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Christine Kyte introduced our Guest Speaker.

It is my pleasure to introduce today's guest speaker, Colin Glassco. Colin is a quiet champion of children at home and abroad as the founder of the Colin B. Glassco Foundation. Here is some background information on Colin.

In 1988 Colin had the opportunity to travel to Vietnam with Project Outreach; a group of doctors and nurses that travel to serve people overseas. This trip planted the seed of forming his own charity for children, and in 1996 the Colin B. Glassco Foundation was formed.

Colin learned that being blind in a developing country meant that you had a very slim chance of surviving and at that point decided to make eyesight his primary focus. After travelling to Zambia he found the greatest need in the remote Gwembe Valley and began supporting the initiative to perform cataract surgeries and to counter trachoma, a widespread but easily preventable condition that can lead to blindness if not caught early on.

Colin has been operating his charity for 22 years now. He has built eight schools, an orphanage that is home to seventy children, as well as immunization clinics and sponsored projects that empower women.

Colin is completely dedicated to his cause. As such, all administration costs are covered by him personally. I would like you all to take a moment and try something with me. Raise your water glass, close one eye and look through the glass with the other. Look at your friends across the table, across the room. Now imagine your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews growing up with this as their view of the world. What's their future look like? Do they have the ability to take care of themselves? Can they work to sustain themselves and their families? Will they lead a productive and happy life?

During today's presentation I encourage you to put yourselves into the position of these parents and family members. Consider what it would mean to have an organization like the Colin B. Glassco Foundation taking care of your loved ones and giving them a future that wouldn't have been possible without sight.





COLIN GLASSCO: ZAMBIA EYE CLINICS

Colin Glassco comes to us from Zambia where he is part of a valuable team of selfless Doctors and volunteers at the Zambia Eye Clinic who utilize donated funds from Rotary Club South to provide much needed medical relief to those who suffer from Trachoma eye disease.

Key facts about Trachoma

- Trachoma is a disease of the eye caused by infection with the bacterium Chlamydia trachomatis.
- It is a public health problem in 44 countries, and is responsible for the blindness or visual impairment of about 1.9 million people.
- Based on March 2019 data, 142 million people live in trachoma endemic areas and are at risk of trachoma blindness
- Blindness from trachoma is irreversible.
- Infection spreads through personal contact (via hands, clothes or bedding) and by flies that have been in contact with discharge from the eyes or nose of an infected person. With repeated episodes of infection over many years, the eyelashes may be drawn in so that they rub on the surface of the eye, with pain and discomfort and permanent damage to the cornea.
- In 2018, 146 112 people received surgical treatment for advanced stage of the disease, and 89.1 million people were treated with antibiotics. Global-level antibiotic coverage in 2018 was 50%.

Trachoma is the leading infectious cause of blindness worldwide. It is caused by an obligate intracellular bacterium called Chlamydia trachomatis. The infection is transmitted by direct or indirect transfer of eye and nose discharges of infected people, particularly young children who harbour the principal reservoir of infection. These discharges can be spread by particular species of flies.

Environmental risk factors influence the transmission of the disease, and the children of Zambia are often carried as babies by their mothers with their hands restricted and often have flies on their face that they cannot swat away – they become unphased by the flies and as a result, tolerate them – this can lead to the spread of the disease much easier. At the eye clinic treatment is relatively straightforward and proactive maintenance is the key after 5 days of antibiotics. They are instructed, above all else, to keep their faces clean and fly-free – and they are given clean water wells with which to do so (about 500 to-date).

Key Facts About Zambia

- Zambia is a democratic republic
- Population is 18 Million (4-5 million urban, the rest rural)
- Life expectancy is 53 years
- Fertility rate is 5.63 children per woman
- Copper is one of its biggest exports
- Victoria falls is double the height of Niagara falls, has its own weather system but during a drought goes down to next to nothing.
- Zambia and Zimbabwe built a dam for hydro from the river that stems from the falls but this requires the falls to be at 80% which means during a drought there are electric shortages as well









COLIN GLASSCO: ZAMBIA EYE CLINICS

Colin said that the work that they do is about the emotional moments; The greetings they get from the locals when they arrive in their vehicle with gifts and supplies. The joy, dancing and singing. The offering of gifts that they are given like fish and chickens from people who have little to give yet so much to offer. The moment you watch a little boy recover from surgery, looking around in wonder and discovering objects and items for the first time by sight. The joy of watching a little girl that got to lay eyes on her mother for the first time, putting a face to the voice through tears of joy. This is why Colin does what he does.

