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Today we enjoyed a visit to cSPACE King Edward, an intriguing repurposing of a vacant and derelict 1912 sandstone school into a unique workspace for creativity, innovation, and collaboration, centrally located in the Marda Loop area. Many graduates of the original school were in attendance at the meeting.



A delicious lunch was served by **Christine Holstine** (a potential New Member) and her crew. While 60 to65 attendees were expected the actual crowd overwhelmed the space and it was standing room only.

Gena Rotstein introduced our guest speaker, who was graciously taking time from a family emergency to speak to us. **Reid Henry** has over 20 years of experience working on complex, multisector initiatives that build vibrancy in cities across Canada. With a focus on social purpose real estate, he is passionate about redeveloping historic buildings and shaping urban districts as



places for artistic and entrepreneurial communities to thrive.

Appointed as the first President and CEO of cSPACE Projects, **Reid** is leading the development of a network of large scale, multi-disciplinary creative workspaces in Calgary, Alberta. The flagship project of cSPACE is the redevelopment of a 3 acre, inner city site including a 45,000 square foot sandstone school built in 1912.











In Toronto, **Reid** led the cultural planning practice of Office for Urbanism (now Dialog) in various cities across Canada. Prior to that role, he led the consulting arm of Artscape, a social enterprise focused on non-profit real estate projects and community development. He was also an independent consultant on numerous strategic business plans for regenerating commercial districts across Toronto's inner city.

cSPACE was formed in response to over a decade of community engagement that identified a deep need in Calgary from the cultural and creative sector. The environment in our city is challenging for this community. I could spend a few hours talking to you about:

The scarcity of affordable space to work and create;

The lack of opportunities for meaningful collaboration across disciplines and sectors, and

The absence of support for entrepreneurship in the arts.

These conditions are an issue in many of Canada's large cities and we are not unique. What I am more interested in sharing with you today is our vision for shifting that equation – for being a catalyst for change. At cSPACE, we are passionate about the power that these entrepreneurial communities of artists, designers, musicians, dancers and makers can have in our communities and our economy. Imagine what young creators could do with an inspiring work space, a collaborative community of peers and the confidence to take risks and bring their ideas to life? We want to lead the country in providing that environment for creativity in Calgary.

Here is how we want to do that. Our mission is to build a network of sustainable places that ripple with creativity, community, collaboration and change. You'll notice that they all start with 'c', so that will hopefully answer your most burning question of what the 'c' in our name stands for. We started with a fundamental question. What do creative entrepreneurs need to remain vital, sustainable and innovative while providing dividends for all Calgarians? We believe it comes down to three platforms: Shared space, Vibrant community and Knowledge exchange

Built in 1912, the King Edward School had a century long legacy of learning, community and creativity. It was a place of innovation in its heyday – piloting the first junior high model of education in Alberta and nurturing leaders like William Aberhart, Alberta's 7th Premier, as well as numerous world-class visual artists such as Ron Moppet and Alexandra Haeseker, writer Robert Bringhurst (and a number of our own Members).

To start the process, we sidled up with a smile to diverse people to see if they wanted to be our friend. We asked a broad range of creative people to collaborate with us in this new vision of an arts hub and incubator. Partners were engaged who share our core values while bringing their own visions and ideas. Throughout a 2 year process, we worked with the local community in Marda Loop and the arts community across the city to forge a shared vision to transform a vacant and derelict sandstone school into a 21st century hub for creativity.





All of this was put together by our ability to mobilize partners in all sectors to advance our vision - to seed and grow our momentum. We leveraged an early investment by the Calgary Foundation to attract all levels of government, corporate and individual philanthropy and private sector development partners. The total cost of the project is \$34.5 million. The 3-acre property was purchased for \$8.0 million. Nearly a third of the cost has been recouped by selling off surplus land to carefully selected developers, who are creating compatible projects on either side of cSPACE.

