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#### Bryan Targett, Petra Vadeloua and President Al



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### Stay In School Scholarship Presentation

Bryan Targett led the report on the Stay in School Scholarship Program, starting with a brief history. The Program started in 2000, with the commitment, in conjunction with Keith Bekker of Yorkton Securities, to support 2 students per year through their post-secondary education by awarding scholarships of \$20,000 (\$5,000/year for 4 years). With the support of Calgary Board of Education, 2 schools were identified where the students would most profit from such a scholarship, Falconbridge Elementary and Sherwood Community. The first students were selected in 2001, and with enthusiastic support from school administrations, parents and the Club, the Program has been successfully expanded to enroll 4 students, a boy and a girl, from each school per year. Students are selected in Grade 6 and mentored by Club Members for the next 10 years, taking them all the way through successful completion of post-secondary programs.

Fund raising, anchored by the highly successful annual golf tournament and supported by major sponsors, has built an endowment fund of \$3,000,000 to date, held in trust at Richardson GMP (formerly Yorkton Securities). This has allowed the scholarship to increase to \$7,500 per year per student (maximum \$30,000). No financial commitment from Club funds has been, or will be, necessary to support the Program.

To date, 46 students have been enrolled, 13 are currently attending post-secondary, and 5 have graduated. Four students have dropped out for various reasons. To date, 75% of Club Members have been involved in the SISP, either through Committees, mentoring or fund raising activities.



**Carol Graham** outlined the student selection process. The Selection Committee gets the highly challenging but totally rewarding task of selecting the four students who will be the scholarship winners for that year. It is a unique opportunity to

have a close up, personal, hands on experience in changing the life of a student, often a family's life, and perhaps a community's life. It is analogous to adopting a child into the Rotary family for 10 years.







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### Stay In School Scholarship Presentation: Continued

The Selection Committee begins its work each year by contacting the two schools to set up the introductory meeting with the current class of Grade 6 students. This presentation consists of an introduction to Rotary and an explanation of the scholarship and the application process. Both schools have considered the application process a great learning opportunity and make it an in class assignment - to teach the students how to apply for scholarships - filling out forms properly and composing an essay to tell the selection Committee about themselves, how the scholarship would affect them and their future career dreams. Whether the student chooses to submit the application or not, the lesson is still valuable for future opportunities in their lives.

The application form is quite extensive - 8 pages and 5 distinct parts. Part 1 is an overview of the student's family, education and activities, hobbies. Part 2 is the student's essay. Part 3 is completed by one of the Parents or Guardians and they advise of their support for their child's education and provide information on their annual income. Part 4 is completed by the Principal and provides their assessment of the student's abilities and likelihood of success in applying for post-secondary education. They also rate the family's financial ability. Part 5 is the current Report Card showing grades and attendance record. Also included are any letters of reference from teachers, neighbours and family friends.

The Selection Committee considers three broad criteria when they review the applications:

- 1. Current ability of the student to succeed in post-secondary education.
- 2. Character or citizenship of the student are they good citizens of the school, helping fellow students, showing leadership and motivation, involved in other activities and interests - not just one-dimensional?
- 3. Financial Challenges will a capable student of good character be prevented from seeking post- secondary education due to the family's inability to pay?

The Selection Committee considers all of this in reviewing the applications and creating a short list of the most "qualified" students to interview. We seek to have a maximum 5-6 girls and 5-6 boys on each short list for each school. This year we have 26 applications from Falconridge and 28 applications from Sherwood. We have just received the completed applications and will be reviewing and determining the short lists in the next two weeks. On April 16 we will be interviewing the short list of students at both schools and making our final selection: one boy and one girl from each school. A formal contract is then entered into between the student, family and Program outlining the responsibilities of each.

The successful student also receives a one-time gift of selected hardware and software for a personal computer at the start of the Grade 7 year.

Every year, it is both a pleasure and a pain. Pleasure to help change a life and pain we can't do even more. There are many more deserving students that have limited futures.



