



ROBBIE BURNS DAY



Jim Hutchens proudly marched in the haggis, led by our guest Bagpiper, and well protected by two female club members wielding very large swords: **Roselyn Jack and Kathy Demorest.**

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The haggis was piped in throughout the entire room, enjoying a standing ovation and clapping ceremony fit for haggis.

Your bulletin editor, **Corinne**, even while sitting next to **Jim Hutchen's** wife, Maureen, could not interpret the Robbie Burns poem about gracing the haggis performed by Jim Hutchens. Corinne did warn the entire audience that the bulletin would be very short this week:

"Jim said something".

But - not wanting to let our readers down, Corinne went online and searched for "Gracing the Haggis" which is what Jim shared so eloquently. Available on Page 2



ROBBIE BURNS DAY: "Gracing the Haggis"

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face, Great chieftain o the
puddin'-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm:
Weel are ye worthy o' a grace As lang's
my arm.
The groaning trencher there ye fill, Your
hurdies like a distant hill,
Your pin wad help to mend a mill In
time o need,
While thro your pores the dews distil
Like amber bead.
His knife see rustic Labour dight, An cut
you up wi ready slight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright, Like onie ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight, Warm-reekin, rich!
Then, horn for horn, they stretch an strive: Deil tak the
hindmost, on they drive,
Till a' their weel-swallow'd kytes belyve Are bent like
drums;
The auld Guidman, maist like to rive, 'Bethankit' hums.
Is there that owre his French ragout, Or olio that wad
staw a sow,
Or fricassee wad mak her spew Wi perfect scunner,
Looks down wi sneering, scornfu view On sic a dinner?
Poor devil! see him owre his trash, As feckless as a
wither'd rash,
His spindle shank a guid whip-lash, His nieve a nit;
Thro bloody flood or field to dash, O how unfit!
But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed, The trembling earth
resounds his tread,
Clap in his waleie nieve a blade, He'll make it whistle;
An legs an arms, an heads will sned, Like taps o thrissle.
Ye Pow'rs, wha mak mankind your care, And dish them
out their bill o fare,
Auld Scotland wants nae skinking ware That jaups in
luggies:
But, if ye wish her grateful prayer, Gie her a Haggis



Fair and full is your honest, jolly face, Great chieftain of the sau-
sage race!
Above them all you take your place,
Stomach, tripe, or intestines:
Well are you worthy of a grace As long
as my arm.
The groaning trencher there you fill,
Your buttocks like a distant hill,
Your pin would help to mend a mill In
time of need,
While through your pores the dews dis-
till Like amber bead.
His knife see rustic Labour wipe, And
cut you up with ready slight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright, Like any ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight, Warm steaming, rich!
Then spoon for spoon, the stretch and strive: Devil take the
hindmost, on they drive,
Till all their well swollen bellies by-and-by Are bent like drums;
Then old head of the table, most like to burst, 'The grace!' hums.
Is there that over his French ragout, Or olio that would sicken a
sow,
Or fricassee would make her vomit With perfect disgust,
Looks down with sneering, scornful view On such a dinner?
Poor devil! see him over his trash, As feeble as a withered rush,
His thin legs a good whip-lash, His fist a nut;
Through bloody flood or field to dash, O how unfit.
But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed, The trembling earth resounds
his tread,
Clap in his ample fist a blade, He'll make it whistle;
And legs, and arms, and heads will cut off Like the heads of this-
tles.
You powers, who make mankind your care, And dish them out
their bill of fare,
Old Scotland wants no watery stuff, That splashes in small
wooden dishes;
But if you wish her grateful prayer, Give her [Scotland] a Hag-
gis!





RCCS: CLUB NEWS

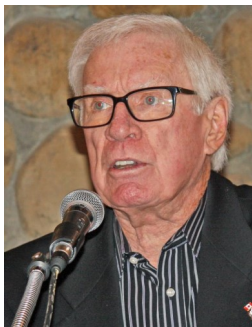
Following the **glorious** site of the **haggis** being slashed open, President Murray let us know what was going on in History:

- ✓ 1935: Vancouver has hit with a record 43 centimeters of snow in 24 hours
- ✓ 1978: The BeeGee's "Saturday Night Fever" Hit goes to Number 1
- ✓ 1989: Wayne Gretzky passes Marcel Dionne as the NHL's second All Time Scorer
- ✓ Today is National Hug Day, Hug your neighbor please



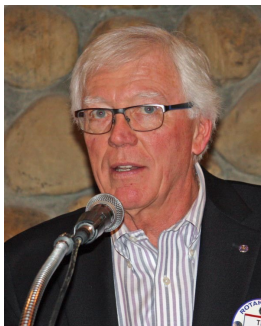
President Murray introduced our head table for today's special celebration: **Jim Hutchens**, George Muir (guest speaker who shared with us the life of Robbie Burns), **Don Bacon**, **George Deegan** and **Hugh Delaney**.

