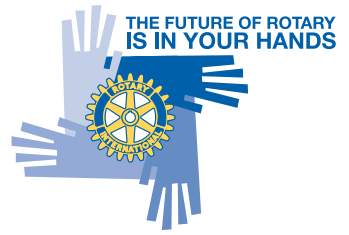




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Neil Swensrude is Chair of our Rotary International District Foundation and wisely lives in Red Deer – wisely, says this scribe, as it is almost exactly between Edmonton and Calgary so he can represent every part of the province equally. But for that fact and although he was born in Vancouver, he was raised in Calgary which impacts on any of us for a lifetime. Neil has had three careers: ten years as Credit Manager for Western Mack, thirteen years managing John Deere dealerships, and ten years managing Esso Stations and convenience stores. He was able to retire at fifty-five and as he said "that was ten years ago". He has been married forty-two years, and his wife and he have two grown children and four grandchildren, ages seven, eight, nine, and ten. He has traveled to twenty-nine countries has collected coins since he was ten years old (this known as being a numismatist).

Neil is a dedicated and enthusiastic Rotarian, having experience in many different Rotary directions. These include: District Governor, Special Representative for the formation of the Rotary Club of Red Deer Centennial, a multi-year Counsellor to Rotary Youth programs, a Wheelchair Leader to Mexico, the Ukraine and the Philippines, a Group Study Exchange Leader to Germany, Austria and the Philippines and many other achievements. He has been recognized and honoured for his service. He was his club's Rotarian Of The Year twice. He received a Club International Service Award twice and District Foundation Award for International Service twice. Neil received the Rotary International "CITATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE" in 2006-2007 and the Rotary International "SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD" in 2007-2008. The latter is Rotary International's highest award. Neil is a man to know, to listen to and to appreciate, so we did with enthusiasm.



He began by exclaiming that it is very easy to maintain enthusiasm for Rotary, as it is the largest humanitarian and service organization in the world. He further exclaimed we Rotarians understand the world and what service, training and grants can do for the world. Its hundreds of millions of dollars send a very large number volunteers to travel to ever so many countries each year, thus reducing suffering, increasing knowledge, and giving independence to its recipients. POLIO-PLUS is one of RI's notable achievements. It has grown and grown and brought much attention from many. One of these was two years ago when Bill Gates gave well over a hundred million dollars to POLIO-PLUS which RI matched and a "little" bit more. Bill Gates then contributed a quarter of a billion dollars with an extra five million dollars to be used to publish what we are doing. RI continues to eradicate polio in our world. Neil then underlined living examples of individuals who has answered the call. This scribe became so involved with his story that he stopped writing all that he said. It seems that he will just have to return for us to hear the story of Leah.

He then concentrated on other areas that RI gives to the world. For instance, RI gave six hundred fifty-one Ambassadorial Scholarships this past year, which is more than the number of Rhodes Scholarships given world-wide this year. There were also fifty Peace Scholarships awarded by RI this past year. And then he showed how RI and even Chinook RC contributed. For instance we have forty-three Paul Harris Fellows with many having multiple PHF's. Please note that we can award others to become PHF's as

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# Meeting Minutes



November 24th, 2009

Scribe: Keith Hansen

President George Kimura invited us to stand and we sang our National Anthem and Rotary Grace accompanied by Betty French. A welcome to all! And we all turned again to food and conversation. Twenty minutes later, our President called the meeting to order and we learned that one of our members had passed away. Don McKenzie reported to a very quiet group that Bill McDaniel had passed away on Monday, November 21 and had been very poorly of late. Don reported that Don had participated in a number of volunteer projects including the Food Bank and Salvation Army just to mention two. He also reported that our club had just received a thank you for the flowers sent on behalf of the club recently. More will be said in the future. The meeting also received the news that Ann Marsh's brother was having some heart problems.

Rob Whitfield introduced guests: Neil Swensrude who was today's speaker; Lindsay Peters from Little Warriors and guest of our Club; Steve McAuley guest of Hank Popoff; and Lisette Burga-Gheisi guest of Pat Hutchinson. Lisette was a former Exchange Student. Visitors from the Calgary South Club were Terry McDonough and Don O'Dwyer.

Dick French then introduced Lindsay Peters from the Little Warriors and presented her with a cheque from our Club for nineteen thousand dollars. As Dick so aptly said, "The Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook is extremely proud of you Lindsay, for spurring us into action. We are extremely pleased today to present this cheque to you for Little Warriors. Congratulations." An article in this issue goes into more detail along with a letter from Patricia Hayes. The Gala Event held by our club recently raised the money for Little Warriors.