Summary of the Nine Clinics sponsored by the Rotary Club of Calgary South



Questions:

Q: What attracts the flies to the children's' eyes? A: The moisture there is a draw during droughts

Q: What is life like for the people of Zambia? A: It is said that they are born, they have a hard childhood and a harder working life, they eventually go blind and then they die. Bleak to say the least and our efforts there are helping break this cycle.

Q: What is the plan for 2020? A: We are planning on building another school and a mother shelter for the clinic to keep families close.

Q: How do you recruit Doctors? **A:** Typically we built our teams from word of mouth invites and teams made up of social or professional networks – not much recruiting was needed, and we now get our doctors from the USA specially trained in this area.

Sandy Dougall thanked Colin for coming today and updating us. Each year The Rotary Club of Calgary South generates substantial funds from our own donations and fund raising activities such as the Dream Home. A portion is allocated to World Community Services to enable us to provide grants to organizations around the world to support their various activities.

This year we did some 20 grants and while we complete extensive due diligence on each Grantee and we "Follow the Money" we seldom get an opportunity meet the recipients and hear firsthand what impact our donation has made.

So thank you for coming today and putting a face to the name Colin Glassco, and giving us a better understanding of your success with the Zambia Eye Clinics.

President Chas told the club that he was proud of our efforts in Zambia and reinforced the idea that we have a responsibility to help those in need during a time when the world seems to be going a little backwards.

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BULLETIN CLUB NEWS



Good afternoon Rotarians and friends. My name is **Chas Filipski** and as President of South Club on behalf of our membership we welcome you to the November 7th, 2019 meeting of Rotary Club of Calgary South

This Day In History:

1885: Canadian National Railway completed - last spike at Craigellachie

1943: Joni Mitchell born at Ft. MacLeod AB-

1944: FDR wins unprecedented 4th term (22nd amendment to US Constitution limited Presidents to 2 terms only.

1980: coolest movie star of my time Steve McQueen passed away at 50

Please join Lisa Fernandes in the singing of the National Anthem and Rotary Grace and please enjoy your lunch

Head Table: Colin Glassco (Speaker), Christine Kyte, John Fitzsimmons, Jim Fitzowich, Luanne Whitmarsh (It should be noted that during the introduction of the head table, there appeared to be some friction between President Chas and John Fitzsimmons, with the former calling the latter out on his level of commitment to the club, and, by association, its President. John (who apparently had his own beef surrounding the fact that nobody, let alone the President, had noticed his recent hair cut (which, to his credit, looked sharp) proceeded to escalate the situation by vacating his seat from the head table to take the President on face-to-face in what appeared to be an act of violent confrontation – but ended up being a showcase of John's true admiration for Chas and the way his face looked in pictures many, many* years ago



Bulletin Editor: Chad Hason Photographer: Steve Mason

Health and Wellness:

Earl Huson has had a setback with his sciatic nerve.

Harry Pelton surgery is completed. He requests that in lieu of an in-person visit that you send him a text or give him a call Jack Black is still recovering at CareWest,

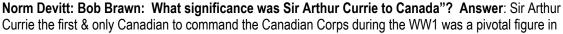
Marianne Jost is doing well

Guests: Colin Glassco (Speaker), Mel Smit (Guest: Christine Kyte), Sharyl Madigan (Guest: Wendy Giuffre) and Partners President Denise MacLeod

50/50 Draw: \$140 Drawn by: George Deegan Winner: Mark Ambrose

Sergeant-At-Arms: Keith Davis: Remembrance Day is just four days away. I thought it would be appropriate to discuss a few points of interest about Canada's involvement in World War One. But first, we have some old business to look after.

