is about leveraging wealth alongside Time, Talent and Ties. So to the women of Rotary, thank you for stepping forward into this role. To the men of Rotary, thank you for making the space for women to

join the conversation. And to all of us, Happy International Women's Day!







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Wendy Giuffre presented a cheque to the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter in the amount of \$4,000 to Resource Development Associate Veronica Lawrence. This will be used to purchase a commercial grade bread slicer, waffle maker, blender and mini fridge.





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Men's Sheds is an innovative idea originating 20 years ago in Australia and spreading across the globe. Research demonstrated that older men are at risk of social isolation and loneliness compared to women. Many older men living alone. People living in isolation and loneliness have higher adverse health impacts. The Men's Sheds concept is to bring together older men in a club-like atmosphere to improve overall health and well-being. At the Kerby Centre women outnumber men in the education, fitness and arts programs. Women still live longer than men but it is increasingly clear that men don't participate in activities in the same way as women. Men are not joiners. The one exception at Kerby Centre is the woodworking shop where men predominate. Men's Sheds is a modern version of the shed in the backyard where men can drop in, kibitz and work on meaningful projects. These projects can be personal but can also include community projects such as well. Men's Shed groups are self-organized and operate out of dedicated building / rooms in community centres or senior organizations. The RCCS Small Grants funding of \$6,000.00 presented to Lynn Podgurny from Rotarian Luanne Whitmarsh and Past President Keith Davis will assist The Kerby Centre in following the community organization model so that this concept will be part of The Kerby Centre and benefit from the affiliation through staff support. The Kerby Centre will remake a room near the Woodworking Shop into a "Men's Shed" room. Research of the Men's Sheds programs has proven evidence of positive mental health impacts because of strong sense of belonging and the sense of accomplishment if men are asked to share skills or expertise to help others.





Volunteers Needed

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NEXT VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

The Ronald McDonald House is booked for **Tuesday May 7** to prepare Dinner. 5 volunteers are needed. Please contact Harry Pelton if you can help out

Email: <u>harryrpelton@gmail.com</u> Cell: (403) 585 - 2625 Home: (403) 244 - 9140

Rotary Club of Calgary South Awards at SAIT

Our Rotary Club provides scholarships at SAIT for the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Program and the Bob and Gynell Dawson Scholarship.

The following thank you notes have recently been received from award winners at SAIT.

<u>Recipient of the Bob and Gynell Dawson Scholarship</u> Student Name: Jung Hyun Moon: Program of Study – Business Administration

Dear Donor: Hi am Jung Hyun Moon, and recently received a scholarship from you. I really appreciate being a recipient as I am studying Business Administration and have been struggling with finances. Before I came to SAIT, I have provided donations when I could and I therefore understand how important donations are for people who need help. Your generosity makes me motivated to be a good person who is willing to help others. I am enthusiastic and involved in the programs at SAIT and hope to obtain a good job and contribute to my community. Thank you

Recipient of one of our Scholarship in Culinary Arts /Hospitality Student Name – Kassaundra Baal

"Thank you so much for your generosity .This support is greatly appreciated and will be an immense help towards next semester's tuition. Thank you again, Kassaundra Baal."



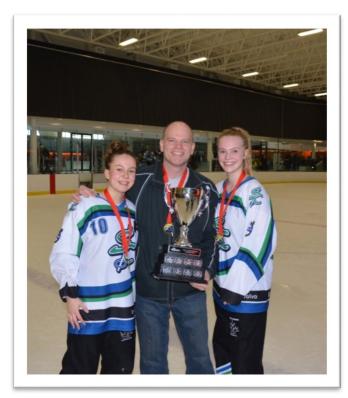
THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South Liisa's Literary Lore





Liiso is doing really well in school (math, Spanish, art and advance legal). Plus, she is playing lots of ringette! Last weekend my ringette team won the Provincials. This was our first gold medal of the season and it was the first time a team from South Calgary Ringette Association has won the Provincial Tournament!

The winner teams from each province in Canada will represent their province in the National Ringette Championships. Nationals are divided to West and East Canada and in the end of March my team will be traveling to St. Albert, where we'll play as Team Alberta in Western Canadian Championship Tournament against the other provinces. Hopefully we'll bring a medal back home!



