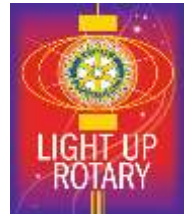




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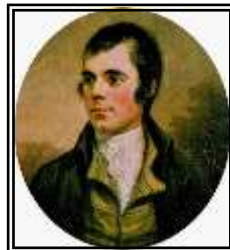


Jim Hutchens led the Robbie Burns Celebration, starting with the parading of the Haggis, accompanied by Murray Flegel and Don Mintz and piped in by Stephanie McSween of the Calgary Police Service Pipe Band.

Jim Addressed the Haggis and presented the customary toast. Corinne Wilkinson professed to understanding a few words this year, which is more than your Editor can claim.

Ron Pratt presented the Immortal memory. Ron is a Past President and long term member of the Calgary Burns Club, and is also the Director of the Calgary Burns Club Singers.

Robert Burns was born in 1759 and died at the age of 37. It was a time of crushing poverty and an oppressive society and church. He left behind many poems and songs and hundreds of letters that still exist today.



He was a lover of nature and also a lover of mankind in general and of women in particular. He could take an everyday occurrence or a simple situation and not only describe it in great detail, but at the same time send a powerful message or pose a philosophical question.



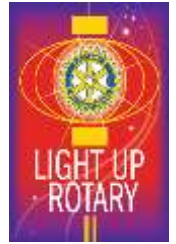


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When Burns was ploughing his field one November he destroyed a wee mouse's nest and wrote about it in:

"To a Mouse."

*Thou saw the fields laid bare and waste, An' weary winter comin' fast,
An' cozie here beneath the blast, Thou thought to dwell,
Till crash! the cruel coulter past, Out through your cell.*

He drew comparisons to the situation of the mouse and himself.

*But Mousie thou art no thy lane, in proving foresight may be vain,
The best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft agley,
And leave us nought but grief and pain for promised joy.*

And we can add ourselves to that mix today, when we see the price of oil now compared with what we thought it would be. Yes, the best laid plans, indeed. And of course, when plans go badly off track like that, there is a great deal of apprehension about what the future holds. On this, Burns thinks that the wee mouse is better off than he.

*Still, though art blessed compar'd wi' me, the present only touches thee,
But och I backward cast my e'e on prospects drear,
An' forward tho I canna see, I guess an' fear!*

There is a lot of trepidation out there today. And of course, with turmoil and uncertainty in the market, there will be unemployment. And on this theme, Burns often remarked to his brother, Gilbert, that he could not envision a more desolate picture of human misery than that of a man futilely seeking work. Getting employment was a problem in Burns' time and it is a problem today, much more so in many other countries.

"Man Was Made to Mourn"

*But oh! What crowds in every land, all wretched and forlorn,
Thro weary life this lesson learn that man was made to mourn.*

On a positive note, Burns does give us hope for the future through his plea that the day will come when common sense and the true worthiness (not financial) of mankind will be what counts, for brotherhood and equality.

"A Man's a Man"

*Then let us pray that come it may, As come it will for a' that,
That sense and worth o'er a' the earth, shall bear the gree an' a' that,
For a' that an' a' that, it's coming yet for a' that,
That man to man the world o'er, shall brothers be for a' that!*

And when Burns died in July 1796, an estimated 10 to 15 thousand people lined the streets of the town of Dumfries as witness to the passing of this remarkable genius. As Burns had remarked to his wife many years before when their future looked bleak – "I'll be celebrated much more in a hundred years than I am today." Talk about an understatement! Please charge your glass, rise and join me in a toast: The Immortal memory of Robert Burns.

(Our thanks to Mr. Pratt for the use of his notes).

We were blessed once again this year with the singing of Bob Ferrier, who concluded the celebration with two wonderfully presented songs from the Burns' era. As a special treat, Messrs. Hutchens, Pratt and Ferrier sang the traditional "Star of Robbie Burns". They have obviously sung this together many times before.



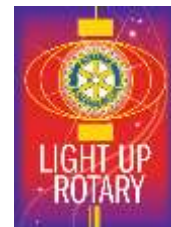


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CLUB NEWS



President Allan Johnson introduced the head table; President Elect Murray Flegel, Jason Kruse, Bob Ferrier, Jim Hutchens, and Ron Pratt.

Lydia Lytwyn introduced our visitors and guests, which included Nick Patterson, our 2006 Exchange Student from Australia. Nice to see you again, Nick!

Clive Pringle conducted the 50/50 draw, which was won by Linda Tattersall. A popular winner!

Corinne Wilkinson reminded us of the upcoming Larry Kwong Chinese New Year dinner.

Sergeant at Arms Jason Kruse, in honour of Robbie Burns Day, elected to regale us with an original poem and then fined the house at large. Nice job on the poem and the accent, Jason!