Jim Bladon: you were the big winner in the 50/50 raffle last week, So Jim I'm willing to help you out today. Deposit \$20 in the cup on your table and the Board of Directors will see it's put to good use.



our nation's war effort. Considered one of the finest Generals of war, Currie led the Canadian Corps to several important victories. Please deposit \$5.00 in the cup.

Nancy Spence: What was the bear "Winnie the Pooh" based on in Christopher Robin's children's' books? Answer: Christopher Robin named his fictional bear after a real bear during World War 1 named Winnipeg (Winnie for short). The bear's name came from Lieutenant Harry Coleburn's home town of Winnipeg. Coleburn bought Winnie for \$20 after a hunter shot the cub's mother. Winnie became the unofficial mascot of the young soldier's regiment. When Coleburn shipped out to England to fight in WW1 he hid Winnie on board and the bear became widely known throughout the UK during the war. Would everyone at Nancy's table please donate \$2.00 today?

Glen Godlonton: What is Flanders Fields, as referred to by the famous poem? Answer: Flanders Fields refers to a centuries-old county that spans the border of South Belgium & Northwest France. The fields in the area were the site of 4 of the worst battles of WW1 including the battles of Passchendaele & Ypres. In just a few months over 470,000 soldiers on both sides of the conflict died in the battles that took place on the fields of Flanders. In WWI Canada had 235,000 soldiers and nursing sisters killed, wounded or missing. Of those almost 60,000 were confirmed dead. In WW II we lost 42,000 military personnel, with 55,000 wounded.





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Cleven Award: Nominations are now open. It is a leadership award that has been annually given since 2006. Nominations will be accepted until November 21st. The award will be presented at the Christmas Social on December 12.



Feed the Hungry: Ted Stack is looking for volunteers. The Club will be sponsoring a Feed the Hungry event at St. Mary's Hall on Sunday November 24. I am reaching out to all of our club members to help with our volunteer commitment for "Feed the Hungary" which is being held at Saint Mary's Cathedral Hall on Sunday November 24th. The morning shift has been filled but we need around 50 more volunteers for the afternoon shift which goes from 2:30 to 6:00PM. I know that it's Grey Cup Day and that many of you have made other commitments. If you would, please consider asking family and close friends to step up for the afternoon shift. For those who may be interested, please feel free to email me at: ehtedstack@gmail.com to confirm. I can answer any questions regarding the shift commitments. Thanks very much.



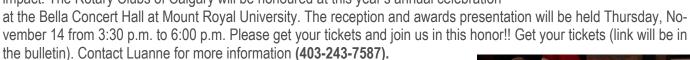
Dinner Club: Gena Rotstein: if you are wondering about dates and other info – contact Gena Rotstein directly.

Wine Club: Gena Rotstein: The Next Wine Club Event is November 23rd, 7PM. At Richmond Hill Wines. Tickets are \$40. Contact Gena Rotstein if you are interested. Gena must know by NOVEMBER 12TH NEXT WEEK what our numbers are for this. Please confirm by payment of \$40/pp ASAP so that Richmond Hill Wines can order the wine and snacks. You can give Gena Cash or you can e-transfer her to confirm your spot.

Alberta Fundraising Professionals Award Ceremony: Luanne Whitmarsh:

The Rotary Clubs of Calgary won the award for Outstanding Group Philanthropist through Alberta Fundraising Professionals in the Calgary Region for the great work we all did to support the installation of the Rotary Bethany Atrium. National Philanthropy Day brings community together to celebrate some of the most committed, generous individuals and groups in our city and region.

They are visionary, passionate and committed to fixing a challenge or a series of challenges to make the world better. These individuals and groups take small and large steps, every day, to make changes that improve the world for the people and agencies they support in numerous ways. The ripples that their efforts make have a massive impact. The Rotary Clubs of Calgary will be honoured at this year's annual celebration



Red Stripe Removal: Luanne Whitmarsh and Carol Rosdobutko: today I am delighted to take a stripe off of Carol Rosdobutko! She has been a positive member of our Club, engaged in many of our committees & initiatives and brings her best to all she does.



Salvation Army Kettles: Dave Read needs three more shifts covered for December 14th.

