

Rotary Club of Calgary West
(Building a Strong Foundation)
Club History
From 1992 to 2007



Again we owe Ron Staughton a large Calgary West vote of thanks for organizing the past president's history reports for 1992 to 2007. And also for making up two of the missing reports.

Going forward, each immediate past president will prepare a summary of their year and it will be added to the history on our website.



*Rotary Club of Calgary West
chartered 1967*



*A history up-date to celebrate
Rotary's centennial year
2005*



Rotary Club of Calgary West

Next 15 years of Service & Achievement

1992 - 2006

Introduction

When I'd completed my 25 year history of the Rotary Club of Calgary West in 1992 I joked that after that rather Herculean task the Club wouldn't get another history from me until another 25 years had elapsed. Two years ago however I was approached by Jim Willson who suggested that I produce a 10 year update but that this time to lighten the load he would undertake to co-opt all the past presidents to write up their own year. Easily swayed and obliging as I am in a good cause I agreed. After I had agreed and launched into the task I realized that one President had absconded in the 1996-1997 year and the immediate past president had moved away without access to our records. Thus I had two presidential years to write up myself!

It was after making some progress on those reports that Jim moved the goal posts on me by suggesting we add three more years to bring us up to Rotary International's Centennial year. SO hear we are!!

When you have finished reading this history of Calgary West Rotary Club you will understand why Rotary world-wide is such an outstanding success. It is because we are just one small unit of a huge organization and yet, take a look at what our club alone has accomplished!! Haven't we had a great time doing it? I've visited some Clubs where the thought has crossed my mind that I've had more fun at a funeral parlour but warm fellowship and great good humor are a hallmark of our Club.

May it always be so. I'm proud to be a member of such a fine group.

Ron Staughton, Club Archivist & Historian. December, 2005.

1992 – 1993



President: Cam Wright
Past President: Des DeFreitas
Vice-President: Jim Willson
Secretary: Mike Carlin
Treasurer: Cheuk Tam
Directors: Chuck Morrison, David Watson, Bob Miller, Stan Mulligan,
Ron Morrison, Jim McKendry

Membership News From the Bulletin

New Members:

Tom James, Bill Dingee, Doug DeFreitas, Ken Coots, Orlin McMillan, Tom McLaughlin, Rick Dreja, Ken Crews, Verneil Martin and Brad Wilson.

Members Lost:

Bob Miller

Sam Switzer informed the club that **Bob Smithens** passed away Monday, August 17, 1992 at the Rockyview Hospital at the age of 67. Bob was a native Calgarian and joined the club in 1972. He was a dedicated Rotarian and accepted any task given to him eagerly and willingly.

Attendance Notes

There were **42** Rotarians in attendance at the first Assembly meeting of this Rotary year. The second Assembly was held April 20th with **45** in attendance. This included all **3** female members.

Social and Sporting Activities

Rousing applause was given to **Brian Buchholz** for his effort organizing the excellent stampede breakfast, but I felt Brian's greatest joy came when he turned

over next years job to **Ray Huffman**. At the parade over **680** people were fed, and a profit of \$1,311.40 was realized. All had a great time.

Cricket – Coach **Stan Mulligan** says our Rotary team won its first game of the year congratulations guys. Keep making those runs and uprooting the opponents wickets.

Jack Crawford was thanked for his efforts for the profitable success of the Springbank Bar-B-Que.

A super Christmas Party was held at the Harvie Barracks. **David Marshall** thanked everyone for their support.

Special mention of the excellent work done by the Presidents Ball Team and the playwright of That's not cricket Holland and **Marilyn** respectively. Over 90 people were able to enjoy a fine evening with lots of laughs usually at the expense of President Cam.

Jim Willison commented on the District Conference held at Kananaskis, particularly the walk-a-thon at which he and Cam completed 6 kms and raised \$1,000.

Distinguished Speakers and Guests

Doug Main, Minister of Multi-Culturalism, gave a talk on September 18, 1992.

Honorable **Harvie Andre**, MP, spoke to the club on October 23, 1992.

Brigadier-General **Barry Ashton**, Commander of the 1st Brigade of the Canadian Armed Forces was the guest speaker November 06, 1992.

November 13, 1992 guest speaker was **Grant MacEwan**, former alderman and Mayor of Calgary, and Lieut.-Governor of Alberta.

Grant Mitchell, M.L.A for Meadowlark spoke to the club on January 15, 1993.

Projects

Rob Woronuk brought some pictures he took of Kiev and their new Rotary club as well as a beautifully inlaid wooden plate.

Steve Rickard and **Curly Galbraith** were acknowledged for their work in ending world hunger. Calgary West was the first club to donate money to this new committee.

Jo Johanson delivered all the warm and wooly donations to Alpha House at their open house on the 16th of December.

Donations to Various Causes and Charities

A cheque in the amount of \$5,000 was presented by **Ed Aboussafy** to the Croatian Relief Foundation to be spent on the children's relief hospital in Zagreb.

The Back Door Society thanked us for our recent donation of \$1,500 for their causes.

Cheryl Barber from Jamie's Pre-School was presented with a cheque for \$2,500.

RYLA, Youth Exchange and Adventures in Citizenship

Kim McCorkell from Bishop Carroll High School represented our club in Ottawa at Adventures in Citizenship.

The May 14th meeting was a stage for our RYLA student from Ernest Manning High School to share his experiences from the Conference he attended. It was quite apparent that this young man has benefited greatly from the experience.

Jim Barnes from Lord Shaughnessy High School introduced **Deanna Batpist**, a grade 9 student who attended RYPEN and **Karl Phillip**, who attended RYLA at the May 21st meeting. Both students thanked the club for a great experience. This was followed by an emotional farewell presentation by **Rhoop Dhillon** our inbound exchange student from India.

Don Novinger spend 60 seconds at the June 11th meeting citing the successes of Club 96. The district goal of \$250,000 is nearing, \$192,000 has been raised, another \$42,000 has been committed leaving \$15,000 to be raised before 1996.

Fundraising Events

Bingo is alive and well and supported by Calgary West members. Team C Bingo raised over \$8,700 in a special bingo night.

John Collins presented the club with a cheque for \$7,335.00 as our share of the interest this past year from the Calgary Foundation.

Casino – **Joe Klassen** thanked the participating volunteers for a successful casino, which generated over \$32,000.

Garage Sale - \$1,200 plus dollars were raised. Way to go **Aqueel and Ansa Athar**. Special thanks to **Stan Cichon, Don Campbell, Don Neilson, Barb Alexander and Joan Mackasey**.

Other News and Events

Jan Schlomach, our exchange student from Germany, was presented with a book on Calgary, which he distributed to all members for their signature. Jan has to be one of the best-inbound students we have ever had. Jan, you are a credit to your club and your country.

Nicole Hamilton our outbound student ambassador leaves on the 7:30 a.m. July 31st flight to Bangkok, Thailand.

The RI President is **Clifford Dochterman** of Stockton, California. He has had a career in the medical field. His slogan for the year is **Real Happiness Is Helping Others**. The District Governor of our district 5360 is **Laurie Fisher** of the Calgary North Rotary Club. His slogan for the year is **Integrity! Integrity! Integrity!**

Rosalia Nastasi returned from Japan after one year as outbound student from this club on Monday, August 10th. She gave a very interesting report on her experiences in Japan at the November 20th club meeting.

Ted Valentine announces the arrival of **Rhoop Dhillon** our inbound exchange student from India on August 30th.

Clarence Buckley has been nominated to the Board of the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation for the coming year.

PDG Don Novinger highlights the club history on its 25th Anniversary December 18th, 1992. Past Presidents all joined in to blow our 25 candles on club birthday cake.

The meeting of April 02, 1993 was held at Lord Shaughnessy High School to the delight of all those in attendance. **Jim Harris**, head of the culinary department, and his student crew supplied a wonderful meal.

Final Meeting of the Year

Rhoop enjoyed the year with Calgary West and expressed her thanks to the individual host families as well as all club members for making her feel so very welcome. All in all an “INCREDIBLE YEAR!” and one which **Rhoop** will retain the emotional memories of for a lifetime.

Harold and Jo led in a sing-song beginning with the tune from “The Cremation of Sam McGee” complete with appropriate lyrics for the changing of the club executive. Cam and Jim responded with a “duet rendition” of Happy Trails, causing all to join in song and help them along.

Highlights from the Director’s Reports for this President’s Year

- Bingo net revenues for the year totaled \$63,000.
- The Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation fund now totals \$77,354.
- Accessible Housing contributions totaled \$5,000.
- William Roper Hull Home – the members through **Dan Doherty** provided support personally through the annual Breakfast and Hullabaloo.

- The Projects Committee has reviewed **58** projects, of which **25** were funded to a total of \$57,965.
- The Environmental Committee, chaired by **Mike Pildysh** was actively involved in the Inglewood Wild Lands Park, providing sweat equity and initial project support to their inter-club reclamation effort.
- New friendships with **Nicole, Rhoop, Rosalie, Jan, Sean**, and soon to be **Charlotte**.
- World Community Service provided the vehicle to initiate the development project in India (eye hospital). Through matching dollars a total of \$135,000 was put in motion.
- The Rotary Village Banking is a great success.
- **Fellowship** is having fun while getting the job done.

President Cam Wright took the opportunity to express his thanks to the Directors, the Secretary and the Treasurer and members for their support for him during his year. A special thanks to **John Rymes** for being his mentor.

An exchange of pins between **Jim** and **Cam**, and **Cam** was also presented with his gavel and a standing ovation from all attendees. A framed commemorative bulletin was read aloud and presented to **Cam**.

“BELIEVE IN WHAT YOU DO, DO WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN!”

1993 – 1994



President: Jim Willson
Past President: Cam Wright
Vice-President: Stan Beveridge
Secretary: Holland Berry
Treasurer: Doug Watson
Directors: Mike Carlin, Marilyn McIlwraith, Ray Huffman, Chuck Morrison, Ron Morrison and Stan Mulligan.

Themes

From **RI President Robert Barth** Motto – “Believe in what you do, Do what you Believe in”. The message of the Rotary pin “I’m dependable; I’m available; I serve and give more than I take; I add value.”

From **DG Bill Grant** “Service is the rent you pay for the space you occupy”.

For the Club “We Create Smiles”.

Membership News From the Bulletin

Members Inducted

New members that joined the club throughout the Rotary year were **Victoria Achellios, Bev Berenson, Karen Chase, Don Goodridge, Bob Hamshaw, Barry Jarvis, Patrick Murphy, Margo McDermott, Herb Sattlegger, Grant Ritchie, Murray Vimy** and **Alan Waldie**. **Ron Jones** rejoined after spending several years in Edmonton. **Verneil Martin** received a Presidential Citation award for proposing more than three members.

Members Leaving

Bill Huston, veteran of the war and a member since 1977, died in July, 1993. **Charles Luitweiler, Mike Pildysh, John Switly, Jim McKendry, Brant Wilson, Tom Viccars** left for various reasons.

Members and Attendance

Membership began at 74 and ended the year at 81. Average attendance at the meetings was 75%.

Social and Sporting Activities

The usual Stampede Breakfast brought fun in the form of chuck wagon races with the Cochrane Rotary Club and their chariots and 2 person teams!

