



SUSAN DEIKE: OPERATION EYESIGHT



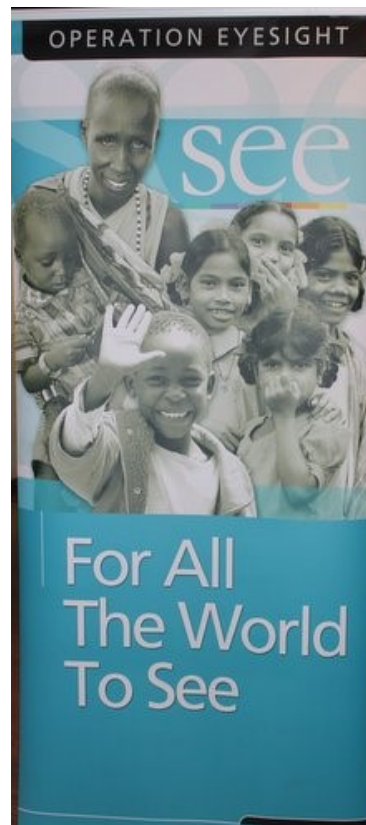
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Bill LeClair introduced out Guest Speaker, **Susan Deike**, Senior Philanthropy Officer for Operation Eyesight.

Susan has taken a roundabout route in her career as a fundraiser, coming from a background of publicity and journalism. She has two university degrees, one from University of Toronto in Sociology and Anthropology – and the other from Ryerson University in Journalism.



Susan has worked on daily and weekly newspapers as both a photographer and reporter, she spent several years as a publicist for various theatre companies, putting “bums in seats” and then moved on to the health field where she raised both money and awareness for the Parkinson's Society.

She developed a passion for the wonders of eyesight while spending six years with a guide dog agency, and carried that passion over to Operation Eyesight three years ago.

Susan lives an hour south of Calgary in Millarville and enjoys two extra hours of peace and quiet every day on her commute to and from the office.



SUSAN DEIKE: OPERATION EYESIGHT

Susan gave us an in depth look at the Calgary based international Charity Organization. Operation Eyesight works mission is eliminate avoidable blindness in the world.

Over 80% of blindness is avoidable in the world and often being blind in a poor country can be a death sentence.

Operation Eyesight has been in operation since 1963 and have helped millions of people see again. Countless lives have been saved or improved for over 50 years. They still have lots of work to do however as even now in India for example, some villages view crossed eyed people as being blessed, so they are not often helped.

Our club alone has donated over 50,000 and helped more than 1683 people in our history. Well done!

Keith Davis thanked our Speaker for representing such an important organization.



Pictured from Left to Right:

President Murray Flegel, Susan Deike and Blaire MacNichol



RCCS: CLUB NEWS

President Murray Flegel opened the meeting with his now famous ***"On this Date in History"*** segment

- ✓ 1938: Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is released
- ✓ 1957: 1st Electric Portable Typewriter goes on sale.
- ✓ 1977: Fleetwood Mac releases "Rumours"
- ✓ 1980: Studio 54 holds its Grand Closing Party
- ✓ Today is National White Shirt Day!



Lisa Fernandes and **President Murray** led us in singing O Canada and Rotary Grace

Head Table: Susan Deike, Blaire MacNicol, **Bill LeClair**, **Norm Devitt**, **Tony Fisher** and our newest Inductee, **Javed Ghafoor**

Our Bulletin Editor is **Kevin MacLeod** and our Photographer is **John Shield**



Guests: Blake Pelham Introduced our Guests and advised us in advance he may get the names wrong, from the picture it would appear that Blake reads with his eyes closed (that could be the problem):

Stan Cichon (Rotary Club of Calgary West), Bernard Benning (Guest of Stan Cichon), Wayne Cao (Guest of Jack Haman), Paul Siska (Our 2016 Outbound Student), Anni Arvo (Our YEX Student), Brian Currie (Guest of Norm Devitt), Brian Rhines (Guest of Bryan Walton), Major Guy Simms (Guest of David Reid), Troy Fredeen (Guest of Brad Brewster) and Sir Mark Terrill (Guest of Harry Pelton).