Our photographer is **Paul Brick** and our bulletin editor is **Corinne Wilkinson**.



Guests: Jim Smith was invited to introduce our guests, and started his presentation by telling everyone that this would be the last part of today's program that anyone understood. He also warned that we had many guests today, and as such, if he missed anyone, since it was national hugging day (as advised by **President Murray**), we could kiss his haggis.

While Jim was up at the podium making everyone laugh so hard, he decided he may as well actually introduce our guests: Barb Stein (daughter of John Stein who was a member 20 years ago), Maureen Hutchens (wife of Jim Hutchens and senior interpreter for Corinne), Jean Hawes (The Piper), George Muir (Guest of Jim Hutchens), Ian Fanditus (Guest of Jim Hutchens and an AMAZING singer), Grace King (Singer), Sid Smith (guest of Murray Flegel, who it was pointed out, paid for his own lunch), Martin Harvey (Our District Governor), Shelby Sixsmith (daughter of Dana Hunter), Leslie Sambu (Guest of Tommy Low), and Keith Bekker (Guest of Bob Brawn)



Stay In School Golf: Ted Stack made an announcement on the Stay in School Golf Tournament Sponsorship Opportunities.

"We are in high gear with our efforts to secure past and future new sponsors for our golf tournament. Opportunities are limited and tend to sell out quickly every year, regardless of the economy. It is a great cause, a great day, and a great opportunity to play."

The tournament will be on **Thursday, July 28 at Cottonwood Golf Course** – everyone is invited to mark the date in their calendars. All committee members have information on sponsoring – please see them to support our Calgary South Rotary event. If anyone knows of organizations or individuals outside of our Rotary club that may be interested, please let the committee know.

Video Premiere Next Week: Bryan Targett: Steve Mason would like to invite everyone to attend Rotary next week as the world premiere legacy video of **Bryan Targett** will be shown. Please join us!



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Induction of Wendy Guiffre by Earl Huson

Earl had the distinct pleasure of welcoming our newest member: **Wendy Guiffre**. Earl advised the audience that if we couldn't understand him, he would ask **Jim Hutchens** to interpret for him.

Inducting a new member is a highlight of any Rotary meeting, for the individual, Wendy, and for Earl. Wendy is sponsored by **Bryan Walton**.

"When we think back, we all enjoy milestones in our career and in our families that are life changing which is as it should be – and then we realize that we should give back to our society and communities. Joining Rotary is a life altering moment – for all Rotarians and we trust, for Wendy as well.

Rotary believes Wendy will be a leader, be the liaison between our club members and her profession. Wendy's duty will be to teach us about her vocation, and honour the obligation of attending meetings and being involved. As a member, Wendy has a duty to carry Rotary ideals and principles to friends, associates and members of her vocation.

One of the great benefits of Rotary is fellowship and the mutual confidence that it inspires us at Calgary South to feel that we have a very special club – in fact – you will probably hear often "the best Rotary club in the land", and Wendy will be a big part of that.

We pledge to make Wendy feel welcome. Service above self is our motto and Rotary expects each of us to live up to this ideal. We believe our four-way test, principles and ideals of Rotary will be safe in Wendy's hands.

On behalf of Calgary South and international Rotary, we welcome Wendy to our rotary wheel which faces inward for our friendship and fellowship, and outwards to our service in our community and the world."

After Earl inducted Wendy, President Murray presented Wendy with her new member package and shared big welcoming hugs into the club.





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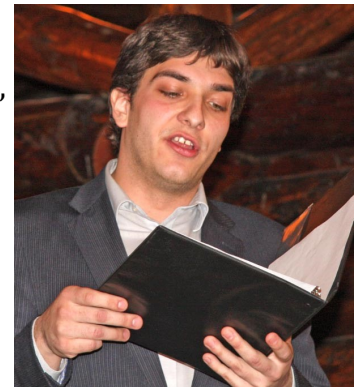
50/50 Draw: **Bill Sumner** had \$135 to give away for today's 50/50. He said the fact that it was \$25 less than last week was perhaps an indication of all the Scots in the room today. The winner was **Don O'Dwyer**.

Jim Hutchens introduced the final act to close our special day but not before stating that the Irish could keep the damn 50/50 since it was only \$135 anyway and \$5 of it was his Irish wife's money.

Our last incredibly beautiful performance for the day was our singer Ian Findidis joined on the piano by Grace King for three Robbie Burns songs, and a closing song about Robbie Burns. Ian and his amazing voice shared the following songs with us: Yea Banks in Braes, My Love is Like a Red Red Rose, Afton Water and The Star of Robbie Burns

A rousing round of applause and a standing ovation followed.

