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Calgary Police Service Mounted Unit Sgt Kelly Oberg



It was the Paul Gaudet show today! He introduced the three members of the Calgary Mounted Unit, ably led by Sgt Kelly Oberg. This gentleman joined the army in 1993, and in 2000 he became a Military Police Officer. In 2002 he started his Calgary Police Service career. In 2008 he was accepted into the HAWCS TFO until he was promoted to Sgt in 2010. In 2015 he became the Sgt in charge of the Mounted Unit.

His police partner today was Rob McLeod who had previously been in the armed forces, and his boots were very highly polished. Robin Koltusky is a civilian who is their trainer with extensive experience in both riding and training.

This Mounted Unit is to optimize public safety and foster community relations in the city of Calgary. It was originally formed in 1912 and was active until WW II. This unit used to ride in English Tack but because we live in "Cow Town" they now use Western Tack. They no longer wear jeans, cowboy boots and Stetsons, but riding britches, boots and hard helmets. The unit consists of 4 constables, a sargeant and 1 civil trainer. The horses they ride are not the highly strung ones we see at Spruce Meadows, but heavier, larger and able to put up with noise, traffic and crowds of people.



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Rotary Helps Wildfire Victims

Rotary members are mobilizing to help provide relief as wildfires continue to rage throughout California. More than 220,000 acres have been scorched as wildfires continue to rage. To date, 32 people have been confirmed dead. The Rotary 5130 Fire Relief Fund is now accepting cash donations to support those in Napa, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties.

"The magnitude of the devastation that is occurring right now in the North Bay and wine county is vast and far reaching. The recovery and rebuild is going to be a long process but we are confident that we can lead the way in bringing these communities back. Rotarians know how to get things done and won't stop until we reach the finish line," said Bob Rogers, Rotary 5130 District Governor.

The Rotary 5130 Fire Relief Fund is administered by Rotarians and supports a multitude of areas of need as identified, including but not limited to; small business grants, housing, shelter support, grief counselling, unmet needs, and any other assistance to the businesses and residents that have been displaced by this tragedy. 100% of all donations will be used to support the fire survivors with no fund overhead expense.

For more information on the fund or to donate online, go to www.larca5130.org If you have questions about how you can help, contact relief@rotary.org.

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Rotary October 3rd, 2017

Meeting Minutes

This week our meeting opened late through no fault of our own. The people who know about these things couldn't get the video/computer to work. But we had wonderful Ruth Wylie to play the piano for our singing — thank you!

Our greeters were George Kimura and Paul Gaudet (part time) who introduced our 3 guests. Sgt Kelly Oberg, Rob McLeod and Robin Koltusky all from the Police Equine Unit.

Paul also told us about the birthdays and anniversaries that were being celebrated in October. These Rotarians are both getting older and have been married a very long time!!

Minute Men:

- Hank Popoff has a big Grillin' and Servin' at Eau Clare Market on October 21 and needs more help please!
- Jim Hennessy asked the club to donate \$4,000 to the people of Pueblo in Mexico through the High River Rotary Club, and we all thought it was a good idea.
- Bruce Bohnet asked us to think about volunteering for the up-coming Casino on December 21 and 22. He also said I never poke fun at him in these reports so if anyone has the scoop on him please let me know ASAP.



Uncle Hank needs YOU!!

- Through Tom Sorensen, Rob Wolfson reminded us the Flames \$20 2nd Pool is back. Apparently no skill or knowledge is required. And this applies to quite a few of us.
- Joe Hooper presented a \$1,000 cheque to the club from the Inflatable Run.
- David Wartman raised \$626 from the members to help a Sudanese man who wants to bury his mother on Juba but her body is in Nairobi.
- Pat Hutchison told us that Bart Dailley is still not well, but he failed to mention Rob Wolfson was also sick but he didn't know about that. If Rhea and I threatened to nurse these men, do you think they'd get well sooner????

The Sargeant at Arms was Paul Gaudet — a busy man today — who started by fining everyone who had not turned their cell phones off. We were reminded that curling starts today. He asked for contributions from the Stampeder followers for their win.