YEX: Ron Prokosch talked about the Youth Exchange Program. Cassidy who is currently in Finland fell off her bike and broke her hand, she is mending nicely and settled in regardless! Ron also introduced us to our new outbound student **Paul Siska**.

Please see Paul's Photo and information on the next page.



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Paul Siska: Paul is a grade 11 student at St. Mary's High School where he takes a full academic course load in the International Baccalaureate program. He also participates in two school bands.

Paul is a well-rounded student who plays piano at the Grade 9 level of the Royal Conservatory of Music. He plays in competitions such as the Calgary Performing Arts Festival.

Paul is part of a Youth and Child Advisory Council for our health region at the Alberta Children's Hospital, and he is a Vice President of his Venture Scout company.

He has also volunteered at COP as a ski patrol and Assistant Coach.

If he has any spare time he enjoys spending it with family, friends and now his fellow exchange students. Paul thanked everyone for providing this incredible opportunity to him.

DisCon and RI Conference: **Earl Huson** in another very brief presentation encouraged us to consider going to the District Conference in Canmore from May 12th to the 15th. And to join our **President-Elect Ken Farn** at the International Convention in Seoul, Korea May 28th to June 1 2016

Health and Wellness: **Earl Huson** advised us that **Wayne Smith** is up now and improving and the best time to visit him would be mid-morning as he sleeps most of the day. **Harris Dvorkin** is still struggling but Lynette informs us he would take a phone call or two. **Susan Brick** is back home and building back her immunity, so no visits just yet. Our best



to all of our friends in Rotary experiencing struggles.



Dream Home: **Dana Hunter** let us know that Registration for shifts (formerly called Rostering) will begin in April, talk to your volunteers to make sure we have updated contact information please! See **page 9** for a copy of the letter for Rotarians to seek volunteers for Dream Home Shifts. There will also be a copy attached to this week's Bulletin



RCCS: CLUB NEWS

CRCF: Sherry Austin represented the Calgary Rotary Club Foundation and let us know that we have raised over 68k towards our goal of 100k dollars! Great job club. **Sherry** also handed out some hardware to some benefactors of the club:

Luanne Whitmarsh, Bryan Walton and Roselyn Jack are new benefactors



Craig Stokke, Dilan Perera and Don Bacon received +1 pins. **Penny Leckie and Tony Fisher** received +2 pins. **Larry Koper, Heinrich Heinz and Norm Devitt** received +3 pins. **Neil Fraser: +4 pin, Ben Steblecki: +5 pin**





RCCS: NEWS

**Dick Shaw and Blake Pelham were awarded "Moon" pins which represent donations of 10,000 dollars or more to the foundation.
Great work by all the awesome Rotarians!**



50/50: Winner was **Mark Ambrose** who won \$106.00 plus 7 spaces on the Super Bowl pool that were not taken!

Sergeant At Arms: Jim Fitzowich was swift to provide a big fine to President Murray, Sir Mark Terrell and himself for \$20.00 offenses relating to "White Shirt Day".

President Murray Flegel closed the meeting, inviting everyone to be a Gift to the World.



Here is a photo from February 6th 2016: Feed The Hungry. Thank you to everyone who participated and to Harry Pelton for organizing this

(Photo submitted by Terry McDonough)





RCCS: MEMBER INDUCTION OF JAVED GHAFOR



Dave Marchant introduced our newest member, **Javed Ghafoor**. Dave's Introduction:

"It is always a pleasure and an honour to welcome a fellow Rotarian as a new member to Calgary South by way of the Induction Ceremony. **Javed Ghafoor**; you have chosen to transfer your membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary South. We welcome you because the members believe you to be a leader in your vocation and because you manifest those qualities of head and of heart which qualify you to interpret and impart the message of Rotary to those with whom you come in contact with. You are the

representative of your vocation in this club and any contribution of an educational value pertaining to that vocation must naturally come to us through you. You bring with you, not only your profession but also the knowledge you have gained while serving as an International Emissary in such diverse locations as Europe, Asia, Africa and the Russian Federation.

On the other hand, you become the Ambassador from us to your classification, and it becomes your duty to carry the ideals of Rotary Principles and Service to your work.

