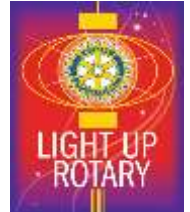




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The Legends Series: Featuring Ben Steblecki and Ed Whitaker

President Al introduced the continuing topic of Legends. The idea of celebrating our "legends" was first formulated by the late Lou Kanary. Thanks Lou.

Ben Steblecki: Ben started by saying that the description of Legend is: a story of past, believed by many people but cannot be proved! Ben was born in Edmonton and his first job was the assistant water boy with the Edmonton Eskimos. He lost this job over a hot dog incident but went

on to do many meaningful jobs in his life. Ben played football in high school, but his mom was not too keen on it. He worked at Universal Construction for 5 years and also took flying lessons on a 50 year old fleet that was pretty scary at times. Ben, being the kind guy he is, offered to fly his boss to various worksites but his boss said NO THANKS!

Ben moved to Calgary to be the GM of Cascade Builders. In 1972 Ben incorporated his company and he built many landmarks. Ben was elected to the U of A senate for 6 year term in the mid 80's as a representative of the Calgary students attending the U of A. Ben joined Calgary South in 1976 and was sponsored by John Maughn and served as a Director in the mid-80's and was President in 1990-1991. His company is still operation for 42 years and busy as ever. He is married to Danusa for 45 years, and she claims the last 3 years have been the best!! J They have 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

BEN STEBLECKI

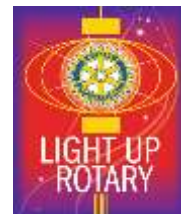




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ED WHITAKER



President Al introduced our second speaker: Ed Whitaker. As a teenager Ed worked for the CPR pounding spikes in new lines and cleaning our box cars that contained rotten watermelon. This was why Ed knew he needed an education! Ed studied at the U of BC and U of A and then got a job with Calgary Power and at this time he also received his RIA degree. He was with Farm Electric. He worked from Lacombe to Taber and had a team of 4. One day he was connecting a transformer he heard someone yell 'look up' and to Ed's amazement there was a live wire hanging! He moved into the office (a bit more safe!) and as luck would have it he met his lovely wife Elaine there too. Ed was offered a great opportunity to work with Ross Alger as a CA and it was a great time in history as Ross became the mayor! Ed kept on moving and he was successful getting a job with Engineered Homes. While there the company built 600 to 700 homes a

year and many large landmarks. Ed and his family bought a ranch in Priddis in 1962 and began importing Limousine cows (he sold his first calf for \$20,000). He now lives in Elbow River that have a wonderful view of the mountains. Ed has been very successful: he bought land and developed it throughout downtown and rural Calgary areas and in southern Alberta and BC. He really showed his adventurous spirit by buying a pistachio orchard in California which happened to be right by a wonderful golf course (he co-owns the orchard with Bob Brawn). He has enjoyed traveling with family and friends and the last trip was a wonderful river cruise with Rotary friends on the Danube. Ed was sponsored by Ed Wallace and joined Rotary in 1983. Life has been wonderful for him and he enjoys Rotary and looks forward to seeing everyone next week!



Ken Farn said thanks to Ben and Ed for their entertaining speeches. Ken said we may have learned more than we really needed to know! He said it was great to listen to them so we know where members come from and that they have lives outside of Rotary. Both Ben and Ed are excellent Rotarians and have spent years giving their time, support and money to help others. We are all proud of the caliber of our members and Ben and Ed are 2 of the

best.

President Al echoed Ken's thoughts and thanked Ben and Ed. On behalf of Ben and Ed's speeches a donation to Stay in School has been made.

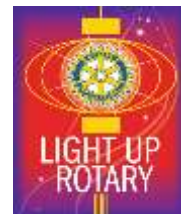




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What a wonderful way to start the year – Rotarians greeting each other, shaking hands, smiling, checking in to hear how our friends are doing, sharing stories from the holidays and wishing well for the upcoming year. David Young was spreading some cheer with a Scottish saying ‘long may your chimney smoke’! President Al opened the meeting by saying how wonderful it was to see Bonar Irving at the meeting and walking!

HEAD TABLE: Ken Farn, Corinne Wilkinson, Lynn Grant, Ben Steblecki and Ed Whitaker.

CLIVE PRINGLE: GUESTS: Clive introduced two visiting Rotarians: Harry Lazarchuk from Calgary Chinook and Bill Skinner from Calgary Heritage Park. As well, our inbound student Jimmy Cho was at the meeting.

TOM WALTON: FAMILY SKATE & HOCKEY GAME: Tom announced that on January 12th there is a family skate at 6 pm followed by a hockey game at 730. The event is at the Saddledome and you should park in lot A. The Flames are providing the refreshments and cookies. See you all there and bring friends. Contact Tom if you need more details. There is more information regarding contacting Tom on Page 4 of the Bulletin.

