



Left to Right: Kelsey Claeys, Bev Ostermann,
Laurie Woelfle & Cindy Neufeld

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Bev Ostermann introduced our speakers today, from **BETWEEN FRIENDS**.

Between Friends has a mission to provide quality social, recreation and self-development opportunities for people with disabilities to connect, grow and belong. Our family has had the occasion to become involved with them and we can attest to the good work they are doing within our community.

Cindy Neufeld

Cindy Neufeld is the Fund Development & Communications Manager for Between Friends and has been with the agency since early 2014. Cindy holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Calgary and recently completed a Master of Arts in Professional Communication at Royal Roads University. Cindy has more than two decades of experience working in the non-profit industry with a focus in fundraising. She is particularly passionate about vulnerable youth and helping youth to achieve their potential.

Laurie Woelfle

Laurie Woelfle is the parent of two participants and also a recent Junior Volunteer turned Staff Member of Between Friends. Laurie is an active community volunteer and works in the non-profit industry, but most importantly she is an amazing mother to 3 incredible kids. She currently volunteers as an advocate for Between Friends and with two international support groups for families who have had children diagnosed with Rubinstein Taybi Syndrome. Laurie and her family have been involved with Between Friends for the past nine years.



Cindy stated that 1/3 of the disabled children in school and 1/2 of the children outside of school do not have friends. Laurie started by thanking our Club for inviting them to present and caring enough to learn more. The people that attend their programs present with 59 different medical diagnoses and 1/3 of those have autisms. The age range of their participants is 3 – 68 years. They develop young leaders and some move into paid Leader roles. They try to keep the cost of their programs low – but they don't turn anyone away. Their various programs are suited to different groups of people; day camp, overnight camp, skill development and leader development. Private donors, United Way and corporations donate – but the economy has certainly made this a challenge!

Laurie Woelfle is a parent of 2 boys who are in the Between Friends programs. She believes the agency totally lives their motto of: connecting, growing, belonging. Having her twins in these programs have given them courage, the ability to make friends and it has given Laurie and her husband some time to breathe and to enjoy the smiles on their boy's faces. The programs interrupt the cycle of doctor visits – between them they have had 37 surgeries in their young lives. Being parents of 2 disabled children is very hard on a marriage – Between Friends has helped them as much as they have helped the boys.

The boys now have real friends. They have real experiences. They have a life as close to normal as can be. Laurie feels like she can live a normal life again.

Gail McDougall thanked Cindy and Laurie for their powerful presentation. Friendships are so powerful and we are thankful that the boys get to have this experience like we do in our Club. She said that most Rotarians are parents or grandparents and we appreciate how much work it takes to bring up twins with disabilities. She held back tears while saying 'thank you for what you do and for sharing with us'.

Al King stood up and also thanked Between Friends as they have a grandchild with a disability who has participated in their programs and it has been wonderful! They are a wonderful organization.

President Murray also thanked Cindy and Laurie and will donate \$100 to our Stay in School program in honor of their presentation.





RCCS: CLUB NEWS

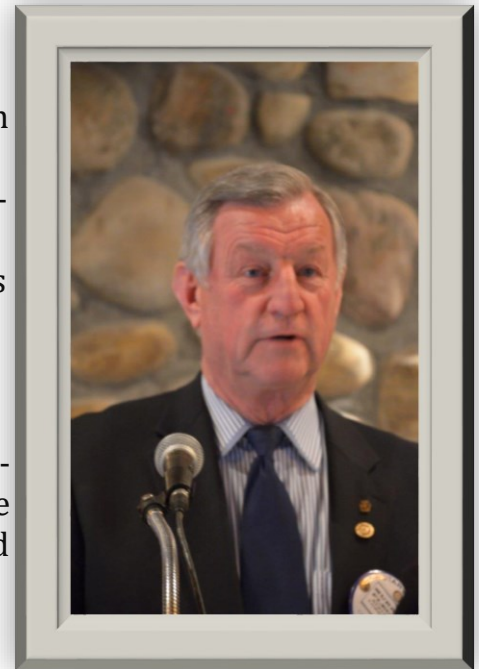
Welcome to the Rotary Club of Calgary South I am **Murray Flegel, your Club President**

On this Date in History:

- ⇒ 1941: Boston Bruins set NHL for 23 game un-beaten Streak
- ⇒ 1969: The Beatles Begin Recording Abbey Road Album
- ⇒ 1981: New York Islanders Give Up Their Most Goals (11) to Calgary Flames
- ⇒ Today: National Chocolate Covered Nut Day

Albert Einstein was working on his thesis regarding energy, and for peace and quiet he went to Canwood Sask! He scored a goal for Canwood Canucks! And, then he finished the thesis! See how great it is to visit Saskatchewan!!

