



RCCS: MID YEAR STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS



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President Murray Flegel began his Mid Year Address by discussing Membership. President Flegel advised us that we started with 143 members, lost 4, gained 6 and sit at 145 members in good standing right now. Our goal is 150. We have 5 potential members in the cue as well. Every member is valued and our attendance is over 80%.

Small Grants: **Bill Leclair** and his committee have been very busy! They are JUST under the \$100,000.00 budget as they have given out \$99,587.00 to many worthy projects (Please note that there is further information from the Small Grants Committee in this Bulletin.

Large Grants: **Jim McNeil** and his committee are review requests to ensure they fit the mandate. If no project is chosen, that \$100,000.00 will be used to pay down our Club's commitment to Mattamy and leave us in good financial shape.

More financial plans: We have commitment to Rotary Challenger Park for \$500,000.00 (5 years at \$100,000.00 so long as it is for bricks and mortar and that funds are available)

Stay in School account is healthy – we have \$3.5 million in equity funds. We will also have to help fund Rotary House when it moves but no specific details are available at this time.



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President Flegel reported that our revenue is robust. We plan on \$350-400,000.00 from the Dream Home, Country Thunder 50/50 \$125,000.00, and **Lynn Grant** has advocated for our Club to do the 50/50 draw at the Stampede (sharing with Kinsmen) for an estimated \$125,000.00.

The estate of Mario Stella of \$1,000,000.00 is in our investments and the investment income will be dedicated to the SIS program.

Our social scene has been and continues to be active and exciting!

The Stampede Kickoff was excellent, **Terry Allen** guided a wonderful weekend for Waterton Park, the SIS golf tournament is always successful, the Partners Christmas lunch was very fun and our Club's Christmas lunch was stellar!

Robbie Burns Day is fast approaching and the Larry Kwong Chinese Dinner is on February 5th. Our Valentine's Day Luncheon will be at Rotary House this year followed by St. Patrick's Day. Our New Members Auction will be slightly different this year and the President's Ball will be a little more casual as well.

At this point my time at the podium will come to an end and the gavel will be passed on to **President-Elect Ken Farn**.

This has been a fast paced first part of the year and I look forward to the last half of my tenure.

President Murray Flegel





RCCS: CLUB NEWS

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Calgary South. What a wonderful and loud crowd we had today! Many 'Happy New Year' wishes and catching up conversations made the room buzz! **President Murray** called the boisterous group together to start the meeting. Also, **President Murray** encouraged those who do not already know him to 'get to know me'!

President Murray Flegel opened with this date in History

1914: First Steamboat passes through the Panama Canal

1967: The Newlywed Game Show premiered

1982: New York Islanders' Bryan Trottier's 10th career hat trick took place.

Today is National Bobble Head Day – **President Murray** had the whole crowd bobbling!

Head table: The head table was greeted with many rounds of applause and whoo hoo's! Today was a very good day to grace the head table! See pictured below: Randy Burnette, Jim Bladon, Art Borzel, Don Mintz and Rod Bower.

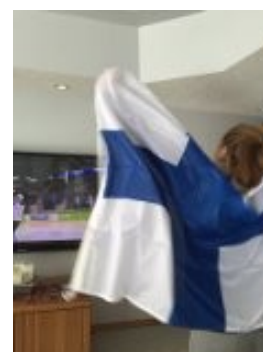


Visiting Rotarians & Guests: **Jim Hutchens** introduced our Guests today: Marmie Hess from Calgary West, Ronald Chui (Guest of Gena Rotstein), Brian Currie (Guest of Norm Devitt), Stacy Walton (Guest of Keith Davis), Major Guy Simms (Guest of Dave Read), Lee Rogers (Guest of Murray Flegel), Jesse Sacha (Guest of Ron Prokosch and Exchange Student to Japan in 1997/1998), and Anni Arvo our Exchange Student and Proud Fin!



Larry Kennedy had the pleasure of 'ripping the stripe' off of **Kevin Macleod's** name badge!

Anni Arvo, our wonderful exchange student, delighted the Club by displaying Finland's flag showing her support for the World Junior Champions.





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Food Bank: Corrine Wilkinson shouted out her appreciation to all of the people who worked the Food Bank – and to those who covered the additional shift that needed to be covered. She is very proud of our Club! She is collecting money today that will be given to the Food Bank – receipt will be for 2015 and will come from our Club.