Calgary South Rotarians believe the object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular, to encourage and foster ...

1st: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service

2nd: High ethical standards in business and profession; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of their occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

3rd: The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life.

4th: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

I charge you to judge yourself by the Rotary Four Way Test of the things you think, say or do ...

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendship?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The community will know and judge Rotary through your embodiment of it in character and service and we accept you as a member because we believe our principles and organization to be safe in your keeping. We also expect much from you in help and inspiration, which will enable us to be better Rotarians and with this hope we most heartily offer you Rotary Fellowship.

President Murray will now present you with the Rotary pin. We know you will wear it with pride and dignity. Welcome to the Rotary Club of Calgary South



2015 RCCS: CALENDAR, HEALTH & TRANSPORTATION

FEBRUARY 2016

- Feb 11 Valentines Lunch: Dr. Brian Keating: Love in the Wild: Carriage House
- Feb 18 Honorable Brian Jean: Leader of Opposition
- Feb 25 Kelsey Claeys: Between Friends

MARCH 2016

- March 3 Honorable Greg Clark: Leader of Alberta Party
- March 10 Legends Series: Terry McDonough
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 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
(At Stampede Club House)

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 Carriage House Inn
- June 9 Charities Day (Possibly at the Carriage House: to be confirmed)
- 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



HEALTH AND WELLNESS: Contact Earl Huson at: (403) 686-0828 or: ehuslink@telusplanet.net 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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DREAM HOME LETTER: This is the letter that will be attached to the bulletin for our Rotarians to provide to interested individuals re: Dream Home



Greetings:

As you may or may not know I am a Rotarian, and a member of the Rotary Club of Calgary South.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of over 34,000 clubs (and 1.2 million members) who's main objective is service - in the community and around the globe. We raise funds and support many local and international charities including:

Rotary/Flames Children's Hospice Centre	The Salvation Army
The Libin Cardiovascular Institute	Ronald McDonald House
Southern Alberta Brain Injury Society	SAIT Scholarship Program
Calgary Interfaith Food Bank	Rotary Youth Exchange
Canadian Diabetes Association	Rotary Challenger Park
Southern Alberta Urology Centre	Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta
St Mary's High School	Hull Child & Family Services
Providence House	Feed the Hungry
Alberta Bone & Joint Health Institute	Calgary Public Library
Carewest Sarcee Home	Calgary Learning Centre
Rotary Flames Foundation for Life	Aspen Family Services
Project Neuro - Arm	Hotchkiss Brain Institute
Markin Institute	Dreams Take Flight
Mustard Seed and MANY, MANY more.

The Rotary Club of Calgary South's major fundraising initiative takes place each July during the world famous Calgary Stampede. Our members, partners, families and friends help us raise money by selling tickets to the Rotary Dream Home from booths throughout the Stampede midway.

***** This is where you can help. We are looking for volunteers to help us sell tickets (or alternatively, to enter the purchaser's information into the computer so the buyer doesn't have to "hand write" their name on each ticket). You can volunteer for one shift, or more, all help is greatly appreciated.**

Each shift runs approximately six hours on pre-determined days. We will provide everything you need including FREE gate admission to the park, sandwiches, and drinks. We'll do our best to schedule your shifts on a date and time of your choosing. Ticket sellers must be 18 years or older, ticket printers should be 14 years or older.

If you think you might be interested in helping us out, please let me know by return email or telephone so I can provide you more details.

Thank you,

PS: This project is a lot of fun, is not physically demanding, and raises a lot of money for the various charities and projects we support. Please let me know if you would like to help.



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ROTARY EVENT

2016 Valentine Luncheon

11:30 AM

Thursday, February 11th

Carriage House Inn, 9030 Macleod Trail

Featuring the ever-popular

Brian Keating

Speaking about "Love in the Wild!"

\$35 Per Person RSVP by February 8th to: roxy.acheson@gmail.com





LARRY KWONG CHINESE NEW YEAR PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY TONY NG





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Book Club

BOOK CLUB: Our next book club is Monday, February 22 at the Calgary Golf and Country Club. Please let me know by **NOON ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18** so I can submit the numbers to the Country Club. Please email me at: wandamcneil@shaw.ca or call me at 403-217-8407. Coffee is at 9:00 and the meeting starts at 9:30 with a \$16 cost.
Wanda McNeil, 2015 - 2016 Book Club Chair.