**Earl Huson** explained the mentoring aspect of the Program. A mentor is defined someone who teaches or gives help and advice to a less experienced and often younger person. Students selected into this program are each connected with a mentor commencing in grade seven through their entire educational process until they graduate from a post-secondary Program. When the Program was established, it was felt that it was important for the students to be encouraged and supported by a Rotarian who could give them guidance in making good academic choices as they progress through school. Mentoring is a 10 year commitment, and is an integral and vitally important component of the success of the SISP.

Mentors are expected to:

- Monitor scholastic progress with copies of report cards and attendance records.
- Establish a rapport with the student and their family, such that positive reinforcement of progress is established and maintained.
- Offer assistance in the event of difficulties, always keeping the family unit in mind.
- Present a bi-monthly report of the student' progress to the Mentoring Committee.
- Bring to light any issues that may impede the progress of the student.
- Ensure the student and their family are aware that any decline in performance could result in termination of the contract between the student and the Program.
- Finally, to set and maintain a high standard of citizenship both for themselves and their peers.

Mentoring is a fun and very rewarding involvement. Three more mentors are required for the students who will enter the Program this year.







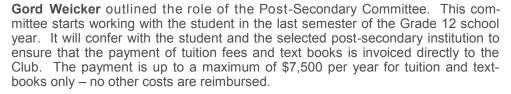
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#### Stay In School Scholarship Presentation: Continued









The SISP Golf Tournament is the major source of funding for SISP. Over the last 3 years, it has generated \$417,000, and we are budgeting another \$135,000 for the July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 event. Success depends upon the efforts of all of our Rotary volunteers and upon major sponsors, with Supreme Windows being the named sponsor. Over 40 other sponsors also contribute to the success of the tournament.

**Art Borzel** reported for the Finance Committee on the status of the investment portfolio. From an initial investment of \$59,000, the portfolio has grown to a value in excess of \$3,000,000. Under the management of **Keith Bekker** (Richardson GMP) and **Bill MacLachlan**, the fund has experienced positive growth every year since inception, which is outstanding. Funds in place will support the current liabilities of the Program to date. The objective is to grow the fund to \$4,000,000. With conservative returns, this will support 16 students through postsecondary in perpetuity.

**Petra Vadeloua** was one of the first students selected for the Program and was our first graduate from post-secondary four years ago. She noted that it is hard to believe that 15 years have gone by and that the Program changed her life, enabling her to start on a successful career. She thanked **Anna** and **Michael Zacharki** for mentoring her through her school years.

**Bryan** recognized **Hugh Delaney** as the Special Events Chair in charge of the annual SISP Luncheon held in June. He also noted that the incoming Board will be asked to review the SISP to ensure that procedures and objectives are being met, and to determine if any changes might be required to make the Program even more effective.

**President Allan** thanked **Bryan** and his committee and announced that the Club will make a donation to the SISP fund on their behalf.













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President Allan Johnson introduced the head table; Art Borzel, Carol Graham, Earl Huson, Bryan Targett, and Petra Vadeloua.

Blake Pelham introduced our visitors and guests, Anna Zacharki and Petra.

Jim Hutchens reluctantly (being Scottish) awarded the 50/50 draw to Gui Salazar.

Mark Ambrose reminded us of the upcoming New Members' Auction, which will be held April 23rd at the

Danish Canadian Club. This is a larger venue than Rotary House, so guests are encouraged and welcome. The Auction Committee is also smaller than in past years so it is soliciting for volunteers to help put on the function. The Club depends upon the auction to raise \$25-30,000 each year, which is a large portion of annual Club operating costs.

Jack Thompson recognized Rob van Harlem for his PHF 7 and 8. Best wishes to Rob and Corey in their new life on Vancouver Island. Jim Hutchens also received his PHF 3 award today as well as Jim McNeil.