President Murray announced that **Glen Richardson's** business partner (Glen Rumpel who is a tremendous supporter of Stay in School) son passed away... he was only 32 years old.... We are sorry to hear of

Jim Hutchens announced that **President Murray** should be fined for giving a ripped \$5.00 for his tickets!

Jim McNeil won \$182.00 from the 50/50 draw!

Sergeant At Arms: Dana Hunter was the Sergeant at Arms. She fined those not wearing their Rotary pins, those who did not attend Anni's game and those not wearing a tie with their shirt! Nice haul Dana!!

President Murray closed the meeting early and reminded everyone to be a GIFT TO THE WORLD



Reminder of Upcoming Event:

Larry Kwong Chinese New Year Dinner at the Regency Palace Restaurant

Cocktails and Dumplings will be at 5:00 pm
Fabulous Multi Course Dinner at 6:00 pm
Cost: \$50 per person / Table of Ten: \$450

Live entertainment throughout the evening.

Tickets will be available at Calgary South Rotary beginning January 14th



2015 RCCS: CALENDAR, HEALTH & TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY 2016

- Jan 14 CNS: Youth Justice Presentation
- Jan 21 Robbie Burns Day
- Jan 28 Social Committee 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 To be announced
- April 14 Steve Allen (Chair): Calgary Economic Development
- April 21 New Members Auction: Danish Canadian Club**
- April 28 To be announced



MAY 2016

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



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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



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2015 / 2016 Small Grants Committee

Please note: Bill LeClair would like to thank the Small Grants Committee personally for their tireless work

1 GiveA Mile \$6,300

GiveA Mile solicits donations of unused Travel Loyalty miles to enable people to visit a family member with a life threatening illness. In less than 2 years, Give A Mile has provided more than 150 flights, utilizing over 5 million donated miles to connect families in their time of need. GiveA Mile has established partnerships with Aeroplan and American Express allowing supporters to pledge their Loyalty miles to support flights of compassion.

The funds provided will go towards investment in development of an enhanced website in order to integrate new "mile /point" programs into the online experience. The two new partners will be Air Miles and RBC Avian.

2. Providence House \$8,887

Providence has a long history of helping very young children who have disabilities. They provide therapeutic and educational programs and services preschool children with disabilities and their family's needs. They worked with 200 children with disabilities last year.

The funds provided will go towards the purchase of an External Video Surveillance System for their Willow Park School which accommodates 250 young children with disabilities each school day.

3. McMan \$8,500

McMan Calgary & Area housing and homelessness programs support youth, all facing a common challenge - nowhere to go and no one to help. Stable housing and support provide these young people the opportunity to move from barely surviving to thriving as they work towards independence and fulfilling their potential.

This grant will go towards assisting with renovations to the Triwood Apartments which is an independent living facility for 18-24 year olds who are working or in school, have shown responsibility, and meet specific criteria to qualify for housing through McMan.

4. Wood's Homes \$9,000

Wood's offers 35 services which include free, walk-in counseling for individuals of all ages; crisis counseling by phone, email and text; in-home support; a homeless youth shelter that offers medical services outreach street services and employment programs for youth - to name a few.

This grant will enable badly needed carpet replacement at the George Wood Learning Centre in Bowness and the William Taylor Learning Centre in Parkdale.

5. Children's Link \$4,000

Children's Link is Calgary's first and only special needs connection. Families can contact their office by phone, email or through their website. Through a process of Consultation, these families are given a chance to clarify needs, assess their options and make decisions to promote family wellness. They are put in touch with the correct agencies to provide the help they need.

This grant will go towards the provision of workstations and lap tops for team members to assist families visiting their office.

6. L'Arche \$2,500

L'Arche creates homes and communities where people with developmental disabilities can live in group homes 24/7. They have five group homes, a Supported Independent Living Program and a Day Program. L'Arche Calgary supports 32 people with developmental disabilities and has been operating since 1973.

This grant will go towards the purchase of a Smart Board.

7. Father Lacombe care Centre \$ 10,000

The Centre is committed to providing compassionate, holistic care for adults who need care in a home-like setting. A new facility is about to open for 160 residents. The existing and the new care facilities are continuing care facilities.

