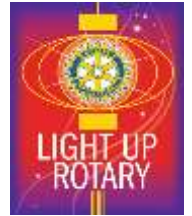




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John Fitzsimmons introduced our guest speaker , Hugh Delaney. Hugh has been in Rotary for 20 years, has attended 900 consecutive meetings, started working in radio in 1950 in Regina, moved to Winnipeg in 1960 for another job and settled until retirement in Calgary when he retired in 1993. He has 6 kids, 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild!

Hugh had a lovely green top hat and he introduced Barbara and Grace King. Barbara is a fantastic Opera singer and her mother Grace sure knows how to tickle the ivories! Barbara sang 3 lovely songs beautifully including 'when Irish eyes are smiling' and 'oh Danny boy'! She looked simply amazing in her beautiful green long gown and her voice captured everyone. They received a standing ovation! Then Hugh entertained us by stories that he used John Fitzsimmons and Joe Connelly as the main characters!!

Hugh then read a lovely story about the history of St. Patrick's Day.

In Northern Ireland around the fifth century a royal clan of the time were short of slaves. Raiders were promised cattle, fine cloth and gold, and were encouraged to capture some slaves. They were successful on both sides of the Irish sea, particularly Britain and what is now Wales. Patrick was thus captured. An unanticipated result was the exchange of religions and cultures. There were Christians in Ireland prior to Patrick's kidnapping. After six years Patrick escaped his captors having cared all this time for sheep. On escaping he returned to his home. While in captivity he remembered his Christian faith and he prayed constantly while attending sheep. At home he dreamt that the Irish were calling out to him to return. He did return, and sought out the native Irish and this was when Christianity exploded in growth.

The shamrock is illustrative of how Patrick was able to convince the pagan Irish. The natives of Ireland held to triads as reverential in the Druid lives and whenever they spoke of elements of their lives in three ways, this proved to them this was important. Many stories remain that Patrick chose the Shamrock to explain the triune God. One plant, three leaves, one God, three persons. The fact is there is no real evidence that this shamrock story is true, but it does tie into the triad beliefs and the certainly the Irish would accept Christian life. It was not difficult for moving from worshipping creation and many Gods to worshipping the Creator and the one true God.

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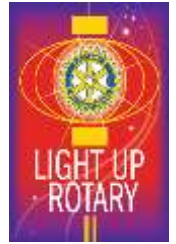
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Triads were passed verbally from generation to generation, as no written language existed until the 14th century when they were recorded. Examples are:

Three candles that illuminate every darkness: truth, nature and knowledge

Three silences that are better than speech: silence during instruction, silence during music, silence during preaching

Three clouds that most obscure wisdoms glance: forgetfulness, half knowledge, ignorance

In the light of Christianity, the triad took on great importance. The blessing of the three, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit would fit naturally.

Irish triads were many so Christian values would be fully accepted. There are 3 ways to love, with the heart, with the mind and with the soul.

The Emerald Isle historically during the time known as the Dark Ages was the place where Christianity escaped annihilation. This was the time from the fifth to the eleventh century that was the golden age of Irish Christianity. The Irish joined their wisdom to the mirth and melody of the people who desired to embrace the Giver of Life. The early Celtic Christians and Patrick travelled and spread the faith throughout the Island.

In his written confession Patrick wrote:

... with regard to danger, I make known God's gift and the eternal comfort he provides; that I make known God's name everywhere dutifully and without fear so that after my death I may leave a legacy to so many thousands of people

Often in his confession Patrick tells us of his unwillingness to keep silent about the wonders of God.

Patrick reflects back to his time as a captive:

"but after I reached Hibernia (Latin for Ireland) I used to pasture the flock every day and I used to pray many times a day. More and more did the love of God and my fear of him and faith increase and my spirit was moved so that in a day I said from one up to a hundred prayers and day and in the night a like number"

Remember at the beginning I referenced Patrick's capture and ultimate escape it is interesting to learn how that happened. He walked 200 miles to a place he had never been to before. There was a ship there that he was to board but when he got there that barbarians would not let him on board unless he participated in a pagan ritual. He refused and they would not let him board the ship. He walked away praying and before he got very far they called him back and welcomed him aboard. The trip in those days took three days to cross the sea. And he walked on land with the crew for a month in uninhabited space. Food ran out and the captain asked Patrick to appeal to his God. Patrick said "be converted by faith with all your heart to my Lord God, because nothing is impossible for Him". Patrick predicted that food would soon appear and a herd of wild pigs ran across the party. The men killed and feasted. Eventually Patrick was reunited with his family. It is concluded that he probably trained in monasteries in Gaul. In a drama Victorinus a man appeared bearing letters and gave him one that read "the voice of the Irish". The voices of the people he had known during his captivity calling him to return. Finally in a dream he heard a voice 'within me or beside me saying' "he who gave his life for you, he it is who speaks within you" and that was then that he returned to the place where he had been a slave.