October 1, 1993 was the Inaugural Golf Scramble at Elbow Springs.

Sam Switzer hosted a woodchoppers ball in October for those wanting firewood, mulled wine, a walk in the woods, or the fellowship of a bonfire.

Distinguished Speakers and Guests

Jim Barnes, former Principal of Shaughnessy High School was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for his community and schoolwork. **Brenda Finley** spoke of CBC changes in direction. **Gerry Borbridge** spoke on his role as chief of Calgary Police. **Brian Keating** recalled anecdotes from the Calgary Zoo.

Club Projects

Dave Parker and **Jim Willson** worked the fledgling Rotaract Club.

Dan Doherty was chair of the Hull Homes where we supported another breakfast for the Home and the community.

Cheuk Tam led a team of canoeists and wireworkers in wrapping trees along the Bow River south of Calgary for beaver resistance!

The David D Oughton relationship began.

Youth Exchange

Charlotte Locke was our exchange student from Denmark, providing a chatty weekly column "Charlotte's Corner" in the newsletter. **Jan Schlomach** of Germany (YE 91/92) returned with his parents in July 1993. **Nicole Hamilton** returned in August from Thailand. **Shaun Duregon** went to Brazil in August 1993 and wrote news of his adventures. **Heather McCarney** was chosen to go on Exchange in August 1994.

Fundraising

The Service Budget was \$93,000, funded primarily by Bingo.

A novel event coordinated by **Harold Sharlow** and **John Collins**, namely a Box Social and Auction. \$14,000 was raised for the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. Included in the fun were a skit with "Paul Harris" and a dance troop led by **Margo McDermott**.

John Collins presented \$6978 as the clubs distribution of earnings for the previous year from the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation.

Donations to Various Causes

Funds were budgeted as \$32,000 for International, \$16,000 for Youth and \$62,000 for Community projects.

Medical supplies were provided for a school, hospital and medical centre in Thailand near the Burmese border.

Trees were added to the Inglewood Wildlands Park.

We finalized matching grants for an eye hospital in India.

We began a pilot project of providing transportation for seniors to appointments.

Other News

The 25 year club history 1967-1992 was completed for distribution at \$12 per copy, thanks to the leadership and dedication of **Ron Staughton**.

President Jim Willson made the Four Way Test a mantra for most meetings.

The microphone or sound-system cut out or squealed many times during each meeting.

The Westerner bulletin team was coordinated by **Lynne Thornton** and produced by **Don Campbell** – in a 3 column format for the first time.

Stan Mulligan was awarded the Lamp of Learning Award by the Calgary Board of Education for his dedication and service to youth, primarily for his leadership with the Shaughnessy High School Partnership.

Annual dues were changed to \$200 per year.

President Jim wrote “Jim’s Jottings”, a short column in The Westerner in the last edition of each month, mostly about Rotary or the Club.

Integrity Awards were given to **Sister Ida Beaudin** of Father Latour Native Centre and **Jim Gray** of Canadian Hunter.

Marilynn McIlwraith and **Lynne Thornton** traveled to Mexico to help establish the first village bank with FINCA with the support of Calgary West.

Verneil Martin sold cookbooks to raise funds for Polio Plus and provided them to clubs for fundraisers.

1994 – 1995



President: Stan Beveridge
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Vice-President: Stan Cichon
Secretary: Holland Berry
Treasurer: Doug Watson
Director Fellowship: Ray Huffman
Director Vocational Services:
Lynne Thornton
Director Community Youth:
Fred Scott
Director Community Services:
Mike Carlin
Director Club Meetings:
Bill Dingee
Director International Services:
Ed Aboussafy

During the 1994-1995 Rotary year, Calgary West celebrated the **RI theme of “BE A FRIEND”**. As a friend, our club emphasized our commitment to make a better community – a broad commitment that includes the international community, our neighborhood, our club and our members and their families. We invited all of our members and their spouses to take part in our Rotary meetings, projects and fellowship.

Membership News From the Bulletin

During the year we welcomed **Chris Davis** (who memorialized his part of Rotary by falling off the stage during his classification speech), **Mier Porat, Yvonne Sugmato, Elizabeth Wesley, Bill Faulkner, Rick Shulli, Walter Krawciw, Marty Barry and Aquell Athar** (who moved away and then missed us so much

that he moved back!). With great sadness, long-term member **Mike Barrel** passed away after many years struggling with kidney disease. **Alan Waldie** left us to go to College Station, Texas. **John Hutton** moved to Ottawa and joined an Ottawa Club. **Murray Vimy** resigned from the club. Our membership during the year was 88.

Youth Exchange

Our outgoing exchange student was **Heather McCarney** who went off to Japan. We welcomed **Stephanie Bonniseau** from France.

Fundraising Events

Our funding effort was very successful during the year. Bingo raised about \$35,000 and a casino raised another approximately \$25,000. We also had a very rewarding fashion show and auction at The Petroleum Club. This initiative, spearheaded by **Verneil Martin** and **Karen Chase**, was great fun and netted us some \$20,000. There was wide involvement by both our club members and their spouses. We will never forget the sight of **Herb Sattlegger** strutting his stuff on stage; big bad **Stan Cichon** dressed as a cowboy bad guy or the elegance of **Lourdes McLaughlin, Jacki Joki and Sandy Watson**. Along with the money from the Calgary Rotary Foundation and garage sale, we met our goal of raising \$1,000 per member.

Project and Funding Projects

We continued to support the ongoing projects of Calgary West. We sent students to RYPEN, RYLA and Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa and had both incoming and outgoing exchange students. Support of our partnership at Shaughnessy, Alpha House and William Roper Hull Home breakfast continued to be strong as well as our reading program to "Keep Kids in School" at the David D. Oughton School. We had the opportunity to play volleyball twice with the students and staff of Shaughnessy. Charitably, we had mixed results. In the community, we supported Jamie's Play School, the Kerby Centre, the Food Bank, Epilepsy Association of Calgary, Connection Housing Society and the Salvation Army. We bought a new costume for Simon the Safety Bear. Half of the money raised at our Fashion Show and Auction went to CNIB. We also made a major contribution to the Inglewood Wildlands Project.

Internationally, we funded the Georgetown Hospital in Guyana and FINC Banking. We also supported the Sorn Teto Project in Brazil to replace an orphanage destroyed by a mudslide. This was a project brought to us by **Al Gerwing** (Tim's Uncle) who had worked many years with the children in the burros of South America. We provided major support to the RI Foundation. Calgary West received a district award for being the club with the second highest per capita contribution to the Foundation in our district.

We supported the District Integrity Award Program by presenting an award to **Michele Stanner** for her work on the Council of Canadian Unity and the Friends of the Grace Hospital.

We also began three projects that combined funding with sweat equity. We constructed a back sidewalk for a client of Accessible Housing. The year marked the start of our club's involvement in the Adopt-A-Highway program and Feed the Hungry at St. Mary's. These projects along with William Roper Hull Home breakfast and our reading program at David D. Oughton School not only involved our club members but their families also.

Social Events

It was an active year for social events. We started the year with our Stampede Parade Breakfast which hosted incoming **RI President Herb Brown** and **RI Chair of the '96 Convention, Jack Forrest**. We had our firewood cutting part at **Sam and Betty Switzer's**. The annual mixed golf tournament at Pinebrook and the fall BBQ at Springbank were great successes as we learned to line dance. The highlight of the year was our Christmas Gala at the Calgary Golf and Country Club. With great help from our Rotary spouses, **Verneil** put on a most elegant dinner and dance. The annual President's Dinner was put on in great style by **Dave Watson** at the Glenmore Club. Also, the "Guess Who's Coming for Dinner" Program proved to be a great hit.

In summary, the year was successful. Our membership increased, we met our fund raising goals, we supported both worthwhile international and local community projects and our meetings were varied and interesting. We made significant strides to involve all of our members, their spouses and families in our meetings, fund raising events, projects and social functions. We met our commitment to "**BE A FRIEND**".

1995 – 1996



President: Stan Cichon
Past President: Stan Beveridge
Vice-President: David Parker
Secretary: Don Campbell Chuck Morrison
Treasurer: Mike French
Directors: Crawford Caswell, Chris Davis, Bill Dingee, Bob Hamshaw,
Marilyn McIlwraith/Fred Scott and Lynne Thornton

Membership News From the Bulletin

New Members

Jimmy Damjii (Past Service), **Larry Doyle** (Public Accounting), **Ray Falk** (General Insurance), **Marmie Hess** (Arts Administration), **Dr. Dick Kennedy** (Respiratory Medicine), **Dr. Mike Komlodie** (Dentistry & a former club President), **Paul LaFrance** (Banking/Auto Finance), **Richard Lindseth** (Architecture), **Rick Mastell** (Executive Search Consultant) and **Don Perkins** (Addiction Counselling).

Members Lost

Don Goodridge, Don Campbell and Fred Scott.

The Year of the Rotary International World Convention in Calgary

1995/96 witnessed SaskAir flying under the radar, over the moon, with crumpled cargo, with broken wings but always on time and loaded with much fun and

fellowship. Our program year was dominated by the impending RI World Convention held in Calgary, June 1996.

(SaskAir for those not fortunate enough to be there was Stan's own mythical wholly owned and operated airline. The joke was milked by all and sundry in the club, sometimes with a straight face with visitors around much to the amusement of our members.)

Calgary West was once again front row and centre in the volunteer department. **Bill Tapuska** kept the club up to speed on all planning. **John Rymes** chaired the biggest Paul Harris luncheon ever held at an RI World Convention. **Lynne Thornton** was a key player in our chuck wagon canvass project as well as Family Day at Heritage Park. **Don Alexander** in his usual quiet but most effective manner organized 45 club members to host some 300 International guests during the Home Hospitality evening. **Ted Valentine** managing some 350 volunteers oversaw the task of welcoming guests to the airport. **Marilyn McIlwraith** was our liaison for commercial opportunities.

Stan Beveridge and **Des DeFreitas**, building upon a plan hatched at the NICE convention created a unique Calgary West initiative for the RI World Convention, a western style BBQ held in Bragg Creek at the home of **Sam and Betty Switzer**. Hosting the Organizing Committee from Glasgow Scotland, visiting Rotary dignitaries, Calgary West Rotarians, some 120 people were treated to an outstanding evening of western food, music, carriage rides and outstanding hospitality.

Student Focus

Our inbound exchange student, **Angela Maria Isaza** from Cali, Columbia arrived in August after a weeks delay due to visa clearance problems and an unexpected night stay at O'Hare in Chicago.

Jennifer Adams, a student from Dr. EP Scarlett High School was selected to be our outbound exchange student destined for Thailand.

Calgary West also hosted Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar **Yvan Botteron** from Neuchatel Switzerland. Yvan studied for a Masters of Electrical Engineering degree at the University of Calgary.

John Kiss, a Petroleum Engineer, was sponsored to be our Group Study Exchange representative.

Candis Mather, **Lindsay Bumanis** and **Sonya Stephanie Lowe** enjoyed RYLA in Athabasca as our representatives while **Ashifa Tejani** attended RYPEN at Eagle Nest Ranch near Medicine Hat.

