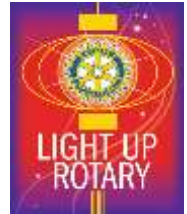




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## City of Calgary Councillor: Sean Chu



Jim Fitzowich introduced our Speaker, Sean Chu. In 1985 Sean Chu moved from Taiwan where he provided 3 years of military service. Once in Calgary Sean attended Mount Royal University.



Sean was elected to his first term as City Councillor for Ward 4 on October 21, 2013. Prior to that he was a member of the Calgary Police Service for 21 years. He worked as a member of the Motorcycle Unit, Traffic Unit, Asian Beat Unit, Wire Tapping Unit and the Diversity Resources Team, where he received both the Calgary Police Service Distinguished Service Award and the 20 years Service Award medal. His contribution to community initiatives such as the Federation of Calgary Communities, Wildrose Lion's Club and Sien Lok Society has been recognized with both the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal and the Alberta Centennial Medal.

Currently Sean calls the community of Sandstone home with his two beautiful daughters. He sits on the following City of Calgary Policy Standing Committees and Special Committees: Transportation and Transit, Utilities and Corporate Services, Land and Asset Strategy, Calgary Homeless Foundation, Gas, Power and Telecommunications and Calgary Housing Company.

Councillor Chu described himself as a fiscal conservative and told us that Calgary is the economic engine of Canada. He spoke of the "Calgary Advantage" rather than the "Alberta Advantage". He wants to work toward a more efficient and accountable City. He noted that he had voted "No" to increase property taxes. His priorities were focussed on the economic side. Calgary needs to do more to attract businesses. More business means more money. Without business we will not have the City we have now. We need more diversification. Oil is low which will result in a 7 Billion dollar hit to our economy. We want to revitalize at the community level and cut the red tape. We need "one stop" shopping. There are too many silos at City Hall We need to change the thinking and the outcomes.

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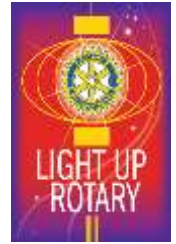


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Speaker: City of Calgary Councillor: Sean Chu  
And Club News



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Our new City Manager wants to change the culture. We pay a very high business tax in Calgary .We need to lower the tax rate and have our services work the way they should without the silos. Snow Clearing is an example of a couple of Departments having responsibility. Can the roads department also do the parks rather that the roads department do the roads and the parks department do the parks? We also need to look at vacancies within the City. Do we always need to replace? We are not talking layoffs but attrition and efficiency. There are currently 700 vacant positions, maybe we could manage a 1000.



Councillor Chu then took some questions. When asked about Premier Prentice’s recent statement blaming Albertans for the current deficit, Sean did not see it as blaming but rather advising that we all need to tighten our belts. Another comment that “Council doesn’t get it” by approving bike lanes and questionable art projects, Sean agreed that Council needs to approve what makes sense . He further commented that a proposal to have a cycle track on McLeod Trail was “craziness” and not worth it. Another question was about the provincial decision to postpone the new Cancer Centre and the fact that no one at City Hall spoke out against this decision. Councillor Chu responded that it was a provincial matter and any critique should be done behind closed doors. The last question had to do with the continuing controversy of secondary suites. Sean agreed that the issue needs to be dealt with once and for all and recalled the Referendum in Scotland and the British Prime Minister’s comments following the “No” vote that the matter was now settled for a generation to come. Finally, Jimmy Cho our Exchange Student a fellow Taiwan resident was formally introduced to Councillor Chu. Councillor Chu concluded by asking all of us to remember the Calgary advantage. Terry Allen thanked our speaker and wished him all the best in dealing with the tough issues facing City Hall.



President Al added his gratitude to the speaker for spending time with us by making a donation on his behalf to the Rotary Stay in School Program.

## CLUB NEWS



**President Al** welcomed everyone and shared that it was his lovely wife’s birthday today (Happy Birthday Wendy). He then 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: Rob van Haarlem, Luanne Whitmarsh, Jim Fitzowich, Sherry Austin and Councillor Sean Chu. Our Bulletin Editor is Carol Graham and our Photographer is Steve Mason.



