

Thursday, March 28th, 2013

Rotary Club of Olds, President Elect – Mary Turner led a delegation of Rotarians in a cheque presentation to Olds Agricultural Society at the AGM on Thursday, March 28th, 2013 in the Cow Palace foyer. The cheque for \$20,000 is a major contribution to the Society’s project of installing asphalt on the floor surface of the Cow Palace, funding a substantial 25 percent of the total cost. Truly demonstrating the Rotarians commitment to “*Service Above Self.*”

Rotarians in attendance for this presentation were the current Community Services representative, Andrew Mead and the incoming representative, Bryan Beal. Also present were Marjory Lally, Wayne Burgess, Dr. Steven Turner and Marianna Costa, the international exchange student presently residing in the community.

Accepting the generous community support from the Rotary Club of Olds was OAS President, Curtis Flewelling, Vice President, Eric Iversen, Finance Chair, Colton Hamilton, Directors At-Large, Anne Burgess and Joanne Wright. Also on hand were Directors Ciara Buchanan, Scott Harvie, John Hunder, Laurie Hunter, Heather Osterhout, Donna Smith, Events Manager, Tracy Lundago and Executive Director, Tami Gardner.



This exciting \$80,000 project is being realized as a result of exceptional community collaboration – Rotary Club of Olds and Olds College have each contributed \$20,000 and the Town of Olds is assisting OAS with the acquisition of Community Facility Enhancement Funds (CFEP) for the balance of the funding required.

The benefit to Olds and the surrounding region will be immediate. The project is scheduled to be completed in late May or early June. Olds College will be producing the inaugural event in the upgraded facility with the highly anticipated J.C. (Jack) Anderson Charity Auto Auction in celebration of the Olds College's Centennial on June 21 – 23, 2013. This signature production will be one of the numerous of events taking place during this weekend as Olds salutes and celebrates the College's Centennial with many exciting community celebrations including the expanded Summer Oldstice.

“This upgrade to the Cow Palace will allow OAS to continue our objectives of diversifying the scope of events we are able to host and produce,” remarked OAS President, Flewelling, “the dedication of the service groups like Rotary is impactful locally, regionally and internationally. They are an organization OAS is proud to partner with.” Local residents will appreciate the potential for diverse and unique events that will now be able to be hosted and produced in this facility. Anything from a street hockey tournament, concert, banquet, and certainly the annual Olds Fashioned Christmas Light Up Event and evening with Santa and Mrs. Claus will all enjoy a dust free, solid surface floor.