Here is a photo of some of our Rotarians and Partners attending a great concert: "Under the Street Lamp" out in the desert

Front row Jim Burn Betty Stein Mary McPhee Linda Legare

Back row Sharon Irving Bonar Irving Norm Legare Elaine Whitaker Pat Burns Ed Whitaker





ANNI'S ADVENTURES



Hey! So this weekend I had a lot of fun!

Last weekend I was serving the food and making couple sandwiches in the dropIn center with Kathy Demorest and all the other people she brought there. We had fun and everybody to whom we helped to serve the food were so grateful. It was a really nice experience for me. I've never done that before. So thanks for Kathy for taking me there!

I'm so excited about my new semester in school! I really like my classes, even the social class is really interesting and I'm doing pretty well so far I think!

This weekend I had two games, we lost the other one and won the other one so not too bad. Hopefully we keep winning! And at the same weekend I had a sleepover with three girls for two nights. Sara from Spain, Johanna from Austria and Helene from Belgium. I've probably mentioned their home countries before and I'm sure your memory is really good but you know I'm 16 and I keep forgetting stuff like people who know me have noticed, so just in case is good to repeat some things.

Anyhow, we all were in the Chinese New Years party on Saturday too like many of you were! The dragon dance or I don't remember how did they called, it was really awesome! I was so impressed. And my name in Chinese looks really cool even though I could not write it myself if I would try..

Soo Happy Chinese New Year one more time!

-Anni





YOUTH EXCHANGE INTERNATIONAL DINNER

      	<p>District 5360 Youth Exchange - 2015 - 2016 International Dinner <i>(Promoting International Peace, Goodwill and Understanding)</i> In Support of ShelterBox April 9, 2016 Red Deer Lake United Church Just west of Spruce Meadows on Highway 22x Calgary, Alberta</p> <p>5:30 Reception 6:30 Parade of Flags & Dinner 7:30 Dessert (traditional desserts from the home countries of the students made by the students) 8:30: Entertainment by the students</p> <p>Tickets \$50 per person - Tables \$400 (8 per table) To book your tickets call or see your Exchange Student or email Ron Prokosch at: (403) 651-1722, rprokosch@prokoschgroup.com Then forward a cheque via your exchange student or by mail to: Ron Prokosch to 97 Patina Rise SW, Calgary, AB. T3H 3R5 For More information talk to your exchange student or call Ron Prokosch @ (403) 651-1722</p> <div></div>	           
      		



SHORT TERM STUDENT EXCHANGE Summer 2016

**Rotary Club of Calgary South is currently accepting applications
for a Summer Student Exchange.**

About the Program

The purpose of the program is to promote international peace, goodwill and understanding through a 6 to 8 week family to family exchange.

Rotary acts as the facilitator by matching students/families of similar age, sex and interests. One of the students will first visit the family he or she is matched with for a period of 3 to 4 weeks. Then, the two students will fly (usually together) to the other family and the process is reversed.

To be eligible students must be between the ages of 15 and 18

Cost of the program is \$200 administration fee, airfare, insurance and spending money.

How To Apply

To apply go to the www.yex5360.org and the section marked "Short Term Exchange". Under the section marked "Downloads and Resources" look for the "Preliminary Application". Complete this document and provide to Kevin Hayes or Ron Prokosch. You will then be contacted for an interview and information meeting.

Deadline for applications is February 15, 2016.



RCCS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONTACT INFORMATION



Rotary House Parking Stickers and Passes

Please remember to pick up your
2016 Validation Sticker for
your

Parking Pass from me at any meeting.

There will be a **\$20.00 replacement cost** for all
lost/stolen Parking Passes

If your pass has been damaged and you need a
new one just provide me
with the damaged pass and it will be replaced at
no cost.

Thanks,
Kathyann Reginato

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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

kathyann@rotarycs.org

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 at-
tachments as well.

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



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