

THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South Meaghan Farquharson: Peace Scholarship Recipient



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Terry Allen introduced **Meaghan Farquharson**. Meaghan is a native Calgarian, and member of the Metis Nation of Alberta. Her recent community projects include facilitating recovery circles for families affected by the Southern Alberta floods, and partnering with an African NGO -Peace and Conflict Resolution- to provide trauma counselling training for women who have been affected by poverty and sexual vio-

lence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

She has a private practice as a psychologist, and her background includes experience in hospital psychiatric wards, prisons, addictions treatment centers, homeless shelters, palliative care facilities, and the Victim Services Unit of the RCMP. Meaghan loves adventure, and has also spent many nights out under the stars leading wilderness expeditions.

She has recently returned from the Rotary Peace Fellowship at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, where she was able to deepen her advocacy skills, strengthen her capacity to contribute to healing intergenerational trauma in our global community, and have the opportunity to collaborate with other inspired change makers who are committed to creating a brighter future.

Meaghan Farquharson chose to inform us about her three month experience in Thailand as part of her studies at Mount Royal in the Rotary Peace Scholarship Program. She was part of a group of 24 individuals from 20 countries.

The members of the group brought a wide variety of professional expertise, knowledge and experience to the program. Their professions ranged from military personnel to economists to university students. This was field experience for everyone and they brought a wide set of "layers of context" and resources to the other participants.

The population of Thailand is largely Buddhist. They have a long history of non-violence and an essential part of their personal belief system is to come to a "place of right thinking." The individual needs to shape emotions and reactions and to find peace you need to develop the ability to "step back".





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Being a Peace Builder is something that we all can to. Meaghan requested that we all go back to the last situation where our "buttons were pushed". Analyze all the reactions, theirs and yours. In difficult situations we need time, time to find answers and peaceful solutions.

The group journeyed to Cambodia, where over 2.4 million people or 21% of the population were killed by the Kymer Rouge. In instances throughout the world where genocide has occurred at weddings many elders are not present – they now longer exist and their families are bereft of their presence. An important point in this tour was the visit to the grave of Pol Pot the leader of the Kymer Rouge.

There was a soldier guarding the tomb who was a former member of the Rouge and it was an important moment in the lives of the people in the group and an opportunity to analyze and explore their reactions. The soldier's story gave a different perspective – he was 14 years old



when he joined in order to avenge the death of his older brother. He wanted to bring honour to his family. The Cambodians felt that the Vietnamese had invaded Cambodia and so they wanted to protect themselves. In addition to this soldier there group was also able to talk with the wife of a former soldier and she told of her experiences in trying to feed her young family. As a result of these two interactions the group had to consider the many different aspects that impact peoples lives and the consequences they brought about.

A further part of Meaghans studies have included working in the Treaty 4 Nation in Saskatchewan. They were asked to interact with the indigenous peoples and challenged with helping to get the young people out on the land and to stay in school. One of their experiences was on a camping trip and they were left a number of ducks. It was a totally new experience singeing the feathers and preparing the birds for cooking. For city dwellers it proved to be a "weird experience" as non of them could be considered as "hunters". This required them to examine the "subtleties of judgement" and took them outside their normal comfort zone areas.

Going back to her eastern experience Meaghan commented how they found people who were not used to food "being in boxes" in stores. Many people found it "foreign" as they were totally used to purchasing produce in the marketplace on a daily basis.

Meaghan came back to the concept that we can all be contributors to Peace and she thanked us for our support of the Rotary Peace Scholarships.

After a brief question period Meaghan was thanked by **Dorothea Schaab** who was pleased for Meaghan to be part of the Rotary Peace Scholarship Program.





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President Bill LeClair welcomed everyone to the Rotary Club of Calgary South meeting of November 23rd, 2017. He opened with a joke about watermelon and cyanide which will make all of us pause as we reach for out next slice of melon!! Everyone was invited to join with Lisa Fernandes and our head table in the singing of O Canada, followed by Rotary Grace.