**Guests: Jack Haman** introduced our 3 guests: Sherry Adler-Perera, wife of Dilan Perera, Amy Jiang (Guest of President-Elect, Murray Flegel) and our own Jimmy Cho (Exchange Student from Taiwan).



**Visitation: Tony Ng** reported that Larry Kwong was recovering from his stroke and can speak well although experiencing some paralysis on one side, including his shoulder and leg. He appreciates visits and phone calls. Tommy Low is in the Foothills Hospital with a lung infection and will be there for the next week. Our thoughts are with both Larry and Tommy for a quick recovery.

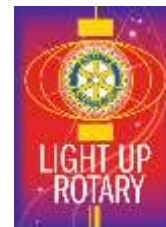


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### CLUB NEWS



**Member News:** Rob van Haarlem announced to the Club that he and his wife are relocating to Comox, B.C. and he will be transferring to a Rotary Club there. His last meeting at our Club will be April 2. He described his time with the Club as a great journey and was privileged to work with and enjoy fellow Rotarians. He will leave his phone number with Kathyann and encouraged anyone visiting the Island to let him know. President Al extended his good wishes and that he will be missed. Best wishes to Rob and Corrie on this new adventure!



**Dream Home Moment:** Mark Boman showed us the new “One Call Does It All” phone number: (587) 880-4675 which will give you access to the following: Calgary South Rotary Office, Dream Home Office, Dream Home Rostering Committee, On-Park Emergencies and On Park Lost Kids



**One Call.... Does it All!**  
**(587)880-4675**

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3. On-Park Emergencies
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5. Rotary Club of Calgary South Office

email: [shifts@rotarycs.org](mailto:shifts@rotarycs.org)

**CRCF:** Sherry Austin asked Art Borzel, Treasurer of the CRCF Committee and President Al to provide certificates and pins to the following Rotarians who are benefactors of the CRCF: Glen Godlonton: New Benefactor, Craig Stokke: New Benefactor, George Adam +1, Gord Weicker +1, President Al +1, Heinrich Heinz: +2, Ben Steblecki: +4, Bill LeClair: +6, Sherry Austin: +7, Dick Shaw: +8 and Bryan Targett: +10.

**Thanks for contributing to this great foundation.**





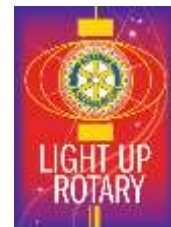


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### CLUB NEWS



**Feed The Hungry (March 14th):** Harry Pelton thanked all of the Rotarians who volunteered to host the meal at the Ronald McDonald House on March 14. This meal feeds wonderful families who are undergoing extraordinary circumstances. Harry will send our details to the participants regarding the times & requirements to prepare the meal.

### PRESENTATION TO LUANNE WHITMARSH

President Al advised the Club that there was a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our national flag. The flag was introduced on Feb. 15, 1965. In celebration of the event the Government is giving this proud Canadian symbol to 50 Canadians and organizations “who have contributed significantly to the well-being of our citizens”. President Al noted that Emile Blokland, former Mayor of High River was a recipient for his tireless work after the flood of 2013. He also noted that the Rotary Clubs of Canada also received recognition as a result of “saving mothers and children, provide clean water, support education and fight disease”



President Al then advised that an individual Rotarian from our Club had been recognized. He asked Luanne Whitmarsh to stand and accept our recognition for *delivering valuable social services to senior citizens of all income levels as CEO of the Kerby Centre*. The Club responded by giving Luanne a deserved standing ovation.



**50/50:** Jim Hutchens noted there was a \$136.00 pot available and asked Sherry Austin to pull the lucky ticket. Luke daSilva Curiel was the lucky winner and we congratulate Luke.



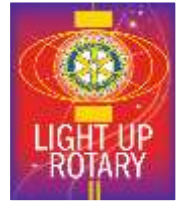
**Sergeant-At-Arms: John Fitzsimmons** did his usual great job of lightening pockets by testing Club members on the number of Councillors/Aldermen at City Hall and the longest serving Mayor of the City of Calgary. He gave Luke (our lucky 50-50 Draw winner) a break but “punished” those sitting with him.

He also tricked both Hugh Delaney and Bill LeClair about the Councillor/Alderman distinction and harassed John Fowlis as well as those sitting with him. Good work John!