Chas Filipski introduced our latest Short Term Exchange student, Georgie Saunders, from Australia. Georgie has been so busy soaking up the Canadian winter experience, skiing, snowboarding and attending hockey games and practices that she has not had the chance to attend any meetings up to now, and she is already heading home. She thanked the Club for the opportunity to visit. It is very different here than the surfing life style she is used to. President Allan presented Georgie with a banner for her home Club.

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President Allan closed the meeting with the reminder to
“Light up Rotary”

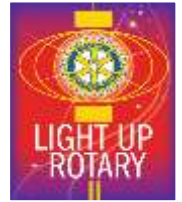


Ode to the Haggis



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Calendar and Announcements



JANUARY 2015

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 Fran Leggett: Rotary Science Program

MARCH 2015

March 5 Councilman Sean Chu: Calgary Plan: 2015
March 12 St. Patrick's Day
March 19 Dr. Mustata: U of C "Keep Program"
March 26 Stay In School Scholarship Program

APRIL 2015

April 2 Club's 60th Anniversary Presentation
April 9 Vimy Day Speaker: Museum of the Regiments
April 16 Doug Feely: Island Lake Resort Ski Update
April 23 New Members' Auction: evening meeting: Danish Canadian Club
April 30 Dream Home Presentation

Noteworthy News:

Dr. Monty Audenart passed away on Wednesday, Jan 21 at his home in Red Deer. He will be greatly missed. He served as a Vice President of Rotary International, and has been serving as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

He was a mentor and friend, always positive and a great leader.
Garth Toombs, District 5360

Rotary Club of Calgary South Office received this note from Jack Haman when he received the news of Dr. Monty Audenart's passing.

This really hits home. Monty was my first sponsor as he came to the office in Red Deer when I was working on a one year contract and said "Get your coat. You're going to a Rotary meeting. Before I knew it, I was a member of Red Deer East. He was a very successful Dentist and just a great guy. I owe him big time. Jack

VISITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

If you know of anyone who is not well please contact *Dave Marchant* at:
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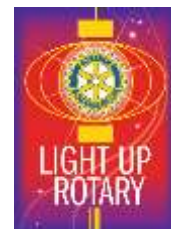


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HISTORY MOMENTS



History Moments Rotary Club of Calgary South 1955 -2015

History Moments will be published on a regular basis in our Club Bulletin as a lead up to our Sixtieth Anniversary meeting on April 2nd. The primary source for these articles will be our Fiftieth Anniversary Publication –Manchester to Calgary South 1955- 2005 authored by Peter Penner.

In The Beginning

Excerpts from Chapter 3 of Manchester to Calgary South 1955-2005

Basically there were two good reasons for chartering a new club in Calgary. The Calgary Club needed one close at hand in the city for “makeups” and they wanted a project to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of Rotary International. Calgary was growing rapidly in 1955 and business was expanding and Ron Jenkins later called the “father of the Manchester/South Club” was anxious about both of these factors. Jenkins was a well know Calgary grocery store owner and a past president of the Calgary Rotary Club.

According to Peter’s research 100 % attendance was the primary concern for the Calgary Club members as they wanted to avoid a long drive to High River or Banff which were the closest Rotary Clubs in the area. Peter noted that Curly Galbraith who joined the Calgary Club in 1950 and managed Clubs 53 years of perfect attendance recalled how the members met at the Palliser at four or four-thirty in the afternoon on a Thursday to catch the car pool to reach Banff or High River for the supper meetings. Ron Jenkins prepared a report on the possibility of a new club in Calgary and presented it to the Past Presidents of the Calgary Club in 1954. The report recommended that a new Rotary Club be established with the membership to be drawn from the area east to the Elbow River to a point where it joins the Bow River and south of the Bow River and 17th Ave. east. The name chosen for the new club was Manchester. Jenkins also entered into discussion with the Kiwanis Club who were the only other Service club in the area to ensure that there was support for Rotary.

Many of the companies in the area welcomed the opportunity to have their employees in a ‘second club’ since some had been prevented from doing so because of “classification’ conflicts with the parent club. Members of the Calgary Club who worked in the new area could remain as members unless they wanted to transfer.

George Adam, recalls that on February 17th, 1955, sixty years ago, thirty-eight of the new Rotarians and their wives attended the first meeting of the Rotary Club of Manchester at the Palliser hotel. George notes that the new bunch was “unusually vocal and visual, so much so that some wondered at this ‘lusty offspring’ the Calgary Club was spawning.” Once approval from Rotary International was received the Club was officially chartered on April 7th, 1955.

In 1967, the name of the club was changed to the Rotary Club of Calgary South and later Rotary International required all Rotary Clubs to use format, “The Rotary Club of followed by an appropriate description” thus we are now the Rotary Club of Calgary South.