Program

Perhaps the highlight of the program year was a tribute to **John Rymes** by **Paulo Viriato Corea da Costa RI President 1990-91**. Paulo stated, "Today, it is my pleasure, as chairman of the Rotary Foundation, to honor a person, to honor a fellow engineer, to honor a fellow Rotarian from Calgary West, to honor a great Rotarian with a Distinguished Service Award. Every year we grant only 50. We have over 1.2 Million Rotarians around the world but only 50 receive the Distinguished Service Award every year".

This year's program had something for everybody including the introduction of the head tables' "Jump Seat" which **Chris Davis** not so gracefully launched by tumbling off the podium in his chair. Politicians were prominent on the program agenda. **MP's Jim Sily, Jan Brown, Mayor Al Duerr, Senator Dan Hayes and Provincial Treasurer Jim Dinning** who spoke on "Act of the Possible" and no one blinked!

Fundraising and Projects

Fundraising efforts saw some \$45,000 from Bingo. \$6,500 value of non-perishable items were collected for the Food Bank by a joint Rotaract/Calgary West "Pantry Raid" spearheaded by **Rotaract President Greg Schell**. Benefactors of Bingo included \$2,500 to Feed the Hungry, \$3,000 to Alzheimer's Society, \$3,500 to Kerby Center as well as \$14,500 to CUPS as a joint project with Calaway Park and Calgary West.

Social and Sporting Events

Our year began with Stampede parade morning breakfast with Calgary West hosting none other than **RI President Herb Brown and his wife**.

A memorable moment for **President Stan2** was throwing out the opening pitch during a field trip to a Calgary Canons baseball game.

Fellowship included a Fall BBQ at Victoria Park Community centre, Feed the Hungry where 1,100 meals were served and our Christmas Party at the Calgary Golf and Country Club, which realized a profit of \$200 donated to the Salvation Army. The social year ended with the President's Ball, a formal event at the Petroleum Club where Club **President and CEO of SaskAir Stan Cichon** was hosted, toasted and roasted!

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Membership News From the Bulletin

New Members: **Harold Ellman, Richard Lindseth, Laara Zimmerman and Carolyn Leece.**

Jimmy Damji returned after several weeks of illness. It was in August 1996 we expressed our sympathy to **Fred Ronicker** on the death of **his wife Lucile.**

Resignations: We lost a stalwart member and Past President **John Collins** to the Downtown Rotary Club. **Marilynn Macllwraith**, Past Treasurer and **Doug Watson** another board member also resigned.

Attendance Notes

I only recorded for the first half of the year and they show 8 members with perfect attendance. Ed.

Social and Sporting Activities

The July 26-27 weekend was the Peace Park Assembly at East Glacier Park, Montana. Our Annual Stampede Parade breakfast was a huge success. At William Roper Hull Home 3,000 breakfasts were served before food supplies

collapsed under the weight of 4,000 attendees!! The Fall BBQ was held at the Victoria Park Community Hall, **Verneil Martin** was the able convener. On September 13th we ran a mixed golf day at Harvest Hills Golf Club and on the 25th a warm-up tourney at Lakeside Green. **John Mackasey** ran the Winter Mixed Bridge Club and **Sam and Betty Switzer** ran their annual wood-cutting & picnic at Bragg Creek.

Distinguished Guests

District Governor Glen Baillie visited us in August. **Marshall Sanders, Mr. Micro-Credit**, who has had a hand in 80 FINCA Banks.

Projects

September 28th we did our Adopt-a-Highway cleanup. **Aqueel Atha** was pleased to present a cheque totaling \$1,779, the proceeds of his May annual garage sale. He proposed an encore in August with residual items unsold!! The club financed and staffed a Feed-the-Hungry at St. Mary's in November. **Roger Joki** ably handled the Youth Exchange and in another on-going program **Stan (Coach) Mulligan** steered our relationship with Shaughnessy High School for another year. We also funded the Interfaith Food Bank and Alpha House.

Fundraising

Bingo started out strong but 20th July Team D was dropped through lack of club support and in August we went to a three team roster. Outgoing Chairman **Ron Morrison** reported revenue of \$3,000 for the past year.

Exchange Students

Our outbound student, going to France was **Julie Monk**. Incoming from South Africa was **Landman (Landie) Goosen**. **Jennifer Adams** returned to us after a year in Thailand. **Yvan Botteron** was our Ambassadorial Scholar from Switzerland.

Paul Harris Fellowships

A Paul Harris fellowship award was made to **Margot McDermott** for her participation in the Calgary Stampede & The Young Canadians. In April **Don Novinger, Past President & Past District Governor** presented a Paul Harris Fellow to the **Charter President of our club Doug Ross**.

Other News and Events

Sa'adat Keshavjee was very active running the RYLA, RYPEN and Adventures in Citizenship programs. One very special initiative by **Steve Rickard** was put to Rotary International Foundation that the Foundation should back Credit Funding to village micro-banks on promissory notes. This would require no funding and would be self sustaining as 95% of loans are repaid!! The CUPS fundraiser at Calaway Park thanks to **Bev Berenson**, raised a total of \$16,668.33. \$5,000 of that due to the efforts of Calgary West! **Steve Rickard** attended a Micro-credit Conference in Washington, D.C. The Rotary Chuck wagon was off and running again this year **Lynne Thornton** told us.

At our 2nd May meeting \$411 was donated on the spot to assist in aiding Manitoba flood victims. **Ron Jones** challenged the Board to match that contribution. **Stan Mulligan** was urging support for Shaughnessy High School "Business Leadership Class". It was later in the year that **Stan** proudly announced that Shaughnessy was not LORD Shaughnessy High School! It was at the same meeting that our speakers gave us a preview of events to take place in the up-coming World Police & Fire Games.

On the 9th of May it was announced that **Ted Valentine** had been nominated for **District Governor 1999**. The announcement was greeted with great cheers. **Mike Carlin** was introduced as incoming President for the next Calgary West Rotary year.

In his Treasure's Report for 1996-1997 **Mike French** revealed that we had donated \$16,690 to Community Service Projects, \$4,500 to International Service Projects and \$4,907 to Vocational Service Projects.

On the last day of February **Mike Carlin** stood in for President **Dave Parker** who it was announced was on an extended trip to Australia. The trip became very extended when we found out that Parker had married an Australian girl and would not be coming back!! It was a mess. Someone had to run the club for the rest of the year and as Past President the lot fell on **Stan Cichon**. Stan rallied round nobly and with the aid of other Past Presidents chairing meetings, ran a smooth and seamless program for the balance of the year!!

In answer to the unsettling challenge of an absconding President Calgary West closed ranks and rose to the occasion in fine fashion and coped with aplomb!!! It was a very good year! **Ron Staughton**, Club Historian.

1997 – 1998



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Walter Krawciw, Orlin McMillan

Membership News From the Bulletin

New Members – 12

Bernie Rabinovitch, Marian Seeley, Tony Knight, Nick Cleveland, Mike Bull, Vinay Ruperall, Marilyn McIlwraith, Elizabeth Gibbs, Tim Anderson, Holland Berry, Carrie Begg and Bob Miller.

Resignations – 7

Crawford Caswell, Elizabeth Wesley, Rick Dreja, Richard Lindseth, Don Perkins, Tom James and Tom McLaughlin.

Attendance – May 1998 – 76%

Social and Sporting Events

Stampede Breakfast, Sarcee Club banquet, Lunch Box Theatre, Annual Christmas Party held at the Calgary Golf & Country Club, 30th Anniversary of Calgary West recognition party held at Pinebrook Golf & Country Club – December 27, 1997 with a “Christmas Brunch”. Fireside Chat held at **Stan Cichon’s** house.

Integrity Award Recipient – **Dr. John Woo** at the Integrity Awards banquet with 50% of our membership in attendance.

Evening presentation by **Tony Knight & Family** on their 5 year sailboat trip around the world.

Participated in the William Hull Home Stampede Breakfast.

Interest Groups

Bridge parties with up to 20 attending monthly.

Golf tournaments held each month during the summer with up to 20 members participating.

Distinguished Speakers & Guests

Jamie Clark had a slide show presentation of his climb to the top of Mount Everest.

Judge John Riley presented an excellent and emotional plight of the Stoney Indian Band.

Heather Forsythe spoke to us on child prostitution in Alberta.

Anna Marie Beech spoke on life in a wheel chair for a quadriplegic person.

Club Projects

Involved students from Lord Shaughnessy High School as mentors/leaders for kids at David D. Oughton.

Two housing projects to assist the poor in India were approved.

Members worked Casinos for David D. Oughton and Alpha House.

World Window Week – 6 members provided information on Rotary.

Highway clean-up on September 27th.

Salvation Army Christmas Kettles.

Exchange Students

Long-term Exchange: **Mike Wallace** inbound student from Perth Australia.

Karen Tynan outbound student to France.

Short-term Exchange: **Cindi Clark & Fredrick Stroker** from Holland.

RYPEN: We sent 2 students from Lord Shaughnessy to Medicine Hat.

Fundraising Events

Bingo – moved to a new bingo hall “Bingo Adventure” funds raised during the year totaled \$21,599. Involved Rotaract students in working the bingos.

Casino – revenue received was \$26,758.

Ways & Means – generated \$2,675. (Lunch Box Theatre. **Tony Knight &**

Arien Knight presentation on 5 year journey by sailboat around the world).

Tried to sell Rotary promotional items with out much success.

Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation – our revenue was \$6,459.

Donations to Various Projects and Charities

Feed the Hungry at St. Mary’s Church - \$2,554.

Accessible Housing - \$4,040 – purchase & install a computer network system (\$1,100 provided by Bank of Montreal).

Micro-credit projects - \$1,773.

Youth Exchange - \$9,860

RYPEN - \$907

Two Scholarships - \$500 each

Lord Shaughnessy Partnership - \$2,260.

Other News & Events

Jim Lacey, RI President attended Calgary “Benefactors” Dinner – 50% of Calgary West members attended.

Four Avenues of Service Citation Award – the first recipient of Calgary West to be awarded this Rotary International recognition was presented June 20th, 1998 to **John Rymes** for his outstanding contribution to Rotary.

Presidential Citation to “Show Rotary Cares” – presented to Calgary West from Rotary International.

Chartered a new Rotary Club during the year – Sarcee Rotary Club

Rotary Information – provided at 9 regular meetings.

Paul Harris Fellows: recipients for the year included **Mike French, Harold Sharlow and Marmie Hess.**

Calgary Immigrant Aid Society – presented **Bill Dingee** with their 1998 Diversity Award.

Harold Sharlow – published a booklet of his songs and gave one to each member of the club.

1998 – 1999



President: Bill Quinney
Past President: Mike Carlin
Vice-President: Dan Doherty
Secretary: Gordon Rodrigues
Treasurer: Larry Doyle
Directors: Ray Falk, Dave Hogan, Joe Klassen, Walter Krawciw, Steve Rickard and Grant Ritchie.

Membership News From the Bulletin

The club welcomed **Robyn Braley, Gord Rink, Herb Sattlegger, Dave Wylie & Crawford Caswell** as new members during the year.

Unfortunately the club lost more members than we gained. We said good-bye for now to **Karen Chase, Nick Cleveland, Jimmy Damji, Bill Dingee, Mel Jones, Bill Faulkner, Marilynn McIlwraith, Stan Mulligan and Larra Zimmerman.**

Social and Sporting Activities

The year started with a very successful Stampede Breakfast and Parade. Next was a combination Social and Assembly at the Western Heritage Centre in Cochrane. **Stan Cichon** was the organizer and Sheriff and coordinated a diverse program including a Mystery Theatre.