We were reminded that a file was being sent around to our tables to offer to help man the Christmas Kettles for the Salvation Army in December. Then it hit us that Bill won't be here to help so as we offered our time and service we will be remembering him. It was also brought to our attention to help deliver the Christmas Wreaths so there was another way to serve our communities.

Tammy Truman emphasized to us that our Club's Christmas Party is on December 15. For more details please see Upcoming Events.

Bruce McDonald spoke of the donation to the Calgary Rotary Foundation which will credit our Club for food for forty families. He announced that this will also be in honour of Bill McDaniel. Members to deliver to our families are needed. Please contact Garth or check the counter as you come in or leave.

Norm Moro reminded everyone they are invited to the Horton Legion this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for cribbage. There will not be a time in December but will start again in January.

for all the activities of our Club for this season of the year. You can just imagine how covering this was for many because many of the sheets had just been initiated. This was followed by ever-so many Happy Bucks for joy seemed to part of the holiday season.

Then Tom Sorenson raffled a new Rotary Jacket that came his way. There were a number of takers and wouldn't you know that #9 was the lucky number. Next the 50/50 Draw chose #470 (last three digits).

Peter Bickham introduced our Guest Speaker, Neil Swensrude. Please read a summary of this excellent member of Rotary elsewhere in this ARCH. Following his excellent presentation, Peter honoured him on our Club's manner.

President George reminded us that next Tuesday "The Masters of Photography" will be presented but December 8th's meeting is at the Kerby Centre on Wednesday. See you there, and meeting adjourned.



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value is also well-administrated. It checks and re-checks its performances amongst the thousands of organizations, including governments, as to where the money is spent and how it is used and by how many people.. Not only is Rotary Foundation in the top one hundred, we are forty-third in the USA. Neil then scanned his eyes across our very interested group and showed us how as a club and as individuals we can continue to contribute. We can work together as a club by donating to our Rotary District Foundation, which we do. It also allows us to pay monthly donations to the Foundation by encouraging us to donate monthly from our individual bank accounts. ,Yes, Neil is one of us and we truly valued his presence and words this day.

He left us with his "puppies for sale" story. Again, this scribe didn't record it completely but it is so significant, that I challenge you to bring it up at your table in the next few weeks. The boy who only had 39 cents to buy a puppy was told that the only puppy he could buy for 39 cents was one whose body, particularly one of his feet, was so deformed that he couldn't walk well. Do you remember what the young lad said? If you remember what he did, tell the story again at your table, or ask if you were absent what the others remember he said. It is a lesson of life and a challenge to Rotary over and over again. We all were challenged and stimulated by Neil's words, knowledge and presence this day.





# Upcoming Events



December 1st	The Masters of Photography
December 3rd	Operation Christmas Child — 12:15 to 3:45pm
December 8th	Meeting moved to December 9th
December 9th	Seniors' Christmas Luncheon — Kerby Centre
December 14th	Board meeting at Horton Legion @ 5:45
December 15th	Club Christmas Party — "Tying the Knot: a Hillbilly Wedding" — Cocktails 6pm, Events start 6:30pm, Dinner 7pm ... get ready for some dancing, singing, toasts, pig hollering ... and maybe even a murder .... !
December 22nd	Alexis Bedoe — Shelterbox
December 29th	Lunch Social Hour

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January 5th	Bruce Uditsky — Alberta Assoc of Community Living
January 12th	Larry Elford — Investment Frauds
January 19th	Club Assembly
January 24th	Chris Ollenberger, Pres/CEO — Calgary Municipal Land Corporation
February 23rd	Rotary International — 105th Birthday — an all Calgary Clubs meeting Featured speaker, Bob Scott, Past Rotary Foundation Chair Integrity Awards will be part of the program
May 28th - 30th	District 5360 Conference in Banff
June 20th - 23rd	RI Conference in Montreal



## District 5360/5370 Rotary Curling Bonspiel 2010

### Register Now!

The Athabasca Rotary Club invites everyone in the Rotary family — members, spouses, children, exchange students, etc. — to the 2010 District 5360/5370 Bonspiel.

We are working very hard to ensure an enjoyable event for all, with a particular goal of encouraging first-time participants to attend and gain a positive first impression of this fun-filled annual Rotary event.

Registration forms and information on accommodation, event schedules, are available at [www.rotarycurling.ca](http://www.rotarycurling.ca) and will be updated as the event draws nearer.

We look forward to seeing you in Athabasca February, 18-21, 2010!