All parts of Ireland claim Patrick as their guiding saint. From the north where he is buried to the west where his famous mountain lies and all parts between. He spread the Christian faith throughout Ireland so he is honored and celebrated by both Catholics and Protestants.

Permit me to conclude with an Old Irish Blessing:

As he brought new faith to Ireland so may he bring to you a touch of Irish happiness in everything you do; and like the good St. Patrick may your home and life be blessed with all God's special favours which make you the happiest.

Hugh sang a song to end his presentation and President Al thanked Hugh and the Club for a very interesting meeting!



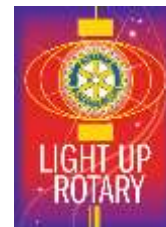


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CLUB NEWS



President Al welcomed everyone to this St. Patrick's Day Celebration and asked us to join Lisa Fernandes and himself in the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace. The head table this week was comprised of: Lisa Ferndandes, Joe Connelly, Sherry Austin, Hugh Delaney and John Fitzsimmons. There was a jovial mood in the room with green beer flowing.



Guests: Kendall Bocking advised us that there were two Rotarians from Calgary North and one from Calgary Millenium.

Sad News: Bill Mayson a long time member of Rotary South passed away. See obituary on Page 8



Dream Home Moment: Randy Burnette: Randy let us know that booths will be in the same place as last year, The office will be in the Big 4 Building. Meals On Wheels will provide sandwiches and there will be water bottles. Day Captains and Supervisors will have backpacks for supplies. Whoever is ready to make "Timmy's" runs should let the gang know.



New Member's Auction: Corinne Wilkinson: Corinne advised us that we are planning a party on April 23rd at the Danish Canadian Club. Please register on Club Runner and the cost is \$50.00 per person. Please invite family, friends and colleagues with deep pockets. Members will be getting a call soon for donations.

Updates: President Al advised that a Leave of Absence has been approved for Don Gass and Dorthea Schaab. It was announced that \$7,500 was collected for the Veteran Food Bank for many clubs at Rotary Remembers. President Al attended the YEX Banquet and said it was a great evening with a lot of energy from the YEX Youth. Al fined himself \$20.00 as he went without his wallet and thanked Ron Prokosch for the loan! Thank you to Kevin Hayes for the invite and to Lisa Fernandes for her piano playing. Our own Jimmy Cho is with several students building homes in Mexico and this should be a wonderful experience for the students.

Black Tie Bingo: Leon Popick from Calgary Millennium Club reminded everyone of their fundraiser on April 30th. Get your tickets.



Rotary Mattamy Greenway: Sherry Austin gave an update to us. There are 15 Clubs including Cochrane and Rotaract working together. There are only 13.7 km's to complete. The project will be 90% done by the end of 2015. Thank you to everyone for making this one of a kind project successful.

50/50: Jim Hutchens lined the pockets of Bob Brawn for \$137.00

Sergeans At Arms: Joe Connelly; Joe picked the pocket of many Rotarians and did so very gleefully!!



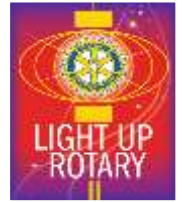
President Al asked us all to have a great week and "Light Up Rotary"





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EVENT CALENDAR



MARCH 2015

March 19 Dr. Mustata: U of C “Keep Program”
March 26 Stay In School Scholarship Program Presentation



APRIL 2015

April 2 Club’s 60th Anniversary Presentation
April 9 Tom Loschuk: Drop In Centre Woodshop
April 16 Doug Feely: Island Lake Resort Ski Update (At the ClubHouse)
April 23 New Members’ Auction: evening meeting: Danish Canadian Club
April 30 Dream Home Presentation and Official Launch of “Go Live”

MAY 2015

May 1 President’s Ball
May 7 Better Business Bureau Presentation
May 14 Gem Munro: The Amarok Society
May 21 Dr. Monique Dube: Alberta Energy Regulator (AER)
May 28 SISSP Luncheon at the Carriage House Inn
May 29, 30, 31 Annual Radium Fellowship Weekend

JUNE 2015

June 4 Dr. Elizabeth Canon: University of Calgary
June 11 Charities Day (At the ClubHouse)
June 18 Bart Rasmussen: The Future of Golf
June 25 Changing of the Guard / WCS and Large Grants Reports

JULY 2015

July 2 Dream Home Kickoff: Ranchman’s Cookhouse & Dancehall
July 9 No Meeting due to Dream Home Operations
July 16 Presentation from our Exchange Student, Jimmy Cho
July 23 Dr. Mintz: Underwater Photography
July 30 No Meeting due to SISSP Golf Tournament

AUGUST 2015

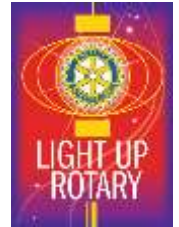
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Aug 27 TO BE ANNOUNCED



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Youth Exchange

For those interested in basic information on Rotary Youth Exchange, the Internet provides a complete account of its nature and purpose, its costs, on how to make it happen, and what it might mean to host such a student coming from abroad. In this brief account I will illustrate some of the best of Youth Exchange.

