



ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY SOUTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL



Today's Christmas Social was filled with pleasant tasks of giving gifts to organizations that work tirelessly all year to help those less fortunate. **Corinne Wilkinson** presented a cheque to D.D. Coutts of the **Calgary Food Bank** explaining that today's cheque was from Calgary South Rotary, and a second cheque would be coming in January representing additional donations made by individual Rotarians. The Food Bank is appreciative of ALL donations not only because of the high need this year, which we can all understand, but also their amazing ability to turn every \$1 into \$5. After the presentation, D.D. shared a story that had happened the previous week that Corinne would like to share in this bulletin.

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A lady came in with a small box to the volunteer room. She had some homemade baking, and shared how wonderful all the volunteers were to donate their time and to care so much about others. No one knew who she was. She promptly turned around, walked out of the volunteer room, and proceeded to stand in line and wait her turn with all the other clients. They found a card she had placed with the baking.

Her husband was recently laid off. As a result, virtually overnight they did not have the money or means to put healthy meals on their family table. The Food Bank was the only place to turn. As a family, they didn't know how they could ever thank the volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure donated food gets collected, sorted and directly into the hands of those who need it. So she came up with the idea to bake some cookies, and deliver them to the volunteer room as a way to show their family's thanks and appreciation.



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I think we all understand just how busy the Food Bank will be this year. While the economy is not everyone's friend, Rotarians are. The club's donation, individual members' donations, and the donation of time Dec 22 and Dec 23 reaches deeper than you will ever know.

And a second story that happened on Friday after Rotary: The Food Bank called Corinne that an entire shift had cancelled on them on Dec 23 in the morning, distributing food as we are doing in the afternoon. Calgary South Rotary was their first call for help. And I am so excited to share that a few emails out to those on the waitlist, and those already doing a shift, and Calgary South Rotary has now taken on **three** full shifts this Christmas. On behalf of the Food Bank, and myself as organizer, thank you all SO very much. It never fails to amaze me the wonderful, caring and generosity of our club members. Calgary South Rotary should be extremely proud to be the people our young family who did the baking and thousands of others are relying on this holiday season.

The second gift of giving was by **Kevin Hayes**, who presented a cheque to St. Mary's High School. Kevin reminded the club of our important and ongoing relationship with St. Mary's, and how proud Rotary is to work with their team. Unfortunately, no photo. We'll "shoot" you next time Kevin!!

The third gift of giving was **Dave Read** presenting a cheque to the Salvation Army. Dave shared the long association with Salvation Army from when Fred Water's father was a member. This year's donation was accepted by Major Guy Simms. Dave also thanked all those Rotarians who volunteered their time at the Salvation Army Kettle Bells at Chinook Mall and said that everything had gone very well.





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Welcome to the Rotary Club of Calgary South. **President Murray Flegel** opened with this date in History

- ⇒ 1969: Bank of Canada prints new notes: Former Prime Ministers replace the Queen
- ⇒ 1989: The Simpsons debuts
- ⇒ Today is National Maple Syrup Day
- ⇒ What do you call an Elf that sings?...A Wrapper!

Head table: Lynn Grant, Dawna Richardson (St. Mary's), Major Guy Simms and Donna Simms (Salvation Army), Delores Coutts (Food Bank)

Visiting Rotarians & Guests: **Lydia Lytwyn** was advised by Bill Sumner that she should begin with a joke: What's the difference between a snowman and snow woman?

Answer: snow balls

Guests were: Sid Smith (Guest of Ken Farn), Ernie Kubitz (Guest of Toby Oswald-Felker), Ryan Curry (Guest of Norm Devitt), Neil Williams (Guest of Jack Thompson), Christmas Cheer Guests: Trish Johnson, Deanne Dobbin, Ryan Campbell and Andrew Leach. Guests of Dave Read: Major Guy Simms and Major Donna Simms of Salvation Army and Noelle Read, Wendy Guiffre (Guest of Bryan Walton) and Anni Arvo and Javed Ghafoor (Visiting Rotarian and our guest from farthest away).

