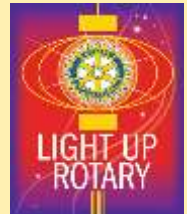




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Rich Vesta Harmony Beef



Bryan Walton introduced our Guest Speaker *Rich Vesta* from *Harmony Beef*.

Harmony is working on reopening a beef processing plant in Balzac that was closed down for 7 years after being open for just a very short time.

The plant is state of the art but just needs another 20 million dollars in renovations before it opens again.

When the plant is fully operational it will process 800 head per day, create 325 jobs and put close to 1 billion dollars in to the Balzac economy.

Harmony is committed to the best safety for their employees, best treatment of the animals they process and the best food safety possible.



Ken Copithorne thanked Rich for speaking with us today.

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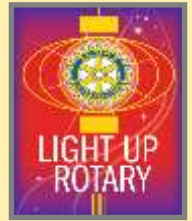
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President Al Johnson began our Meeting with the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace. The Head Table consisted of: Jack Thompson, Penny Leckie, Rich Vesta (guest speaker) and Bryan Walton. Our Editor is Kevin MacLeod and our Photographer is Clive Pringle.

Guests: Brian Orgnero introduced our Guests: Shaun Grey, Jimmy Cho, Rich and Jeremy Vesta, Rob Peck, Gary Hayley and Amy Jiang.

Feed The Hungry: Harry Pelton: Harry gave us an update on Feed the Hungry at St. Mary's Church on December 14th. Harry still need a couple more volunteers for the afternoon shift.



Food Bank: Craig Kindleman: Craig asked for more volunteers for the Food Bank on Dec 16th and Dec. 23rd. If you come to the event on the 16th you should dress nice as you might be on TV! Let Craig know as soon as possible!

Rotaract: Shaun Grey: Shaun reported on their wine event a couple of weeks ago, they raised between 1000 and 2000 dollars on the night, making it a big success and lots of fun was had by all! Proceeds go to supporting their school development in Honduras.



Sergeant at Arms: Lynn Grant: It cost one table a lot of money as each person at the table could not answer their questions regarding the "12 days of Christmas" properly. This cost the table \$5.00 each letting the rest of us keep our money for this week.

Grey Cup Pool: Bill Sumner: Bill announced the Pool Winners:



\$100.00 to Kendall Bocking for the half time score
\$100.00 to Harry Nazarchuk from the Chinook Club for the reverse score.
\$300.00 to Glen Godlonton for the final Score! Great job Glen!

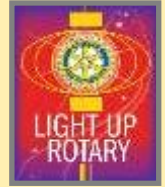
50/50 Draw: Steve Mason: Hugh Delaney won the 50/50 Draw.

Large Grants: Ken Farn: Ken spoke to us regarding Large Grants. \$ 400,000 has gone back into the community over the last 2 years. There are 30 club members in the Large and Small grant committees that help with the decision making for the funds. We have 100k in the Large Grants fund and would like to use it this year if possible or it can be combined with another year. So the timing and the merits of the project are important. Capital projects are the focus so that it can be used for many years. Last year's project at the Kerby Centre is almost complete. There will be a presentation in January. All members are invited to bring proposals to the large grants committee and can participate in the proposal process! After the short list is created, each project will have a chance to present to the committee, the winning project will be finalized in April/May and once approved by the board, funded in June! Please contact any of these Large Grant Committee Members for assistance: Ken Farn, Ben Steblecki, Bill LeClair, Bryan Walton, Dick Shaw, Dilan Perera, Gail McDougall, John Fitzsimmons, Kevin MacLeod, Rick Jakubec, Rod Bower, Roselyn Jack, Sherry Austin, Steve Mason or Tony Fisher. There is a Large Grants Application Form that will be attached in an email to you.





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PENNY LECKIE IN WASHINGTON, DC

There are many organizations competing for financial gifts. In fact, even within Rotary, there are different pools competing for these dollars. I focus on local giving, because I can see my dollars at work and am comfortable that they will be used appropriately. I have never had much comfort about international giving. Once I learned about the Rotary International Fund, I felt comfortable that people with similar values to mine would conduct due diligence and ensure the funds were placed appropriately. My International gifts have been placed in the Rotary International Fund. I receive recognition as a Paul Harris member, and am awarded a pin for my gifts. I attended a conference in Washington, DC. This October. I have never attended a Rotary meeting outside of Calgary. I am one of those bad Rotarians who don't always wear their Rotary pins. They just aren't big and sparkly enough for my taste. However, knowing I would be going to a Rotary meeting I thought I would wear a Rotary pin. I included my Paul Harris pin in the jewelry I took to Washington. My cab pulled up to a beautiful private club near the Whitehouse. I went in and was talking to another Rotarian. A

second lady joined us and said to the first lady, "Would you like to come in to our meeting and meet the President of Rotary International? The second lady turned to me and said "I can see by your Paul Harris pin that you are one of us and you should come in with us..." It was Rotary week at the White House and the Rotary International President was in town for meetings with the President of the United States.



