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Heinrich Heinz, Tom Loszchuk and President Al



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NEXT WEEK'S MEETING (APRIL 16TH) IS AT THE CLUBHOUSE, NOT ROTARY HOUSE

TOM LOSCHUK: CALGARY DROP IN CENTRE WOODWORKING PROGRAM

Heinrich introduced our guest speaker, Tom Loszchuk, who is the Calgary Drop- in- Centre Woodshop Manager. Tom is a graduate of N.A.I.T. in woodworking and cabinet making. He spent a year in Switzerland cabinet making as part of a student exchange program. The Woodshop Drop –in-Centre motto is "to offer care and shelter for homeless people and provide opportunities to rehabilitate themselves". Heinrich visited the shop and confirmed that's what they do: they take young people off the street and give them a chance to rebuild their lives. Managing this program is not an easy job. It requires leadership and dedication but, more important it requires someone whose heart is in the right place. That would be someone like Tom. Heinrich concluded by saying he thought we would like what we heard and be assured that our small grant donation to this workshop was worthwhile.

Tom provided some history of the beginnings of the Drop-in-Centre which began in 1961, became non-denominational in 1977 and operated full time in 1997, offering shelter 24/7. They provide shelter to 1200 people per night and 3000 meals a day. In 2002, the Centre wanted to provide more than a warehousing function and looked at expanding to teaching. They secured a10,000 foot facility that allowed them to teach life skills and trade skills, such as cabinet making. Their vision was to help "at risk" youth by teaching them skills, including life skills and help them find jobs. This is a unique program. Sixty students have been involved with a 70% success rate. They have 3 programs: cabinetmaking, carpenter and painter-decorator.



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They also provide a 3 week Employment Services Training which includes resume writing and interview preparation.

They also follow up with their graduates to help them integrate into the working world. In the workshop Tom talks about 3 key elements to the program-safety first, quality of the work and finally – attitude. He advised that the students get very excited by the projects they are working on. The skill set the students develop and leave with is very attractive to potential Employers. Tom provided a number of examples of success stories. He also provided examples (and pictures) of some of the contracts and projects, such as: the woodwork at the Blue Devil Golf course, the Drop In Board Room, the Vogel Law reception area, the Calgary Colts Locker room and the podium at the Calgary Tower . He also showed the Club a picture of the new jointer which was provided by a small grant from our Club and thanked us for the investment in their work. He concluded by sharing that they are looking at ex-

panding in the upholstery trade which provides even more opportunity for the youth coming into the program. There were a number of questions following the formal presentation. Tom spoke of his networking over the years with a number of General Contractors and this provides a source of contracts to the Drop-in-Centre. He noted that their work is seen as competition by other commercial woodworkers but there is no ill will against the students and they are often hired by the commercial competitors.

Lynn Grant thanked the speaker and spoke of his experience in visiting the Woodworking Shop and being very excited by what he saw. Lynn commented that Tom ran a good shop and highly recommended that the Small Grants Committee fund the jointer.



Tom presented a beautiful plaque made in his workshop of burled maple from a felled tree that thanks our Club for the donation.

President Allan added his thanks to Tom for the time spent with us by making a donation on his behalf to the Stay in School program.









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ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY SOUTH: CLUB NEWS

President Allan welcomed those present to the meeting and asked us to join Lisa Fernandes in the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace . The Head Table was comprised of: Craig Stokke, Larry Stein, Tom Loszchuk, Heinrich Heinz and Murray Flegel. The Bulletin Editor is Carol Graham and the Photographer is Clive Pringle.

Guests: Brian Orgnero introduced visitors and guests, including Past President Garth Nichols. President Allan also welcomed Ron Prokosch back to the club, adding that since Ron was back he wanted to say a few words. Ron advised that there is an opportunity for a short term (i.e. 4 week) student exchange this summer from Brazil. We would reciprocate by having a Brazilian student stay with one of the host families in Calgary. If you know of anyone interested in this please contact Ron or Donna Johnson. Ron also thanked the club for all of the support through recent life changing events-visits, cards and prepared meals that all helped him recover more quickly. Welcome back Ron!



Policy for the Protection of Vulnerable Persons: President Allan introduced Larry Stein and Craig



Stokke who spoke about the Policy. Larry quoted from the Rotary International Board of Directors in 2002" ...It is the duty of all Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, partners and other volunteers to safe-guard to the best of their ability the welfare of and to prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse of children and young people with whom they come into contact". He noted that on October 24, 2014, District 5360 adopted the R.I. directives by passing a policy involving youth that stated in part:" All volunteers involved in Youth and Vulnerable Sector activities must have security clearance". This policy and the proper implementation of same ensures we are compliant with the requirements of the District liability insurance.