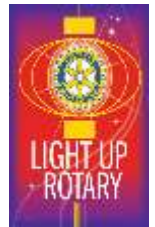
- Submitted by Terry Allen, George Adam and Peter Penner



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Partners In Print & Jimmy's Jottings



PARTNERS IN PRINT

Sunnylands: Doreen Devitt, Linda Legare and Betty Stein attended an amazing tour at Sunnylands. This is an estate of 250 acres owned by the Annenbergs who were world class philanthropists in the desert. They also entertained Presidents, Kings, Queens, dignitaries and Hollywood royalty in their 25 thousand square home. Everyone had a great time.

Submitted by Linda Legare



Jimmy's Jottings

This week is our semester break. I went to some movies and restaurant with friends. On day, a friend and I went on a movie. On our way to the movie, my friends said that is really sad that there is no Chinese New Year in Canada, by the way that guy is from China. I laugh and said "Of course there is, with Rotary." I think this is the most surprising thing I have in Canada. And I think it's the only place

that celebrate Chinese New Year outside Asia. And I also went to lot of Japanese food with the exchange students. I also went to Canmore for Anton's birthday party, we went to Ice tubing, it's my first time for tubing, it's really funny. The next morning we watch the football game between Packers and Seahawks. It's a really tight and interesting game. Anyway, is a really different and interesting weekend for me. I am now so exciting for the Chinese New Year. Hope that I will be able to get some Lucky Money haha. ... *Jimmy*

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



FRIDAY JANUARY 30
REGENCY PALACE CALGARY
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Includes eleven courses of delicious food and live entertainment

Reception 5 PM

Dinner 6 PM

\$50 per person

\$450 table of 10

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ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY SOUTH ATTENDANCE FOR 2015



It should be noted that this Rotary Club almost always has the highest rate of attendance in Calgary and our Members should take great pride in this accomplishment.

Please note that as we move forward with our New Attendance Program through Club Runner we need to highlight a few areas of interest and improvement.

COMMITTEES SHOULD REPORT MAKEUPS

It would be beneficial to have a committee representative email me with the committee meeting date and a list of members in attendance. I would only need to receive this information once and all members in attendance will automatically receive a makeup if they need it. I currently do this for Board Meetings, Dream Home Meetings and most YEX Committee Meetings.

TIME LIMITS

- Please remember that most makeups must be done two weeks before or after a missed meeting. The exception to the rule are the Casino Makeups, Dream Home Shift Makeups and Bulletin Editors and Photographers.
- You must report all makeups within the month that they are done. We report our attendance to Rotary International and the District. The Attendance Committee likes to see us report this information to them by the 10th to the 15th of the following month. Once I report attendance I must close off the month and I cannot go back and give a member a makeup for a month that has been closed.
- We can give an honorary member, exempted member or a member on leave of absence credit for any makeup or meeting that they attend. They are not required to attend but we do receive a credit to our attendance if they do.

HOW TO REPORT MAKEUPS

- Please email the makeup to kathynn@rotarycs.org whenever possible so that I will have proof of your makeup, do not report these to me verbally when you see me as it is very difficult to remember to record this later
- Please always provide the following information when reporting a makeup:
 - Type of Makeup (ie Club Attended, Committee Meeting Attended etc...)
 - Date of Makeup (please do not assume I know when these are)
 - Date of Meeting to apply to or whether you would like me assign or bank the makeup
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HOW TO VIEW YOUR ATTENDANCE

Always go to the following link: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/952> and this will bring you to our new homepage. Once there you can log in with your login name and password (I can provide this to you if you do not already know what it is).

Now at the top of the screen you will see something that says “Member Area” click this and you are now on the administrative side of things for myself and members only. Under the heading “My ClubRunner” you will see a number of options available to you please pick “My Attendance” and you can see how you are doing!!!

Thanks! Kathyann Reginato



Strawberry Shortcakes Valentine's Fundraiser 2015
For the Rotary Club of Calgary West
Cakes will be Delivered Thursday, Feb 12
Online ordering is now available!



Celebrate Valentine's Day with a treat for your friends, family and co-workers. Acknowledge someone you love. Bring a little bit of sweetness into someone's life. On Thursday, February 12, 2015, Rotarians from Calgary West will be delivering delicious homestyle strawberry shortcakes to businesses and homes in Calgary and Airdrie. There is a minimum purchase of 6 cakes ordered to receive free delivery!

To order online, go to www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org/strawberry.htm

or www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org and press on the Click For Details link at the top of our webpage.

Please note: Deliveries this year will be on Thursday, Feb 12

Deadline to Order: Friday, February 6, 2015

Funds raised by **Valentine's 2015 Strawberry Shortcakes** will be used to support the charitable projects of the Rotary Club of Calgary West including Habitat for Humanity, Homes of Hope, Motive-Action, Feed the Hungry, Hearts and Hands Foundation, PolioPlus, Youth Partnerships Programs, Malawi Girls on the Move School, Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre, Unlocking Potential Foundation, Micro-Credit Programs in Honduras and many others.

Wishing You All A Sweet Treat on Valentine's!

Marie Rickard
Strawberry Shortcake Committee
Rotary Club of Calgary West