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Do you want to watch this week's meeting? CLICK HERE: <u>https://bit.ly/2IKLIVc</u> **President Ron Prokosch** introduced our Guest Speaker, **PP Greg Martin**. It is a pleasure for me to introduce our guest speaker today. **Greg** is a chemical engineer and Chairman of the Board for Engenium which manufactures specialty chemicals used in the oil and gas industry. **Greg** served as President of our Club in 1999-2000. He also chaired the CRCF committee of our club and sat on the Foundation Board for six years. He was particularly active on the investment committee of the Foundation.

Greg will tell us about Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation, its purpose and what it means for the Rotary Club of Calgary South.

What am I talking about today? This is not a fund raising presentation. I have been asked to provide you with a better understanding of the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. CRCF is a foundation composed of all 12 Rotary Clubs in Calgary. It was incorporated as a Society in 1972. The first Directors included **Gardie Shaw, Lloyd Liggett** and **Don McKinnon** from Calgary South. It can be compared to similar foundations, such as the Rotary Foundation and the Calgary Foundation, although it is much smaller than either of these, which are, in turn smaller than many major foundations such as the Gates Foundation (\$40 billion in assets).

The CRCF Board consists of 21 Directors who meet 4 times per year and have an Annual General Meeting in June each year. The current directors from Calgary South are **Penny Leckie**, **Jim Fitzowich** and **Neil Fraser**. The Portfolio is managed by two investment companies; Mawer Investment Management Ltd. and Franklin Bissett Financial. They have different investment philosophies which diversifies our portfolio.

The **CRCF INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT** clarifies the key factors and considerations for the CRCF's Investment Portfolio and provides a set of written guidelines for the management of the portfolio. This policy is reviewed annually by the Investment Committee and approved by the Board. The asset mix, compliance and the performance of the portfolio are reviewed quarterly by the Investment Committee and rebalanced if necessary.



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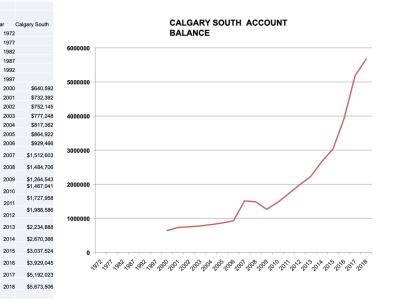




The Objective of the CRCF is to build and maintain a capital fund that will provide predictable and perpetual annual support for the Community Service activities of participating Rotary Clubs. As of February 2018, the Fund's assets were \$52,472,803. The Fund distributed \$2,076,559 to member Clubs in 2018. Currently the CRCF distributes 5% of the average of the last 5 years of annual Fund amounts. Earnings above that rate stay in the Fund. The promise of perpetuity and the conservation of capital and the fluctuations in the stock market can be managed if our deposits are averaged before the distribution is calculated. Predictability of yearly distributions can then be made to assist Clubs in their budgeting process.

Currently, our balance in the CRCF as of February 28th, 2018 is \$5,673,506, up from \$640,000 in 2000. Total contributions from Club Members to date are \$3,573,353, and retained earnings to date have amounted to \$2,100,000 (the wonders of a tax free environment and low administration fees of only 0.49% of the capital balance). It should be noted that historical data from years prior to 2000 is not available.

Total distributions we have received as of last February 28th are \$1,623,578. Distributions are done in June or July each year so incoming presidents can include the funds in their budgets. Our portion of the distributions in June amounted to \$154,621, up from \$136,270 last year and about \$33,000 in 2000. We know next year's distribution will



be approximately \$187,000 and the following year will be over \$210,000..... AND GROWING. If this year's Small Grants Committee has a budget of \$120,000 and our Partner's are given \$75,000 to work with their charities, we are now getting to the point where the Foundation will cover both of these commitments.

Our Club decided many years ago to use the CRCF distributions to support local charities. This is the perfect way to support our community. Calgary is where we live, work or worked, and made our living. With any luck our children and grandchildren will live here. Giving back through local Rotary Clubs makes sense. Every year our community changes and charities that handle needs that are missed by local governments also change. Rotarians living in this community are best able to redirect our donations to the most effective charities.