President Murray then claimed he had minutes left over from previous meetings, and invited Jack Thompson to come up as Sergeant of Arms.



- Jack exclaimed that the Irish high jacked the meeting today and it was only appropriate that Don make a voluntary contribution on behalf of the Irish.
- Michael Zacharki was fined one British pound, trading at \$2.04 Canadian – rounding down to \$2, for serving Irish Stew on a Scottish Day.
- As Terry Allen was away, all former school teachers in the crowd were asked to pay Terry's fine since our esteemed president's name on the power point was misspelt, appearing as Flegal instead of Flegel.
- Anyone who did not have at least 25% Scottish ancestry was asked to stand, and contribute the same British pound fine.
- Jack Thompson fined Earl Huson "just out of spite", claiming Earl took all of the Sergeant's time at the podium today.

Roselyn thanked Jim and George for doing an excellent job today and reminded everyone of the great job two women did of guarding the haggis – the first time ever for this club, maybe forever.

President Murray thanked everyone for a great day of fellowship, thanked all of our visitors, thanked Jim and all of our Scottish guests, and invited everyone to "Be a Gift to the World."

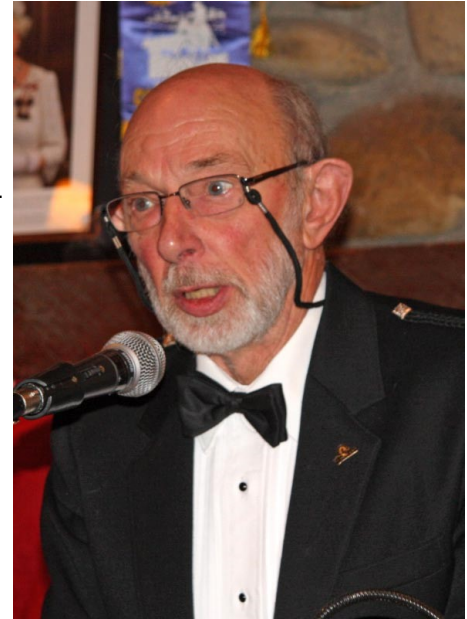




RCCS: ROBBIE BURNS DAY GUEST SPEAKER: GEORGE MUIR

Jim Hutchens introduced our guest speaker George Muir who presented a wonderful mix of poems, the life and times of Robbie Burns, and many a funny Irish jokes.

Jim started his introduction with a short story about Robbie Burns. Robbie was walking one day, and it was not a good day - his wife was pregnant, as was one of his girlfriends. As he was walking, he saw yet another beautiful young women with hair the colour of corn, beautiful eyes, and a very shapely body. He recognized her - her name was Austin - not Sherri Austin - but Jane Austin (Jim thought Sherri might be a distant cousin as she had the same glowing effervescence). "Oh good morning Robbie - TGIF. Robbie said no, it's not TGIF, it is SHIT. No said Ms. Austin, it is TGIF. No, my dear, it is SHIT. She decided she needed to spell it out for Robbie. "Robbie it is TGIF - Thank Goodness it's Friday. No said Robbie, it is SHIT - Sorry Honey It's Thursday.



Jim then introduced George Muir - a good friend he met through the Burns club. George is a retired engineer but with a different accent than Jim. J He is a Past President of the Calgary Burns Club.

George said Jim had spoken the kindest words ever of him. And proceeded to tell his own jokes and stories of Robbie Burns.

Several Irish men were looking through a mail order catalogue that featured beautiful women in the pictures. "The prices are quite reasonable, said one Irishman. I am going to order one right now." A few weeks passed and his Irish friend asked, "has your own woman found out yet that you've ordered the lassie?" To which he replied: "no, but it shouldn't be long now because her clothes arrived yesterday."

Many professional sports seem to be getting a bad wrap these days - but the Scots have their own way around it. The Common Wealth Games where on in Glasgow. Scotland was not enjoying much success so some events were altered to support the local athletes. For the 100 meter sprint, runners had to hold a video recorder in one arm, a microwave under the other, and at the firing of the pistol, a police dog was released from its cage.

In the sport of Boxing - entrants were restricted to husband and wife with the match to take place on a Friday night. The husband was given 15 pints of lager, and the wife was told not to make him any tea when he got home. That's when the bout commenced.

Robbie Burns was born into humble beginnings on September 25, 1759. His father wanted him to receive a good education - reading, writing and so sent him to school. Agnes, Robbie's mom was not too literate herself, but knew many Scottish songs which was a good influence on Robbie.