Craig spoke to the concern that there might be a push back on this policy because of the requirement for a police check or the requirement of a nexus card. He advised that we had been following this practice informally for a number of years and now we were formalizing it. Nothing changes if you are not currently involved or plan to be in programs involving youth or vulnerable sector participants. If you are involved or plan to be you will be required to get the criminal record check or have a current nexus card The reasons for formalizing this are two-fold: 1) As a Board there is a desire to be transparent with the membership and bring these matters to their attention so there is "informed consent" to the criminal record check prior to involvement in the program; 2)This policy is a great opportunity to talk about "Best Practices" in this area .Imagine a youth in the exchange program from another culture with lan-

guage issues . A well meaning volunteer may do or say something that may inadvertently create issues and misunderstandings. This is about raising awareness and preventing putting ourselves or the student in an awkward position. Craig concluded by inviting the members who may have any questions-to call him or catch him after a meeting.







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Salvation Army Certificate: President Al announced that the Salvation Army sent a certificate of appreciation for the work that **Dave** Read & Christmas Kettle Committee does on behalf of the Salvation Army every Christmas season.

60th Anniversary program: President Allan thanked **Terry Allen**, the M.C. of last week's celebration of our Club's 60th anniversary and all of the Past Presidents who spoke of their experiences. **President Al** complimented **Kathyann** for putting out a great Bulletin last week.

JANE AUDET: CALGARY EAST- BEER FOR A YEAR: Jane introduced Calgary East's new fundraising effort. Tickets are \$10 each or a book of 5 for \$50. Online purchases are available.

NEW MEMBERS AUCTION: Corinne Wilkinson provided a friendly reminder to attend on April 23rd. 5pm: Reception 6pm: Dinner. The Danish Canadian Club is a spacious venue accommodating more guests for a maximum party & more donations. Corinne thanked everyone for the donations to date. President AI reminded the Club that all the profits from this event pay for the everyday operation of the Club and that it is a regular meeting.

BRIDGE: DON TAYLOR: Don invited everyone to have a great dinner and fun playing bridge to join him at the Horton Road Legion on Wednesday April 29th at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$30.00. Please contact Don or Jim Smith if you wish to attend.

50/50 Draw: Rod Bower awarded **Lynn Grant** the lucky ticket for the \$150.00 pot. Lucky Lynn Grant, just back from vacationing in the south, received the money amidst several boos. **Luanne Whitmarsh** won the 2nd draw and received a beautiful cutting board supplied by our guest speaker.

Sergeant-At-Arms: JOE CONNELLY: Joe managed to extract as much money as possible in a short period of time with gusto. His victims included Earl Huson (who contributed \$40 instead of the requested \$10-what a guy!), John Fitzsimmons (who had the audacity to try and replace Joe), Luke da Silva Curiel, Frank Franklin and Bill Sumner.

President Allan concluded the meeting by putting on a Calgary Flames jersey and shouting **"Go Flames Go!"**















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ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY SOUTH EVENTS CALENDAR

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ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY SOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER'S AUCTION:

APRIL 23RD 2015

Rotary A Calgary South

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE OR YOU CAN REGISTER AT A CLUB MEETING.

PLEASE CONTACT CORINNE WILKINSON AT: corinne@whitehathospitality.com

STAY IN SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!

The SISSP Program is looking for 3 mentors for our new students being brought in the program this year. We already have found one and just need 3 more.

Please contact Earl Huson if you can take on this rewarding challenge



The Bridge Club is holding its season windup tournament on Wednesday, April 29 at the Centennial Legion on Horton Road. Cocktails at 5:30, Prime Rib buffet at 6:00 and Bridge thereafter until approximately 9:30 pm. Prizes for the evening as well as season prizes. All Rotarians and significant others are welcome to attend regardless of whether you played this year. Cost is a modest \$30 per person.

Please let Don Taylor or Jim Smith know before April 20 if you would like to participate.

Summer Job Openings?