Our philosophy from the beginning was to be as green as possible to provide a healthy and inspiring hub for our community – it was also a business model priority. We invested heavily in renewable energy, systems efficiencies, rainwater reuse and maximum daylighting to ensure the operating costs were as low as possible. It was easier to raise capital dollars for this than to squeeze another \$1.25/sf out of an artist or non-profit if our cost recovery model becomes pressured. Our energy use is half that of a typical office building and we are on track to be a LEED Gold project, almost to the Platinum level.

cSPACE was designed with diversity as a key driver. We engaged with the creative community across Calgary with a focus on curating the building with a diversity of organizations and people who were natural collaborators. We now have a tenant community of actors, artists, photographers, writers, designer-makers, musicians, illustrators and organizations, who are occupying reconfigured classroom spaces. While there are various examples throughout Calgary of art centres, most of them are discipline specific, focusing on the verticals of theatre, dance, film and others. In addition to ACAD Continuing Education faculty, cSPACE also has an array of non-profits, many of them an epicentre of their own communities like Visual Arts Alberta, Alberta Magazine Publishers Association, Alberta Craft Council, Calgary Allied Arts Foundation, Rozsa Foundation and Alexandra Centre Writers' Society.

In an environment of deep vacancy across Calgary's centre city, we are 100% leased up with a growing waiting list – we believe our value proposition of affordability, accessibility, and connectivity has driven that success. There are four primary spaces in the facility:

Studio Theatre, a versatile and technically sophisticated multi-purpose event space which can be configured as a 125-seat black-box theatre,

RGO Treehouse Meeting Spaces in the top floor of the new wing

Historic Hallway Galleries for receptions, exhibitions, parties, markets and more,

Sandbox CoWork Space, offering dedicated workspaces and hot desking opportunities on an hourly, daily or extended period rental.



Space is rented on a sliding scale, ranging from low rates for small non-profit entities to higher rates for large corporate clients. Revenue from event facility rentals is used to subsidize the artistic spaces.

While we were still in the early days of demolition, we wanted to send a signal about what we were going to be for Calgarians. On one weekend, we had a dynamic speaker series, an exhibition of 15 art installations salvaged from materials of the building we were demolishing, and Calgary's fashion week. Even our mayor joined us for a little angel of anarchy moment. A Market Collective was held in December 2013, attended by over 150 artists and artisans, which generated over \$500,000. Some of our space was even used in 2013 to store, restore and rehabilitate art that had been damaged in that year's flood.

About CSpace: http://www.cspaceprojects.com/





Since our opening of Phase I in January 2017, we have become a unique arts-infused gathering place for the community, bringing new intersections for art and everyday life to Calgarians. Fueling our innovation is a simple recipe.

We start with our best instinct around the right *creative* ingredients

We cultivate *community* to bind those ingredients into potential combinations We add catalysts for *collaboration*

We remove ourselves from the kitchen and quietly support the chemistry for *change*

Simple, right?

As novice innovation cooks, we know that isn't the way it really works – those four ingredients for innovation transform in unexpected ways. We try, we fail, we learn, and we recombine in a chaotic kitchen mess. A process that ultimately we hope doesn't get us burnt, elevates the joy of our friends and moves us towards a better dish next time. Lubricating the process with good booze obviously doesn't hurt in any of this.

I leave you with a last thought from one of our partners that he shared with us at our groundbreaking in 2015. *"We have as our purpose to build a great city".* With our approach to innovation, I hope we play a small part in shaping and amplifying that aspiration for Calgary.

Mr. Henry unfortunately had to leave to attend to his family emergency, but he was thanked by **President Bill** for taking the time to speak to us, and by **Jim Fitzowich**, who commended him for leading the development of this supportive space for artistic entrepreneurs. We are especially impressed by the fact that the project started in 2015, in the depths of our current downturn.

After **Mr. Henry's** presentation we were given guided tours of the facility, where we met some of the artists in residence and viewed many of the art installations and exhibitions throughout. This is a place which is open to the public and well worth a visit (lots of Christmas gifts available).





THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South Club News



President Bill LeClair welcomed everyone to the cSpace and the King Edward School today. **President Bill** opened the meeting with a joke that demonstrated that Australians can be bigger bull slingers than Texans.

President Bill then asked Glenn Potter to lead us in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.