In our case, the Rotary Club of Calgary South got involved early, then broke off in 1974-1975 from lack of interest. A new start was made in 1990 and from that date until the beginning of our period, 2005, the Club hosted 18 inbound students and 27 outbound.

Among these was Jennifer Pons who went to the Netherlands in the Rotary year 2000-2001. She was considered a wonderful ambassador for Canada, for Rotary International, and for our RCCS. Like all the others she came back to report with a Rotary jacket heavily laden with pins and a demonstration of a language new to her.

Two years later we had a memorable duo of incoming students, Sveta Skryagina from Far East Siberia, and Roger Haas from Switzerland. They gave farewell presentations to both the Club and our very supportive Partners. Sveta was rewarded with a standing ovation when she appeared in her traditional costume. Roger told the Partners all he wanted to take back with him was an Alberta License Plate!

Among the many host families of that previous decade and still in the membership are Heinrich and Ursula Heinz, Blake and Coreen Pelham, and Murray and Arlene Flegel

During the last ten-year period Calgary South has hosted 13 students if we include 2014-15, and sent out 12. Among those who spent a year abroad Grace Ettinger stands out from the year 2005-06. She is the granddaughter of our member PP Bonar Irving. She went to the Club in Barnaul, the capital of Altai Province, Siberia.

The program faltered around 2009 when the committee had great difficulty finding host families. Some new initiatives turned things around. Ron Prokosch and others began to organize special events for exchange students in the district in which our students often took leading roles. For example, when Bonnie Benjamin came from France in 2011 and was given the opportunity to place her blog in the Bulletin, this brought student and Club members into closer acquaintance and friendship. Who can forget 'Bonnie's Blog' and Bonnie's hugs. Over time she overcame her difficulty with English.

Her good nature and willingness to be involved was evident when in 2011-2012 under her leadership the District's inbound students hosted an International Dinner in support of Shelter Box. With the help of our chef Mike Zacharki they cooked a full meal, served it first to more than 200 guests and then had traditional desserts from their home countries. This was followed by entertainment including traditional dances, songs, poetry, guitar and drums, and ended with dancing to Murray Flegel's band. This spectacular evening raised over \$25,000 for Shelter Box.

Hannah Schoendorfer from Austria in 2013 was young, bright, and seemed to emphasize experience over academics. We cannot begin to detail the many interesting things she experienced with such hosts as Glen and Jeanette Richardson. They and others offered these young people experiences only dreamt of by many.

Among other things, Hannah joined a Rotary group that went south to Mexico to build "Homes of Hope" for disadvantaged families. "This opened a new and very different door in my life," she wrote, "to think that we had changed the lives of five families." She wrote that she would never forget that experience.

Geoff Hughes has introduced our current inbound student, Chun-Yu Cho, from Taiwan. He goes by the name Jimmy. His English, as evidenced by his much shorter blogs, is slowly improving and he is sure to be winner.

Roy Prokosch provided us with a complete list of our Youth Exchange Students. Some have faded from memory, of course, but this program profoundly affected the youth hosted by our Club. While hosting has created many extra demands on our members, the rewards have been many.

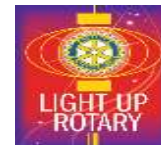
Geoff has told us about Jesse Sacha, who was an outbound exchange student to Japan in 1997-98. He is now a senior manager in the Mitsui Company, and attributes much of this credit to our club, and the youth exchange program.

Peter Penner, Sources: *Manchester to Calgary South* (356-80); Ron Prokosch email, February 28/14; Geoff Hughes, Bulletin, March 20, 2014; Hannah, June 15, 2014





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PARTNERS BOOK CLUB: The next meeting in March will be at Ellen Smith's on March 16th at 10:00 am. Her address is: 9944 Patton Road SW. Please contact Ellen at: jr.smith@shaw.ca or call her at: 403 253 2810 to let her know you will be attending



LUNCH BUNCH: I thought this month we would try a dinner. I would love it if some of our Calgary South Members partners who cannot usually make it to lunches due to work commitments or to family commitments would join us. We are going on March 19th for Japanese food to Sho on McLeod Trail. I have been several times and the food is terrific. We will meet at 6:00pm. Please RSVP to myself by March 16th at susan.brick@shaw.ca or (403)271-7734



Mark your Calendars: Partners' Spring Luncheon is scheduled for April 29 (11:30 am) at Willow Park G&CC. Invitations with all the details will follow soon.