**Deadline to enter is February 5, 2010**

Jackie Hobal  
District Governor 2010-2011, RI District 5370

## Greeters

December 1st	Gary Ladd and George Van Schaick
December 8th	John McBean and David Wartman
December 15th	Ted Wada and Ron May

*If you are unable to GREET on your assigned day, please contact Barry Korpatnisky so he can get a replacement ... 403-278-8982*

## Integrity Awards

by Paul Gaudet

The Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook is once again pleased to participate in the 19<sup>th</sup> annual "Rotary Clubs of Calgary Integrity Awards" which promotes high ethical standards and raises awareness of Rotary ideals in our community.

The criteria for selection are :

- A non-Rotarian adult resident of Alberta
- One whose lifestyle is consistent with the four way test
- Someone whose life shows purpose and expresses principles widely accepted in the community
- One who, regardless of circumstances, takes a stand without concern for personal loss or reputation
- A person who may not necessarily have a high public profile
- One who has made a personal contribution to the region, which would warrant special recognition.

Another description of Integrity which seems to fit this situation: "Occasionally in our lives, we meet a unique person who earns our respect and attention because of some inherent quality that we have to conclude to be "integrity". Whether well known or obscure, rich or poor, outgoing or quiet, this person is recognized as someone who tells the truth, is fair in dealings with others, takes time to build friendship and goodwill, and tries in working with others to set goals of common benefit. For such people their word is their bond. They feel accountable for their actions and are comfortable with themselves. We expect them to do the right thing in public and in private, whether someone else is around or not. All of this embraces the purest meaning of the word "Integrity".

Nomination forms are available upon request. Nominations will be accepted up until December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please request/submit forms to Paul Gaudet, Alex Soutar or Anthony Tonkinson.



# This and That



## Little Warriors

On behalf of our founder Glori Meldrum and all of the staff and volunteers at Little Warriors, I would like to thank the Chinook Rotary Club and all Rotary clubs in District 5360 for this generous donation – notably Dick French, Ann Marsh, Club President George Kimura, and everyone who helped to organize the putting on the Gala Event. It was beautiful and so well attended – all of us at Little Warriors were so impressed by your hard work and dedication to create a wonderful night in support of our cause.

This donation means so much to our community because it helps Little Warriors stand up for our kids and help prevent a child sexual abuse. Your generosity will help us direct survivors of child sexual abuse and children in need to healing and support services, to make our voices heard in government, to protect our kids from perpetrators, and to educate adults like yourselves to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to sexual child abuse. As we have also been generously provided with a space at Oak Park Church of Christ for our Stewards of Children Prevention Program, your donation has provided funds for its activation.

We are so thankful for this donation and your continuing support, not simply because it was a wonderful Gala but for your time, effort and generous contributions. This helps us to change lives for needful children. Thank you!

Lindsay Peters

I am a volunteer facilitator for the Little Warriors and my capacity is to teach the Stewards of Children course. I am passionately aware of how important this training is, and have personally trained almost 200 people in the program. I am also, after working on many occasions in planning events like the Putting On the Ritz Gala, aware of the incredible amount of hard work that goes into an evening like that. In fact the evening went so smoothly and everything appeared so effortless, that the level of planning, hard work and coordination may go unnoticed. I know that everyone at our table had a great time. The food was wonderful, the music was sensational and the company delightful.

I know you will receive a tremendous "thank you" from the organization but I want to thank you personally for all your kindness in hosting this event. You not only raise money for our training but also brought an awareness of the work we do and the scope of the problem we are combating. Thank you sincerely to each and everyone.

Patricia Hayes

**SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**  
**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**at KERBY CENTRE**  
**1133 - 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW**

Thanks to all who volunteer for this event ... we are looking forward to another successful and deeply appreciated Christmas luncheon.

Members are reminded that there is a \$20 lunch charge that will be collected by Marg at the door. Exact change would be appreciated!



## District 5360 Conference

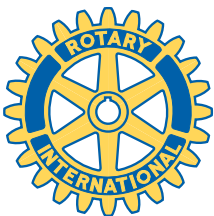
To All District 5360 Rotarians:

Rotary District Conference 2009 was one of the most successful on record and we hope to break those records this year! If you register by the Early Bird Deadline, your name will be entered to win either two nights free at the Banff Park Lodge and/or \$200 toward the RI Convention in Montreal!

The "Future Is In Your Hands" District Conference will be in Banff, May 28th-30th, 2010. The Rotary International Conference in Montreal, June 20th - 23rd, 2010.

See details and on-line registration forms at <http://rotary5360.com>

**Bruce Fenwick**  
Registration Co-Chair  
District 5360



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