Bill Tapuska organized our first Christmas Brunch held on Dec. 27th at the Pinebrook Golf and Country Club (well done Bill!).

Many members of the club enjoyed the spring "Guess Who is Coming to Dinner" program.

The final meeting was a Lobsterfest held at the Pinebrook Golf & Country Club. Thanks and tribute were given to outgoing **President Bill** and a big Welcome was given to incoming **President Dan**. The 100% attendance meeting ended with **Shelley and Bill** giving each guest a complimentary bottle of wine ("Liebfraumilch"), made by various Winners in the club.

Projects

The club presented **District Governor Chuck Masur** with a cheque for \$10,000 for Rotary Kerby House (Calgary's first shelter for abused seniors) and \$18,000 to fund a micro bank in Indonesia.

Fundraising

Bingo continued to be our major fundraiser, contributing \$6,200 in August. Bingo relocated during the year and we were able to manage three (3) strong Bingo teams. **Aqueel Athar** held his annual garage sale and **Joe Klassen** organized our Casino. A major new fundraising activity was organized and started by **Gerry Lebsack** called "Cars for Kids Cancer", which consisted of encouraging vintage car owners to display their cars to a paying public in the Oval.

Attendance Notes

Attendance was reported at 80% in August and 90% in December. The club approved an amendment to the bylaws to allow one attendance credit for a member involved in an approved club fundraising event per month.

Student Programs

The club said good-bye to **Michael Wallace** from Australia, our inbound student and welcomed our new student **Claire O'Fee** from New Zealand who we shared with the Fish Creek Park Rotary Club. We also wished **Karen Tynan** who left on August 8th a great year away from home in France.

Meetings

President Bill at an early meeting discussed dress code and recommended that members and guests should feel comfortable wearing their normal Friday wear and not feel compelled to dress-up or dress-down to meet casual, cowboy or other codes of formality or informality.

The club had a great range of speakers from **Dr. Rick Buckley** on Orthopedic Trauma to the Canadian Tax Federation.

Wine was produced on July 31st to toast the newly married couple **Bob Hamshaw and Lynne Thornton** and again on 25 September for **Don and Anne Novinger's** 50th Wedding Anniversary and **Ray and Karen Falk's** wedding.

The club held the September 11th meeting in the Northern Forest at the Calgary Zoo.

Calgary West was honored to host the Friday luncheon meeting at the district conference in Canmore. At the meeting the club and the district had the pleasure of honoring and presenting the "4 Avenues of Service" Award to **Don Novinger**. Don was a Charter Member and Past President of the club and a Past District Governor. **Don** thanked everyone for the honor and was pleased **Anne** and his family were in attendance to share this special time with him.

In addition to the 50/50 draw **President Bill** drew a second number each week for a toy John Deer tractor. This was his way of saying thank you for the opportunity to be President.

Club News

The club amended our bylaws by changing our boundaries to the City of Calgary.

The Westerner started arriving by Fax and email.

The Club reached 2 mile stones in having 50% of the club become Paul Harris Sustaining Members and 23 additional club members committing to the Foundation Benefactor Program.

1999 – 2000



President: Dan Doherty
Past President: Bill Quinney
Vice-President: Steve Rickard
Secretary: Gordon Rodrigues
Treasurer: Bob Hamshaw
Directors: Bernie Ward, Don Bateman, Mike French, David Watson, Bev Berenon, Walter Krawciw, and Tony Knight (served first half of the year).

WOW Year

The theme for the 1999-2000 Calgary West Rotary year was WOW:

W – Will to Change
O – Orderly Fashion
W – Wonderment

The primary objective of the Club for the year was by simplifying our focus; we could increase involvement, and have all members feeling like they truly had made a difference. Each of the four avenues of service and the respective Board Member established their own **WOW's** and achieved great success through the year.

Club Service – Bernie Ward & Bob Hamshaw (Treasurer)

Objective was to maintain 80% attendance and not to lose a member for dissatisfaction or lack of interest. A 100% meeting was held in honor of **District Governor Ted Valentine's visit**. **Ted**, a proud member of Calgary West, was the third DG from our club to lead the District. The programs started with high energy and cranked up through the year. A highlight of the year was when the recipients of funding through a Mennonite Micro-credit bank held a craft fair before and after our regular meeting. A computer servicing firm, a local band, and outstanding Native Artist and children's author presented their wares and

clearly showed the membership the impact of its efforts. The Piping in of the Haggis, **George Reed** speaking on the Special Olympics, and CWRC presenting **Ed Whalen** a Paul Harris Fellowship for his leadership in the community are all highlights of an absolutely **WOW** year of Rotary fellowship.

Community Service – Don Bateman & Mike French

WOW was defined as putting a face on the many projects that we have and continued to support. By requiring each and every recipient of Community Funding to attend the club the membership was definitely kept informed about where our funds were going. Rotary Challenger Park was in its infancy and Calgary West through the leadership of our own **David Watson** played a major role in moving this World Class facility forward. Cars for Kids Cancer, program initiated by member **Gerry Lebsack** (deceased during the year) was held at the Olympic Oval, and was the largest and most successful event in a number of ways – outstanding club involvement, media coverage and dollars raised. A highlight of the event was **President Dan** shaving his head and raising over \$8,500 for the Kids Cancer Care Foundation. Feed the Hungry involved a large number of members and their families and kept CWRC grounded in community service. **Karl Hertzog** – Motivaction – was our Integrity Award Winner, going on to become a member and future director of CWRC. StreetLight, a group working with street kids was a major recipient of a large donation, as were Meals on Wheels and William Roper Hull Child & Family Services. **WOW!**

Vocational Service – Bev Berenson

Lord Shaughnessy High School and David D. Oughton Elementary School remained our primary focus. The reading program at David D. Oughton remains as one of the most powerful and franchising programs the clubs has been involved in. While only involving a hand full of members led by **Roger Joki**, the impact of the one-on-one reading time has had a life long influence on the elementary students and probably more so on the Shaughnessy students who volunteered their time. Again another **WOW!!!**

International Service – Tony Knight (world traveler of note) and **Steve Rickard** (President Elect)

How better to provide international service than through micro-credit banking and youth exchange. **Clair O'Fee** (New Zealand) and **Camille Cuvelier** (France) were outstanding inbound exchange students and **Steve Bathory** represented the club very well in Thailand.

Calgary West sponsored a village Banking group in Guatemala, funded a water filter program in Haiti, continued to fund Operation Eyesight and sent over 600 soccer uniforms to St. Lucia. **WOW.**

As with almost every year a priority was placed on finding the solution to the age-old problem of fund development. Director **Walter Krawciw** ably handled this onerous task. The club eventually voted to take some time away from Bingo to

explore. The club worked at a LPGA event and co-hosted the Pinebrook Charity Pro-Am both events requiring club participation, and resulting in wonderful fundraising opportunities. The Stampede Breakfast was well on its way to becoming world famous contributing to CWRC's fund development and fellowship along with providing parking assistance at Spruce Meadows. A wayward attempt to make the Boltman truly international celebrity flopped when the specially designed Boltman and his traveling case were put in the hands of a French Rotarian never to be seen or heard from again!

Throughout the year **Gordon Rodrigues**, as club secretary, and **Bill Quinney**, as past President, kept us focused as CWRC in 1999-2000 experienced a **WOW** year!!!

2000 – 2001



President: Steve Rickard
Past President: Dan Doherty
Vice-President: Aqueel Athar
Secretary: Chuck Morrison
Treasurer: Bob Hamshaw
Directors: Elizabeth Gibbs, Bev Berenson, Harold Elman, Don Bateman, Bernie Ward and Bernie Rabinovitch.

Membership News From the Bulletin

New Members: Nico Breed, Walter Flores, Rick Dreja, Rick Hopkins, Sandra Roman, Christopher Lee, Jim McPherson, Ron Irwin, Vasile Douros, Denise Penner-Collins, Lyle Bennett, Bryden Horwood and Garfield Ganong.

Members Lost: Carrie Begg (married and moved) and Glen Jones (deceased).

Attendance: Average

Social and Sporting Activities

Stampede Breakfast, Springbank BBQ, Christmas Ball, Christmas Party Family Brunch (Pinebrook), Highway Cleanup, Bridge, Wine Club, Dinner Club, Marie's Coffee Party, Integrity Awards, Skate-a-thon, District Conference, Glencoe Triathlon, Lobster/President's Party, Lord Shaughnessy Lunch, Switzer's Annual Country Picnic, Kerby Centre Field Trip, Cannon's Father's Day Outing, Valentine Serenade by the BRASS (Bow River Authentic Singing Society) Singers and Club Fireside.

Distinguished Speakers & Guests

The Honorable Joe Clark, District Governor Monty Audenart, Professor Emeritus Warren Blackman, Hospice Calgary CEO Lou Withers, Opportunity International's Executive Director Wayne Johnson and Dr. Marmie Hess.

Club Projects

Stampede Breakfast, Accessible Housing, Feed the Hungry, Challenger Park, Highway Cleanup, Reader/Mentor Program with Lord Shaughnessy High School and David D. Oughton Elementary School, RYLA, RYPEN, Youth Exchange, Micro-credit Trade Fair – Mennonite project in Calgary, Salvation Army Kettles, Change your Oil/Change a Life Program, Discovery House Van, **Gerry Lebsack**/Calgary Hospice Gazebo, Avoidable Blindness, Casino for CWRC, Strawberry Shortcakes, Kerby Rotary House, Integrity Awards, Cars For Kids Cancer, Athar's Garage Sale, Socks & Mittens for Alpha House and Casino for LSHS.

Program Reports

RYLA, RYPEN and Youth Exchange – Roger Joki reported on September 14th that six Lord Shaughnessy High School students attended RYPEN with much success. **Sa'adat Keshavjee** reported that RYLA contestants would undergo an essay contest. The outbound exchange student was **Maya Cochrane** (Norway) and the inbound student was **Atsko Kimura** (Japan).

Fundraising Events

Stampede Breakfast, Golf Tournament, Strawberry Shortcakes, Garage Sale, Casino, Salvation Army Kettles, Micro-credit Trade Fair, Motive Action's Change your Oil/Change A Life, Cancer Critters and Skate-a-thon.

Other News

Pierre Elliott Trudeau died, **Lynne Thornton** went to China to teach for several months, Al Williams was learning to live with Dialysis, Microcredit Trade Fair occurred in time for Christmas giving, Rotex held a successful Alumni Event, Rotary International Conference held in San Antonio, Texas, Rotary theme was "Create Awareness and Take Action", **Harold and Jo** continued the musical tradition so special to Calgary West and **RI President Frank Devlyn** officiated at three events in Calgary (Rotary Kerby House dedication, Rotary Challenger Park sod turning & Integrity Awards).

Musical Interludes

David D. Oughton Choir arrived in time for Christmas, **Sweet Adeline's** appeared at Valentine's, **Jo & Harold** and Company regaled the club meetings weekly.