*President Al adjourned our meeting and asked us all to have a great week and “Light Up Rotary”*



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EVENT CALENDAR



**MARCH 2015**

March 12 St. Patrick's Day  
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**

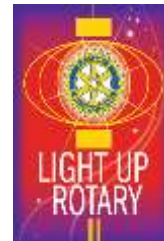
June 4 Dr. Elizabeth Canon: University of Calgary  
June 11 Charities Day (At the ClubHouse)  
June 18 Bart Rasmussen: The Future of Golf  
June 25 Changing of the Guard / WCS and Large Grants Reports

**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



# The Bulletin Of The Rotary Club of Calgary South RCCS History Moment



## Tree Planting – A Tradition of Remembrance and Honour

Past President and Past District Governor, Bob Dawson began the tradition of planting trees to recognize each member of the Club in 1972. The bulletin of the day stated that Bob “had everything under control today at River Park for the planting of 125 May Day trees”. It was a memorable occasion and some tears were shed as six trees were planted in memory of past members.

Tree planting has now continued as a Club Project on a fairly regular basis, with trees being planted in many city locations such as Lindsay Park (Talisman Centre), Pierce Estates, Rotary Challenger Park, Prairie Wind Park and Rotary Park. Later the tree planting moved to the vicinity of Stampede Park where it is believed that this will continue after the renovations and changes which are planned have been completed.

When our Rotary Club celebrated our Fiftieth Anniversary in 2005, our tree planting was a significant and somewhat sombre event. While we were celebrating our birthday as a Rotary Club we also honoured the memory of the Fallen Four, members of the RCMP who were killed in Mayerthorpe that year and recognized the contributions of fallen members of the fire department and armed services. We were honoured at that event to have the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Norman Kwong as our guest.

In 2004- 2005 , District Governor Ken Copithorne initiated a joint program to mark the Centennial of the Province of Alberta and of Rotary International, by providing a lasting legacy of trees to communities across Southern Alberta. The trees and shrubs provided under this program helped to beautify the landscape and to sequester carbon dioxide emissions, mitigate noise, deliver shade and provide habitat for wildlife. In some cases the trees and shrubs were planted in Centennial Parks to pay tribute to Alberta’s pioneers. \$50,000.00 was dedicated to this project during that time.

The number of trees planted by our Rotary Club since 1972 is extensive and probably numbers over 1000, when you consider the large number of Rotarians, spouses and other individuals who have been honoured by the Club. During the past years the tree planting program has been organized by Terry McDonough whose work has been very much appreciated.



Maureen Watson planting a tree in memory of Bob Watson



Rotary Clean up Crew: Terry McDonough and Roger Jarvis





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TWITTER ANNOUNCEMENT & PARTNERS IN PRINT**



**This joke was posted on our twitter feed for Rotary Club of Calgary South yesterday, we believe Norm Legare was the joker behind this ...**



**Calgary Kinsmen ([@CalgaryKinsmen](#))**

2015-03-04, 5:07 PM  
[@RotaryCalgary](#) I also heard that there is some "rocks" around your "House"! Have a great meeting. Any fines to LG [pic.twitter.com/SRPgKVTtEg](http://pic.twitter.com/SRPgKVTtEg)



## *PARTNERS IN PRINT*

**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 16<sup>th</sup> at [susan.brick@shaw.ca](mailto:susan.brick@shaw.ca) or (403)271-7734. I have included some photos from our last lunch. Everyone had a great time!



**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](mailto:mileswendy1@gmail.com)



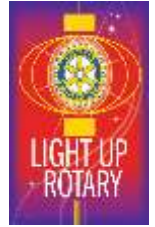
**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:** Pat Cuthbert will be looking after the Sunshine Committee until Jo Ellen is able to take it over again. She can be reached at 403-252-0156 or [bill.cuthbert@shaw.ca](mailto:bill.cuthbert@shaw.ca) please contact her if you hear of anybody who is not well.



