

SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2019: VOLUME 65, ISSUE 9 YOUTHLINK ONSITE TOUR



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Our program began with greetings being provided by two City of Calgary Police constables and handshakes from selected members of the Grade 6 class from Holy Trinity Elementary School dressed out in their special T Shirts.

Once inside, after check-in by our House Committee Members, we were provided our lunches by our own caterer, **Christine Kyte**. Various sandwiches and the "Brown Evidence Bag" along with our choice of cookie, was a delightful change from our usual "Stampede Fare"!

An immediate glance around provided us with an amazing site of exhibits which celebrate and highlight the many stories and activities relating to our City of Calgary Police Department.

Our members were able to enjoy our lunches in two smaller classroom areas of the exhibit building following which we moved to a larger area where the centre of focus was the opening of "The Courtroom" which Calgary South had provided funding for.

President Chas opened this portion of the meeting with the singing of "O Canada".

He then introduced **Corinne Wilkinson**, who served on our Large Grants committee, and was instrumental in spearheading a grant of \$49,500 to the YouthLink Program for use in the construction of the miniature "Courtroom" within the exhibit space. Corinne thanked our members for coming and expressed how much the centre appreciated our involvement and how much she wanted our members to understand how the monies from one of our large grants was spent.

Corinne then introduced Tara Robinson, the Executive Director of the YouthLink program.

Tara expressed how they were "beyond thrilled" with the support of Calgary South. She then introduced the Grade 6 class from Holy Trinity Elementary School indicating that in May, they would be spending a whole week in the "Crime Prevention Program" at YouthLink.

Tara called on their teacher, Miss Godwin, who explained that the class had worked with the schools' Music teacher and they had prepared a song for us. Much to our delight – **they sang our own Welcome Song back to us** and with a few hearty chuckles we quickly joined in.

Tara introduced the Acting Deputy Chief, Inspector Barber, Constable Coldman, The designers of the exhibits and Members of the City Police Foundation.

Tara moved on to explain that the program of YouthLink was to target Grade 6 children in our city and to have a class of grade sixers attend the program every day of the year. Three of the areas they will be instructed in are: Gang Violence, Drug Use and Online Internet Safety. Instruction is carried out by qualified members of their staff. The program is unique to Calgary and is an effort to prevent the development of “criminal behaviour” patterns in our youth.

She returned to the Drug Exhibit explaining that students will be shown the ten most common drugs used in our society, especially cannabis. She pointed out that drug pushers are not the biggest problem in this area but for students it’s really going to a friends’ house and being exposed to drugs through “pressure from their peers”.



Students are given advice and coping mechanisms on how NOT to get “hooked”. They are informed about the negative side - how once hooked, you have to fund the “habit”, the result of which may lead to a life of crime. Another focus is area of Cyber Safety. Students are informed of the dangers of “Posting” and how it can never be removed! Finally and especially important is the information related to Gangs and the danger they pose to our social fabric.

Tara advised on why were here which is to open “The Courtroom”. She indicated a plaque mounted outside the Courtroom, celebrating the contribution of the Rotary Club of Calgary South.

She pointed out that inside the Courtroom we would find inscribed on the walls the words of the “Four Way Test” which she felt was a perfect meld with the aims of YouthLink. She took pride in announcing that within five minutes of the centre being available on the internet to Calgary’s students - over 6500 students were registered to attend and spend a day at the centre. Every day of this school year has been filled. (Great job Tara). She also informed us that already over 100,000 people have been through the centre.



Tara turned the meeting back to **President Chas** who shared with us his experience in viewing a program on 9-11 yesterday. He felt that there were two sets of faces shown in the calamity. The expressions on the faces of those who were fleeing from the disaster contrasted with those of the members of the firefighters and police who were heading towards and into danger. He paid tribute to the members of our police force who are charged with assisting in meeting the challenges of this type of work.

The Rotary Club of Calgary South is proud to partner in this venture with YouthLink and the Calgary Police Service. Youth is a big component of our Club with Stay in School, RYLA/RYPEN and the Student Exchange program integral to our members.

We thank all involved for allowing us to participate in this wonderful opportunity for Calgary’s youth!