Head_Table: Terry Allan, Meaghan Farquharson, Bill Sumner, Gordon Weicker and Ben Steblecki

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Visitors and Guests: Jim Hutchens Introduced our Guest Speaker: Meaghan Farquharson, Josh Zay and Arsheen Dhalla (Zanzibar Rotary), Espy, Maisa Piazza Costa, Brett Alberts, John Lamming (Guests: Dilan Perera), Lynn Topp (Guest: Don Mintz), Shafi Haji, Walter Flores (Guest: Ron Prokosch), Christine Holstine (Guest: Keith David), Raed Dayoub (Guest: Dorothea Schaab) and Carla Hamarsnes (Rotary Employment).

50/50 Draw: Ben Steblecki,, continued in his role of the club humourist with another short joke. After the draw he presented a cheque for \$183.00 to today's winner, Lisa Fernandes



Stay In School Golf Tournament: Gordon Weicker:

"The 2017 SIS golf tournament was a huge success. How do I know that, well we raised approximately \$136,000 for the SIS Foundation and we received very positive feedback from golfers and sponsors alike about how well the tournament is run and what a great cause we are supporting. There are many sponsors, companies, Rotarians and individuals to thank for our success. I am

not going to name names because I don't want to inadvertently leave anyone out. Major or otherwise each sponsor is very important to our

success and we are truly grateful for their support.....thank you!

But, none of this would mean very much without the dedicated group of volunteers that make up the SIS golf committee. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into putting this tournament on and I just want to say thank you to those folks. Would everyone on the committee (last year and this year please stand).

Moving on, today we would like to present a cheque (call it an initial payment) in the amount of \$125,000 to Bill Sumner (Chair of the SIS Committee) for the SIS Foundation in support of the SIS

program. The balance to follow after all of the accounting dust settles. Lastly, please mark your calendar for the 2018 tournament to be held once again at Cottonwood on July 26, 2018

1400 Consecutive Meetings: President Bill acknowledged that Hans Tiedemann, had attended 1400 consecutive meetings as of today. Congratulations Hans.



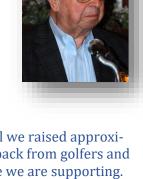
Salvation Army Kettles: Dave Reid welcomed back to the club **Major Guy Simms** who has been absent due to illness. Welcome back Guy. Dave also announced that all the Kettle Shifts have been filled and he thanked the membership for their response.



New Constitution: President Bill reminded members that they were responsible to review the new constitution document that was sent out by email by Don Bacon on November 22nd, 2017.









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A Tribute to Penny Leckie: President Bill was pleased to acknowledge Penny Leckie. **This is an excerpt from the acknowledgement letter that Penny Leckie** received.

"Penny Leckie knows a good investment when she sees one, and she understands that helping a mother to succeed will boost the child's chances for success too.

That's why the former YWCA board member created the Accomplished Angels Student Award Fund in 2012, with the goal of raising money to assist young single mothers graduating from the Louise Dean School to continue their post-secondary education.

In the last five years, Penny has helped to raise more than \$900,000 and awarded 37 post-secondary scholarships through Accomplished Angels.

On behalf of our team at YWCA Calgary, I want to congratulate you on being selected for recognition through the YW's sesquicentennial project highlighting 150 women who have had a significant impact on Calgary over the last 150+ years!

Your name was thoughtfully chosen from a significant number of women nominated by a team of volunteers, our team and the public in recognition of your positive impact on your community. YW knows women have had extensive impacts on their communities during the 150 years since Confederation, and for centuries prior.

Your name and impact will be featured - alongside those of 149 other women - in an artistic installation that will be revealed on October 26, 2017 in the atrium of the Municipal Building, next door to City Hall. Earlier this year, YW Calgary received a grant from the Government of Canada in recognition of Canada's 150th birthday which has enabled us to undertake this project. As Calgary's largest and longest serving women's organization, we are committed to meeting the ever-changing needs of women in our community. As a 106-year-old organization, we also felt it important to celebrate some of the many women who have helped to shape our City.

This is a scholarship program which assists young single mothers to further their educational endeavours. Penny is one of 150 women being honoured in the city and a plaque will be placed in the Civic Administration Building commemorating their work in the city. "

Penny was honoured by the club with a standing ovation



Sergeant-At-Arms: Tom Walton requested that Lisa donate part of her winnings to the club and using his interest in "Da Dance" fined all who had not attended "Dangerous Liaisons".