President Allan announced that Art Borzel was awarded the annual trophy for having the most fun at the Recent Rotary Curling Bonspiel held in Lethbridge.. Art follows Sherry Austin as the second recipient from our club.

President Allan introduced a new Vulnerable Persons Policy which will come into effect on July 1. 2015. The full text of his announcement is included in the Bulletin.







Sergeant at Arms John Fitzsimmons did his usual exemplary job of relieving various and sundry members of some cash for a variety of offences and transgressions.

**President Allan** closed the meeting with the reminder to "Light up Rotary".











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<u>APRIL 2015</u>	
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"
<u>MAY 2015</u>	
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
<u>JUNE 2015</u>	
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: Dream Home Operations
July 16	Presentation from our Exchange Student, Jimmy Cho
July 23	Dr. Mintz: Underwater Photography
July 30	No Meeting: SISSP Golf Tournament
AUGUST 2015	
Aug 6	Wendy McDonald: Alberta Assoc. for Community Living
Aug 13	Inaugural Address
Aug 20	TO BE ANNOUNCED
Aug 27	Returning YEX Student Daniel Padron Curiel







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### Rotary Club of Calgary South & Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association

On July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 1931, Rotarians from Canada and the United States met in Waterton at the Prince of Wales Hotel for a goodwill meeting. While the organizers only expected a small gathering of Rotarians from both side of the border, the response was enthusiastic for the opportunity to stay in a first class hotel during the depression was a great luxury. Nearly 100 members from seven Rotary Cubs in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Montana participated.

"At dinner, the two nation view from the hotel dining room was both commanding and inspiring and the diners could not help but reflect on the symbolic appropriateness of it all: the location, the date and the company in the room."

During the program the Rotarians rose to sing an international anthem to music each nationality knew "God Save the King and My Country Tis of Thee". It was then that the significance of the songs and their sentiments were embraced by the participants. W.O. Wight, the Cardston Club secretary wrote: "Why not establish some enduring monument of nature, for instance, to the long-lasting relationship of peace and goodwill between two such great nations as Canada and the United States. Thus the concept of a "peace Park<sup>2</sup>" was born and the following resolution was adopted by those present.

"Rev. Canon S.H. Middleton of Cardston, Alberta moved and it was seconded by Harry B. Mitchell of Great Falls, Montana that: Whereas one hundred members of the Rotary Clubs, representing the cities of Cardston, Lethbridge and Calgary, Alberta; Great Falls, Kalispell and Missoula of Montana and Estevan, Saskatchewan are assemble together attending an international meeting at Waterton Lakes National Park,

And whereas, it has been decided that a similar annual meeting be held alternatively at Glacier Park, Montana and Waterton Park, Alberta, Therefore, be it resolved, that the proper authorities be petitioned to commence negotiations to establish the two parks indicated as a permanent International Peace Park, which shall be definitely set aside for this laudable purpose, pledging our loyalty and allegiance to foster all International Relationships.<sup>3</sup>

The Rotarians on both sides of the border successfully lobbied their respective politicians and in the short time of one year, the Governments of Canada and the United States approved the establishment of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, which was dedicated on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 1932.

The Rotary Club of Calgary South has a proud record of participation in the Peace Park Association. It began in 1959 when Harvey Greenway, the Club President, also became the President of the Association and Jack Westbrook served as secretary. Calgary South hosted the Annual Assembly in 1961 with George Adam chairing the Assembly with the assistance of Bob Jenkins and over 35 couples from our Club. George Adam continued as Publicity Chairman for several years until 1967 and that year over 350 came to the main banquet. George continues to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board as a past President.<sup>4</sup>

During our Fiftieth Anniversary Year in 2005, our Rotary Club hosted the Assembly in Waterton, with Earl Huson chairing the event. Participation by our club members, other Rotary Clubs and Rotarians from Montana filled the Prince of Wales Hotel overlooking Waterton Lakes. Earl and the committee provided an excellent program and the evening banquet, featured Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, Norman Kwong the Lieutenant-Governor of Montana, John Bohlinger. This was a great Assembly and was supported in many ways by our club membership who have made major commitments to the Peace Park programs. Earl has served as a Director of the Peace Park until last year and has helped numerous clubs as an advisor as they have prepared to host the Assembly. Terry Allen has also been a Director and is presently the President of the Association.