Seen in Passing

Don Nielsen riding in an office chair down **Aqueel's** driveway at an amazing speed, **Art Jenkins**, President of Operation Eyesight Universal with a cut forehead from a low hanging sign that he didn't see in time to duck, **Bill Tapuska** scurrying around to accommodate the last of the attendees at the two sold out Pinebrook events, **Dan Doherty** asking who would pay to see him bald in a fundraising event, **Chuck Morrison** organizing a Skate-a-thon at the Olympic Oval, **Elizabeth Gibbs** arranging an extra lunch prepared by the students at Lord

Shaughnessy High School, **Mike Komlodi** organizing a Sunday Walk & Lunch group, **Larry Doyle** enjoying the reading/mentorship program so much that he didn't want to change students until the whole story was finished, **Mike French** presenting a cheque to FINCA for Microcredit on behalf of the Rotary Clubs of Cochrane, Sarcee and Calgary West in the amount of \$10,800, **Past District Governor Ted Valentine** ushering **RI President Frank Devlyn** from event to event, **Grant Ritchie** and fellow curlers winning an event at the Alberta Brier, **Christopher Lee** cooking meals at Feed the Hungry – every Sunday for a dozen years, **Ray Falk** promoting the sale of stuffed animals (Cancer Critters) that were made by Cancer Volunteers and Patients, **Orlin McMillan** reporting a \$50,000 contribution to the Casino pool, **Don Alexander** relaying that gopher **Balzac Billy** predicted six more weeks of winter, **District Governor Monty Audenart** promoting humanitarian exchanges with Russia, Club members attending the May 4th District Conference in Red Deer, **Bob Hamshaw** reporting that club membership had grown from 80 to 88 members during the year, **President Steve and Marie Rickard** acknowledging the success of the President's Theme – "Club Fellowship" by thanking those who coordinated a different social event every month of the year.

It can truly be said this was a very good year of Rotary!

2001 – 2002



President: Aqueel Athar
Past President: Steve Rickard
Vice-President: Bob Hamshaw
Secretary: Chuck Morrison
Treasurer: Paul LaFrance
Directors: Harold Elman, Mike French, Elizabeth Gibbs, Don Nielsen, Bernie Rabinovitch and Dave Wylie.

Membership News From the Bulletin

New Members: Dan Varvos, Lyle Bennett, Brent Barootes, Don Axford, Bill Hanycz, Marg Henschel, Kevin Jones, Bill Inglis, John Orion and Mark Powell.

Members Lost: Tony Knight, Bev Berensen, Rick Hopkins, Walter Flores and Jack Crawford (deceased).

Social and Sporting Activities

Stampede Parade Breakfast, Annual Mixed Golf Tournament at Pinebrook Golf and Country Club, Annual BBQ at Springbank, Family Christmas brunch at Pinebrook, Christmas Party at Calgary Golf and Country Club, President's Ball at Calgary Golf and Country Club and Members' Dinner Club.

Distinguished Speakers and Guests

Dr. Harvey Weingarten, President U of C; **Dr. Patrick Lee**, Professor and Cancer Researcher at U of C; **Dave Bronconnier**, Mayor of Calgary; **District Governor Bill Gillott**; Integrity Award Winner **Bill Patton**; **Wayne Johnson**, Director Opportunity International (Microcredit Banking); **Roy Chavera**, Consul General of the United States; **Bill Gant**, Past RI Director; **Richard and Linda**

Benedicton from Cochrane Fast Guns (with exhibition of fast drawing and shooting).

Projects

Jerry Lebsack Memorial Gazebo \$5,000
Alpha House \$300
Microcredit Banking, Costa Rica \$10,000
Operation Eyesight Universal, \$1,550
Accessible Housing \$5,325
David D. Oughton School \$300
Akil Ben Abdel Kadir Eye Hospital, Karachi, Pakistan \$5,000.

Fundraising

Garage Sale \$1,522
Valentine Day Strawberry Shortcakes \$3,700
Sale of new clothing donated by a friend of **Aqueel** \$3,500
Oil Change
Calgary Rotary Foundation
Donation from **Aqueel's** Company (Norwest Labs) \$1,500

Club News

Honorary Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded to **Harold Sharlow** and **Jo Johanson** at the President's Ball for their distinguished services to the club.

August 3, 2001 was the last meeting for our exchange student from Japan – **Atsuko Kimura**.

Two large, double-sided wall hangings created by **Ansa Athar** (Aqueel's wife) to be used to display banners received by Calgary West were donated by her to the club September 28, 2001.

Our outbound student (to Thailand) was **Lauren Waddel**.

Our new exchange student (from Brazil), **Carol Leite**, attended her first club meeting January 25th, 2002.

Jo Johanson successfully recovered from a double bypass surgery in 2001.

Polio Plus program presented by **Stan Cichon** and **Bill Quinney** was unique in that an iron lung was on exhibition at the meeting.

Club Assemblies were held September 19th, 2001 and April 3rd, 2002.

35th Anniversary of the club was celebrated with a special birthday cake June 28th, 2002. This was also **President Aqueel's** last meeting.

The club successfully met **RI President Rick King's** target of a net gain of five new members during the current Rotary year.

President Aqueel and Calgary West were given RI President's Distinguished President and Distinguished Club awards.

Other News

RI President Rick King visited Calgary February 12th, 2002 for the combined Rotary Foundation fundraising and Integrity Awards Dinner. Integrity Awards were presented to nine distinguished recipients.

RI President's theme for this year was "Mankind Is Our Business".

This year, the RI Council on Legislation adopted the following new rules:

- there will be only two types of memberships, active and Honorary;
- Clubs are allowed to have five members under the same classification;
- Members qualifying for the rule of 85 (member's age plus number of years in Rotary totaling 85) may be excused from attendance after board's approval
- Make ups can be done 2 weeks prior to and 2 weeks following a missed meeting.

2002 – 2003



President: Bob Hamshaw
Past President: Aqueel Athar
Vice-President: Bob Miller
Secretary: Rick Dreja
Treasurer: Bob Hamshaw
Directors: Garfield Ganong, Carolyn Leece, Joe Klassen, Karl Herzog, Mike French and Don Axford.

Membership News From the Bulletin

New Members: Mark Powell, David Williams, Richard Foo, Mike Reikie, Leslie Hamilton, Alethia Wiesner, Stephanie Manson and Sylvia Rempel

Members Lost: Jeff Small

Distinguished Guests

District Governor Sandy MacKay spoke to the club on September 27th, 2002.

Wayne Johnson, Executive Director of Opportunities International Canada spoke on Microcredit Banking in Costa Rica on October 18th, 2002.

Art Jenkyns, Founder of Operation Eyesight Universal gave a history of the progress of the initiative.

Honorable Heather Forsyth, MLA – Alberta Solicitor General presented on April 25, 2003.

A talk on International Security and Terrorism was given by **Dr. Rob Hubert** from the U of C on May 30th, 2003.

Club Highlights

Felix Haspel was our outgoing exchange student. He was honored to be chosen and placed in Thailand.

Past President **Aqueel Athar** was recognized by Rotary International with a Distinguished Club President award.

The club Fed the Hungry on September 29th at St. Mary's.

Carol Leite was our incoming exchange student from Brazil until January, 2003. Calgary West toured the Motive Action Training facility for the October 25th meeting.

The club partnership with Lord Shaughnessy High School was re-affirmed at a regular meeting hosted by the school on November 22nd.

Member **John Rymes** sponsored an Interior Design Scholarship at Mount Royal College in memory of his wife **Constance Mary Rymes**.

The annual Strawberry Shortcake event continued to exceed expectations and grew larger again this year.

Angela Hodge from New South Wales was the exchange student arriving in January.

Discussions regarding the status of our club fundraising projects were frequent, beginning in the winter. What new projects to consider, what current projects to drop?

Bob Miller joined a group traveling to Ghana in support of Microcredit initiatives. Calgary West once again became associated with bingo as a fundraiser beginning in April.

2003 – 2004



President: Bob Miller
Past President: Bob Hamshaw
Vice-President: Joe Klassen
Secretary: Chuck Morrison
Treasurer: Dave Watson
Directors: Garfield Ganong, Karl Herzog, Bryden Horwood, Marion Seeley, Dan Varvos and David Williams.

Membership News From the Bulletin

New Members: Sylvia Remple, Rick Guthrie, Bill Lawless, George Edwards, Ron Brooks, Mike Reikie, Alex Coelho.

Resignations: Elizabeth Gibbs, Nico Breed, Ron Irwin, Mark Powell, John **Orien** (transferred to Heritage Park Club)

Attendance: From the Westerner; December 2002 – 92;
October 2003 – 83 members.

Social and Sporting Events

Larry Doyle launched the club's sporting activities for the year by organizing a golf tournament at the Inglewood Golf Course on August 28th.

September 20th was the fall BBQ at Springbank Community Hall. The Calgary Fiddlers provided the entertainment. **Lynne Thornton** managed the Dinner Club – Members hosting members – for the year. **Marmie Hess** hosted the Club on a tour of the exhibit at the Glenbow Museum on the Arctic. A subject on which she is an acknowledged Canadian expert.

It may or may not be under the heading of social activities but it certainly is a vigorous sporting activity, Korean Martial Art is engaged in by members of our

Club namely, **Dan Varvos, Nico Breed and Larry Doyle** as taught by our member 5th Dan Black Belt **David Williams** of Kuk Sool Won. His pupils also include his **wife Rachel**. (Hope they get along well at home don't you!!) During the October visit to our club, **District Governor Mike Smith** presented our very own **Steve Rickard** with a District Governor Nominee pin. Steve's year will be 2005-2006.

Our Halloween meeting had quite a number of our members dressed in spectacular costumes. **Verneil and Doug Martin** did a great job decorating the hall for the occasion. The Christmas Party at the Wainwright Hotel in Heritage Park was organized by **Marge Henschel**. In October **President Bob Miller** had surgery at the Rockyview Hospital and **Joe Johanson** aka E.R. Johnson in the hospital records (much to the confusion of those who visited without knowing his room number) spent some time in Foothills Hospital with a serious by-pass operation.

Marion Seeley and Robyn Braley ran a Fireside at Marion's Roxboro house with 34 people in attendance.

In November our President returned to us on crutches. Can't keep a good man down!! **Carolyn Leece** continued to shine as a great sergeant-at-arms.

Humorous and inventive in relieving our members of their loonies. **Chris Davis** was another lively Sgt. At Arms for the year.

Bill Tapuska lined up a delicious Family Holiday Brunch at Pinebrook Golf & Country Club for us. **Stephanie Monson** was congratulated by the whole club on her engagement.

Brent Barootes displayed the Rotary Centennial t-shirts that went on sale later in the year. **Carolyn Leece** welcomed her son back from Australia complete with dreadlocks!! **Bob Hamshaw and Lynne Thornton** become grandparents of **Rebecca Dianne Hamshaw**. A real cutie by all accounts. Evelyn and **Clarence Buckley's** son was reported as editing a definitive book on pediatric medicine.

On 17th March **President Bob** held a highly successful Club Assembly. On a social note the Annual President's Lobster Dinner was held at Pinebrook Golf & Country Club in June. Also in June a "family picnic" was held at Rotary Challenger Park.

We carried off an award at the District Convention in Lethbridge for our "Strawberry Shortcake" fundraiser!!

The birth of our "**Minga**" fundraising event was announced by **Brent Barootes**. It was held on March 16th, 2005. Lots of work went into the planning of this event!