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We all remember things our mother taught us like: “Just you wait ‘til your father comes home”. Or the genetics “you are just like your father”. Or the religion “you better pray that stain comes out of the carpet.”

Young Burns developed nationalistic ideas – the history of William Wallace was his favourite book. He was 25 years old when he started to write poems – mostly in the Scottish tongue. While his father had taught him proper English, he grew up speaking and writing the local dialect. At age 27, Burns thought about giving up living in Scotland and wanted to go to Jamaica. He didn’t have the money so a friend said he should publish his poems, which he did.

It was so successful – a second edition appeared. This time though, his poems didn’t contain any political correctness – it was the early 1790s that Burns started writing poems that drew the attention of the authorities. He was always a rebellious spirit – against hypocrisy and especially hypocrisy in the church.

Which reminded George of another story:

Three Irish men were sitting in a pub, watching the front door of a brothel across the street. First a Minister appeared, knocked on the door, and went inside. “Well would you look at that”, said one of the Irishmen. Next a Rabbi knocked on the door and went inside. “There’s another one trying to fool everyone”, said the Irishman. The men continued to condemn everyone they watched enter the brothel. Until suddenly, their own holy catholic priest knocked on the brothel door and entered. To which the Irishman said, “well isn’t that sad – one of the girls must have died.”

An Irishman, finding himself in need of a lawyer, asked a lawyer, “What will it cost me to ask you 3 questions? To which the lawyer replied 400 pounds. The Irishman questioned “That’s a bit expensive, isn’t it?” To which the lawyer replied, “not really, now what is your third question?”

Many wonder how Burns got away with writing what he did. Many poems were published anonymously, and many others not until after his death. But, the establishment got its revenge with Burns, with many of his promotions blocked.

Burns responded: “Mans inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn.”

His satire was not lost on the authorities. Burns died in 1796 at the age of 37 in poverty. His funeral was attended by over 10,000 people, and would have been much more if it were not for a strong military presence.



Robbie Burns is remembered most for his hope for humanity, and “man to man shall brothers be.”

Calgary South Rotary then stood and toasted Mr. Robbie Burns and thanked George heartily for his wonderful presentation.



2015 RCCS: CALENDAR, HEALTH & TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 2016

Jan 28 Legends and Rotary Profiles 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 Claeys: 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 Dr. Reynold Bergen: Cattle Hormone Facts and Myths

April 14 Steve Allen (Chair): Calgary Economic Development

April 21 New Members Auction (Evening Meeting at Rotary House)

April 28 To be announced (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 Calgary Airport Authority



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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



RCCS: ANNOUNCEMENTS ETC...

The following proposed new member has been approved by the Board of Directors. If any Member objects to him joining our Club or to the assigned classification, an objection must be filed in writing and delivered to the Club Secretary by: February 1st, 2016.

Name: Javed Ghafoor Classification: International Finance / Oil and Gas
Proposed by: Murray Flegel

Javed Ghafoor is an active Rotary Club member of Islamabad Cosmopolitan hoping to transfer to the Rotary Club of Calgary South



On behalf of the Salvation Army I would like to extend my thanks you to all of you that assisted in our 2015 Salvation Army Kettle Drive.

Rotary Club of Calgary South helped to meet the goal of one million dollars!!!

Total to date, is one million and ten thousand dollars and still coming in.

Dave Read,

Chair: Salvation Army Kettle Drive



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Tickets On Sale Now!

Larry Kwong 2016 Chinese New Year Dinner

Date: Friday, February 5th

Time: Cocktails and Dumplings: 5:00 PM
Dinner: 6:00 PM

Location: Regency Palace Restaurant
335 – 338 Centre Street South

Tickets: \$50 per Person
\$450 for a table of 10

Fabulous 8-course dinner, with live
entertainment throughout the evening!

To Order Tickets:
corinne@whitehathospitality.com

Don't delay, as ticket
numbers may be limited.

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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.



PARTNERS IN PRINT

MONEY MADAME'S INVESTMENT CLUB

The Money Madame's Investment Club has an active membership of 17 Calgary South Rotary Partners. We meet for breakfast nine (9) times per year on the second Thursday of the month at the Calgary Golf and Country Club.

We have been active since the Fall of 2003 and are counselled by Corina Murdoff of Dundee Goodman Private Wealth who we count on for her valued advice.

Our focus is on learning the stock market and having fun doing it. Making a profit is definitely an added bonus.

We have had many successes and many failures over the years but the comradery and the experience has been deemed priceless.

We still have room for more members and wish to extend an Invitation to all partners with interest to call Lorna Hamm at: (403) 804-2143 or Jeanette King at: (403) 243-0488



RCCS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Here is a picture of Bonar Irving and Ken Copithorne at the Yard House in Palm Springs enjoying a healthy meal and friendship together.



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

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