Greeter Schedule



October 17th October 24th October 31st November 7th November 14th Bob M and Dale Tom and Bob G Ted and George vS Ian and David I Bruce Scribe: Sydney Richmond

Hank was bragging that at bridge he had bid and made 3 slams — were they grand??

David Wartman is going "Off to Morocco" for 17 days.

Ian Burgess told us his daughter was singing at a very prestigious concert at the Jack Singer.

I wasn't able to see the member from where I was sitting, but his son is going to join the RCMP Musical Ride.

And after all that, Jim Hennessy won the 50/50. *Photos courtesy Stephen Pick*



CPS Mounted Unit

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Originally the horses had to be the same colour — black — geldings and a Canadian breed. Now they are no longer breed or colour specific, but a solid colour. They are no younger than 5 years old, and the oldest in the unit is 16 years old.

As of 2016 the horses are now being named after Canadian Battle Honours: Ortona; Kelsey, the oldest horse, who wants to retire; Maverick a bay who has outperformed from the start; Vimy who is 17.2 hands (hand = 4"), very large, and is scary to bad people; and the newest horse, Juno, who is a beautiful grey. The horses are stabled centrally.

The use of the Mounted Unit has changed recently. They do regular patrols and also high population events, high crime areas, remote areas, searches and high operation plans. They also join with other divisions like the Mountain Bike Patrols.

Sgt Kelly Oberg told us about his first arrest while on horseback.

He was riding Maverick in a mall parking lot up in the NE of the city when a woman ran out of one of the store with arms full of clothes, hotly pursued by a store clerk. The 2 mounted officers rode over and arrested her. They had to call for police cars to take her away. Apparently the culprits are not allowed to be dragged behind the horse or have their hands and feet tied and then thrown over the saddle. And I thought we lived in the wild west!







Rotary International Convention 2025!!!

Calgary to host Rotary gathering!! Tens of thousands will descend on the city in 2025!

Tens of thousands of people are expected to gather in Calgary for a major international conference in 2025. "The city was selected to host the Rotary International Convention after "stiff international competition" for the event", said Clark Grue, the President and CEO of Meetings + Conventions Calgary, who called it "an amazing accomplishment for our city".

The convention takes place annually in different cities around the world. The Calgary event will take place June 21-25, 2025, and is expected to draw 20,000 to 40,000 attendees from more than 100 countries.

Cindy Ady, CEO of Tourism Calgary, said events of this scale are a significant boost to the tourism economy when visitors spend time in the city, in addition to the benefits created when people go home and tell others about their experience. "Sometimes, the best people to talk about your brand are those who come and visit", she said. Ady said Tourism Calgary will be involved in the host committee work to prepare for the event.

"What we are is we're tremendous hosts", said Ady. "That's why ... we always say ultimate hosts, ultimate host city. Hosting's in our DNA."

The bid to host the convention was a collaborative effort, said Craig Stokke, co-chair of the Host Organization Committee. "We literally turned our city blue and gold — Rotary's official colours — for three days in August during the site selection visit", he said. "The Rotary International site inspection team could not help but feel the passion and investment Rotary has had in Calgary since we first hosted one of our most popular conventions in 1996." Participants in the bid included the Calgary Stampede and the Calgary Hotel Association.





Dan DeSantis, chairman of the Calgary Hotel Association, said the economic effect of a convention this size "will be felt for years to come". "We know that once Rotarians have an opportunity to

experience Calgary and area, they will share their stories algary Hotel Association with friends and family, which we believe will result in increased leisure visits in the future", he said.

The convention will take place at the BMO Centre at Stampede Park, and at the Scotiabank Saddledome.

Facts about Rotary International:

- According to Rotary International, Rotary brings together more than one million volunteers from more than 200 countries. Rotarians come from a range of professional backgrounds.
- Rotary volunteers contribute to long-term projects in communities around the world, focussing on issues such as peace and conflict resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.
- There are 1,900 Rotary members in District 5360, representing Calgary, southern Alberta and western Saskatchewan.





Interview

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered. "Interesting", the newsman thought ... he then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands, and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered

proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20s, then a circus ringmaster in her 40s, and a preacher in her 60s, and now - in her 80s - a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

(Wait for it...)

She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."



What's Up!!