Guests: Jim Gorman introduced our Guests: Reid Henry (Speaker), Orma Potter (Guest: Glenn Potter), Carole Brawn (Guest: Bob Brawn), Richard Ouellette (Guest: Gena Rotstein), Lynn Topp (Guest: Don Mintz), Max Feldman and John Amonson (Guest: Dilan Perera)

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President Bill noted the keys to the Dream Home were presented to the winners this morning and it was a pleasure to see all of the Rotarians that were present in their official positions – either with our Dream Home Committee or with Stampede Lotteries.

<u>Christmas Luncheon</u>: Remember to register for the Christmas Luncheon online. The sooner the better so catering needs can be accurate. Click this link to Register you and your Guests:

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







Meeting Attendance Minute: Know the Status of Your Attendance Record

The following are things members should do to be aware of their attendance record and ensure it is up to date. To track your attendance record: log-in to **ClubRunner**, select **My ClubRunner** in the top ribbon and then select **My Attendance** in the blue ribbon second from the top and your attendance record will appear, not only for the current year but also for previous years.

Better yet load the ClubRunner app on your smart phone.

Members are encouraged to ensure their attendance record is up to date, and for advising Kathyann Reginato by email at <u>kathyann@rotarycs.org</u> (not by telephone) of their make-up meetings, and any errors or omissions in their record.

Do not depend on other clubs reporting your make-up meetings; you need to do it yourself.

Don't expect Kathyann to remember verbal instructions at a busy and noisy Club meeting; you need to submit an email report.

Unless otherwise advised Kathyann will use any unused make-up meeting in a member's make-up meeting bank to preserve their attendance record, for example: credit for working eight Dream Home shifts.

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 Gena Rotstein at: grotstein@karmaandcents.com or: 403 860 7572 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











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THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South **Bob Wiens in Colombia and Maisa's Memories**



The Rotary Club of Nuevo Ibaque and Bucaramanga Sotomayor made Bob Wiens an Honourary Member of their respective Clubs in recognition for the work done for water filters.

This photo shows the club president Elvira Gordillo de Barrero from the Rotary Club of Nuevo Ibaque presenting Bob with a certificate.

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Maisa's Memories

This past week has been a lot of fun. On Friday I went shopping and skating with Adela and Nele. It was a lof of fun and probably only my forth time skating.

On Saturday I helped my family put their Christmas decorations on. It is a lot different than in Brazil, here you have a lot more decorations than in Brazil. And almost every decoration on their Christmas tree has a meaning, it's either from one of the countries their lived, or one of the kids that made it or something like that. On Sunday I went to Westside Recreation Centre with my Host brother Rowan, we went skating, we went to the pool and the waterslide and played badminton. After that we went to my host mom's parent's house to watch the final of the Gray Cup. It was a lot of fun and the first time I ever watched a Football game.

Maisa Piazza Costa





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DECEMBER 2017

- Dec 7: Sundae Nordin: Calgary Community Kitchen
- Dec 14: Christmas Luncheon: Carriage House Inn (see Page 8 of Bulletin)
- Dec 18: Interfaith Food Bank: (9:45 am to 1:00 pm) Need 2 people
- Dec 18: Board Meeting
- Dec 21: Cleven Awards and Christmas Social
- Dec 22: Interfaith Food Bank: (12:15 to 3:00 pm): Need 10 people
- Dec 28: No Meeting re: Christmas
- **JANUARY 2018**
 - Jan 4: President Bill LeClair: Mid-Year State of the Union Address
 - Jan 11: Brian Farrell: REVV52
 - Jan 18: TBA
 - Jan 25: Robbie Burns Day
- FEBRUARY 2018
 - 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: Nancy Mannix: Palix Foundation
 - March 15: St. Patrick's Day
 - March 22: Art Borzel: Rotary Profile
 - March 29: TBA
- APRIL 2018
 - April 5: TBA
 - April 12: David Docherty: Mount Royal University
 - 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: St. Mary's r 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 31: TBA
- JUNE 2018
 - June 7: TBA
 - June 14: TBA
 - June 16: TBA
 - June 21: TBA





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

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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