<sup>1, 2, 3</sup> Excerpts from Born of a Vision, by Chris Morrison, Published by Waterton Natural History Association and The Pincher Creek Rotary Club (2007).

<sup>4</sup> Excerpts from Manchester to Calgary South 1955-2005 by Peter Penner Published by The Rotary Club of Calgary South (2005)







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### Vulnerable Persons Policy

On July 1, 2015 our club will begin implementation of a policy that your Board unanimously approved at its March 11, 2015 meeting. The policy deals with protection of vulnerable persons and it was necessitated to comply with RI and District 5360 rules and the liability insurance policy that covers our Club's activities.

Our club has historically managed abuse prevention well, but it has been informal. Taking a more formal approach is the right thing to do because as Rotarians we have a duty to safeguard the welfare of every person we come into contact with in Rotary sponsored activities, with special attention to youth, elderly, disabled and other types of vulnerable persons.

While the primary purpose of these policies is to protect and ensure the welfare of all types of vulnerable persons, it also serves to protect Rotarians and our volunteers from liability claims and to discourage false accusations.

For now, some of the essential components of the policy that you need to be aware of are that:

- Any adult involved with any of Rotary's Youth Service Programs (Youth exchange, RYLA, RYPEN, Interact, Stay in School, etc.) who has direct interactions, either supervised or unsupervised, with youth is considered a volunteer for the purposes of this Policy.
- Volunteers include, among others, Club and District New Generations officers and committee members, Youth Exchange Counsellors, Stay in School Mentors, Rotarians and non-Rotarians, their spouses and partners who host youth for activities or outings or who might transport youth to events or functions and host parents and other residents over 15 years of age of the host home, including siblings and other family members.
- All volunteers interested in participating in Club and/or District 5360 Youth Service Programs must as a minimum, have a valid current Police Information check for working with youth and the vulnerable, which also includes Vulnerable Sector Screening.

These Police Information Checks are free to Rotarians, available online and valid for a period of five (5) years.

For members who hold a **current NEXUS Card**, you can use the NEXUS Card in lieu of obtaining a Police Information Check.

There will be more information forthcoming over the next couple of weeks, both verbally, in print and accessible through our club website.







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### **COMMUNITY KITCHEN**



The Rotary Club of Calgary South contributed funds to purchase a Community Kitchen Food Truck and the truck arrived at the Sarcee Club where Marilyn Gunn (from Community Kitchens) shared the awesome work that the Community Kitchens is doing ... especially now when there is a down turn in the economy.

Marilyn Gunn came with Bill (the Community Kitchens Warehouse Manager) and the Calgary Sarcee Club received an opportunity to take pictures of the truck after their meeting.

Manon Mitchell (President of Rotary Club of Sarcee Calgary) asked that this news and photos be shared with fellow Rotarians. "*We are very proud of being able to help in our own community*".









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### **PARTNERS IN PRINT**



Do you require a ride ... contact Maureen Watson (403.246.0497 or marenny@shaw.ca)

### LUNCH BUNCH

We are sorry that the rest of the partners missed such a fun and delicious dinner at Sho. We were a small group but the food was so good! Thanks to our awesome waitress, we tried things we never had had before as well as checking out all the other tables and ordering the same things! The end result was an amazing meal. In attendance were Maureen Hutchens, Pat Cuthbert, Maureen Watson, Donna Kennedy, Susan Brick and her guest Carol Hogan. It was great to welcome Donna Kennedy to the group as she usually has to work and cannot make the lunches. Those of us in attendance thought we should have more than one evening event per year, so stay tuned we will repeat the dinner theme, hopefully more of you can participate the next time.