President Chas focused on the members of the Grade 6 class and related a quote from J.F. Kennedy:

“Children are the living messages that we send to a time we shall not see”.

The focus of the meeting then shifted back to Tara who indicated that one of the prime purposes of the Youthlink program was to change the attitudes of our children one of reluctance to come to the facility to the fact the a member of the Calgary Police Force was someone that they could go to in times of crisis and trouble.

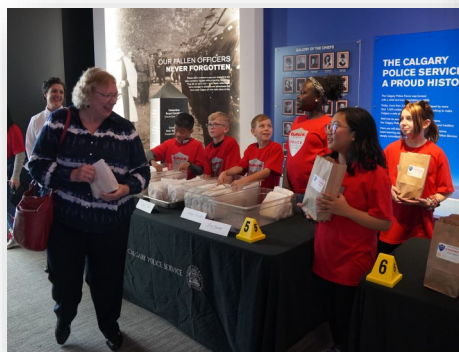
At this point she called forward our acting Deputy Police Chief Cliff O'Brien, the two constables and members of the Grade Six class. The students were asked to remove the police tape which prevented access to The Courtroom and President Chas removed the ceremonial handcuffs and our way was opened into the room.

After touring the Courtroom we were invited to tour the exhibits and then be on our way. The following are a few of the exhibits or "areas of focus". They allow you to realize in more detail way the activities of the police force and skills required within each area:

Students may introduced to "what happens if you are arrested - you'll get a MUG SHOT taken. You can then be put into a "holding cell" and finally you may have a "Courtroom Experience".

Other areas include information on "Detective Work" illustrating how careful work involving hidden cameras, forensic examination of clothing and footprints brought two murderers to justice resulting in a conviction. There is the forensics lab which challenges you to solve basic forensics problems.

In the cyber area you can try out your favourite password and be informed how quickly it can be "HACKED!" Overhead hanging from the ceiling is the original Hawks 1 helicopter. This exhibit informs us how this units works within our police force. There are many more areas dedicated to the total scope of police work in our city.



YOUTHLINK FAQ'S: CORINNE WILKINSON

Thank you for coming to see one of six programs that the Calgary Police Foundation provides funding for. I hope you enjoyed learning more about this incredible police interpretive centre that teaches kids to be safe from crime. The other five programs funded by the Calgary Police Foundation are involved in schools, with individual kids and their families so most Calgarians will never learn about them or see them in action. All programs deal only with young children up to the age of 18. I had many wonderful questions today so I thought I would address a few in a bulletin article, here is what you were asking.

Where were the kids from and how old are they? What is the special program they are in?

The children you met are in grade six and attend Holy Trinity School. This is an ISSP school which stands for Integrated School Support Program. There are only two schools in Calgary receiving this support from the Calgary Police Service, funded by the Calgary Police Foundation. The second school is across the street from Holy Trinity – it is Patrick Airlie. The reason ISSP is in these two schools is because they were the two worst performing elementary schools in the entire city when ISSP was a pilot project about five years ago.

The two schools are located in Forest Lawn. There are Police Officers at the schools and form part of the student's everyday learning. Officers do classes with the kids, participate in sports, and join in on art. The children you met usually arrive without having eaten breakfast, and bringing no lunch, so the Foundation pays for two meals a day for every student. The Alberta curriculum elected to cancel Phys Ed across the province. If there are any kids who need to burn off some extra energy, it is these kids, so the Foundation now funds two Physical Education teachers. These are just some of the things the Foundation pays for at ISSP – ISSP being the most expensive of the six programs.

I hope you all had a wonderful introduction to wonderful children who in most cases have simply been dealt a bad hand at the start of their young life. I am sure in the short time you had to meet these beautiful children, you would not have thought they are considered the poorest performing students in Calgary, and living in some of society's harshest conditions. Their eagerness to meet you and welcome you was endearing – it is sad to think about their realities. ISSP is working to teach the kids you met that Police are safe adults, that by making wise decisions in life they can avoid a life of crime even though sadly it is all around them, and they learn how not to become a young victim. The good news is that now, two schools that no teacher wanted to ever teach in, are sought after because of the resources, and the tremendous difference teachers are seeing in these young children with the integration of Police Officers.

What is the difference between the Calgary Police Foundation and YouthLink?