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Visitation & Jimmy's Jottings



## VISITATION CONTACT INFORMATION

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



### Jimmy's Jottings

This week I went to the Soccer center to watch my host brother playing the city final, and they won. They really did a good job especially my host brother and the goalkeeper. I was surprise that my host brother is almost the tallest in their team. Actually I am also a goalkeeper at the school PE class but I almost never block one ball. Being a goalkeeper is really a hard work. Every time when you see the enemy is in front of you. You have to choose to block the ball before they shoot or catch the ball after they shoot. I prefer the first kind, because I am really a bad catcher. The reason I become a goal is because I want to try. My favorite player in the world cup is a goalkeeper. But he retired already. He is the goalkeeper of the Germany team, Oliver Rolf Kahn. So I want to taste the feeling of being a goalkeeper.



After the last time that every exchange get together, it's almost three month ago. But we are going to meet this Friday again. Although we only meet like four or five times, but everybody are like old friends. When we hear that someone is going to leave soon, lots of students said that they will be at the airport and do something before they go, really glad to know all of the students from different country. And hope we will meet again really soon.

After all the fun part, serious part is coming. I might go to the State to study college, so I am now prepare for SAT and TOEFL that is held at April and May. It's a really exciting thing that I have the chance to study college abroad. Thanks for the experience here makes me decide to study abroad.~~~Jimmy



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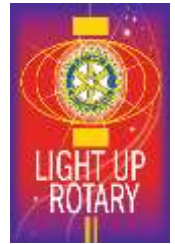
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# The Bulletin Of The Rotary Club of Calgary South National Immunization Tours



Hello District Rotarians

Re: National Immunization Day (NID) tours

A committee of interested Rotarians met on February 11, 2015 to discuss the possibility of increasing our member involvement with NID tours.

Over many years, Rotary members have visited countries where polio is still a threat, to immunize children by administering the oral polio drops. The organization of an NID tour is carried out by professional tour organizers who are usually Rotarians themselves. A group of Rotarians who have previous experience will link up with Rotarians who are inexperienced to form an NID team. The NID portion of a tour runs about 7-10 days but your time outside Canada may be longer should you wish to include before or after the NID tour hands-on service in an international project or do some personal travel either within the host country or elsewhere. Normally these non-NID activities would fall outside the scope of the tour organizer but the organizer may be of assistance as a few of them are also tour agents.

The start of an NID tour consists of some acclimatization time while visiting nearby polio or other health facilities where interaction with the children is encouraged, attending one or more local Rotary meetings, visiting Rotary/Rotaract projects either completed or in progress, participating in Rotary/Rotaract activities and events and, not to be overlooked, enjoying sightseeing in the area.

Then the real purpose of the visit begins – the immunization of young children. Depending on the targeted area and the number of children to be immunized, 1.5 to 3 or even 4 days are spent walking door to door administering the vaccine under the guidance of local officials, including Rotarians, and partners of Rotary such as WHO and UNICEF but it is the visiting Rotarians who will place those two precious drops in the mouth of each young child. (When speaking of Rotarians we include spouses or others who may come on the tour as Friends of Rotary. A minimum age may be applicable.) Typically your costs could average around \$8000 per person, taking into account travel (to the country and locally), visas, hotel and food, required travel immunizations and insurance, and other miscellaneous expenses.

We are proposing to join the following tour groups. If you have an interest, which means you would like to be on the mailing list as we develop the plans, please e-mail Garth to that effect. (e-mail below). You can also indicate specific interest in one of the Tours below, if you wish, and we will keep you informed of developments regarding it.

Tours –

October 2015 – Ethiopia (with optional 7-10 day organized side trip to Uganda post-NID program) – Gail Williams, Co-Chair of our committee will investigate through her contacts to see if our District could have 5-10 spots on the tour. Since this is coming up quickly, a July firm commitment to the organizer will be required.

Other Fall tours – Possibly West Africa – specific countries to be determined

February-March 2016 – India – location to be determined.

Other tours, going farther into the future will also be considered if there is interest.

No tour will be organized to go into areas considered to be dangerous, such as Pakistan or Afghanistan, or into areas where Ebola is of concern

For further information on NID Polio tours, type NID Tours Rotary into Explorer, or Firefox . Several websites will come up and you can research further as to what is involved in a typical tour.

Thank you

Gail Williams & Garth Toombs

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District NID Committee - Co-Chairs: Gail Williams, Calgary West & Garth Toombs, Calgary; John Andresen, High River; Kim Derksen, Lethbridge Sunrise; Madeleine King, Calgary; Pat Romerman, Calgary West; Karen Shepherd, Calgary Olympic.