Please reach out to him directly if you are able to assist.





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Rotary Remembers Event: Jim Fitzowich: Rotary Remembers is next Monday at the Carriage House Inn.

If you were unable to register using the online link, we will have people there starting at 9am to take in-person registrations. A reminder that this means there is **NO MEETING** next Thursday at the club.



MISSING EYEGLASSES: These were left on the table upfront to the right of the podium.

President Chas will bring them next week and give them to the Sergeant-At-Arms!! *Ha! Should be good for five or 10 bucks!*





The Social Committee is looking for a Santa for the Christmas Luncheon on December 19th.

Please respond to **Darlene Whitmore** at: darlene.whitmore@mkmk.ca or 587 893-5564 if you can assist

Canada National Anthem: President Chas was asked to remind members of the new words to the National Anthem listed here: O Canada! Our home and native land True patriot love In all of us command ...

President Chas concluded today by sharing two Quotes:

- A hero is someone who understands the responsibility that comes with his freedom. Bob Dylan
- A woman is like a tea bag you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water. Eleanor Roosevelt

As we go into Remembrance Day weekend. Let's all remember the people who paid the price for the freedoms we enjoy every day.





BULLETIN CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS





HEALTH, WELLNESS AND TRANSPORATION COMMITTEE

Ron Prokosch will be your *Health, Wellness and Transportation* contact for the months of November and December to report any illness, or transportation needs. Tel. 403 269 7767 Cell 403 651 1722



VULNERABLE PERSONS POLICE CHECKS

If you are planning on taking a Youth or Vulnerable Person somewhere on a Rotary related outing you MUST have a valid Police Information Check form filed with the Vulnerable Persons Committee

If you have any questions please contact Larry Stein, Carol Graham or Dorothea Schaab.

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NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY

National Philanthropy Day® Generosity of Spirit™ Awards Celebration Thursday, November 14, 2019



JOIN US AT

The Bella Concert Hall, Mount Royal University RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY

Register Now

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AFP Calgary & Area Chapter is proud to present the 23rd Annual National Philanthropy Day® Generosity of Spirit™ Awards being celebrated in Calgary, November 14th.

National Philanthropy Day® brings community together to celebrate some of the most committed, generous individuals in our city and region. They are visionary, passionate and committed to fixing a challenge or a series of challenges to make the world better. This year, we honour philanthropists in five categories for their gifts of time, talent, treasure and energy to make our communities, and our world, better. These individuals and groups take small and large steps, every day, to make changes that improve the world for the people and agencies they support in numerous ways. The ripples that their efforts make have a massive impact.

Doc Seaman Individual Philanthropist Award: Glen Rempel

Outstanding Philanthropic Family: Crist Family

Outstanding Group Philanthropist: Rotary Clubs of Calgary

Outstanding Corporate Philanthropist: Suncor

Outstanding Lifetime Philanthropist: Randy and Claudia Findlay
In addition, we are proud to honour professionals who work in the fields of
fundraising and community investment, helping support the work of non-profit
organizations.

Outstanding New Fundraising Professional: Cicely Patrick Outstanding Fundraising Professional: Lorie Abernethy Hazel Gillespie Community Investment Leadership Award: Kristen Brown

These recipients will be honoured at this year's annual celebration at the Bella Concert Hall at Mount Royal University. The reception and awards presentation will be held Thursday, November 14 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!





CALGARY FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING





DECEMBER VOLUNTEERING

Join us for any / or all shifts to lend a hand at the Calgary Food Bank. This is an annual giving back activity where our club distributes food to clients or sorts food in the warehouse.

SHIFT DATES, TIME AND WORK REQUIRED:

⇒ Monday, Dec 2, 9:45 am - 1:00 pm

Distribute food to clients. We require 16 volunteers.

⇒ Tuesday, Dec 17, 12:45 pm – 3:00 pm

Sort food in the warehouse. We require 25 volunteers.

⇒ Monday, Dec 24, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Distribute food to clients. We require 12 to 16 volunteers.