The Foundation is in essence an umbrella organization charged with raising \$1.8M per year to fund six youth-based programs. YouthLink is one of the six to receive some funding. All programs work exclusively with the Calgary Police Service and all deal only with children up to the age of 18. Programs are based on education, prevention and early intervention.

The only program of the six that you can physically visit is YouthLink. The other five programs work in the schools, and with individual kids and families dealing with issues that see young lives headed down the wrong path. The reason the Calgary Police Foundation exists is that the \$1.8M required to run these six programs annually is not funded by government, nor by the CPS. Yet the Calgary Police Service whole-heartedly believes in teaching kids when they are young in order to reduce crime when they get older. As such CPS has developed the programs and Officers work with the kids, while the Foundation goes out to raise the funds through corporate and individual donors, and through events and campaigns.

What you visited is unique in North America. The Calgary Police Service is on the leading edge of education, prevention and early intervention. All the research points to this having to happen before kids enter junior high school as that is where peer pressure and temptation can take over. Many Canadian and US jurisdictions and Police organizations are requesting meetings and insight with CPS to learn how they might set up a "YouthLink" and a Police Foundation in their city.

YouthLink and the Foundation are two separate organizations, each with their own Board of Directors. YouthLink too must do its own revenue generation and fundraising in order to keep the programs completely free to the students and the public.

Can I come back to YouthLink and can I bring my family?

Yes, YouthLink is open and free to the public every Friday and Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM. During the summer, when school is out, YouthLink is open Tuesdays to Saturdays free to the public. Once school commences September - June, YouthLink is closed Monday to Thursday as that is when the grade six students are attending and learning how to stay safe.

Are there other programs offered by YouthLink?

Yes, there is an adult session about cannabis. It teaches adults what to look for and how to have the tough conversations with kids. With edibles becoming legal in October, there is a huge demand by adults to learn more about how cannabis is affecting their kids.

In order to generate revenues, YouthLink also puts on fun adult nights and info can be found on the website at www.YouthLinkCalgary.com. You can also book kids birthday parties at YouthLink and kids enjoy a police and investigative afternoon together. During the summer, YouthLink offers kids Summer Camps, again all things "police". The Centre can also be rented for private functions.

What is the success rate of keeping kids out of crime?

While it is very hard to quantify in hard numbers, there are so many happy-ending stories of kids turned around. That is one of the great things I help with is to interview families, kids, teachers and Officers, and write impact stories to help donors and potential donors understand the positive effect of the programs. YouthLink has recently been accepted by a University of Calgary project that will be working to better quantify results. But rest assured, YouthLink is making a difference as is ISSP, and the other four programs.

Some children, at the end of their field trip, self identify to YouthLink Officers something that is happening in their young life that they just learned at YouthLink was not healthy. This allows the Officers to have a conversation with the family as often kids will tell anyone else before they tell their parents about something they sense is "not right".

What exactly will the Rotary Club of Calgary South Courtroom teach the kids?

YouthLink has been exceptional at teaching kids what to stay away from. But the loop was never closed on the consequences of getting into a life of crime. The YouthLink education team is currently finishing new curriculum that will teach the kids the legal side, and what happens to criminals. It will also be used for adult nights where documentaries will be shown, such as the award winning "Black Friday" for those who remember December 20, 1974 in Calgary – the horrendous battle between CPS and a young glue-sniffer who eventually leveled a home, caused a wake of destruction in Ramsay, and killed Detective Boyd Davidson.

Thank you again to those who could make it to YouthLink. For those who could not, please do visit on a Friday or Saturday at no cost.

Plan to spend a couple of hours as the Centre is not only a teaching facility for kids, but it also houses the largest number of police artifacts in Alberta. ***Plus – there's a picture of Craig Stokke's dad there taking part in a police training exercise!***

If you have any questions, I would be more than happy to answer them, and if I don't know the answer, I will do my best to find it out for you.

FAQ's by Corinne Wilkinson



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**THE SEPTEMBER 26TH MEETING IS AT THE BLUE ROOM
THIS WILL BE THE CRCF CAMPAIGN KICKOFF**

**THE OCTOBER 3RD MEETING IS AT SUPREME WINDOWS
DETAILS TO FOLLOW**



On *Sunday September 8th* our sponsored Outbound Student **Kaylee Quinney** left for her exchange year in Vigo Spain. Kaylee

will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Vigo, District 2201.