PRESIDENT AL: HOST FAMILY: On behalf of Donna Johnson and Len Kushner, President Al asks that if anyone would be a host family please contact either Donna or Len.

CORINNE WILKINSON: Corinne mentioned how happy she was that the Canadian Junior Hockey team brought home GOLD. Corinne thanked all the volunteers and the people on the Food Bank committee. We may add another day next year as this is such a great cause and the Food Bank was so appreciative of all of the help that was received. Corinne reminded us of the upcoming Larry Kwong Chinese New Year event on January 30th. See further information on page 6 of the bulletin if you are interested in attending.

PRESIDENT AL: AI: NEW INITIATIVE: President Al is looking for a co-ordinator that would ensure members who are unable to drive to the meetings could be picked. Please contact President Al if you are interested.

MICHAEL ZACHARKI: 50/50: The pot was \$144.00. Michael had Ed Whitaker pull the ticket and Ed suffered quite a bit of ribbing! Ed pulled the ticket for Luanne Whitmarsh. Michael admitted that he had locked the winnings in the safe and was not sure he could get it out until next week. Poor Luanne was heartbroken!! BUT – Michael saved the day and was able to retrieve the money and Luanne left happy!

LYNN GRANT: SERGEANT AT ARMS: Lynn happily lightened the pockets of many members!

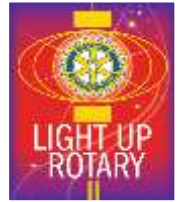
President Al closed the meeting (and it was EARLY!!) reminding the members to ‘*Light up Rotary!*’ Jim Cairns was overheard saying the meeting was shorter because we all behaved!! Except Larry Koper, of course





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Calendar and Announcements



JANUARY 2015

January 12	Family Skate & Hockey Game (Saddledome)
January 15	Mid Year State of The Union Address
January 22	Robbie Burns Day (Cash Bar)
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	Club's 60th Anniversary Presentation

MARCH 2015

March 5	Councilman Sean Chu: Calgary Plan: 2015
March 12	St. Patrick's Day
March 19	To be announced
March 26	Dream Home Presentation

APRIL 2015

April 2	To be announced
April 9	Vimy Day Speaker: Museum of the Regiments
April 23	New Members' Auction: evening meeting: Danish Canadian Club
April 30	Large Grants and World Community Service Presentation

Family Skate and Hockey Game courtesy of the Calgary Flames

Place: Calgary Saddle dome
Date: Monday January 12, 2015
Time: Family Skate at 6:00 pm
Hockey Game at 7:30 pm

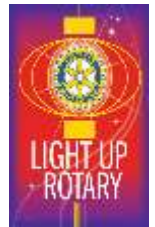
Please confirm attendance by emailing Tom Walton at:
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VISITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

If you know of anyone who is not well please contact *Dave Marchant* at: (403) 251-1674 or
email him at: marchantd@telus.net



The Bulletin Of The Rotary Club of Calgary South News



JIMMY'S JOTTINGS

This two weeks I been to lots of place. I went to West Stage to watch the 80's music show with Len, Sue and Cathie the next out-bound student. The show is awesome, I have a very great night with them. And then is Menno's birthday, we went Okotoks and celebrate his birthday. I bought him a gift card as a present because I don't know what he actually need. In the party we play pool. I start pooling when I first came to Canada. I am not really good at it. So I only won about two times. After the Party, I found out that Roope know how to play Pin Pong. It's really a good news to me. Because I can't even find one person in our school that plays it. So he invite me to his place to play some Pin Pong. The day comes really fast and cold. Unfortunately, I forget my gloves and cap. The way to Roope's place make me want to cry. First I feel that both of my hand was freezing, after a while it started to burn. My face didn't burn but I can't feel anything on it. This is the first time I really know what cold means. At Christmas, I got a clothes from Len and Suz. I really like it, it keeps me warm. And another clothes from my host family too. Speaking of cold, I am planning to go to the COP for skiing. I hope that I'll be able to keep myself from falling. New Year is coming. Wish everyone have a good year. Life in Calgary is only seven month left, but I am sure I will have an experience that change my whole life and future.

... JIMMY



Partners In Print



The Partners Book Club will meet on January 19th at 10:00 am at the home of Noelle Read. Noelle's address is: 524 Lake Erie Green SE. Please contact her at: nread@telusplanet.net or call Noelle at: (403) 271-5856 if you are able to attend.



Happy New Year. We will be meeting on January 15th at Candela at: 1919 4th Street SW at 11:30. Please RSVP to Susan Brick at 403-271-7734 if you are able to attend.

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



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YEAR OF THE SHEEP

Includes eleven courses of delicious food and live entertainment

Reception 5 PM

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