Several others fell under the spell of the "tutu" and were fined accordingly and naturally Bruce MacDonald succumbed to the term "solo seal" and lost \$10.00



Internet Meetings: Steve Mason: Our resident video guru, has proposed to the Board that we record and place our meetings on the internet. There are many advantages to doing this for members unable to attend our meetings and assisting the membership in "keeping up". There will be more information forthcoming as the proposal is examined in more detail.





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Zanzibar Guests:_President Bill turned the podium over to Arsheen Dhalla, one of our guests from Zanaibar. She is a Calgarian who moved to Zanzibar 2 years ago and is attending our meeting with the Secretary of her club, Rtn Josh Jay and the founder of a school in Zanzibar, which is a beneficiary of their club, Mr. Shafii Haji.

The Zanzibar club only has 16 members but they work with the orphanage and youth in their city. Here in Calgary they are educating parents in cooking classes. **President Bill** presented Arsheen with a Banner from our Club.





Host Families: Chas Filipski indicated that host families are still required for our exchange student Maisa.

Please consider this opportunity to get to know more about her and her country.

Health and Wellness: Jim Burns is home!



<u>Christmas Luncheon</u>: Remember to register for the Christmas Luncheon online. The sooner the better so catering needs can be accurate. **There are further details in the bulletin as well as the link to Register.**

Interfaith Food Bank: Corinne Wilkinson is looking for two more people to help hand out hampers on December 18 from 9:45 am to 1:00 pm. She also needs over ten more people to help in the warehouse sorting incoming food on Friday, December 22 from 12:15 pm to 3:00 pm. Please contact Corinne at: corinne@whitehathospitality.com Thank you!

Jo-Ellen Shaw's Obituary is on Page 9 of the Bulletin. Our condolences once again to Dick Shaw

President Bill reminded everyone that next week we are off campus at cSpace on November 30th and there are specific details in the bulletin regarding this on the next page.

With that the meeting was concluded for this week







Next Week's Meeting on November 30th is at:

CSpace: King Edward School in Altadore

Address: 1721 29 Avenue SW

Menu: Soup and Sandwiches (Gluten Free option is available) Please request this by email to Gena Rotstein



Speaker: Reid Henry

We will be hearing from Reid Henry about the creation of this unique arts incubator and co-work space, the business model and the nationally recognized architecture

REID HENRY: PRESIDENT & CEO

As the founding CEO for cSPACE, Reid has over two decades of experience working on complex, multi-sector real estate initiatives that build vibrancy in cities. As a social entrepreneur, he focuses on redeveloping historic buildings and shaping urban districts as places for artistic and entrepreneurial communities to thrive.

In Toronto, Reid led the cultural planning practice of Office for Urbanism (now Dialog) in various cities across Canada. Previous to that role, he led the consulting arm of Artscape, a nonprofit development organization dedicated to social purpose real estate projects. Active across Canada and internationally, Reid has worked collaboratively with municipalities, development agencies and non-profits to develop creative hub projects and urban district strategies with arts as a central catalyst for revitalization.

About CSpace: <u>http://www.cspaceprojects.com/</u>

cSPACE King Edward is led by a small team of dedicated enablers, conveners, animators and collaborators.

Our staff manages a complex facility while underpinning the collaboration, collisions, risktaking, and community building that helps drive innovation.





Meeting Attendance Minute: <u>14 Day Rule While Outside the Country</u>

A minor deviation to the 14 Day Rule is that when a member is outside the member's country of residence for more than fourteen (14) days; the member may attend regular meetings in another country at any time during the travel period, and each attendance shall count as a valid make-up for any meeting missed during the member's time abroad. For example: doing five make-up meetings in any one week would cover attendance for a full five week absence.

Don Bacon: Membership Attendance Committee

Bulletin Committee Request: Requirements for Speaking at the Podium

<u>Anyone</u> that speaks at a weekly meeting needs to provide electronic copies of their speaking information before or immediately after the meeting to the Weekly Bulletin Editor or to: <u>kathyann@rotarycs.org</u>

President Bill will be expecting you to submit an electronic copy of your information so that we can have accurate Club News on your behalf. Thanks very much for your assistance.

Bev Ostermann: Chair: Bulletin Committee

Health, Wellness & Transportation:

Contact **Don O'Dwyer at: <u>dpodwyer@hotmail.com</u> or: 403 680 2072** if you know of anyone that is not well, that could use a visit or a ride to a Rotary Meeting.

