

# COG

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The Rotary Club of Calgary is an organization of professional and community leaders who come together through commitment and fellowship to create opportunities and a better future for generations to follow.

## 100 Years of Rotary in Calgary

John Boyd introduced Fred Stenson, author of the must read “Rotary in Calgary: Celebrating One Hundred Years”. Fred did a superb job on the enormous task of capturing our 100 years of service in 132 pages that are illustrated with many colour photographs. Seventeen of Fred’s books have been published, and he has won several awards for his fiction and non-fiction works. He lives in Cochrane, directs the Wired Writing Studio at the Banff Centre, and is a columnist for Alberta Views.

Fred began his talk by congratulating us on our club’s achieving 100 years of service, which have spanned most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. As he said, our century can be ranked among the most significant in history owing to the sweep of its monumental events, and technological innovation it witnessed. During this century, Calgary has grown from its small town beginnings to become a global economic player. Our city has moved beyond its cow town moniker, and our club has grown up with our city. We Rotarians have worked to ensure that Calgary is a great city for everyone.

Fred explained that he didn’t write our book as a linear timeline, and its ten chapters are based on Rotary themes. The book explores our international work and community building, and highlights our signature centennial project: the Rotary-Mattamy Greenway. When asked “What is Rotary?” we can share stories from the book to document many great deeds and incredible fellowship. Fred’s book should be read by every Rotarian in Calgary, and be mandatory reading for new members. In the years ahead, the story of Rotary will continue to be grounded in service above self, and in fellowship. Happy reading Rotarians.

Bill Kaufman thanked Fred for his talk by presenting him with a certificate acknowledging the donation we made to CAWST in his name. Fred took a moment to acknowledge the efforts of John Boyd in setting up his interviews, and in keeping everyone on task and on time.

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The Book

## The Meeting

Frank McKittrick began the meeting with the head table march in, and followed up with an up tempo rendition of *O Canada*. New member Virginia Spring gave an inspiring invocation.

After enjoying the fellowship at our tables, Club Vice-President Paul Bates called the meeting to order. Club Co-Secretary Chris Harper introduced four special guests and announced Frank Hall's birthday.

Following this, Paul thanked the many people whose efforts led to the success of our Centennial Gala. Special thanks were extended to Committee Chair Larry Shelley, Producer Bill Avery, and to Ken Moraes for making it truly a night to remember.

After thanking the meeting volunteers for their efforts, Paul introduced Hudson's Bay district Vice-President Rob Mason, who was here to honour our inaugural meeting all those years ago in the restaurant at the Bay store.

Paul reminded us that our Centennial book is available at Shelf Life book store and at the Glenbow Museum bookstore. Copies will also be available at all Calgary Public Library branches. He also thanked the library for featuring the Rotary centennial in its eighteen locations.

Terry McMahon announced that 76 Rotarians have made donations to date to the two Rotary foundations. With our goal of acknowledging 100 donors (100 for 100 years), and time beginning to run out, please consider making your donation today. Next up was incoming President-Elect Ron Esch, who spoke about the importance of the Rotary Foundations.

James Costello reminded us that the Stay-in-School golf tournament will be held on June 25 at Silver Tip golf course in Canmore. One donor has agreed to contribute \$160 for each golfer who registers. If 144 golfers sign up, we will receive \$23,000. This was a great note on which to end the meeting!

[Thank-you **Barbara Burggraf** for this week's meeting report. – Editor]



Ron Esch on the Foundation's work In High River

## White Slip

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Bill Kaufmann thanks our speaker

## TRF & CRCF Matching Points Program

As part of our club's centennial celebrations, a goal of 100 Foundation donors in our 100<sup>th</sup> year has been established; and your participation is encouraged for this Rotary year. Please note that Member donations to either the Rotary Foundation (TRF) or Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF) will be matched by the Club with Paul Harris credits on a 1:1 basis, *up to 500 matching credits per year.*

The Mayhood Honour Roll recognizes not just the dollar amounts given. It recognizes the commitment of support in any amount over time. For example, level one honours 5 years of support in any amount. If you have supported either foundation in at least five years, please tell us so that you can receive the recognition you have earned.

## Upcoming Meetings

- May 13     **Paul McIntyre-Royston**, Rotary International Branding Initiative  
Fairmont Palliser Hotel
- May 20     **Dave Mowat**, Rotary Employment Partnership  
Fairmont Palliser Hotel
- May 27     **Frank McKittrick**, Music Scholars Program  
Fairmont Palliser Hotel

## Position Available: Stay-in-School Administrator

We are still looking for an administrator for the club's Stay-in-School programs. If anyone would like to do this on a volunteer basis, please let Jo-Ann at the office know. **Sid Mark, Director: Youth Programs**

*Thanks to the Edworthy Vision Centre for sponsoring this week's COG. Gene and Jason Edworthy are third-generation members of the club!*

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