Please join Lisa Fernandes and myself in the singing of O Canada & Rotary Grace. Enjoy your lunch and fellowship



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Head Table: Cindy Neufeld, Bev Ostermann, Phil Jackson, Earl Huson and Sid Smith

Guests: John Shield: Stan Cichon and Bernie Benning (Rotary Club of Calgary West), Cindy Neufeld, Kelsey Claeys and Laurie Woelfle (Guest from Between Friends), Anni Arvo (YEX Student) and Ogden our Service Dog on loan from John Laban.



50/50 Draw: Bill Sumner presented **George Adams** with his winnings of \$130.00.



Sergeant At Arms: Lynn Grant lightened the pockets of almost all members!! Darn those hidden truths about February 29th!!



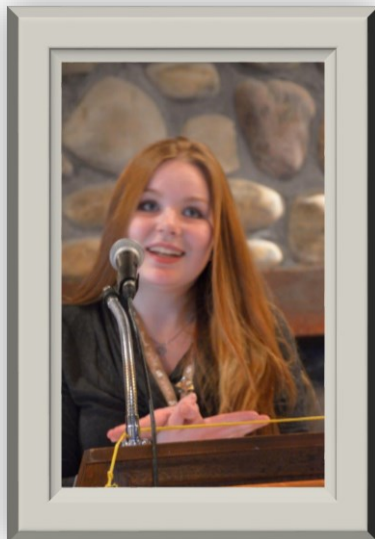


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New Members Auction: Kathy Demorest: Kathy advised us that the New Members Auction is ready to go!

She introduced the new members and Committee helping plan the event (**John Fitzsimmons** clapped loudly when his name was being read out!). There will be fun, laughing and we will make more fond memories.

The new members will be calling on you for your support –and we look forward to seeing you all there! Please see the announcement notice in this Bulletin.



YEX International Dinner: Annie Arvo reminded everyone at the Club of the upcoming Shelter Box fund raiser. **Michael Zacharki** will be the chef for the event. All Exchange Students are involved and it will be a great night!!

Casino: Bill Sumner announced we received **\$72,000.00** from the casino and he thanked everyone who helped volunteer!



President Murray closed the meeting reminding everyone to be a Gift to The World



RCCS: INDUCTION OF OUR NEWEST MEMBER: SID SMITH

President Murray provided the Club with a summary of **Sid Smith**, our newest member being inducted today.

Sid is a great Calgarian, husband, father and coach. He and his family are big on hockey, they have all played over the years!

Sid has spent 27 years in Commercial Real Estate. Sid's boys are growing up and he now has time to devote to the community and Rotary.

President Murray, Ken Farn and John Price are presenting Sid for membership.



Past President Earl Huson inducted Sid today. Earl said that this is one of the best responsibilities that a Past President has to complete. Calgary South is the BEST Club in the land. Life's milestones are family, career and then Rotary and it is important to keep that focus.



Sid was chosen to be a member of our Club because he is known to be a leader and he will be expected to be a liaison with his profession.

The Rotary Four Way Test is what we hold ourselves up to each and every day. We believe the ideals of Rotary will be safe in your hands.

We are all in this together!

We enthusiastically welcome Sid to the Rotary Club of Calgary South!



2015 RCCS: CALENDAR, HEALTH & TRANSPORTATION

MARCH 2016

- March 3 Honorable Greg Clark: Leader of Alberta Party
March 10 Legends Series: Terry McDonough
March 16 Evening Fireside for New Members: Calgary Golf & Country Club
March 17 St. Patrick's Day: Guest Speaker is Brian Burke ←
March 24 Jesse Sacha: The Impact of the YEX
March 31 Jay Ingram: Beakerhead

APRIL 2016

- April 7 Dr. Reynold Bergen: Cattle Hormone Facts and Myths
April 14 Steve Allen (Chair): Calgary Economic Development
April 21 New Members Auction (**Evening Meeting at Carriage House**)
April 28 Jody Mosely: Calgary Airport Authority

MAY 2016

- May 5 Ian Anderson: Transmountain Pipeline
May 12 Linda Powell: STARS Air Ambulance
May 19 To be announced
May 26 To be announced