Don O'Dwyer: Chair: Health Wellness and Transportation Committee

Office Matters:

Please be aware that **Kathyann Reginato** will be away from the office from **November 23rd to December 10th, 2017**. Please direct any questions you may have to **Don Bacon, Club Secretary at:** <u>donbacon@shaw.ca</u>

Kathyann will be checking emails and answering messages as needed.

Proposed New Member

Please be advised that **Christine Holstine** has been proposed for active membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary South as Sponsored by **Keith Davis** and Seconded by **Michael Zacharki** with a proposed Classification of **Chef/Event Planner**.

On November 20th, 2017 Christine's membership was approved by the Board of Directors on the basis of the recommendations of the Membership, Qualifications and Classifications Committee subject to completion of a formal application and communication of her name and proposed classification to the membership.

If any member objects to Christine Holstine joining our Club or to her proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary at <u>donbacon@shaw.ca</u> prior to December 3rd, 2017.





Click this link to Register you and your Guests:

http://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/Event/christmas-luncheon







SHAW, Jo Ellen



September 7, 1930 – November 11, 2017

Jo Ellen Shaw passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Saturday, November 11 at the age of 87. She will be long and lovingly remembered by her husband of 67 years, Richard (Dick) Shaw; her daughter, Rebecca (Becky) Shaw; her son-in-law, Andrew Wreggitt; her granddaughter, Cayley Jane Wreggitt; her sister, Virginia Milner Ross; Richard's brothers, Tommy and Billy Shaw; and their families.

Jo Ellen was born and raised in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by her parents, Noda Marie and Mancel Pope Milner. She met her husband, Richard, at Classen High School and married him soon after her twentieth birthday in 1950. In 1968, Jo Ellen, Richard and their daughter Becky moved to Calgary, Alberta, where she enthusiastically learned to live in the snow! In Calgary, she volunteered for a number of organizations, including the Glenbow art docents, the Allied Arts Centre, the 1988 Calgary Olympics, and Calgary South Rotary Partners (serving as President in 1993/94).

In 1982 she and her husband, Richard, formed Glenview Stables Ltd., a thoroughbred horse breeding and racing operation, and they won a number of awards, including Canadian Thoroughbred Breeder of the Year. Also, two of their horses were named Canadian Champions of the Year.

Jo Ellen and Richard enjoyed exploring the world together and with their friends and they had many grand adventures in far away places. Jo Ellen's greatest pleasure was her family and friends and she enjoyed hosting them in Calgary as well as in their second home in Scottsdale, AZ.

A Celebration of Jo Ellen's life will be held at Eden Brook on Wednesday, November 29, at 2:00 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Condolences may be forwarded to the family by visiting www.edenbrookcemetery.ca

Arrangements entrusted to: EDEN BROOK FUNERAL HOME AND RECEPTION CENTRE 24223 Twp Rd 242 Calgary AB T3Z 3K2



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This past two weeks I've been doing a lot.

I have swim practices every Tuesday and Thursday, play rehearsals at lest two days a week.

On the weekend of November 12 I went to "Feed the Hungry" with Ron. It was really fun and I really enjoyed it.





Last weekend was a long weekend for me, on Friday we didn't have class because it was a PD day, so with my host family we started making some Christmas "danties".

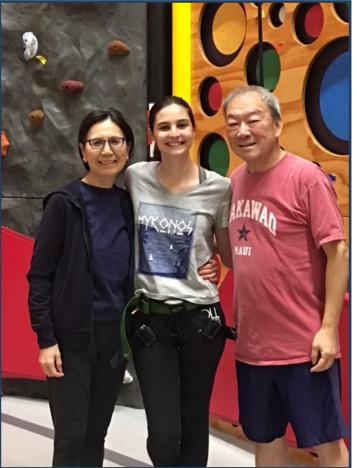
We even made a Brazilian one.

On Saturday Tony and his wife took me to the Winter Club where for the first time I climbed a wall. It was really fun, from all the walls I couldn't climb only two, the two hardest ones. But I did climb a hard one, and in one of the walls there is a timer so you can see in how much time you can climb the wall,

I got it in 35 seconds. The woman that works there said that for someone that never climbed before that was a really good time.

And some of my goals here that I didn't do yet are going skiing, going on a Flames Game and visit the Calgary Tower.