Economic and Community Development Month

October 17th Caroline Saunders — British Consulate

October 17th Rotary Curling @ Garrison Curling Club @ 4:45 — contact George Kimura
October 21st Grillin' and Servin' for 2,200!!! — Light the Night Leukemia, Eau Claire

contact Hank Popoff to sign-up

October 24th Trevor Bacque — History of Canadian Wheat

October 24th Rotary Curling @ Garrison Curling Club @ 4:45 — contact George Kimura

October 26th Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter Bickham
October 31st Dave Merredew, Leader, City of Calgary Composting

October 31st Rotary Curling @ Garrison Curling Club @ 4:45 — contact George Kimura

Rotary Foundation Month

November 7th Cindy McCaffery and Myrla Bulman, Co-Founders of Youquest

November 7th Rotary Curling @ Garrison Curling Club @ 4:45 — contact George Kimura

November 9th Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter Bickham

November 11th Remembrance Day multi-clubs meeting

November 14th No meeting because of Remembrance Day meeting

November 14th Rotary Curling @ Garrison Curling Club @ 4:45 — contact George Kimura

November 21st Bruce Covernton, ex-Stampeder

November 21st Rotary Curling @ Garrison Curling Club @ 4:45 — contact George Kimura

November 23rd Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter Bickham

November 28th Michelle Douglas, Director, Dogs with Wings

November 28th Rotary Curling @ Garrison Curling Club @ 4:45 — contact George Kimura

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 5th Annual Seniors Christmas Luncheon

December 5th Rotary Curling @ Garrison Curling Club @ 4:45 — contact George Kimura

December 7th Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter Bickham

December 12th Rotary Curling @ Garrison Curling Club @ 4:45 — contact George Kimura

December 19th Christmas meeting

December 21st-22nd Casino at Elbow River Casino — sign-up sheet will be circulating, or contact Bruce Bohnet

December 26th No meeting

Proposed New Members

The following new member proposal was accepted by the Board for membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook:

JEAN TRUDEL

Sponsor: Rob Wolfson

Classification: Heavy Machinery Operator, retired

The following new "Friends of Rotary" member proposals were accepted by the Board for membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook:

DAVID SEYMOUR

Sponsor: George van Schaick

STACEY LAZARENKO

Sponsor: Rob Wolfson

BLAIR ANDERSON

Sponsor: Dawn Rennie

DUSTIN RENNIE

Sponsor: Dawn Rennie

GORDON CARLTON

Sponsor: Bruce Bohnet

CATHERINE LEONARD

Sponsor: Rhea Graham

JOANNE PRYSTAY

Sponsor: Rhea Graham

JOHN BEATTY

Sponsor: George Kimura

In accordance with Club Bylaws, Article XI, Section 5:

Method of electing New Members

"If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the Board from any member (other than Honourary) of the Club within seven (7) dates following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of admission fee (if not Honourary membership) as prescribed in the bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership. If any such objection has been filed with the Board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee, shall be considered to be elected to membership."

Paul Gaudet, Secretary

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Grillin' and Servin' September 15th @ Sobey's Head Office



























Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation

HOW TO DONATE TO THE CALGARY ROTARY CLUBS FOUNDATION

With Rotary Foundation month upon us, Chinook Rotary is encouraging members to donate to our own local Foundation. The CRCF is committed to paying 5% of the value of our accumulated donations annually. This provides a steady and growing source of income to our club. Last year we received \$8,254 in income from this source.

There are two ways to donate, and they both involve going to the foundation web site:

www.calgaryrotaryclubsfoundation.ca

On the home page, click on the link "Find out how to contribute". There, you can download the contribution form which you can mail with your cheque or credit card information to the address on the form.

However, a simpler — and more profitable method for the club — is to contribute online. By clicking on this link, you will be transferred to the Alberta Treasury Branches' secure website "ATB Cares". By using this site, you are not only using a financial institution's secure site, but you are gaining an extra 15% of matching funds on your donation from ATB.

Please do not wait to give me a cheque at a meeting. This only complicates and delays the process. If you are making a memorial donation, advise me by email, and I will see that the appropriate people are notified.

Terry Craig (trcraig@shaw.ca)

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