Our returning Youth Exchange Student Valeria Flores is looking for a summer job (June, July, August) full time, 40 hours a week. She's currently taking Business at the U of C so she'd be interested in an office job that she can use to build some experience (receptionist, assistant, etc.). She'd also be open to other jobs (that are not business related) preferably in the SW. She has past experience with sales. If you're aware of any job openings, please let me know and I can get you in touch with Valeria. Thank you,

Craig Stokke











BOOK CLUB: The April Meeting will be at Carole Brawn's on Monday April 20th at 10:00 a.m. The address is 1127 85th Street SW. Contact Carole at (403)242-2904 or email <u>cbrawn01@telus.net</u> to let her know if you are attending. Please call Arlene @ (403)271-2257 if you need a ride.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Pat Cuthbert will be looking after the Sunshine Committee until Jo Ellen is able to take it over again. She can be reached at 403-252-0156 or <u>bill.cuthbert@shaw.ca</u> please contact her if you hear of anybody who is not well.



CONTACT INFORMATION: Did you know that if you contact Wendy Miles Copithorne she can make any changes to phone numbers, addresses or emails for you? You can email Wendy at: <u>mileswendy1@gmail.com</u>



LUNCH BUNCH: We are meeting on April 16th, at 11:30 a.m. Location: Pfantastic Pannenkoek, 2439 – 54th Avenue SW. This restaurant serves Dutch pancakes both sweet & savory. I will need to make a reservation so please let me know by **Monday April 13th** either by phone or by email. I am looking forward to seeing everyone especially those who have wintered down south. Susan Brick





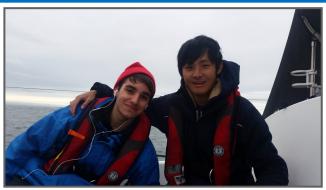


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JIMMY'S JOTTINGS

This week, I am going to talk about my trip at the next weekend after the Mexico trip. I went sailing with my host family. They own a boat and the boat is at Vancouver, so we fly to Vancouver on Friday night. One of the exchange student Edu went with

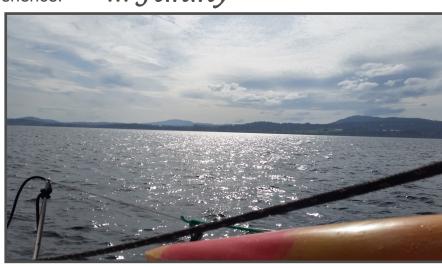


us as well. We spend two night at Vancouver. The first night is not that nice because it rain all night and it's really cold. Edu and I decide to have dinner at a nice burger place and went back to the hotel. On our way back to the hotel, we decide to wake up at five the next morning and went out for a long walk. In the afternoon we rent a bike and ride to Stanley Park. Also a famous bridge called Lions Gate Bridge. After we are just joking that we want to go on the bridge, but while we find the way to get on the bridge. We decide to go right away, the view on the bridge is awesome. The next morning we head out Vancouver and went on our sailing trip. The first few day is really nice, but because of the wind and the currents. I almost throw up on the boat. While we finally

arrive Victoria, I still feel seasick when we are having dinner. Victoria is a nice city as well. We went to the Royal BC Museum, it's really cool I learn a lot of really old language. The whole weekend is so nice and full of new ex-

perience.

... Jímmy



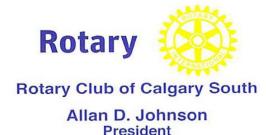








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Policy for the Protection of Vulnerable Persons

Rotary International is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in Rotary activities. It is the duty of all Rotarians and their non-Rotarian volunteers to safeguard, to the best of their ability, the welfare of, and prevent the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of children and young people with whom they come into contact.

District 5360 mandates that it is the responsibility of every Rotarian to safeguard the welfare of every person with whom they come into contact during their activities as a Rotarian. Special attention is to be given to children, elderly, disabled and other vulnerable persons ("Vulnerable Persons"). This includes the prevention of all forms of abuse, harassment and neglect including physical, sexual, emotional and financial abuse.

The Rotary Club of Calgary South ("Club") endorses and supports both the Rotary International and District 5360 policies.

All members of the Club and non-Rotarian volunteers participating in Club activities involving Vulnerable Persons are expected to be familiar with the requirements of Rotary International, District 5360 and Club policies and procedures related to the protection of all Vulnerable Persons.