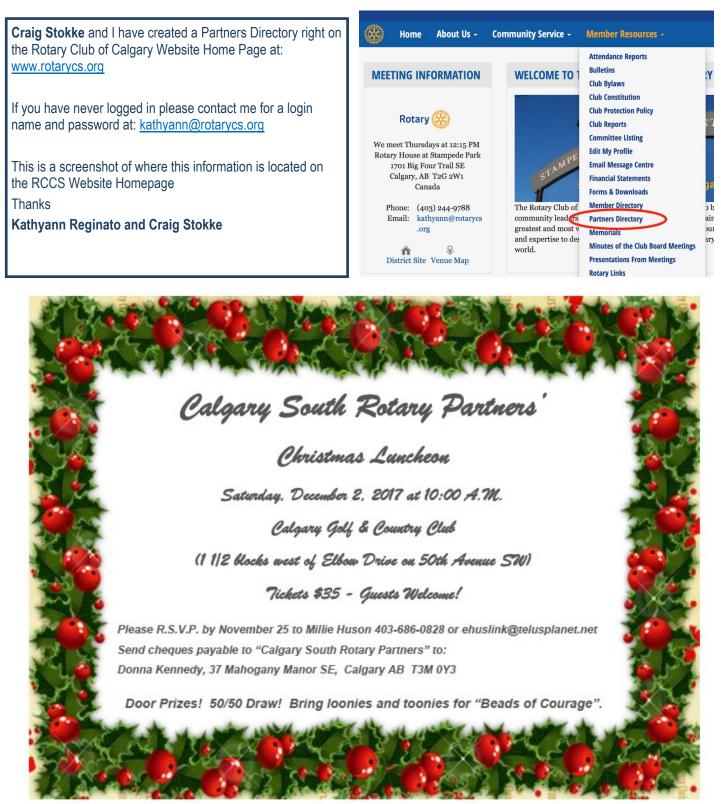
Maisa Piazza Costa





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Please RSVP to the Partners' Christmas Lunch on December 2nd, if you haven't already, so that our catering needs can be accurate for this Event, looking forward to seeing you there. *Karen Grant, Partners President*





NOVEMBER 2017	
Nov 30:	Reid Henry: C-Space Plant Tour (See Page 6 of Bulletin)
DECEMBER	
Dec 7:	
Dec 14:	
Dec 18:	
Dec 18:	Board Meeting
Dec 21:	
Dec 22:	Interfaith Food Bank: (12:15 to 3:00 pm): Need 10 people
Dec 28:	No Meeting re: Christmas
JANUARY 2018	
Jan 4:	
Jan 11:	Brian Farrell: REVV52
Jan 18:	
Jan 25:	Robbie Burns Day
FEBRUARY	•
Feb 1:	Jeannie Everett: New Alberta Curriculum
Feb 2:	Larry Kwong Chinese New Year Dinner
Feb 8:	Valentine's Day Luncheon
Feb 15:	Dick Shaw: Rotary Profile
Feb 22:	Brett Endres: Virtual Construction
MARCH 2018	
March 1:	TBA
March 8:	ТВА
March 15:	St. Patrick's Day
March 22:	Art Borzel: Rotary Profile
March 29:	ТВА
<u>APRIL 2018</u>	
April 5:	ТВА
April 12:	ТВА
April 19:	New Member Celebration Evening Meeting: Carriage House
April 26:	Terry McDonough (Deceased): Rotary Profile
<u>MAY 2018</u>	
May 3:	Dream Home Registration Kick off
May10:	ТВА
May 17:	ТВА
May 24:	Stay In School Luncheon: Carriage House Inn
May 25:	President's Party: Acadia Rec Centre
May 31:	ТВА
<u>JUNE 2018</u>	
June 7:	TBA
June 14:	TBA
June 16:	
June 21:	ТВА





Have you applied for your Volunteer Clearance yet? Here is the link from the District to do so: <u>http://www.rotary5360.ca/page/volunteer-screening</u>

This is also located on our website on the Home Page under: Member Resources: Club Protection Policy

Attending the District Conference or the Rotary International Convention? Here are the links to Register:

Discon 2018 Registration: http://discon5360.ca/registration/

RI Convention 2019 Registration: http://www.riconvention.org/en

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