By using the DONOR DIRECTED OPTION you can say where you want your contribution to go long after you've departed. For example, Mario and Rosetta Stella's endowment (\$2.3 million) will be "used to provide transportation services for special-needs persons in such a manner as the Club's Board of Directors shall determine." This direction will managed by Calgary South Rotary Members in perpetuity.

I think serving on the Small or Large Grants or Legacy committee is a blessing. The funds earned by our donations are allocated by our own Members, in support of charities that we, as Members, support. These funds give us a chance to do matching grants with other organizations, provides the seed funding for other Rotary Clubs, and provides recognition for Rotary Club of Calgary South and Rotary International. Let us aim high, and grow our share of the Foundation to \$8-10 million. Bequests, rather than individual donations, are the surest way to grow the fund.

Walter Flores thanked **Greg** for his presentation. **President Ron** noted that the presentation was very timely, as budgets are currently being set for Large and Small Grant Committees





OCTOBER IS CALGARY ROTARY CLUBS FOUNDATION (CRCF) Month for



YOUR DONATIONS HELP THOSE IN NEED RIGHT HERE AT HOME

What is the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation?

- It is a place where all Calgary Rotary Clubs can invest their charitable funds and is overseen by a Board representing all participating clubs.
- Every dollar you donate goes directly into the Foundation and will stay there forever.
- Due to a five year rolling plan, our Club always knows well in advance how much money we will receive. This annual allocation is guaranteed.
- CRCF funding decisions are made by members of our Club whom we know and trust.
- The funds returned to our Club now cover all of Small Grants and all of the Partners Community Grants! The more donations, the more money put back into our community.

Why should I donate?

- All funds that you commit will remain in our local community to help those in need in-perpetuity.
- All decisions regarding the dispersal of funds are made by our own Club.
- Through your generosity you will help feed those who are hungry, help house those who are homeless, help those living with disabilities, help those who are sick, and help those who just need your support to re-build their lives so they, too, may contribute to their community.
- You will receive a tax receipt.

How are donations recognized?

- All annual donors are listed in the CRCF Annual Report regardless of amount contributed.
- Records of your individual donations will be kept for you.
- You will receive a unique Calgary South Benefactor pin for cumulative donations at \$1000, as well as a personalized certificate and your name engraved on the CRCF Donor Recognition Board.
- Each successive donation of \$1000 includes crystals on the Benefactor pin.

How do I make a donation?

- Cheques should be made payable to "Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation" with a note that it is "Rotary Club of Calgary South."
- Online donations may be made at www.calgaryrotaryclubsfoundation.ca . Note in the comment section "Rotary Club of Calgary South" and "Your Name".
- Donations may be made by corporations, families and other supporters of the work we do in our own community. You may make a donation for a family member or friend to celebrate an anniversary, birthday, a passing, or a work milestone – whatever memory you would like to acknowledge.
- Donations may be made all year round.



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President Ron Prokosch opened the meeting with the news that **Vi Mallabone**, widow of **PP Howard Mallabone** (1967/68) had passed away. Announcements will follow and a celebration of her life will take place over the upcoming long weekend.

Joke of the Day: "A doctor, lawyer, and a Rotarian in charge of fundraising all die and arrive at the Pearly Gates about the same time. St. Peter tells them they may each have one thing to take with them to Heaven. The doctor is first, and asks for \$1 million. This is given and proceeds to enter Heaven. The lawyer, not to be outdone, asks for \$2 million. "Very well," say St. Peter and opens the gate to Heaven for the lawyer.

Finally it is time for the Rotarian, who had just finished a fundraising project for The Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. St. Peter asks him what he would like to take to Heaven. The fundraiser moves up very close to St. Peter, and in a soft voice asks, "If it's not too much trouble, could I just have the names of those two people who were ahead of me in line?" The relevance of that joke will be apparent shortly.

President Ron then asked Lisa Fernandes to lead us in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table: PP Greg Martin, John Fitzsimmons, Norm Legare, Walter Flores, Gena Rotstein, Mark Ambrose, and Roselyn Jack.

Visitors and Guests: Roselyn Jack introduced our visitors and guests, only 2 on this rainy day: Wilma Agneur (Guest: Dana Hunter) and Bryan Gochringer (Guest: Craig Stokke)

50/50 Draw: Jim Gorman awarded the prize to **Earl Huson**, who claimed it after some delay in deciphering his ticket.