At the airport were Kaylee's immediate and extended family as well as friends.

Walter Flores: YEX Chair and our Inbound YEX Student from Barcelona, **Carlota Figueras** were also at the airport to see Kaylee off and wish her a fantastic exchange year.



ROTARY CURLING

Curling is on every Tuesday at 4:45 from October 15th to December 10th, 2019.

We take a break for Christmas. We begin again every Tuesday from January 7th to March 24th, 2020

We meet at: Garrison Curling Clubs. Please contact Larry Kennedy or Al Johnson



Dinner Club registration has begun

We are hoping for 40 couples and want to encourage the club members to register early so our hosts can plan accordingly.

There will be forms attached to the email with this bulletin.

November Wine Club - A Special Event!

Contact: Gena Rotstein: gena@genarotstein.com

In addition to the regular Wine Club gatherings in Rotarians homes, the November Wine Club Event will be held at a Wine Shop. Below are the details.

Where: Richmond Hill Wines

No. 108, 3715 51 Street SW

Calgary AB T3E 6V2

When: Saturday November 23rd 2019 at 7:00 pm

Join us for an evening of tasty delights as we are walked through 12 wines by the fine folks at Richmond Hill Wines.

This is the event to attend if you are looking for a unique wine gift for the holidays or simply want to learn about some of the top producers from around the world.

Cost: \$40/per person

This event is open to anyone in our club and their partners. We ask that you RSVP in advance so we can make sure we can inform Richmond Hill Wines



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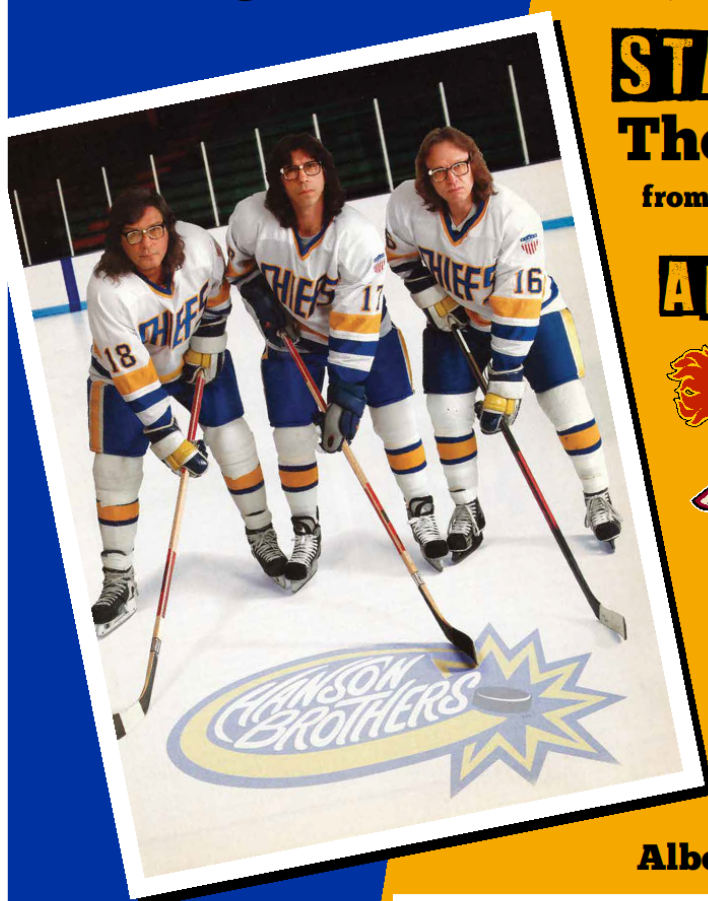
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Entertainment will be by "Premium Akkord" band and the
"Schuhplattlverein Enzain" dance group.

Reserved tables are available, seating 10 or 12,
or buy tickets individually.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW





There were 46 of us who attended the Breakfast on a chilly, rainy day but there was nothing but fun and sunshine inside!