Crawford Cawell started promoting the Stampede Breakfast in May!! You can't let things sneak up on you can you?

President Elect Joe Klassen and his **wife Maureen** went to Japan for the International Convention.

On the sporting scene we heard that **Chuck Morrison** got a hole-in-one at the Speargrass course in Carsland!

Our **Marmie Hess** was honored at the Calgary Awards Presentation with a Lifetime Achievement Award which was just a run-up to a trip to Lethbridge to

receive another Doctorate the following week! All this in addition to picking up a Paul Harris Fellowship ruby pin earlier in the year. You have to be impressed.

Distinguished Speakers and Guests

Distinguished speakers and guest for the year include our own **Sylvia Remple** and her **daughter Tammy Bartel**. Sylvia owned and operated Sun Ice which was Canada's largest sportswear company. Her talk was about the Sierra Leone sewing project which she started in that war-torn country to teach sewing on treadle machines by Tammy and herself.

Another very interesting speaker among many during the year was **Honorary Lt. Colonel of the Queen's Own Rifles** who spoke of Remembrance Day & the current state of the Canadian forces. Our much loved ex-member **Dr. David Hogan**, a renowned geriatrics specialist, gave an illuminating talk on his specialty.

We had a witty talk by **Carolyn Leece** on lifestyles, our health and her book "its later than you think". We have some talented people don't we?!

Projects

Club members galore organized and/or worked on numerous projects during the course of the year. Notably **Marie Rickard** and **Chris Lee** were prime movers on Strawberry Shortcakes.

Ron Jones pushed Rotary Challenger Park lottery tickets.

A new fundraiser project came into being with car parking at the Farmers' Market and at Spruce Meadows. **Rick Dreja** got this lucrative activity going.

A casino in April was well supported.

On-going Projects:

Roger Joki did noble work at Lord Shaughnessy High School with a Trade Fair and co-coordinated with LSHS students assisting in reading classes at David D. Oughton Elementary School.

David Williams looked after the Mentorship Program at LSHS.

Jo Johanson kept Alpha House in our minds all year long, particularly in the cold months.

Mike French promoted contributions to the Rotary Foundation with his "Who wants to be a Paul Harris Fellow?" pitch. Quite original!

Karl Herzog made a good haul of cash running the Annual Garage Sale in the tradition of its founder **Aqueel Athar**. Proceeds from the sale went to Operation Eyesight Universal.

Student Projects

RYLA coordination was handled by **Sa'adat Keshavjee** together with "Adventures in Citizenship". **Verneil Martin** was a moving force in our Exchange Student program which said good-bye to **Angela Hodge** from Australia and to **Elena Tyminski** our export to Cordoba, Argentina. We welcomed **Kong Chaiwongkachon** from Thailand. Outstanding youngsters all!!

Club Fundraising Events

Casino

Strawberry Shortcakes

Bingo

Garage Sale

Parking

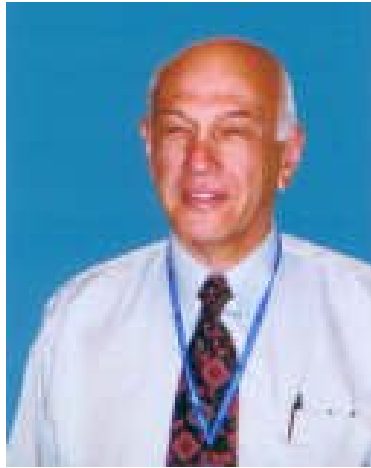
Cherry Sales (\$2,800 net)

Stampede Parade Viewing & Breakfast (\$4,129)

Donations to Causes and Charities

Feed the Hungry

2004 – 2005



President: Joe Klassen
*Past President: Bob Hamshaw**
Vice-President: Chris Davis
Secretary: Jim Barnes
Treasurer: Dave Watson
*Director Club Services – David Williams***
*Director New Initiatives – Dan Varvos***
*Director Vocational Services – Verneil Martin**
Director International Services – Vasile Douros
*Director International Services – Bryden Horwood***
Director Youth Services – Bernie Ward

**Bob Hamshaw replaced Past President Bob Miller who moved to Stewiacke Nova Scotia. Verneil Martin replaced Marian Seeley who moved to Mexico.*

***Completing second term.*

Membership News from the Bulletin

Membership:

At 1 July 2004 – 87

At 30 June 2005 – 86

New Members inducted this year:

Frank Burns

Don Douglas

Doug Chisholm

Mark McLaughlin

Roy Thurm

Members lost to the club:

Al Williams*

Frank Phillips*

Art Jenkyns (Honorary)*

Bob Miller

Marian Seeley

Sylvia Remple

*Deceased

At 30 June 2005, six members were excused from meeting attendance requirements because of age/seniority. There were two honorary members, **Curly Galbraith and Doug Martin**. **Fred Ronicker** remains the sole charter member of the club.

Fundraising

We placed considerable emphasis on re-organizing our fundraising events:

- After much soul searching the club finally stopped doing Bingo. By and large, this was a popular move.
- We embarked upon a major fundraiser, our Minga event which was held at the Calgary Golf & Country Club and was a great financial success.
- The club undertook to join the Chinook Club in parking cars at Spruce Meadows and at the Farmers' Market. However, some burnout of club members led to a deterioration in the number of volunteers and we were unable to complete our obligations.
- Strawberry Shortcakes was once again a resounded success.
- Cherry sales (lead by **Chris Lee and Bill Tapuska**) were successful once again even though the numbers were down this year.
- The Stampede Parade Breakfast (9 July 2004) was its usual success.
- There was no casino this year.

Odds and Ends

Exchange Students – **Kong Chaiwongkachon** to Thailand on 20 July 2004.

- Outbound student **Ashley Bromby** was off to Thailand 23 July 2004.
- Outbound exchange student **Elena Timinsky** – Argentina.

First 3 meetings in August were away from DCC. 6th & 20th August at the Day's Inn Macleod Trail. Project 118 Youth Ranch hosted the club on 13th August at the Ranch.

July 04 – **Ron Morrison** lost his **wife Carol** to cancer.

30th July saw the club host 12 immigrant professionals primarily from the Asian community – organized by **Dan Varvos**.

17th September – Fall BBQ at Springbank Community Center, organizer **Don Bateman**.

26th September 2004 – Wonderful fireside organized by **Marian Seeley**.

3rd September 2004, District Governor **Ken Copithorne** and wife **Wendy** attend the club for the annual DG visit.

4 – 24th September – President **Joe** was away from the club due to the death of Maureen's mother. **Bob Hamshaw** and **Bob Miller** filled in.

25th September 2004 – Highway Cleanup – Organizer **Larry Doyle**.

28th September 2004 – Feed the Hungry – **Crawford Caswell**.

Club Assemblies: 13th October 2004 – Lord Shaughnessy High School & 6th April 2005 – DCC

22nd October 2004 – Farewell party for **Bob & Paula Miller** and **Marian Seeley** at Pinebrook.

24th November 2004 – Christmas Party – CGCC, 90 in attendance.

3, 11, 18th December – Salvation Army kettles.

10th December – Rotary Info session at 11:15 DCC – **Clarence Buckley**

19th December – Pinebrook Christmas family lunch, 220 in attendance.

7th March 2005 – Integrity Awards – **Grant Ritchie**.

MINGA Fundraiser – 12th November 2005 – dry run at CGCC. 16th March CGCC – Very successful. Raised \$50/60K.

9th June 2005 – President's Party and Lobsterfest at Pinebrook GCC. Emcee was **Rick Guthrie**.

Sample of Guest Speakers

Jason Borton – Rodeo Cowboy

Radio City Jazz

Exchange Students

Ken King – Calgary Flames

District Governor Ken Copithorne

Rod Sykes

Gary Mar – Minister of Health

Dr. Sherry Rinsforth – Calgary Zoo

Jim Dinning

Jack Beaton – Police Chief

Judge John Riley – Twice

Irene Maria Bakker – Consulate of the Netherlands

Dr. John Cowan – Principal of the Royal Military College

Jessica Robertshaw – Student

Roy Thoreson – World Champion Whistler

Classification Talks

George Edwards

Murray Hunter

Frank Burns

Calgary Rotary Clubs' Foundation Awards

The board passed a motion that all widows/widowers of club members who have not been otherwise recognized for their service to Rotary be presented with a donation

to the CRC Foundation in memory of the deceased. This year, presentations were made to **Bette Williams, Joan Mackasey, Ruth Rogers, Gay Phillips and Una Jenkyns.**

Lord Shaughnessy High School

Very active as usual. Venue for Strawberry Shortcakes production. **Brad Adams** is new principal of LSHS.

Website

This was the year we made a major move to a new web site based on a pre designed program called Club Runner.

Other Highlights

Sponsored **Jessica Robertshaw**, 17 year old student from Bishop Carroll High School to the World Debating and Public Speaking contests in Cyprus. Jessica won several awards.

Ten year old Ukrainian girl **Oksana Oliynyk** was back in Calgary for another heart surgery with her **mother Natalia**. CWRC presented them with \$1,000.

Dan Doherty along with his **wife Marlene** and tow of their children went to Mexico to help build homes.

The Rotary Club of Calgary West 2005 - 2006

President's Summary

“Better late than never.”



President: Chris Davis
Past President: Joe Klassen
President Elect: Mike French
Treasurer: Murray Hunter
Secretary: Jim Barnes
Directors: Frank Burns (from Sept); Stan Cichon; Vasile Douros; Leslie Hamilton (to Sept); Marg Henschel; Verneil Martin; Bernie Ward

The “Stats”

Membership:

85 members at beginning of term

88 members at year end

Joined: Garth Evans, Pauline Evans, Matt Hanrahan, Ed Helmich, Helen King, Gerry Madigan, Derek McClary, John Petryshen, Brenda Sali, Roy Thurm

Resigned: Don Douglas, Leslie Hamilton, Bill Ingles, Kevin Jones, Mark McLoughlin, Stephanie Monsen, Sandra Roman

In Memoriam: Harold Sharlow

The passing of Harold Sharlow on September 24th marked another milestone event for our Club. Harold (lyrics) and “Joe” Johanson (music) had been a musical force in Calgary West for decades. Harold, a retired school teacher, brought two songs each week for the Club to enjoy and participate in – in “Music & Song”. They weren’t long – part of the beauty of it – but they were witty and thoughtful reflections on the day’s guest speaker and on contemporary events. The music was “contemporary” (although this was a relative term!). Harold and his bride, Madeleine, celebrated 52 years of marriage in July. We held a special memorial meeting for the Club and his family on November 18th. Harold was (and is) missed by our Club.

Sickness & Health: Crawford Caswell (heart – July), Harold Sharlow (d. Sept. 24th), Joe Johanson (hospital – November, moving to Wentworth Manor in late January), Theresa Aboussafy (d. Jan. 1st), Bernice Axford (101 years young on Feb 3rd), Verneil Martin (broken thumb and wrist, and several cuts & scraps to her face, hands & knees – airport, February), Jill Huffman (hip replacement – Feb), Ruth Rogers (Foothills - May 4 w/ compressed disk), Ann Novinger (d. May), Bill Lawless (35 years of marriage – May), Stan Beveridge (40 years – May), Doug Martin (MRI – May 26th),

New stuff: a new form of “roster” (dubbed the “Club Handbook”) – with photos! – was introduced; new rectangular magnetic name badges replaced the large round clip-ons; Club inventory and “garage sale” of redundant items (thanks Jim Barnes!).