Visitation Report: **Dick Shaw** shared that **Ron Prokosch** is now home recovering from his second liver surgery and is doing well. He is not yet prepared for visitors but certainly appreciates phone calls. **Dorothea Schaab** is back today! Yahoo – A Big round of applause for Dorothea! Welcome home to Rotary. Dick reminded everyone the importance of getting a flu shot– “get after ‘em!” Dick said the shot is a good match for the flu bug this year, so don't delay in getting it.

Our second joke of the day: A Sunday school teacher was teaching a drawing class. She stopped behind Sally and asked what she was drawing. Sally replied, “a picture of God”. “But no one knows what God looks like”, said her teacher. “They will in a moment”, replied Sally.

50/50 Draw: **Bill Sumner** had D.D. Coutts of the Food Bank draw the winning ticket worth \$165.

The winner was **Dilan Perera**. Dilan promptly donated 100% of his winnings to the Food Bank.

Thanks Dilan!





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Message from Stampede Lotteries: Lynn Grant, Chair of Stampede Lotteries announced some very exciting news for our club. 50/50 Cowboy Cash has not been a strong lottery component for Stampede Lotteries, so it is being “put down”. That is.... the lottery is being put down, not the cowboy :). A new program will replace it. Currently the Split ‘Em 50 lottery ends when the online campaign ends. Last year it sold \$480,000 worth of tickets online. This year the suggestion from Lotteries is to continue selling Split ‘Em 50 on park over the 10 days in person. The Lotteries Committee expects increased total sales of \$850,000 which will be shared with the winner, then 50/50 of all net proceeds will be shared between Kinsmen and our Rotary club. However, Lynn is going down on record that he believes \$1M can be sold in Split ‘Em 50 for 2016. Lynn likened it to “do you want fries with that order?” All logistics are in place and we look forward to a substantially increased cheque coming from Stampede Lotteries next year so we can do more things like Christmas giving all year long.



Sergeant at Arms: Lynn Grant stepped right into the role of Sergeant of Arms. He immediately assessed Paul Brick \$2 stating that Paul would know why. Sorry your bulletin editor has no clue, so Paul whatever you did – hope it was worth a toonie! Bill Sumner was then fined \$2 for his snowman snowball joke. Next Lynn fined Murray Flegel \$2 for his opening Elf Wrapper joke, suggesting that anytime Lynn has to explain one of Murray’s jokes to Dave Read, it is worth a \$2 fine. Lynn’s interrogation continued – all questions around Christmas spending.

Bob Brawn: How much does the average person spend on Christmas gifts each year based on 2014. “Lots” would be the answer. That answer cost Bob \$5. The correct answer: \$946 per person, estimated to drop to \$875 for 2015.

Mel Gibson: Unfortunately for Lynn, he got so wrapped up and excited to put Mel Gibson on the spot that Lynn lost his place, and the question he was going to ask. Mel said that would cost Lynn \$5 – that one kind of backfired on our Sergeant.

Jamie Moorhouse: What province spends the lowest average at Christmas. Jamie thought perhaps a Maritime province, however, the correct answer is Quebec where the average spend in 2014 was \$705, and estimated to drop to \$645 in 2015.

Jim Cairns: How many miles does the average person travel to celebrate Christmas? Jim was a little shy on his answer of 32 km – the right answer being 275 km.

Stacey Johnson: Canadians harvest how many trees each year for Christmas? Stacey guessed 1.2 M, the answer is 1.5 M trees

Dick Shaw: Where does Alberta rank in Canada in gift spending. “High” said Dick Shaw which cost him a fine. Alberta ranks 6th, spending \$970 and estimated to drop to \$876 for 2015. Lynn asked how many people have an artificial Christmas tree? \$1 each for those who do, double the fine to \$2 for those who don’t.

Lynn also suggested, following Dick’s advice, that for all those who have not had a flu shot, the fine was \$1.

Lynn closed by asking Ed Whitaker to stand. Ed claimed that Lynn always picks on him, and that there should be “no” wrong answer. To which Lynn replied, “I was simply going to wish you a Merry Christmas Ed, and not charge you anything, but for that, it will cost you \$2”.