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POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE PERSONS

Questions and Answers:

1 Who are Protected and Vulnerable Persons?

The Rotary Club of Calgary South ("Club") adopts District 5360's policy definitions as follows: Protected persons mean a youth or other vulnerable person, and "Youth" means any person less than 18 years of age involved in a Rotary program (such as Youth Exchange, RYLA, RYPEN, INTER-ACT, ROTARACT or any other community or youth service project), activity or event and to whom Rotary may have a duty of care and specifically includes children. Exchange students over the age of 18 are covered within this policy as adults.

A Vulnerable person means anyone who is elderly, physically or mentally disabled or infirmed or suffering from any sort of disability that might render him or her in need of protection or care, who is involved in a Rotary program, activity or event and to whom Rotary may have a duty of care.

2. Why is this policy being implemented in the Club at this time?

The Club has historically managed abuse prevention in an informal manner. Now, however, there are a multitude of good reasons for the introduction and implementation by our Club of a formal written policy for protection of Vulnerable Persons.

First, it is the right thing to do. In fact a well-documented and definitive policy such as this is probably long overdue. As Rotarians we have a responsibility to safeguard the welfare of every person with whom we come into contact during Rotary activities; with special attention to young, elderly, disabled and other vulnerable persons. This includes the prevention of all forms of abuse, harassment and neglect including physical, sexual, emotional and financial abuse.

Rotarians around the world have always been committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for youth participating in Rotary activities. This commitment is described in Rotary International's ("RI") long-standing "Code of Conduct for Working with Youth". This commitment has recently been reinforced with RI's "Abuse and Harassment Prevention Training Manual and Leaders' Guide" and a requirement that all Districts participating in RI youth programs be fully certified.

To satisfy a certification process District 5360 introduced a "Policy for Youth Protection and the Prevention of Abuse and Harassment" ("Policy"). On October 24, 2014 the District Board adopted this Policy. The next step in the certification process requires that all Rotary clubs in District 5360 accept, adopt and implement the Policy, or the equivalent thereof.

While the primary purpose of the Policy is to protect and ensure the welfare of youth and other vulnerable persons, it also serves to protect Rotarians and non-Rotarian volunteers from liability claims and to discourage false accusations. District 5360's liability insurance requires that all clubs accept, adopt and implement the Policy, or the equivalent thereof.



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3. What options does the Club have?

Like all Rotary clubs in District 5360, the Club is required to adopt a policy that is acceptable to District 5360. A decision for the Club to abandon all activities involving youth and Vulnerable Persons would make implementation of the Policy easy, however, that would have such a dramatic impact on services and programs provided by our Club that such an option is not worthy of consideration.

RI's "Abuse and Harassment Prevention Training Manual and Leaders' Guide" is a 130 page document and District 5360's Policy is a 28 page document. Both of these documents are well researched. In effect the Club has three options; to do nothing is not an option:

- Start from scratch and develop our own policies and procedures that are acceptable to District 5360 and RI. This would be a huge job.
- Accept and adopt the District 5360 Policy without change and allow District 5360 to provide supervision.
- Accept and adopt the District 5360 Policy entitled "Policy for Youth Protection and the Prevention of Abuse and Harassment".

By vote taken at a Board meeting held on March 11, 2015 the Board of Directors of the Club has agreed to accept and adopt District 5360's "Policy for Youth Protection and the Prevention of Abuse and Harassment" with implementation effective July 1, 2015.

4. What impact will this have on Rotarians and non-Rotarian volunteers?

In simple terms, the Policy requires that any Rotarians and adult non-Rotarian volunteers involved with Rotary-sponsored activities involving Vulnerable Persons be required to undergo: application, police check, screening, interview, home check (only if Vulnerable Person will be in their home) and training processes. However, if you already have a valid Police Information Check ("PIC"), NEXUS card or Intervention Record Check ("IRC"), you will be "Grandfathered" for that policy requirement until they expire.

Specifically, the <u>present</u> activities, programs and committees within the Club where the application of this Policy is applicable are:

- Youth Exchange
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)
- INTERACT
- ROTARACT
- Stay-In-School Mentoring



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The Policy applies to Rotarians and non-Rotarian volunteers and specifically to:

Club President Director, New Generations (or the equivalent) Chairs and Members of the above Committees Volunteers involved with the activities of the above Committees Adult members of short and long-term Youth Exchange host families Stay-In-School Student Mentors (not Stay-In-School Golf Tournament)

These lists of programs, projects and positions may change.