Guest speakers: Roy Thoreson (whistler), Lee Richardson (MP), Louise Tyminski (outbound exchange student), Ken King (Flames), DG Steve Rickard, George Brookman (Stampede), Marilyn Gunn (community kitchens), Naomi Holland (Serve Nepal), Doug Maddems (Talisman / Street Kids Int’l), Frank Jewsbury (Cameo – landmines), Richard Walker (World Skills 2009), Amanda Oliviera (exchange student), Grant Kelba (original Harvey the Hound), Rhonda Riseborough (Terry Fox run), Brenda Brown (FCC), Karen Bronstein (Hospice Calgary), Ron Brookes (classification), Claire O’Fee (exchange student), Keith Paget (Qualico solar homes), Brenda Sali (classification), Peter Josty (Alberta innovation), Laurie Maslak (HR assoc’n), Carly Somerville and Melissa Gerlinsky (Alberta Mentor Foundation for Youth), Gerry Madigan (leadership / classification), Ken Friesen (Concours collision), Jeff Turner (Lord Shaughnessy – 20 year partnership), Ross Marsh (philanthropy), Ambrose Samulsky (SAIT), Don Smith (historian – Lougheed building / Grand theatre), Kim Veness (Light up the World), Carla Cohen (Ronald McDonald house), Sid Andrews (Inglewood Bird Sanctuary), Jill Wyatt and Mitch Ravvin (YMCA), Judy Pedersen (Ft. McMurray), Diane Pask (Calgary’s International Peace Conference), Frank and

Kathleen Mayhew (Adopt a Village), Essaya Chikmoroff and Michael Cheung (exchange students), Walter Haessel (Cambodia), Rick Guthrie (Dad's day), Vanessa Everett (SAIT-Aboriginal Workplace Issues), Ashley Bromby (exchange student).

Notable in R.I. Interesting Rotary International appointments: **Wilf Wilkinson** as **R.I. President Nominee** for 2007-2008 (the first Canadian RI president) and **Monty Audenart**, from Red Deer, as **Zone 22 Director Nominee** for 2007-2009.

Our own Steve Rickard was our District 5360 Governor in 2005-06. It was very special once again having a club member as DG. While there was some apprehension in Calgary West about our membership being "tapped out" by the required and necessary support for our DG, the Club never seemed hobbled by this responsibility. It even meant we had an extra special District Convention in April!

Students / Youth

One of the changes in this year's Roster was to include not only "partners" of deceased Club members, but our various exchange students. **Heather Goudie** was the recipient of the "Rotary Service Award", a \$200.00 scholarship for a student graduating from the school. We had an abundance of exchange students this year! **Gordon Lamb**, one of our outgoing Exchange students, left for Denmark on July 31st. **Louise Tyminski**, our other ambassador, left for Hungary in August. **Amanda Oliviera** from Brazil, was our inbound student. She left us just prior to Christmas, after a busy year of activity – probably topped by the fun at the "Taste" event! **Jenny Taboada** arrived from Argentina on Feb. 5th. Our summer outbounds were **Essaya Chikmoroff** (Hungary) and **Michael Cheung** (Denmark) – both spoke at the Club in early June.

Money

The fiscal philosophy this year might have been "givin' it all away". We had amassed funds from our continuing casino and bingo efforts and we had a legal obligation to distribute these funds.

To spend money, tho', we had to raise it first! We did two casinos - one for Habitat for Humanity (commencing a long-standing partnership with H4H) followed immediately by our own casino – a four day run from March 16 to March 19! Each casino raised over \$75,000! We also did another volunteer effort casino for Motive-action on March 4th & 5th. Our other big fundraiser was Strawberry Shortcakes, bringing in about \$15,000, with the Stampede breakfast coming in third at just under \$6000. Although we had great expectations for "Taste of Calgary", we had some teething problems and the ended with a small deficit.

Murray Hunter reminded us at the Fall Assembly that the Club needed about \$30,000 - 35,000 to run basic club operations - covering dues to RI and the

District, the International Convention for the president and spouse to attend, insurance, the bulletin, meeting expenses, Integrity Awards, the President's Party, We Care/Be a Friend, membership development, social activities and fellowship.

The "community" account was where we gave most of our fundraising away. By year's end, we spent about \$106,000, with \$45,000 to "new projects", \$38,000 to International projects and \$18,000 to Youth activity. Beneficiaries of all this money included youth exchange, the 4 Way Test contest, Adventures in Citizenship, RYLA, Lord Shaughnessy, David D. Oughton, RYPEN, the reading programme, drug dogs, scholarships, Opportunity International, Paul Harris, Operation Eyesight, Feed the Hungry and other new projects. We provided another \$15,000 to Calgary Rotary Challenger Park in July, raising our cumulative total to \$29,000 (President Chris was a big supporter of CRCP, attending a celebration honouring the completion of the first 3 phases of the Park held on September 10th.) In March we gave CRCP another \$9700 for a 'gator'!

We continued to be a big contributor to and beneficiary of the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. As reported by David Watson, as of February 28, 2005 we had a total of \$219,246 in the general fund.

Events

We had many of the "typical" events during 2005-06 – the Stampede Parade and Breakfast (July 8th), Cherries fundraiser (July 19th), Fall Springbank Hall BBQ (Sept 23rd), Highway Clean-up (Oct 1st), Feed the Hungry (St. Mary's Hall, October 23rd), Christmas Party (November 18th), Pinebrook Christmas Brunch (Dec. 18th), Salvation Army Christmas kettles, David D. Oughton Christmas carol student visit (Dec. 23rd), Bob Kerr and "Ode to a Haggis" (R. Burns Jan. 20th meeting), Strawberry Shortcakes (surprise! – Feb. 14th), Fireside (March 1st at the Elbow River casino), Integrity Awards (March 6th), 4-way Speech contest (March).

Club Assemblies: October 26th (Danish Cdn Club) and March 29th (Elbow River Casino). Doug Chisholm ably organized these assemblies – an important measure of the Club's direction and goals and an opportunity for the current President to look at things midway through his / her term and for the in-coming Pres to provide insight on the coming year.

Golfing: Innisfail (July 27th), Inglewood (Aug 17th, club champs) and Spirit River (May 31st).

Some events were unique to this year. "Taste of Calgary" (August 4 – 7) was given a two year go. Great expectations, disappointing results. However, everyone enjoyed the fellowship. "Habitat for Humanity" – our first H4H home build project in Dover took place on September 17th. It was a coolish day, but we blitzed through our work, completing a single dwelling on the end of a 4 unit

townhome, from foundation to rooftoping in one day! Dan Varvos was the coordinator and Robyn Braley did a wonderful job on PR!

We had our first “sampling” of our future Rotary home during August when we conducted three of our meetings at Sam Switzer’s Elbow River Casino.

February 2006 - Olympic gold medalist **Chandra Crawford** hails from Canmore and is former club member **Jack Crawford’s** granddaughter!

Steve and Marie Rickard, Des and Eileen DeFreitas, Marg Henschel and Mike French went to the Dominican Republic in February where Mike led a contingent of Rotarians from our district to visit a Microcredit project under the "Make Poverty History" campaign on an "insight trip". While in the general vicinity, they visited some other projects sponsored by Calgary South and Calgary Chinook on the Haitian border.

We were the host club for the District Conference (April 28th – 30th). Organizing this event was our Club responsibility and Bill Quinney and his team did a wonderful job. 60 members of our Club attended out of 450 registrants. This event introduced members Pauline and Garth Evans to our Club (and we to them!).

Reflections on a Year (by PP Chris)

To start the year by attending the R.I. convention in Chicago, on the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary by Paul Harris, was amazing. As an architecture buff, I can’t think of many places that can top the “Windy City”! I can speak for every in-coming President of this Club, I think, when I thank the Club membership for the privilege of its support in attending the R.I. convention. There is no better way to get ‘primed’ for your year of Club leadership.

I was proud to have my niece, Madeleine Davis, as my guest at the head table at my first official meeting on July 15th. Also present were my Dad (Dave) and stepmom (Sherree) and my sponsor and uncle, Fred Scott. A great deal of mention about my being “on time” for this meeting underscored a concern that did not bear fruit during my presidential year (other than on three documented – I counted ‘em - occasions!). However, it may have simply been one aberrant year!

My Presidential year closed with the President’s “Ball” at the Glencoe Club on Thursday June 22nd, where I had the honour of presenting a Paul Harris Fellowship to my wife, Beverly Berenson.

Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge the solid support of my former spouse (and ex-Club member) Bev Berenson during my term of office. As a past Club member and

director, Bev knew what the job of being the Club's leader would entail and her being there for me during that year was invaluable and hugely appreciated.

David Williams continued to put together our weekly "Westerner", from which I have drawn much of this material. He was also the stoic "clockwatcher" of the club. Thanks David!

"There is no art which one government sooner learns of another than that of draining money from the pockets of the people." Adam Smith (1723-1790)

"Life is just one damned thing after another." Frank Ward O'Malley (1875-1932)

Chris Davis
31/05/2009 (!)

The Rotary Club of Calgary West 2006 - 2007

President's Summary

"The year of Change"



President: Mike French.
Past President: Chris Davis.
President Elect: Garfield Ganong.
Treasurer: Murray Hunter
Secretary: George Edwards.
Directors: Marg Henschel; Frank Burns; Stan Cichon; Brenda Sali;
Brent Barootes; Bill Lawless.

Members at year-end: 90

Resigned: Jim Barnes, Ed Helmich and Gerry Madigan

Joined: Jim Barnes, David Elson, Garth and Pauline Evans, Mark L. Ferguson, Matthew Hanrahan, Adam Joyce, Al Rosen, Kurt Schurer and Jim Walker.

Starting right from the beginning you could tell that this wasn't going to be an ordinary year; little changes would grow into bigger changes and culminate with the "Mother of all changes" for a club that had settled comfortably into a routine and its surroundings.

Little things like introducing the Head Table but not stating where the individuals were seated. President Mike thought they would recognize their own name and stand when announced! Other little things like asking the thanker to present the club momento, the "Boltman", on behalf of the club to the guest speaker each week.

And not such a little thing as having a buffet style luncheon introduced rather than table service. Would this see the year out or fail as happened once before?! Then after a few weeks he changed the format of the meeting. The usual procedure had been to welcome everyone, sing the Anthem, say Grace and eat; then business and speaker. But now it was different, we still had a welcome and the Anthem but then came the business portion of the meeting. Many a Past President ventured forward with the words "We haven't said Grace" only to realize that it was to be given after business had been conducted.

And then, instead of remaining comfortably behind the podium, he ventured forth amongst the membership with micro-phone in hand and had the announcements made from the floor, sometimes catching members unaware that they were to speak, or catching their whispered conversation with their neighbour for everyone to hear. This was change indeed!

Would he be burnt at the stake or were the members ready for change? "Witch" would it be?!

