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# **The Bulletin**

## The Rotary Club of Calgary South



Murray Flegel introduced Hannah, who really did not need an introduction. He noted that while Hannah has been living with him and Arlene for the past few months, he has lost the use of his TV and remote, the hot tub, and his share of the desserts. Hannah is an organized young lady, her calendar is always full, and she even keeps track of her friends' activities. No wonder they all call her "Mom". She was also recognized by her school when they invited her to the Grade 12 graduation, even though she has just completed Grade 10.



Hannah, as we have learned to expect from this accomplished and outgoing young lady, gave an excellent talk on her exchange student experiences. She started by noting that "The exchange experience is nothing like you expected it to be". Her departure from Austria on Aug 14, 2013, at the age of fifteen was traumatic, and she expects her departure for home in 5 days to be equally emotional. A big surprise upon her arrival in Calgary was the welcoming crowd of about 50 people, who made her feel at home.

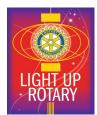
She enrolled in Grade 10 at E P Scarlett, so she was part of the new class coming in, which made it easier than joining a class part way through. She made new friends quickly (why are we not surprised), and enjoyed her new classes, such as drama and dance, which are not available in Austria. She participated in cross country (running, not skiing), and tried and loved baseball.

A big part of her exchange year was getting to know the other exchange students (18 in Southern Alberta) and sharing experiences with them – events, trips, new host families, celebrating birthdays and other activities. Rotary members gave her many opportunities to be involved in activities and trips. Rotary Partners also made sure she was part of their events and functions. Her collection of pins and badges, displayed on her jacket, is amazing – that jacket must weigh a ton!

Although Austria is always her home, she now considers Canada a second home, and knows that she has many families in Calgary, the Hochhausen's, Farn's, Judy MacLaughlin, and the Flegel's. Not everyone is willing to act as hosts, and she thanks everyone who took her in.

As anyone who has followed Hannah's weekly recounting of her adventures in the Bulletin, she has had many experiences in her year, too many to list them all. Just reading about them all was exhausting! Many unique, special and unforgettable memories have been forged. She has learned much about herself, and feels confident and willing to try new things.

"Exchange is not a year in a life, it is a life in a year. Danke!"





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LIGHT UP ROTARY



President Allan Johnson opened his first meeting a few minutes early, which is a refreshing change from the norm. A moment of silence was requested to honour the sister of Peggy Davis and the sister of Justine Penner, both of whom passed this week.

The head table was introduced: Gord Weicker, Larry Kennedy, Craig Kindleman, President Elect Murray Flegel, and our special guest, Hannah Schoendorfer.

The Club recognized Peter and Justina Penner who just celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Blake Pelham introduced our visitors and

guests. Gerald Deckart, from Germany was given our customary gift for the guest who has come the furthest to visit us. Gerald noted that he last visited 18 years ago, during the RI convention.



Craig Kindleman, outgoing Chair of the Dream Home Committee, thanked his Committee members, Rotary members of Stampede Lotteries, and all of the volunteers who achieved the best year ever for our Dream Home. Nearly \$1.6 Million in ticket sales, which should translate into Club earnings of over \$500,000. We had 20 record sales shifts, with one



shift in excess of \$107,000. All of our shifts were filled by members, family and volunteers.

Larry Kennedy noted that invoices for this year's Rotary dues have been sent out and for the first time, these can be paid on line through ClubRunner. If you would like to do this and are experiencing any difficulty please email Kathyann Reginato at: <u>kathyann@rotarycs.org</u>

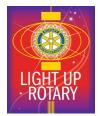
Gord Weicker filled us in on the Stay In School golf tournament which is Monday, July 26, at Cottonwood Golf and Country Club. We are sold out again this year, and the objective is to exceed last year's earnings of \$140,000. He thanked the major sponsors who are always with us to achieve our goals, Neil and Lori Magee, Penny Leckie, Boss Lubricants, Brawn Foundation and Supreme Windows, amongst others.

Harry Pelton introduced his special guest, Martinez Mangupli, who was a Rotary exchange student in PEI 14 years ago at the same time that Harry's daughter, Megan, was an exchange student in Argentina living with Martinez's family. Martinez has gone on to become an orthopaedic surgeon. He has been in Calgary for the past year finishing his training, and considers the Pelton's a second family. He noted that his Rotary experience has given him contacts that will be with him for the rest of his life.





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#### It's all in the Family with The Stokke's



The entire Stokke family: Craig, Theresa, Megan and Emily were presented with Paul Harris Fellows (PHF 2&3, PHF 1, PHF 2 and PHF 2, respectively). Craig told us that the two young ladies earned the money for their PHF's themselves, through craft sales and fund raising at various Rotary events. That is an amazing feat, and they are to be congratulated!

### Hannah was the surprise 50/50 winner today winning a total of \$176.00

Sergeant at Arms, Joe Connelly, did some random fund raising amongst the crowd and then imposed a blanket penalty on almost everybody else.

Craig Stokke thanked Hannah for her presentation and for her year. He noted that she has touched the heart of our Club. Her engagement with the members has raised the profile of youth exchange to new levels, and she has raised the bar for expectations of both our inbound and outbound students.

President Allan presented Hannah with a copy of Peter Penner's Club History, and noted that she will be great representative of Calgary South.