This grant will go towards the purchase of 5 special electric beds.

8. Deaf and Hear \$5,000

Deaf and Hear works in communities across Alberta to promote better hearing health. They have a building in northwest Calgary where they provide programs and services to Calgarians who are Deaf or living with hearing loss and in need of education and advocacy.

The grant will go towards completion of renovations to the kitchen facility in their building.

9. Calgary Pregnancy Centre \$8,800

This Centre provides client counseling, 24-hour help Line, Maternity and Baby clothing, pre-Natal classes, Birth mom's Support Group, post-abortion support, a medical clinic and much more. Last year the centre had 2,798 client visits.

This grant will be used towards Computer Hardware and Counselling Room furniture which has not been upgraded for many years.



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10. Word Auto (Youth Unlimited) \$10,000

This is a Training program for disadvantaged and troubled youth which takes its form as a local automotive shop. The program is for young people between the ages of 15 -24 and stresses the importance of young people being involved in actual productive work. These young people work on donated vehicles, repair them and sell them to people in the community with the proceeds going towards funding the Word Auto Program. The funds will be used towards the purchase of a quality used tow truck to pick up vehicles.

11. Homefront \$5,000

Homefront collaborates with the justice system, social service agencies, police and community partners to reduce domestic violence. They have operated over the past 15 years and, during that time, have changed the lives of more than 30,000 victims and their children through three care programs; Domestic Conflict Response Team, Domestic Violence Intervention & Resource Team and High Risk Management Initiative. This grant will go towards the purchase of computer equipment and furniture.

12. Stephen's Backpack \$10,000

Stephen's Backpack Society started with Stephen McPhee, a mildly autistic 5 year old who was saddened to learn there were children in our community with no home and nothing to call their own but the clothes on their backs. He urged his parents to help by putting together backpacks filled with toys, candy, school supplies, games and hygiene items. Since 2008 when the Society was incorporated, it has delivered over 17,000 backpacks to homeless children.

Now the Society's latest project is the Global Citizen Project designed to involve school children in making the world a better place to live. Society volunteers make classroom presentations to grade 6 - 12 students about the environment, climate change, homelessness, poverty, anti-bullying and cultural awareness.

This grant will go towards the purchase of a van to help take the Global Citizen Project to many more schools.

13. Children's Cottage \$7,000

The Cottage provides programs and services that focus on 3 areas:

- Crisis Nursery & respite to ensure children are safe and protected from physical and emotional harm in a nurturing way.
- Alleviating homelessness of families by providing emergency shelter, the support to find homes and follow up to ensure sustainability of their homes;
- Family In-Home Support.

The grant is for the Brenda's House program toward the installation of a second commercial dishwasher and to replace the counter top in the kitchen.

14. Can Learn Society \$4,000

The Society helps diagnose children with learning difficulties and AD/HD. They provide test kits to do so. They help clients understand their strengths and learn to effectively work through their challenges with clinical and learning support, strategies, cognitive behavioural groups and access to excellent resources.

The grant will go towards the purchase of several care testing materials which have recently been updated.

Total \$99,987



AT THE PETROLEUM CLUB RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR





ANNI'S ADVENTURES

Hello everyone and Happy New Year!

So first things first....**FINLAND WON GOLD** in junior hockey championship tournament in Helsinki!!

The game was so exciting that I couldn't believe.

But they did it in overtime 4-3! I had to skip school because of the game schedule but it was totally worth it. It's important to cheer for your own country, eh? I'm so happy right now. I wish I could be partying in Finland now with all the other Finns as today

was declared a National Holiday, but I can think of all that and be in the mood here right? I have so many good reasons to remember years 2015-2016! Oh and Finland's women national ringette team won also this week against Canada! I have to mention though that we lost to U20 Canada in the U20 golden game. So we are pretty even, eh?

Other things that I've been doing so far... I had a great Christmas with Flegel family and I got so many presents and food that I can't believe. Thank you so much to all of you! I'm a very lucky girl. My homesickness wasn't that bad that I expected so that's also good. I skyped with my family for the first time and we talked almost an hour. It was great to see them.