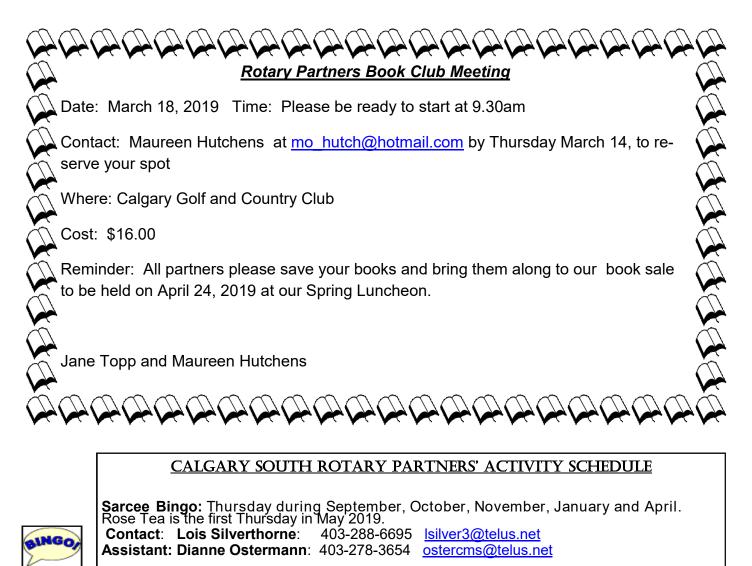












Bridge Club: Our group has become small. All members are invited. We play on 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month: Calgary Golf & Country Club. Lunch: 11:45, followed by bridge.

Contact: Norma Carroll: 403-252-2655 <u>crcnec@telusplanet.net</u> Carol Cairns: 403-288-3873 <u>cairnsjandc@shaw.ca</u>



Lunch Bunch: Third Thursday of each month (except December and February). Visit some of Calgary and area dining gems! **Contact:** Maureen Watson: 403-246-0497 <u>marenny@shaw.ca</u>



Investment Club: The Second Thursday of every month. 9:00 am Breakfast at The Calgary Golf & Country Club Contact: Lorna Hamm: 403-720-005 lorna@lornahamm.com



Movie Club: Tuesdays (when available) Mixed day/evening times Contact: Denise MacLeod: 403-771-1913 <u>denmacleod@shaw.ca</u>



THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South Calgary Peace Prize

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Dear Rotary Club of Calgary South,

My name is John Lamming, a member of the Calgary Peace Prize Committee. The annual Calgary Peace Prize is awarded to those individuals who dedicate their lives to advancing justice and equity for a peaceful society.

This year we are pleased to announce that the 2019 Calgary Peace Prize will be awarded to the former president of Kiribati, His Excellency Anote Tong, for his diligent advocacy of global climate justice and peace.

Attached are details of the event and poster.

Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 Location: Jack Singer Lobby, Arts Commons VIP Reception (appetizers and wine included), followed by the Award Ceremony and 30 minute speech by His Excellency.

Tickets are on sale now at: mru.ca/PeaceTickets

All ticket proceeds from this event go directly to the operation of the Calgary Peace Prize.

We truly hope that members of Rotary throughout Calgary are able to attend this celebration. We also hope that you can share the poster with your contacts. The Calgary Peace Prize aspires to engage Albertans in a productive dialogue around peace and justice. With your attendance, we can promote the dialogue together.

For more information about the Calgary Peace Prize and the John de Chastelain Peace Studies Initiative, please visit <u>mru.ca/peaceinitiative</u>. A video of the 2018 event can be found here <u>mru.ca/peaceprize2018</u>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Regards,

John Lamming, M.A., Rotary Peace Fellow Calgary Peace Prize Organizing Committee 403-651-8798



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Health, Wellness & Transportation for January and February 2019

Contact **Dorothea Schaab** at: 403-238-1730 or: <u>schaab@telus.net</u> if you know of anyone that is not well, that could use a visit or a ride to a Rotary Meeting.





Weekly Meetings & Bulletin Requirements

If you are asked or request to speak at a weekly meeting please note the following:

- Advise President Ron that you wish to make an announcement on Monday before the meeting by email
- Provide a digital copy of your notes to the Bulletin Editor and/or Kathyann Reginato in advance of the meeting. If you can't then immediately after the meeting
- At a minimum please give the Editor your hand written notes after you speak

This is for Speakers, Intro Speakers, Thankers and anyone making announcements at the Podium.

We cannot guarantee that your announcement can be made if you don't provide this information.

Thank you for your assistance with this. It is very difficult for the Bulletin Editors to take so many notes at a busy and loud meeting so let's help them out

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