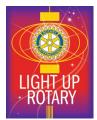








Of The Rotary Club of Calgary South Calendar and Announcements



#### <u>Calendar</u>

#### <u>JULY 2014</u>

- July 24 Irene Jumbo: Mentoring Session
- July 31 No Meeting due to SISSP Golf Tournament on July 28
- July 28 SISSP Golf Tournament: Cottonwood Golf & Country Club

#### AUGUST 2014

- August 7 President Al Johnson: Inaugural Address
- August 12 Board Meeting: Better Business Bureau
- August 14 Jody Moseley: Calgary Airport Expansion
- August 21 William Delaney: Sustainable Development
- August 23 Rotary Polo for Polio Match: Black Diamond Polo Club
- August 28 Valeria Flores: YEX Student Presentation

#### **SEPTEMBER 2014**

- Sept 4 John Gulak: Sick to Death of the Silence
- Sept 11 Alida Visbach: Heritage Park's 50th
- Sept 18 District Governor's Visit
- Sept 25 Bob Child: LNG Exports

### **VISITATION COMMITTEE**

If you know of anyone who is not well contact Dick Shaw at: <u>atlanticclipper@gmail.com</u> or 403 242 1582. He would be more than happy to arrange a visit for anyone who would like one

### HANNAH'S DEPARTURE DATE

Hannah departs next Tuesday which is July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 18:25 (6:25) pm on Lufthansa, Flight 6793.

Hannah's original Itinerary booked months ago, said departing at 6:45 p.m. It has been changed to 18:25 p.m.

Since she has to check-in 90 minutes before, at approximately 5:00 p.m., those who may want to spend a few minutes with her should be there no later than 4:15 p.m., meeting across from Lufthansa's check-in counter.



### Hannah's Happenings No. 45



## Stampede time

STAMPEDE!!! Now I definitely understand why everyone loves Stampede and why it's so special for Calgary! I had a fabulous time and explored pretty much the entire Stampede. I watched the parade on Friday July the 4<sup>th</sup> and then I continued my week with going on many rides, watching the chuck wagon race and the Grand Stand show, working two days for the dream home, tasting fried Oreo cookies and mini donuts and watching the scary motorbike show. I had a blast all the time on the Stampede ground and I definitely will come back for Stampede sometime in the next couple of years.



The past two weeks many of the exchange students already left

and returned home. It was not easy to say goodbye to them because we do not know when and where our passes will cross again. But we are all planning to visit each other and we will stay in touch for sure. We call ourselves an "international family"! But we will always remember our last days together at Stampede and the goodbye barbecue last Saturday.



On Thursday Mary McPhee and I went on a Road trip and I could tag off two of my last goals. Hannah wanted to go to Hanna, AB and to Drumheller to the Dinosaur museum. We started our day bright and early and drove all the way to the town that is almost spelled the same way than my first name. The two of us took some pictures there, drove around the town and asked for some

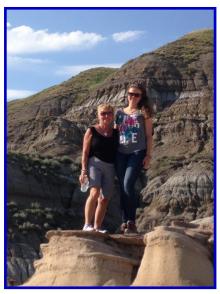
information in the tourism office. After Mary spoiled me with the best lunch ever, we explored the dinosaur museum and the huge dinosaur in Drumheller. I was really impressed about the museum and all the different dinosaurs

they had there. The suspension bridge, the stage of the passion play, the horseshoe canyon and the hoodoos up there made the day perfect! The country side around there looks so different and it all reminded me a bit of Arizona, which was probably also because of the very hot weather that day. However, this day showed me a completely new side of Alberta and I truly



had one of the best days.

On Saturday morning I left for another adventure – Vail, Colorado! The boy my parents hosted this year is from Colorado.



He returned back from Austria to Vail last Tuesday. His parents visited him in May in Austria though and got good friends with my parents and decided to invite me in Colorado before I head back home. I did some hiking here, met some of Chase's friends, went to the goodbye party for the three exchange students in Vail, visited a farmers market and I had a big American burger. Right now I am still in Colorado and enjoy the time here, but tomorrow I will fly back to Calgary to spend the last 6 days of my exchange there.

... Hannah



#### Rotary Partners Hiking — Terrace Trail from Galatea to the Village

July 16th was 31 degrees. We opted to hike Galatea because of the forest shade. The thirteen hikers, including two new guests, started the trail looking cool and bright. Flood damage was still evident with fallen trees and debris by the creek. Crossing the stream on the rocks took care and the help of a stick offered by Donna. We were treated to a beautiful array of wild flowers including this Western Wood Lily. We sought the shade of a tree to eat lunch, but despite our attempts to stay cool we were exhausted and foot sore when we reached a watering hole at the end of the hike. Now that is a rewarding day! - Photos by Pat Farn



A Bright Looking Group at the Beginning

Flood Damage Still Evident



**Crossing the Stream** 



Lunch in the Shade of a Tree



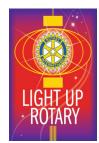
Western Wood Lily



Exhaustion at the End of the Hike



### The Rotary Club of Calgary South Partners in Print



#### DREAM HOME WRAP UP

The Partners are thrilled with the results of this years Dream Home sales and are very proud of the hard work and dedication of the Dream Home



Committee. The attention to detail was clearly evident everywhere. Congratulations to **Craig Kindleman** and the Dream Home Committee.

The Partners are so very proud to work side by side  $\Rightarrow$  with Rotarians, Friends and family to create a stronger community.

**Marianne Jost** sat in on all The Dream Home committee meetings this year and will continue to do so in 2014/2015.

Marianne is an amazing woman with great stories.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS** ...

⇒ On behalf of all of The Partners, we would also like to wish Justina ✓ and Peter Penner a very happy 65th Anni-



versary. What an amazing and wonderful milestone for the Penner's.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norm and Linda Legare are proud grandparents of their very first grandchild. The baby was born on June 11th and Mom and baby are doing very well.



Please Remember: submit photos or stories by Wednesday of each week to put the Partners "in print". Please email Kathyann Reginato at: <u>kathyann@rotarycs.org</u>

#### HIKERS:

For more information please contact Constance Jackson at: 403-931-4018.