The Calgary Winter Club served a marvelous meal and the staff was very accommodating. The festive, fall door prizes were a big hit.

Greg Hovdebo and Gail Urquhart from the Bethany Care Foundation did a fantastic presentation on the progress of Bethany Riverview Atrium, its campus and residents. They both have a lot of love for everything Rotary.

Our next event is the Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, November 30th.



Submitted by Denise MacLeod: Partners President



Nine of us set out to Buller Falls in unsettled cold weather. Before we got to the trail head we saw a small herd of Elk by the road and after the hike there were Rocky Mountain Sheep on the road in front of the cars.

On the path we encountered this female Franklin's Grouse (see pic below) and her mate, who allowed us to approach very closely and hence their local name "Fool Hen".

This is a burned out area and there were all kinds of strange growths and mushrooms. This yellow growth is unidentified (see below). There were Hawks Wing mushrooms as large as our hiking boots.

We almost gave up on getting to the falls but two hardy hikers went ahead and found the falls and spurred us on to the top where we could have lunch (see below) overlooking the falls.

Phil climbed to the top of the falls and with some acrobatics scaled the wall back down again. We opted for warm drinks in Canmore at the end of a long day of hiking.

Submitted by: Pat Farn



FRANKLIN GROUSE



UNIDENTIFIED GROWTH



LUNCH



HIKERS: On **Wednesday September 18th** the leader will be **PHIL JACKSON** and he will be choosing the hike SOON with an email to inform you where it will be.

Your suggestions are welcome too. He can be contacted by phone at: (403) 816 7023 or by email: philjackson@platinum.ca

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sept 16	RCCS Board Meeting	
Sept 19	Janice McTighe: Renfrew	Rotary House
Sept 24	Friends of Rotary South Rock'em Sock'em Ribfest	Big 4
Sept 26	CRCF Campaign Kickoff	BLUE ROOM
Oct 2	Wine Club	Gena Rotstein's House
Oct 3	Supreme Windows Site Tour	Supreme Windows
Oct 10	DG Christine Rendell's Club Visit	Rotary House
Oct 17	Cambodian Dancers	Cardel Theatre: Quarry Park
Oct 18	Oktoberfest	Austrian Canadian Club
Oct 24	Kent Fraser: ShelterBox Presentation	Rotary House
Oct 31	RI Foundation Campaign Kickoff	Rotary House
Nov 7	Colin Glassco: Zambia Eye Clinics	Rotary House
Nov 11	Rotary Remembers	Carriage House Inn
Nov 14	NO MEETING	NO MEETING
Nov 18	Wine Club	Location to be determined
Nov 21	Sylvia Whitworth: Skilled Trades Training	BLUE ROOM
Nov 24	Feed The Hungry (Need 100 Volunteers)	
Nov 28	David Yager: Alberta Oil / From Miracle to Menace	Rotary
Nov 30	Partners Christmas Party	Calgary Golf & Country Club
Dec 5	Bob Wiens: Colombia Projects Update	Rotary
Dec 12	Annual Christmas Luncheon	TBA
Dec 19	Annual Christmas Social and Clevelen Awards	Rotary
Dec 26	NO MEETING: CHRISTMAS	NO MEETING
Jan 2	NO MEETING	NO MEETING
Jan 9	President Chas: State of the Union Address	Rotary
Jan 14	Wine Club	Christine Kyte's House
Jan 16	Alex Heron: PimCo Economic Forecast	Rotary
Jan 23	Burns Day Celebration	Rotary
Jan 30	Stuart Cullum: Olds College	Rotary
Feb 6	Brian Farrell: Mind and Music	Rotary
Feb 13	Valentine's Day Luncheon with Partners	TBA
Feb 20	Jen Davies: Stigma Roots: Cannabis: from Roots to (Stock) Tips	Rotary
Feb 27	Stay In School Presentation	Rotary
Mar 5	Membership Development Day	Rotary

This is a Special invite to everyone and anyone to Fly away to the Philippines! Wilner and Leonora Pagaling, members of Calgary Millennium are hosting a tour of the NW Philippines and their education programs they are founders of and have run for 15 years.

Please join us for this spectacular opportunity.

Thank you, Charlene Bearden District 5360 Administrator Tel 403-670-2624

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