Each week the President highlighted a year of our club's history and reminded us who was the President as he lead us towards, most of us unsuspecting, our 40th anniversary celebration. Occasionally he would start the meeting by introducing the Patron Saint's of Wales, Ireland and England, not Scotland because they celebrate Robbie Burns day, and have some fun doing so even throwing leeks from the Podium on Saint David's day. And another new feature, the club now owned it's own audio visual equipment and a power point slide show welcomed members and guests alike to the club, introduced some of our projects, recognized birthdays and special events.

Then the 50/50 draw changed and a accumulator "Pot" was added to create a meaningful win to the member who cut the joker and could recite the 4 Way Test. The programs were entertaining, informative and well balanced.

Membership grew from 83 to 90, plus 2 honorary members.

Contributions to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International were at a record level of over \$20,000.

Fundraising was kept to the basics so the club could enjoy fellowship without the stress of a new major event.

Gifting was well thought out by the committees and funds were distribute to:

<u>Who</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Amount</u>
YWCA	Awning	\$ 5,000.00
Inn from the Cold	Hampers	\$ 500.00
Association for Brain Injured	Support costs for one individual	\$ 2,500.00
Museum of regiments	Support one student on Vimy Ridge tour	\$ 5,000.00
EMS	Capsule of life program	\$ 1,500.00
Further Education Society	Supports Education Coordinator for Literacy	\$ 3,000.00
Rotary/Flames Foundation	Support the Reach program initiative in Calgary	\$20,000.00
Hearts and Hands	Stoves for Guatemala	\$ 900.00
Rotary Heritage club	Dajabon Training center Bio-Sand Water Filter	\$ 5,000.00
Shelter Box Canada	Provide 6 emergency boxes	\$ 6,900.00
Homes for Hope	Building a house in Mexico	\$ 7,125.00
Rotary Club of Olds	Micro-credit program through Medic Canada	\$10,000.00
Total		\$67,525.00

A strategic plan was developed and approved including the ability to carry out multi year projects.

The bylaws were amended to reflect the current Board structure, include important information, financial and otherwise, so that it wouldn't get lost over time, and also to reflect the strategic plan so as to allow it to be implemented fully.

Assemblies were held at Fort Calgary in September 2006 and Heritage Park in May 2007 with everyone enjoying the change in venue and the tours and entertainment provided.

June 1st witnessed the first permanent change in venue for 30 years as the club said farewell to the Danish Canadian club and moved to the Elbow River Room at the Elbow River casino. This "Mother of all changes" was motivated by the deteriorating quality of food and service, concerns over parking and lack of assurance that the DCC would remain available.

It proved an instant hit as members enjoyed a sumptuous feast each week thereafter.

We celebrated the clubs 40th Anniversary at a regular meeting of the club by recognizing Howard Miller the Past President of the Rotary Club of Calgary South (Manchester) who was responsible for our club being Chartered in 1967, the Past Mayor of Calgary in 1967 Jack

Leslie and we had a presentation on the historical development of our city from 1967 to 2007. We recognize our only remaining Charter Member Fred Ronicker, together with first year members John Rymes, Clarence Buckley and Rod O'Hara, all still members of the club.

The updated History was soon to follow, swiftly followed by a line of Calgary West clothing showing our year of Charter, as was a new web site, to better reflect the character of our club.

The Presidents Ball was held on June 27th at Fort Calgary in grande style with live music from the Stork Club.

Other socials included a well attended Fall BBQ at Springbank, a formal Christmas Dinner at the Country Club and Christmas Brunch at Pinebrook, with guest Opera singers. Members socialized over supper evenings, golf games, bridge foursomes and more.

The changeover meeting was held on June 29th with Dr. Isabelle Latour PhD as our guest speaker on the Neuroarm, one of the Rotary/Flames Foundation projects that we hope to fund in the future.

President Mike wrapped up his year no longer wondering what would be written about us this year because everyone knew that The Rotary Club of Calgary West is **“Where Rotary Works”**

Pins were exchanged and a new year started.

The Rotary Club of Calgary West

2007-08

President's Summary

Fellowship Through Service



President:
Past President:
President Elect:
Treasurer:
Secretary:
Directors:

Garfield Ganong
Mike French
Lynne Thornton
Mike French
George Edwards
Brent Barootes, Garth Evans,
Mark Ferguson, Bill Lawless,
Marie Rickard, Brenda Sali

Calgary West was chartered in June of 1967 and has committed 40 years of fellowship and service to our local and international communities. The following summary presents the highlights of our activities this past year.

1. Youth

- Sponsored out bound student Kearstin Plemel to the Netherlands.
- Hosted in bound student Masha Pronina from Russia.
- Selected a 2008 outbound student Emily Halleran, who headed to Belgium in the fall.
- Sponsored 6 students to RYPEN
- Sponsored 6 students to RYLA
- Selected Triston Smyth a student from Westmount Charter School to represent Calgary West in Ottawa through the Adventures in Citizenship program.
- For the first time in several years we held a 4 Way Speech Contest
- Provided \$5,000 in various scholarships to SAIT and Mount Royal and attended their presentation to recipients.
- Supported "It's a Crime Not to Read" program in the amount of \$2,500.
- Students from Radisson Elementary School sang Christmas carols at a meeting in Dec.
- Sent students and club members to youth orientation weekends.

2. Community Service

- provided \$10,000 to the Military museum for educational programs and committed to \$5000 in 09 and \$5000 in 2010.
- Provided \$4,000 to Feed the Hungry and worked a supper as well as committing to support for the next four years.
- Provided \$10,000 to the Feed the Hungry Capital program for new kitchen equipment.
- Provided \$8,000 in matching funds in partnership with the Olympic Club to the Kid Sport program in Calgary.
- Manned the Christmas Kettles for the Salvation Army.
- Raised \$103,000 for Habitat for Humanity and made a long term commitment for future fundraisers with a goal to Calgary West building a home within the next two years.
- Formed a partnership with the Rotary Flames Foundation that will see Calgary West raise approximately \$250,000 for the Foundation over the next five years.
- Provided \$10,000 to the Drop in Centre for emergency medical staff and supplies and committed to a further \$10,000 next year.

- Committed to raising \$250,000 for the Drop In Centre through operating a number of Casinos on their behalf over the next five years.
- Provided \$10,000 to Challenger Park for their new capital program.
- Provided \$5,000 to Hull Homes and committed to \$2500 more in each of 2009 and 2010 for refurbishment and support of their recreation program
- Donated \$10,000 to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization.
- We cleaned up approximately three kilometers of Highway #1 and committed to a further 3 years..

3. International Service

- Funded, built (hands on with 15 Rotarians and family) and furnished a home for a family in Ensenada, Mexico.
- Funded an eyesight restoration operation for Yuan the head of the Ensenada Family and funded his daughter Anna's education.
- Committed to funding and building two more houses in Ensenada in Oct. 2008 and providing an additional \$5,000 for a local Rotary project in partnership with the Rotary Club of Ensenada. (refurbishment of a trailer into a classroom)
- Provided \$10,000 to Shelterbox Canada for the purchase of 9 shelter boxes to be used in disaster relief world wide.
- Donated \$5,000.00 to Operation Eyesight Universal for their ongoing work in restoring eyesight in India.
- Donated \$10,000.00 to the Guatemala Ripple Effect Program working in conjunction with the Hearts and Hands Foundation, CRCID, Rotary Club of Winnipeg West and Rotary Club of Guatemala Sur to build 2 classrooms for the existing school and committed to 2 additional years of funding not to exceed \$15,000/year in partnership with CRCID.
- Contributed \$3,000 towards the Zone establishing a Peace Scholarship in RI President Wilf Wilkinson' s name.
- Completed funding the Tonga project.
- Purchased malaria nets for families in Tanzania.
- Donated \$1,500 to Clowns Without Borders.
- The Club allocated \$12,500 of casino funds together with District funds of \$12,500 and \$25,000 of the Calgary West Wild Rose Foundation entitlement for a total of \$50,000.00 for the Ghana with Gates Micro-credit Project.
- donated \$250 to the District 5360 Group Study Exchange Team going to Brazil in May 2008.
- Sponsored a District wide World Peace Photo contest.
- Contributed \$3000 towards the RI/Gates Matching grant for the eradication of Polio and committed to an equal amount for 2008-09 and 2009-10.

4. Fund Raising

- Provided breakfast and seating on the route of the Stampede Parade for over 800 people and netted \$11,000.
- Worked a casino in August and raised \$103,600 for the Club.
- Raised over \$4,000 in our annual Life is a Bowl of Cherries fundraiser.
- Sold a record 7,400 strawberry shortcakes and delivered them on Valentines Day to net the club over \$26,000. Media coverage was exceptional throughout the event thanks to Robyn Braley and his committee.
- Initiated a new fund raiser, Music of Broadway which netted over \$17,000
- Received about \$26,000 from our investment in the Rotary Clubs of Calgary Foundation.

5. Membership

- Current membership stands at 87 plus 4 honorary members
- Inducted four new members. (Charles Buchanan, David Rogers, Amy Schalin, Brian Stalwick)
- Have several other candidates in various stages of the membership process
- Lost five members due to work, family and health.
- Made Rod O'Hara an Honorary Member.
- Funded members to attend Waterton Peace Park Assembly, District Assembly, District and International conferences.
- Funded training for members in various district sponsored events and fundraising.
- Presented PHFs from the Club to Christopher and Connie Lee for extraordinary community service. (Feed the Hungry)

6. Club Administration

- Published weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters.
- Updated the new club web site.(calgarywestrotaryclub.org)
- Donated over \$19,000 from members and club matching funds to the Rotary International Foundation and Polio eradication.
- Continued with informative weekly slide show.
- Selected Ed Wong to be our recipient of an Integrity Award.
- Raised significant funds for the President through a tough Sgt. At Arms committee.
- Organized two successful Club Assemblies.(October and May)
- Kept the electronic roster up to date and published two major hard copy updates.
- Reviewed all club financial accounts, brought up to date and established mandatory financial procedures for future use.
- Posted the Club History on the Club web Site.

7. Club Activities

- Established an efficient, friendly and effective house committee to welcome members and guests and take lunch and 50/50 money.
- We have had a fantastic speaker program which has created increased attendance and interest in the club. (There were zero no shows during the year)
- A fall Lobster supper was hosted by Betty and Sam Switzer at their ranch.
- Club Christmas Party was held at the Calgary Golf and Country Club.
- The 10th annual Family Christmas Brunch was held at Pine Brook with 200 people attending.
- The President's Ball was held June 25th at the Alberta Pioneers Club and a live Celtic band " Fraid Knot" provided for an exciting evening.
- Calgary West Bridge Group continued this year.
- The Dinner Club saw approximately 16 couples participate.
- We hosted a Friendship Exchange with Rotarians from Orangeville
- A Partner's Coffee Party was held with over 20 participants attending.
- The club's golf group got out several times over the summer and fall.

In Summary I want to thank all members for their contribution this past year. I enjoyed my year as Club President and believe that we really did achieve my objective of a year of Service through Fellowship.

The Rotary Club of Calgary West

2028 – 2009



Past President: Garfield Ganong
Vice-President: Karl Herzog
Secretary: Ron Morrison
Treasurer: Mike French
Director Membership – Stan Beveridge
Director Administration – Garth Evans
Director Community Service – Mark Ferguson
Director International – Margot McDermott
Director Fundraising – Jim Walker
Director Youth Services – Marie Rickard