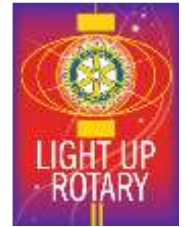
This is how I found myself in a meeting with and introduced to the President of Rotary International, Mr. Gary C.K. Huang. The meeting was about the upcoming convention in Brazil and some of the logistical challenges for the convention. I can give anyone going a "heads up" if you wish. Following the meeting Mr. Huang permitted pictures to be taken with Rotarians. You can see the picture on the screen and note to self, wear makeup next time... Another thing in looking at the picture, you can see that my jacket had lots of things happening, and how that lady spotted my Paul Harris pin, I will never know. Mr. Huang spoke at the meeting. As you know, the theme for Rotary this year is Light Up Rotary. He spoke of how one candle can light another and how our energy can spread. It was a very inspiring meeting to attend.

President Al and I curl together and so you can bet that as soon as the meeting ended, I was on the phone to Al telling him that I had been in a meeting with the President of Rotary International. Poor Al travelled all the way to Australia to the Rotary International Convention this June and didn't get within 1000 feet of the President. I am here today to encourage you to donate to Rotary International and to share my experience as a donor. By contributing to this fund, and by becoming a Paul Harris member I had an amazing travel experience which I could never have imagined. As previously noted, the funds we contribute to this fund are stewarded by like-minded individuals around the world, and applied where true global need exists. Before finishing, I also want to tell you about my experience as a resident of High River. I am not sure how many of you are aware that after the floods in 2013, Rotary International provided financing to local businesses to ensure they remained viable through the recovery process. This hand up made a significant difference in the local business community and was the sustaining life breath that many of those businesses required. It was greatly appreciated. Someone once told me that they invest their charitable dollars with a particular foundation on the same premise that they use a portfolio manager, i.e., the foundation picks the best charities, similar to a portfolio manager picking stocks, for the investment and allocation of their charitable dollars, for the greatest return on investment. I believe the Rotary International Fund is the best portfolio manager of my international charitable dollars, and the fact that some of those dollars found their way back to my own community when truly needed was further evidence of this. Thank you for letting me share my story with you.



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Calendar and Announcements



DECEMBER 2014

- **December 11** Christmas Luncheon: Glencoe Club
- **December 18** Christmas Social
- **December 25** No Meeting Re: Christmas Day

JANUARY 2015

- **January 1** No Meeting Re: New Year's Day
- **January 8** Legends Series
- **January 15** Mid Year State of The Union Address
- **January 22** Robbie Burns Day
- **January 29** Ann Lewis-Lupino: Calgary Philharmonic
- **January 30** Larry Kwong Chinese New Year (Regency Palace)

FEBRUARY 2015

- **February 5** Matt Bradley: Flyght Aerospace
- **February 12** Valentine's Day Luncheon: Willowpark
- **February 19** John Lamming: Calgary Centre for Global Community Peace
- **February 26** To be Announced

APRIL 2015

- **April 30** New Members' Auction (evening meeting) Danish Canadian Club

VISITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

If you know of anyone who is not well contact Dick Shaw at: 403 242-1582

Yesterday, District Governor Garth Toombs distributed a memo to District 5360 Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Canmore concerning their efforts to fight the spread of Ebola using a long-term partner of theirs, CAUSE Canada. Those of you wanting to donate on an individual basis are encouraged to do so.

However, you should be aware that our club has been active on this front also. Within the past 2 weeks Calgary South has partnered with the Rotary Club of Calgary to undertake a joint project with the Rotary clubs in Sierra Leone coordinated by the Rotary Club of Freetown. The Downtown club put in \$15,000 and we added \$10,000. Our objective in this project is to provide life-saving messages and other communications through radio stations regarding the spread and treatment of Ebola to the hardest hit regions of Sierra Leone.

In addition there will be community mobilization and support of a hand washing campaign complete with supplying faucet-fitted buckets and bars of soap, purchase of some protective gear and delivery of food and water to quarantined homes. This is a large priority of our World Service Committee, supported by our Board and we feel the local Rotary Clubs will ensure this money will be well spent and will make at least a small difference.

Don Taylor

Hi Everyone

Bob posted blog on his visit to a Colombian village showing some of the challenges affecting the health of children. Please go to the following link to read it: www.capdcalgary.org/blog.