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President Murray then welcomed our wonderful entertainment today: **Christmas Cheer**. Four beautiful voices treated us to: Christmas is Here, Angels we Have Heard on High, Jingle Bells, Walking in a Winter Wonderland, and closing with We Wish you a Merry Christmas.

A rousing encore brought them back to sing Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.



Since we were ahead of schedule, Murray shared a hockey story. It was 1970 in the Montreal Forum, launching the new team called Voyageurs. TV cameras were focused on centre ice to intro the coach, Ron Karan – this being Ronnie's big debut. Cameras rolling, players skating around, tv coverage, they opened the team door and Ronnie came running down corridor, forgetting the 6 inch drop to the ice. He missed his step, landed flat out on the ice, his glasses went flying, gloves floated away, and the players made no bones giving him the gears. Needless to say, they had to retake the team launch video another day.

President Flegel wished everyone a very Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year, and there were many hugs and handshakes before our Rotary family broke away from each other for the holidays.

*And in closing; I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy 2016
from this week's bulletin editor to all of you!*



... An amazing shot of
Past President, Sherry
Austin and our Charter
Member and everyone's
"favourite",
George Adam.

Merry Christmas from
the Photography Committee



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RCCS: NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

"The following proposed new member has been approved by the Board of Directors. If any Member objects to her joining our Club or to the assigned classification an objection must be filed in writing and delivered to the Club Secretary by: December 24th, 2015

Name: Wendy Guiffre

Proposed by Bryan Walton Seconded by Toby Oswald Felker

Classification: Human Resource Coach/Small Business

Great Christmas Night with Tom Jackson



Pictured here are: Linda and Norm Legare, Len and Lorna Hamm, Michael and Susan Ruttan, Glen and Jeanette Richardson and Arlene and Murray Flegel with Tom Jackson



DINNER CLUB

This picture is unique in that we have people from all over the world who call Canada their home: (Dick & Jo Shaw: USA, Bob & Carole Brawn: Italy, Marianne Jost: Germany, Amy Giang & Mike: Vietnam, and Batul & Mahesh Shah: India





2015 RCCS: CALENDAR, HEALTH AND TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 2016

- Jan 7 Mid Year State of the Union Address
- Jan 14 CNS: Youth Justice Presentation
- Jan 21 Robbie Burns Day
- Jan 28 Social Committee Presentation



FEBRUARY 2016

- Feb 4 Honorable Brian Jean: Leader of Opposition
- Feb 5 Larry Kwong Chinese New Year Dinner: Regency Palace
- Feb 11 Valentine's Day Lunch: Dr. Brian Keating: "Love in the Wild"
At Rotary House this year
- Feb 18 Blair MacNichol: Operation Eyesight
- Feb 25 Kelsey Claeyes: Between Friends



MARCH 2016

- March 3 Legends Series: Reclassification Talk
- March 10 To be announced
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 24 To be announced
- March 31 Jay Ingram: Beakerhead



APRIL 2016

- April 7 To be announced
- April 14 Steve Allen (Chair): Calgary Economic Development
- April 21 New Members Auction: Danish Canadian Club**
- April 28 To be announced



MAY 2016

- May 5 Ian Anderson: Transmountain Pipeline
- May 12 Linda Powell: STARS Air Ambulance



HEALTH AND WELLNESS: Contact Dick Shaw at: 403-242-1582 or: atlanticclipper@gmail.com if you know of anyone that is not well or is there anyone you know that could use a visit.



TRANSPORTATION: Contact Gui Salazar at: (403) 875 5146 (Cell) or (403) 281 9719 (Home) or: salazars@telus.net if you know of anyone that may need a ride to meetings



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On behalf of
the Bulletin
and Photog-
raphy Commit-
tee I must say it
has been an
active year.



Thank you so
much for all of your hard work and
keep those Bulletin submissions com-
ing.

Please submit anything for the Bule-
tin by Friday morning and it should
allow time to put into the Monday
Bulletin. Send to:

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I have enjoyed reading and learning
about all of the great work that Rota-
ry South has done over the past
year.

Merry Christmas

Kathyann Reginato

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