5. What is a police check and why is it required?

- In order to protect Vulnerable Persons involved in Rotary-sponsored activities certain persons could be prohibited from having contact with a Vulnerable Person. Examples of a prohibited person would be someone who has been convicted of a Criminal Code of Canada offence such as assault, any crime of a sexual nature, failure to provide the necessities of life, or a conviction for any Criminal offence which in the opinion of the Vulnerable Persons Protection Committee ("VPPC") poses an unacceptable risk of harm to a Vulnerable Person in the care of that individual.
- Rotarians and adult non-Rotarian volunteers wishing to participate in Rotary-sponsored activities involving Vulnerable Persons will be required to submit the results of a PIC (including a Vulnerable Sector Check) from the Calgary Police Service or local RCMP. Proof of a valid NEXUS card will be considered as an acceptable replacement for a PIC.
- In addition, for home-stay situations, an IRC from Alberta Child and Family Services will also be required, even if you have a NEXUS card. An Intervention Record Check states whether there is an Intervention Services record in Alberta indicating that the applicant might have caused a child to need intervention services provided for by Alberta Child and Family Services.
- Information from these checks must be made available to the VPPC before the individual becomes involved with Rotary-sponsored activities involving Vulnerable Persons. Based on the information of these reports, the onus would be on the VPPC to communicate confidentially that a particular individual should be prohibited from participating in certain activities.
- For clarity, an individual wishing to participate in Rotary-sponsored activity involving Vulnerable Persons would be required to provide the PIC and/or IRC to the VPPC; the Club will not initiate any information check but will be available to provide assistance as a resource. Members and non-Rotarian volunteers will be reimbursed out-of-pocket expenses for obtaining a PIC. An IRC is free. Club members that choose to never be involved with Rotary-sponsored activities involving Vulnerable Persons will never be required to make application for a PIC or IRC.



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6. Tell us about the Vulnerable Persons Protection Committee

- The VPPC will consist of three well-respected members selected from the Club membership by the President for staggered terms up to 5 years. For clarity this will not be a typical Club committee with multiple members rotating through on an annual basis. The VPPC alone will maintain the results of an individual's Police Information Check or Intervention Record Check for a maximum period of six years, after which it will be destroyed. This information will not be stored with a member's other personal information.
- VPPC members will be responsible to the President and will liaise with the District Youth Safety Officer on all matters related to the protection of Vulnerable Persons, including but not limited to: the development and implementation of appropriate processes and procedures, and supervision of compliance with RI, District and Club policies.
- 7. How can I learn more about the RI and District 5360 Policies described above?
- Detailed information on the various policies can be found as follows: RI's "Code of Conduct for Working with Youth" and "Abuse and Harassment Prevention Training Manual and Leaders' Guide" can be found on the RI website at: <u>www.rotary.org/en/document/891</u>

The District 5360 Policy: "Policy for Youth Protection - Prevention of Abuse and Harassment" dated June 2014 can be found at <u>www.Rotary5360.ca</u>

Rotary Club of Calgary South's "Policy for Protection of Vulnerable Persons" and other related information such as a Best Practices guide, will be posted on the Club website in due course.

General information about values, guiding principles and standards of practice for volunteers can be found at <u>www.volunteer.ca</u> and at <u>www.volunteeralberta.ab.ca</u>.







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District Conference 2015

Don't miss the opportunity to join Rotarians in Medicine Hat to hear about what Rotarians in our District are doing to make this a better world.

Come and hear from Dr. Greg Powell who is a doctor with STARS. He will talk about the urgent need for transplant donors. His address will be supplemented by a display area in the House of Friendship exhibit area and staffed by Calgary West Rotarians.

Find out more and register now at discon5360.ca

www.Facebook.com/RIDistrict5360 Twitter.com/Rotary5360 Instagram: RotaryDisctrict5360

District Positions

As we move into the next year we have a few District positions available and I am hoping that you might give consideration to expanding your Rotary involvement slightly.

We are looking for an **Assistant Governor** to look after Banff, Canmore and Cochrane Clubs.

We need an **Interact Chair**. This is a role that basically acts as a conduit between the District and clubs as well as Rotary International. If you have an interest in Youth, specifically dealing with students of High Schools and perhaps higher grades in Junior High, this may be the role for you.

Are you interested in **training**? We would like to expand the District Training committee and also need an individual to take over the lead role.

If you have an interest and feel that you have a few more minutes to spare please let me know. No commitment but perhaps you would like to know more and I would be happy to chat with you.

Yours in Rotary

Martin Harvey District Governor Elect 403 995 5720 403 601 9031(mob)

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