STAMPEDE DREAM HOME TIME AGAIN:
Did you know that one call ... does it all?
If you have questions regarding volunteering etc.. You can email at: shifts@rotarycs.org or call: 587 880 4675

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2. Dream Home Office
3. On-Park Emergencies
4. On-Park Lost Kids
5. Rotary Club of Calgary South Office

email: shifts@rotarycs.org



Contact me

CONTACT INFORMATION: Did you know that if you contact Wendy Miles Copithorne she can make any changes to phone numbers, addresses or emails for you? You can email Wendy at: mileswendy1@gmail.com



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Pat Cuthbert will be looking after the Sunshine Committee until Jo Ellen is able to take it over again. She can be reached at 403-252-0156 or bill.cuthbert@shaw.ca please contact her if you hear of anybody who is not well.

NOTE FROM LINDA LEGARE:

What does one do on a cold wet rainy day and evening in the desert? You attend a musical starring

Frank Sinatra, **Neil Diamond** and **Elvis**. Pat Deegan, Doreen Devitt, Lorraine MacDonald and myself had our photo taken after the performance with none other than **Elvis**. He is a hunka hunka burnin' love!

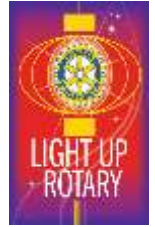




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Visitation & Jimmy's Jottings



VISITATION



If you know of anyone who is not well contact Larry Koper at: (403) 932-4732 or email Larry at: larrykoper@gmail.com

William (Bill) MAYSON



MAYSON, William (Bill)

April 7, 1926 - Edmonton, AB

March 4, 2015 - Calgary, AB

Bill lost his fight with Alzheimer's, and passed away peacefully at the Carewest Colonel Belcher. Bill leaves behind his son, Scott Mayson and daughter, Kelly Forster; both of Vancouver. At the request of Bill there will be no Funeral Service. Photos, memories and condolences may be shared with Bill's family through www.evanjstrong.com. Private family arrangements in care of EVAN J. STRONG FUNERAL SERVICES (403) 265-1199.

Jimmy's Jottings

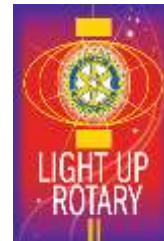
This is a big orientation we met the outbound that is going to our country and we'll have to tell them something that they should have known. There are two girls going to Taiwan this year, they are pretty nice. As my thought they will have the best experience in Taiwan. During this year of exchange, I will say it's a thing that I will never regard. But this weekend is also very sad. It's because we find out we only have four month left in our exchange. By the way, I am going to Mexico tomorrow. It will be a nice trip I believe. I will have to say, March is very busy for me. I am going to Mexico tomorrow and I am also heading to Vancouver at the 21st. My host family is taking me to sailing. Still hope that I can do as much as I can during the exchange.

About the orientation, it's so nice and happy to meet everyone. We usually don't have time to get together. The first thing everyone do is to hug each other. The party at the second night is really fun, everyone is crazy. We dance, we yell, we drink (pops). We really enjoy it.

~~~Jimmy



# The Bulletin Of The Rotary Club of Calgary South 2015 Run for L'Arche



The 2015 Run for L'Arche is looking for some awesome volunteers to make sure our race continues to be a favorite of the Calgary running community.

We need people with great energy to be course marshals on Saturday, March 21<sup>nd</sup> on the Bow River Pathway. Every year, our race gets rave reviews from our 600 participants and a big part of that is the encouragement and direction they receive from the volunteers on the race course.

Last year, the Run for L'Arche raised over \$50,000 for L'Arche Calgary's homes and programs for adults with developmental disabilities, pushing our four-year total over \$150,000! The funds raised at this event make a huge impact on every member of the L'Arche Calgary community. Our race is also a big date on L'Arche Calgary's calendar and they all turn up on race day to celebrate their inclusive vision of sharing and community.

This is what we need:

- Course Marshals
- A commitment of 4.5 hours on Saturday, March 21<sup>nd</sup> (9:30 AM to 2:00 PM)
- Excitement and positive energy

This is what you will get for volunteering:

- A connection to the L'Arche Calgary community
- A chance to volunteer with 150 other awesome Calgarians
- A beautiful Run for L'Arche volunteer t-shirt and goodie bag

**To sign-up as a 2015 Run for L'Arche Course Marshal, email Pauline Robinson at [volunteer@rogersinsurance.ca](mailto:volunteer@rogersinsurance.ca)**

For more info about the 2015 Rogers Run for L'Arche and L'Arche Calgary, check out the links below:

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[www.larchecalgary.org](http://www.larchecalgary.org)