JUNE 2016

- June 2 Stay In School Luncheon at **The Carriage House Inn**
June 9 Charities Day at **The Carriage House Inn**
June 16 Dr. Dru Marshall: Provost of the U of C (**At the Club House**)
June 23 Paul Siska: Outbound YEX Student (At The Club House)
June 30 Changing of the Guard and WCS and Large Grants Presentation

JULY 2016

- July 7 Dream Home Kickoff at **Ranchman's Cookhouse and DanceHall**
July 14 **No Meeting: Dream Home Operations**
July 21 Anni Arvo (YEX Student)
July 28 **No Meeting: Stay In School Golf Tournament**



HEALTH AND WELLNESS: Contact Earl Huson at: (403) 686-0828 or:
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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



This is to serve notice that we have made arrangements to hold the annual Fireside on Wednesday evening, March 16th, at the Calgary Golf and Country Club, off 50th Ave SW. Please keep this date open for this event if you are a new member, spouse of a new member, The President of the Club or serving on the Board. Spouses of Board Members are welcome as well.

We usually have only one Fireside each Rotary year. The **purpose of Fireside** is quite traditional: getting acquainted, having fellowship (around some refreshments) being introduced to the purposes and potential values of our Rotary membership. Our mottos, standards, and purposes will be explained by our President and his Board members. It's a good evening, has a splendid purpose, so we hope you can make it that evening.





You do NOT want to miss this year's..... New Member Celebration....



Wonderful fellowship, games, laughs, dinner, wine
and an auction too!



Please join us - your newest
Rotary members, who are
working very hard to make this
a wonderful evening of
fellowship. You will soon hear
from us about various ways you
can support our event.

Thursday April 21
Cocktails 5 pm
Dinner 6 pm

Carriage House
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\$50 per person
Includes 3 course
meal and 2 bottles
of wine at every
table

A great
evening to
bring your
family and
friends



We are your newest members!
We want to get to know you - and for
you to get to know us. See you there!



PARTNERS IN PRINT: IT'S A CRIME NOT TO READ

12 years ago the Calgary Public Library partnered with Calgary Police Service launching the first "It's a Crime Not to Read" program at Colonel J. Fred Scott Elementary. Thanks to incredible support from community partners like Rotary South Partners, "It's a Crime Not to Read" has expanded to 20 schools serving over 1,400 Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School District students annually.

The uniquely Calgary designed program is simple. Once a month during the school year Calgary Public Library staff and a police officer visit Grade 2-4 students in participating schools. The police officer reads to the children from books selected by Library staff illustrating the importance of developing strong literacy skills and answers questions about the police force. Library staff bring a selection of books and students are encouraged to use their Library cards to borrow items of their choice. In the fall, students participate in a field trip to their local Library to explore all of the things the Library has to offer. In the spring, students and their families are invited to join Library, school & police staff at a Family Pizza Night to share stories and pizza, connecting families with their communities and fostering longer term positive relationships. In the spring the Library arranges a visit by a local children's author giving the students the opportunity to learn about writing and creating stories. At the end of the year, each student is gifted a book based on their reading level to read over the summer.



The win win partnership between Calgary Public Library and the Calgary Police Service has many positive outcomes. Students increase literacy skills and improve school performance. Police Officers become role models and mentors. Key connections are made between children, families, neighbourhood police and their local library— lasting beyond the end of the school year.

NOTE FROM PARTNERS PRESIDENT, MAUREEN WATSON:

Our photo highlights "It's a Crime Not to Read". As Partners we have supported this program in 3 schools: Falconridge, Holy Name and Patrick Airlie. We received an invitation to join families and police readers at a pizza party at **SADDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY** **March 10th from 5.45 - 7.30**. The librarian has asked us to serve the pizza to the families and she suggested four or five guests would be a help

The library is in the new Genesis Centre and is about two blocks from the CTrain Train terminal at Saddleridge. This is the train which leaves 69th Street and 17th Ave S.W. and I am sure there is a direct road to drive there depending on where one starts.

So if you can come please email me at: marennny@shaw.ca or call: 403-246-0497 as I would like company to support this cause.
Thank you,

Maureen Watson,
Partners President





RCCS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

If you would like something included in our bulletin please have it submitted to:



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by Thursday in order to be in the bulletin produced on Monday.

Please send word attachments of your story and all photos must be sent as attachments as well.



We would love to see Rotarians out and about in the community

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Thanks,
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