My New Years was also really good! I had a couple friends over and on New Year's Eve Johanna from Austria & I and many other exchange students were celebrating together. It was great and I don't think I'll ever forget my New Year's 2016 because I'm in Canada and I have all these great people around me. Talking about great people... I had a great dinner with Tony and Alice and companions. Thanks Tony! And I also had a other dinner with Don and Donna and couple other Rotarians, the food was delicious!

My ringette is still going on and we actually are playing in provincials and Calgary is hosting so that's great. I'll attach my schedule for the next few games in here so please if you are available you are welcome to come watch.

Sunday 10th at 6.00pm, Scott Seaman

Friday 15th at 5.15, Optimist Arena

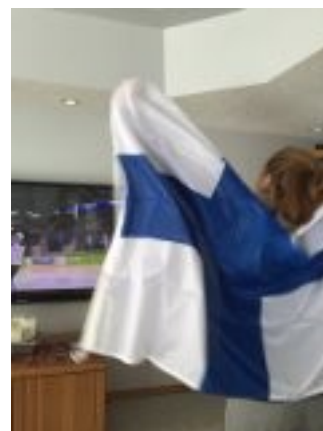
Saturday 16th at 12.30, Crowchild

Saturday 15th at 5.30, Thorncliffe

Wednesday 20th at 8.00, Triwood

Monday 25th at 7.30, Southland

Best Greetings: Anni





PARTNERS IN PRINT

To All of The Partners I wish to extend a very HAPPY NEW YEAR to you.

Now that 2016 has begun I hope we will all see our share of good things realized and as Partners we will enjoy an active and purposeful year ahead.

Our Christmas Brunch was before all the festivities of the holiday season but I do want to say how proud I am that our Loonies and Toonies contribution to NeighbourLink amounted to \$350.00. This included a cheque from a member in addition to our cash in the Christmas box. Well done and very worthwhile.

I am sure our Exchange student, Annina Arvo from Finland must have been very excited and pleased that the home team won the Gold at the World Junior hockey Tournament.

Now is the time for many of our members to travel but also the time for group activities to begin again. So good luck and good fun to everyone...

Thank you,

Maureen Watson Partners President

Partners Lunch Bunch Thursday January 21, 11:30 a.m.



Our next luncheon outing will be to Selkirk Grille at Heritage Park. There is lots of free surface parking available on-site. Please call me at 403-255-1397 or email me at maclachlan@shaw.ca by Tuesday January 19 if you can join us. Look forward to seeing you there!

Submitted by Judy MacLachlan



The Partner's Book Club is on Monday, January 18 at the Calgary Golf and Country Club. Coffee at 9am, meeting time is 9:30. I must call the CGCC by noon on Thursday, January 14th, so please call me if you are able to attend the meeting.

Wanda McNeil, Book Club Chair

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DISTRICT 5360 NEWS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Dear Rotarians:

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the DG selection committee has selected Dan Doherty of the Calgary West Club as District Governor Nominee for the Rotary Year 2018/2019. A brief bio follows:

Dan Doherty is a past President of Calgary West Rotary, where he has been an active member for over 30 years. Dan was the District Chair for RYLA for over 10 years, and more recently of the District New Generations in Action Committee. Dan has a passion for advocating for and empowering Youth especially those without a voice. Currently Dan is very engaged with students at Tsuu Tina High School, as well as the Aboriginal program at the Boys and Girls Club.

He is the past Chair of Hull Child and Family Services, the largest provider of Child Social Services in southern Alberta, as well as Accessible Housing. Dan has been on eleven Mexico Home building trips and is currently organizing the 12th Homes of Hope trip in March 2016 alongside his Rotarian wife Marlene. Dan's latest passion involves a Special Initiative for the Calgary Food Bank. Recently having returned from a Polio NID in Ethiopia and mission work in Uganda Dan is reinvigorated in the Rotary Polio eradication fight.

Please join me in congratulating Dan on his nomination.

In line with our District By Laws this nomination is open to challenge for 14 days from this date, in which case a challenging name is to be provided to the Nomination committee of the Board within that time.

In addition, all clubs have the right to nominate an individual to be on the slate to be voted on by the AGM's voting delegates - any nomination must be made 14 days prior to the AGM which will be held on May 15th. 2016.

In Rotary
Martin Harvey, District Governor 2015/2016
District 5360

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