Health of the Club: Keith Davis is at home, it will likely be a couple of more weeks before he is ready to return to Rotary. Dorothea Schaab is recovering and is back at Rotary.

Attendance Awards: Norm Legare recognized some long term attendance achievements:

100 consecutive meetings, Jamie Moorhouse, Steve Mason and Ron Prokosch

200 for **Bryan Walton** 700 for **Don Bacon** 800 for **Tony Ng** and 1200 for **Norm Devitt**

Congratulations to all for these achievements.

They are not easy to accomplish, we are proud of you all.









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Board News: Three motions have been passed by the Board that are of interest to Members:

• Both Rotary International and the District now bill the club for dues in two installments, in July and January based on the number of Members at July 1 and January 1. Accordingly, the Board passed a motion that at the Member's option annual dues can be paid in two installments July and January. At the moment that would be \$225 for each half of the year.

- The Board also passed a motion that the new Member initiation fee of \$400 can be paid in four equal installments of \$100 by providing four postdated cheques.
- As you know the club has two sides to its budgeting process Club Operations and Community Service. Community Service funds come from Dream Home, SIS Golf, Casino, CRCF, RI and District grants. Funds are restricted for use on community service projects. It is this part of the club that is a registered charity with CRA.
- Club operations funds come from our annual dues, the Sergeant at Arms, 50/50 weekly draw and sports pools, New Members' Auction. Expenses include our Club Administrator, office rent, office materials, etc. Our preliminary look at the budget indicates that we need to manage our costs very carefully. And since we no longer have donated funding for the printed publication of the Club Roster the Board has moved to suspend it in favour of online versions accessible through ClubRunner and as an app on your phone. If anyone really needs a hard copy of the roster we can print one from Club Runner and provide to you.

Note: After some discussion during the S at A presentation about numbers wanting the Roster to continue and willing to pay for it, **Stacey Johnson** offered to sponsor printing of the Roster for this year. We will give Stacey a shameless plug for this.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for **October 22 at 5:30** at the Ranchmen's Club. We moved to that date with the hope that the budget will be ready to finalize.



Exchange Student: Liisa Lehto is suffering from a major cold, contracted at the Peace Park Assembly last week, and also has exams, so is not with us today.



Sergeant at Arms: John Fitzsimmons extracted some cash from Earl Huson, Len Hamm and Don Mintz, et al. And then earned some "happy bucks" from Mark Ambrose (new granddaughter), Murray Flegel (off to Las Vegas for 6 weeks), and Glen Richardson (on his own while wife and daughter are out of town – don't let Jeanette know you are happy, Glen).

Dinner Club: Gena Rotstein answered some questions about the Dinner Club. We would like 30 – 40 people to sign up; singles are welcome; there are no fixed dates, hosts decide within a window; level of formality is up to the host, it can be as casual as takeout, or as formal as a good china dinner. Also, a Wine Club is being considered and there will be more information regarding this.



Final Words: There being no other Rotary business President Ron closed the meeting.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK EVERYONE!





NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Please be advised that **Emie Yaskowich** has been proposed for active membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary South as sponsored by **Murray Flegel** and seconded by **Don Mintz** with a proposed Classification of: **Process Control**.

On September 24, 2018 Ernie's membership was approved by the Board of Directors on the basis of the recommendations of the Membership Qualification and Classification Committee subject to communication of his name and proposed classification to the membership.

If any member objects to **Ernie Yaskowich** joining our Club or to her proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing to the Club Secretary, **Larry Stein** at: <u>larry.stein@shaw</u>.ca prior to October 6, 2018

MEMBER PHOTOS FROM TODAY'S MEETING









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and Austrians (not surprisingly). So Calgary South Rotary and Calgary Partners are happy to invite you to Oktoberfest 2018:

Friday, October 12th

Austrian Canadian Club, 3112 – 11th Street NE Cocktails at 6:00 Dinner at 7:00

Cost is \$50/person

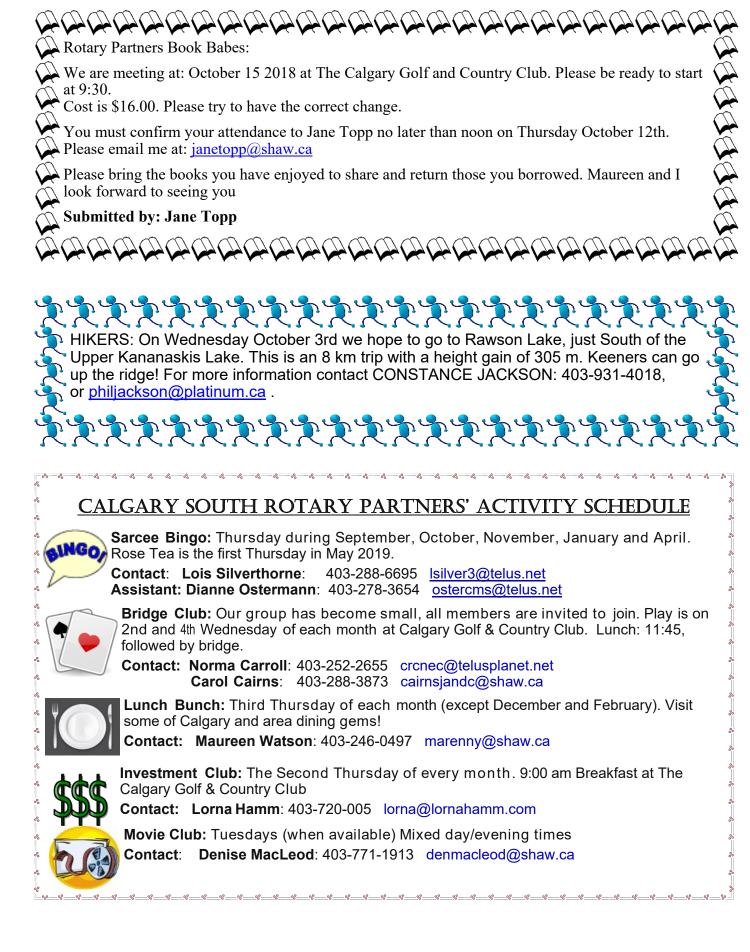
and includes traditional Oktoberfest buffet featuring roast beef, schnitzels, bratwurst, veggies, salads, fruit, cheese and much more. Entertainment will be by "Premium Akkord" band and the "Schuhplattlerverein Enzain" dance group. Reserved tables are available, seating 10 or 12, or buy tickets individually.

TICKETS ON SALE SEPT. 11 ENDING OCTOBER 4.



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Health, Wellness & Transportation:

Contact **Dave Read** at: <u>nread@telusplanet.net</u> or: **403 271 5856** if you know of anyone that is not well, that could use a visit or a ride to a Rotary Meeting.

Did you miss a meeting? You can watch it here. Do you need a makeup? You can also pay \$20.00 to the Club and receive a makeup. Just click this link to go to our online meetings: <u>https://bit.ly/2IKLIVc</u> You can view any meeting for free but if you want a make up please remember to register at the bottom of the meeting list and pay \$20.00. Kathyann will receive a notification and she will record your makeup for you

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President: Ron Prokosch: President-Elect: Chas Filipski Past President: Bill LeClair Club Secretary: Larry Stein Treasurer: Don Mintz Partners President: Claudia Brews

2018 2019 Directors

Club Service: Operations: Len Kushner Club Service: Membership and Social: Glen Godlonton Club Service: Ways & Means: David Young Community Service: Jim Hutchens Community Service: Ways & Means: Dana Hunter International & Vocational Service: Kevin MacLeod Youth Service: Dorothea Schaab

Other Important Contacts

Audit Chair: Penny Leckie Communications & Public Image Chair: Toby Oswald-Felker Constitution, Bylaws and Governance: Sherry Austin Dream Home Chair: Jim Bladon Health Wellness & Transportation Chair: Don O'Dwyer Large Grants Chair: Myrna Dube-Thompson Small Grants Chair: Myrna Dube-Thompson Small Grants Chair: Mark Ambrose Social Committee Chair: Keith Davis Stay In School Golf Tournament: Ted Stack Stay In School Scholarship Program Chair: Bill Sumner Programs and Tours Chair: Jim Fitzowich World Community Service Chair: Jamie Moorhouse

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