This Shift is the last shift on Christmas Eve. The Food Bank is unsure of how busy it will be. The Food Bank is not promoting being open on Christmas Eve but will be there to ensure clients have food for Christmas. In 2018, this shift was very slow, however, it is impossible to suggest what 2019 will bring.

Sign up is available until all spots are filled.

You are welcome to bring family and guests but children must be 16 and older.

Please email Corinne Wilkinson at: <u>corinne@whitehathospitality.com</u> to sign up and indicate your preferred date(s).

Please advise if you are bringing any additional volunteers with you.

Thanks everyone!



BULLETIN PARTNERS IN PRINT





Rotary Partners Book Club November 18th 2019 The Calgary Golf and Country Club

Please be ready to start at 9:30 am. Cost is \$16.00. Please try to have the correct change. Please let us know if you are COMING or NOT. You must confirm your attendance to Jane Topp at: janetopp@shaw.ca no later than noon on Thursday, November14th

Please bring the books you have enjoyed to share and return those you borrowed. If you have any magazines to share, kindly bring them too. We will be signing up for our Book Club Christmas Party. Maureen and I look forward to seeing you at CGCC!

Submitted by: Jane Topp



RCCS CLUB CALENDAR



| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION |
|--------|--|-----------------------------|
| Nov 11 | Rotary Remembers | Carriage House Inn |
| Nov 14 | National Philanthropy Awards | Bella Centre |
| Nov 14 | NO MEETING | NO MEETING |
| Nov 19 | Bethany Riverview Event | Bethany Riverview |
| Nov 21 | Sylvia Whitworth: Skilled Trades Training | BLUE ROOM |
| Nov 23 | Wine Club | Richmond Hill Wines |
| Nov 24 | Feed The Hungry (Need 50 Volunteers) | St. Mary's |
| Nov 28 | David Yager: Alberta Oil / From Miracle to Menace | Rotary House |
| Nov 30 | Partners Christmas Party | Calgary Golf & Country Club |
| Dec 2 | Calgary FoodBank Volunteering | Calgary Foodbank |
| Dec 5 | Bob Wiens: Colombia Projects Update | Rotary House |
| Dec 12 | Annual Christmas Social and Cleven Awards | Rotary House |
| Dec 17 | Calgary Foodbank Volunteering | Calgary Foodbank |
| Dec 19 | Annual Christmas Luncheon | Carriage House Inn |
| Dec 24 | Calgary Foodbank Volunteering | Calgary Foodbank |
| Dec 26 | NO MEETING: CHRISTMAS | NO MEETING |
| Jan 2 | NO MEETING | NO MEETING |
| Jan 9 | President Chas: State of the Union Address | Rotary House |
| Jan 14 | Wine Club | Christine Kyte's House |
| Jan 16 | Alex Heron: PimCo Economic Forecast | Rotary House |
| Jan 17 | Tentative Date:L. Kwong Chinese New Year Celebration | Regency Palace |
| Jan 23 | Burns Day Celebration | Rotary House |
| Jan 30 | Senator Black: Bill C69 | Rotary House |
| Feb 6 | Brian Farrell: Mind and Music | Rotary House |
| Feb 13 | Valentine's Day Luncheon with Partners | |
| Feb 20 | Jen Davies: Stigma Roots: Cannabis: from Roots to (Stock) Tips | Rotary House |
| Feb 27 | Stay In School Presentation | Rotary House |
| Mar 5 | Membership Development Day | Rotary House |
| Mar 12 | St. Patrick's Day Celebration | Rotary House |
| Mar 19 | Glen Street: CEO Street Characters | Rotary House |
| Mar 26 | ТВА | Rotary House |
| Apr 2 | Gus Yaki: Alberta Southern Prairie Orthinology | Rotary House |
| Apr 9 | Tom Leppard: Field of Crosses | Rotary House |
| Apr 16 | ТВА | Rotary House |
| Apr 23 | New Members Celebration | ТВА |





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16 Weekly Club Meeting
Feb Thur Feb 16, 2017 41 700 PM

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Road Side Clean Up

Mar Week May 01, 2017 at 200 PM - 400 PM

2017

Speaker, Gabby Brookshaw

Mar Mar 17, 2017

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10 Ice Skating for a Cause

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