

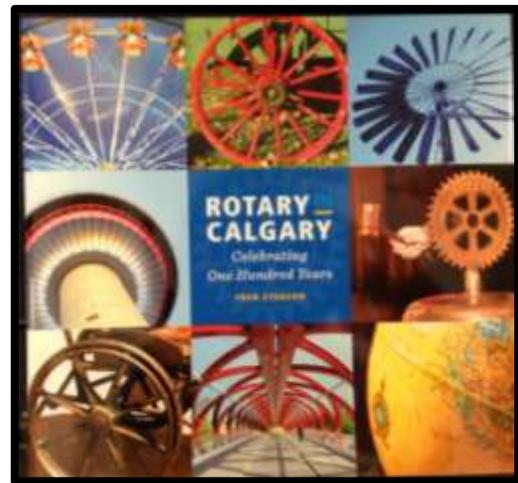
ROTARY IN CALGARY: Celebrating One Hundred Years

Fred Stenson
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THE BOOK IN BRIEF: The Rotary Club of Calgary is Calgary's original Rotary Club. The club is one hundred years young in the spring of 2014, and a centennial book, written by Fred Stenson, is at the heart of the club's celebration of its hundred years.

The book has ten chapters, each devoted to a theme from club work and club history. Here are a few examples

- the club's work with young people;
- its maturation through two world wars and depression;
- its fund-raising and community service in the city of Calgary;
- the role of women before and after their eligibility for full membership and;
- the modern club's increasing international focus.



Because The Rotary Club of Calgary has been active in Calgary since 1914, the book is both a history of the club and a history of Calgary.

The book has a coffee table format, a sharp design, and is full of colour thanks to photographer Heather Simonds.

FACTS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

The club's organizational meeting was on March 18, 1914 in the Elizabethan Room of the Hudson's Bay Company store. There were 64 founding members. Jim Ryan was selected first president.

The club planted trees all over the young city. Some of these trees still stand in Memorial Park and along Memorial Drive.

The club built several city parks in the 1930s (including Rotary Park east of centre street on the north hill and Tompkins Park on 17th Avenue between 7th and 8th Street.

In the late '20s, the club helped found the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park.

For decades, the club has been involved, hands-on, in clean water projects in Uganda, Indonesia, Cambodia, and many other countries.

The Rotary Club of Calgary has been running Calgary Stampede Barbecues as fund-raisers since the 1950s.

The new (and the old) Calgary Children's Hospital, Rotary Challenger Park, Stay-In-School Program, Boys' and Girls' Club of Calgary—just a few of the club's many community service projects within Calgary

The club's centennial legacy project is its contribution to the Rotary Mattamy Greenway Parks Project—a ring of parklands and trail systems surrounding Calgary.

THE AUTHOR: Fred Stenson has published seventeen books and written scripts for over 150 films and videos. He is a two-time winner of the Grant MacEwan Author's Prize for his novels *The Trade* and *Lightning*. *The Trade* was a finalist for the 2000 Giller Award. His last novel *The Great Karoo* was a finalist for the 2008 Governor General's Award for Fiction.

Stenson's non-fiction titles include: *Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park: Grass, Hills and History*; *Waterton: Brush and Pen*; *Thing Feigned or Imagined*; *The RCMP March West*; and *The Story of Calgary*. He has been a regular columnist for Alberta Views magazine since 1999. He directs the Wired Writing Studio at The Banff Centre.

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