Regards Marlene



ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY SOUTH
Cordially Invites You to Our

**ANNUAL
ROTARY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

December 11th at 11:30 AM
At the Glencoe Club
639 29th Avenue SW
\$50.00 per person (Cash Bar)

Menu

Non Alcoholic Punch
Assorted Rolls and Butter
Maple Baked Squash Soup
Roasted Turkey with Stuffing and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Medley of Vegetables
Traditional Vanilla Bean Brulee'
Coffee and Tea

St. Mary's Choir to Perform during Lunch

** There is limited parking due to construction. Try to car pool where possible *

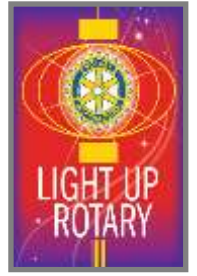
Contact: John Fitzsimmons (403) 246 1477
Michael Zacharki (403) 251 0484 (after November 25th)

Please R.S.V.P. online when you receive the
ClubRunner email invitation



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Partners in Print



BOOK CLUB: The Partner's Book Club will celebrate the festive season on December 15th at the home of Lorna Hamm. Meeting will commence at 11 a.m. We will all bring appetizers / sweets for our Christmas Pot Luck. Contact Lorna at 403-720-0051 or email her at:

lorna@lornahamm.com

to advise her if you're attending and what you will bring. Our 2 book choices for the year are: 'An Astronaut's Guide To Life On Earth' by Chris Hadfield and 'Orphan Train' by Christina Baker Kline. Submitted by Arlene Flegel



PARTNERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: We had many laughs with the skit Lorraine MacDonald produced. The meal was lovely on this cold, wintery day.



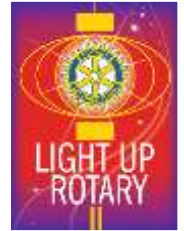
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Dream Home News











On a really miserable snowy morning Carol Pentland took possession of the 2014 Dream Home in Walden (South of Highway 22). Rick Kuzak of Stampede Lotteries and Avi Amir of Avi Homes helped her cut the ribbon. Carol currently lives in Brentwood and plans to move into the home as soon as possible. She told us that it has been agony waiting from the time she knew she won until today but now she is thrilled to take possession and get on with her move.











 **Hi Calgary Rotarians:** 

 **Karen Shepherd, President of the Calgary Olympic club is working very hard to** 
 **make sure the project of getting outerwear to the children in Morley is a suc-** 
 **cess. The following message is from Karen - please read on.** 









 **Thank you for your incredible support of the Rotary Coat Drive! We have winter** 
 **wear donation sites set up across Calgary, a website created, volunteers have start-** 
 **ed sorting coats and individual family orders have started to come in from Morley. I** 
 **keep hearing from Rotarians who went into stores on Black Friday and bought** 
 **brand new coats. I am forever amazed at how wonderful Rotarians are!** 









 **Did anyone see or hear Chris Harper on CBC Monday talking about the coat drive? If** 
 **not, here's the article: [http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/morley-coat-drive-to-](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/morley-coat-drive-to-help-flood-affected-residents-find-warm-clothing-1.2855863)** 
 **help-flood-affected-residents-find-warm-clothing-1.2855863** 

 **Check out the website, www.rotarycoatdrive.com for locations to take clothing, and** 
 **if you're available, please sign up to volunteer: [https://www.volunteersignup.org/](https://www.volunteersignup.org/M98KH)** 
 **M98KH** 









 **If you have any questions, please contact Karen Shepherd ks.shep@me.com or** 
 **Cory Tretiak cory.tretiak@gmail.com We now have sufficient funds to help with the** 
 **cleaning, mending, repairing and transporting of the clothing.** 

 **Here is an email I received from a counsellor in Morley:** 

 ***This is so amazing!*** 
 ***Thank you for all of your hard work with this!*** 
 ***It will make a HUGE impact on making people's lives better!*** 
 ***Thank you and Ish Nish!*** 

 **As the reporter asked Chris 'How did Rotary pull this off in only a few days?' and** 
 **Chris replied, 'That's Rotary. We're a group of people who care and we all have** 
 **something to contribute. When we need something done, it gets done. That's Rota-** 
 **ry.'** 

 **Thank you all for everything you do!** 

 **An apology to Rotary Club of Calgary members - this overlaps with the e-mail you** 
 **received from Chris Harper - but we do want everyone to know about this important,** 
 **urgent and immediate project! Thank you Rotary Club of Calgary for your "over the** 
 **top" donation to this project!** 

 **Garth Toombs** 
 **District Governor** 



LARRY KWONG AND CALGARY SOUTH ROTARY INVITE YOU
CHINESE NEW YEAR 2015



FRIDAY JANUARY 30
REGENCY PALACE CALGARY
328 CENTRE ST SE



YEAR OF THE SHEEP

Includes eleven courses of delicious food and live entertainment

Reception 5 PM

Dinner 6 PM

\$50 per person

\$450 table of 10

RSVP: corinne@whitehathospitality.com