Our next meeting is on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

... Submitted by Susan Brick

**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: <u>mileswendy1@gmail.com</u>

**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 <u>bill.cuthbert@shaw.ca</u> please contact her if you hear of any-body who is not well.







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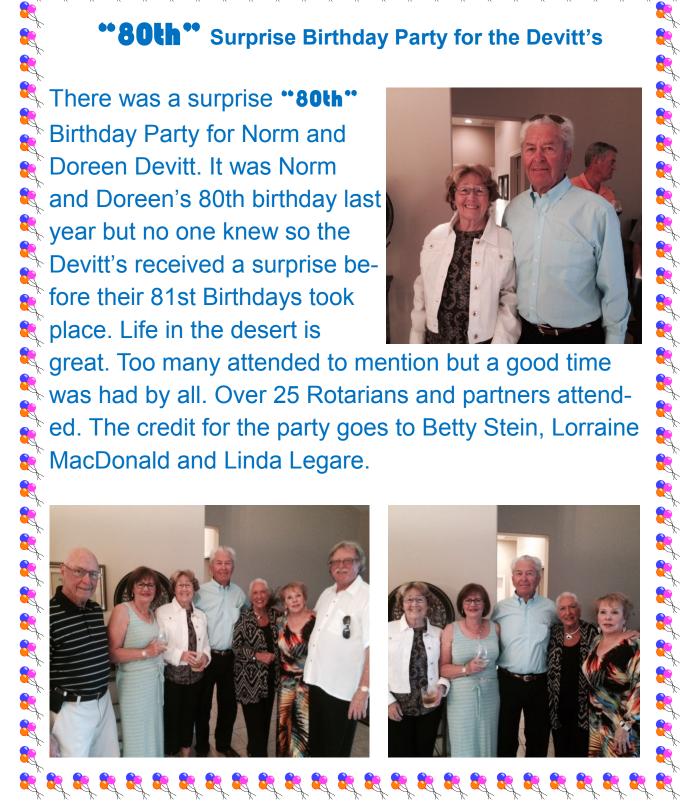
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## \*80th\*\* Surprise Birthday Party for the Devitt's

There was a surprise "80th" Birthday Party for Norm and Doreen Devitt. It was Norm 💐 and Doreen's 80th birthday last vear but no one knew so the Devitt's received a surprise before their 81st Birthdays took 💐 place. Life in the desert is



great. Too many attended to mention but a good time was had by all. Over 25 Rotarians and partners attended. The credit for the party goes to Betty Stein, Lorraine MacDonald and Linda Legare.









## **District Conference 2015**

Don't miss the opportunity to join Rotarians in Medicine Hat to hear about what Rotarians in our District are doing to make this a better world.

Come and hear from Dr. Greg Powell who is a doctor with STARS. He will talk about the urgent need for transplant donors. His address will be supplemented by a display area in the House of Friendship exhibit area and staffed by Calgary West Rotarians.

### Find out more and register now at discon5360.ca

Connect with the District: <u>www.Facebook.com/RIDistrict5360</u> <u>twitter.com/Rotary5360</u> Instagram: RotaryDistrict5360

## **District Grant Team Vacancies**

Subject: District Grant Team Vacancies

#### Hello Rotarians,

We need your help in filling vacancies on two of the teams that serve our District Grants Subcommittee; District Projects and Vocational Training. Each of these teams currently have 2 vacancies. The responsibility of the teams is to vet the club applications and to recommend approval or otherwise. This process is only done once a year after the window for applications closes, this year being May 11, 2015. The time required is minimal; I would estimate less than 6 hours. Please submit the names of any prospective candidates to me and I will forward them to the team leads. As May 11th is rapidly approaching, there is urgency to filling these vacancies.

Assistant Governors, you can be of particular help to us in identifying candidates by personally approaching the club presidents under your wing. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Kind regards

### **Contact Us**

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## 2014-2015 Club Officers

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