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## District 5360 Rick Istead, District Governor



Our guest speaker was Rick Istead our District Governor. He was introduced to us by Grant MacEachern who referred to Rick as our PAST governor = a slip of the tongue I hope.

Rick has only been a Rotarian for 10 years, but has accomplished more than most of us in that time, both in Rotary and volunteering in the community.

Rick opened his talk with a minute of silence for our 2 recently passed members.

Rick is proud to be a Rotarian because Rotarians make a difference. They serve others, follow the 4 Way Test, have fun and fellowship, work on Polio eradication, and unite and take action.

Recent membership surveys have only had 40% responses so Rotary International is pushing enhanced awareness of the club and forming leadership teams.

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## Traffic Court Charlie Pester

Paul Gaudet introduced Charlie Pester, our guest speaker. Charlie is the manager and operator of Pointts Calgary, the Traffic Ticket Specialists. He has been with this organisation for 29 years. Before that he handed out tickets as a police officer.

Most of us think that the Multinova and photo reinforcement are cash cows, and he was inclined to agree but feels that these make for more accidents. He feels that police visibility is a better way of slowing traffic and hence fewer accidents.

He told us that Traffic Court is boring, and some of the people are righteously indignant about having to appear, but if police write good notes, better results are achieved in court.



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There is talk at all levels of government about decriminalising our system and removing judges from

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The meeting opened on time by President Alex Soutar, and the anthem and grace were sung accompanied by wonderful Ruth Wylie.

The greeters were Rae Campbell and Sydney Richmond who then introduced the guests, carefully pronouncing all their names clearly: Gordon Charlton, Bruce Bohnet's guest, Grant MacEachern from Olympic club, Don Taylor from South club, and our guest speaker District Governor Rick Istead.

Minute Men were:

- Anthony Tonkinson who told us to support the Rotary Foundation, and reminded us about parking
- Dawn Rennie reminded us about the introduction of possible new members at Limericks Pub on Thursday
- Paul told us that as of now, he only has 3 shifts to fill

The Weather report only had Bev Tonkinson on the list but she turned up, foot in cast and on crutches!

Good News were Jim Hennessey who had car problems when on holiday, but got them sorted out and it wasn't as expensive as he thought it would be, and Ron May who told us about driving a red convertible while he was on holiday. Bad News is Tom McKee is heading south again.

Sargeant at Arms was Ian Burgess who had a list of puns that someone offered to buy for \$2, and then someone else offered \$5 for them ... don't know who ended up with the list.

50/50 draw was won by Sydney, much to her delight!

Our guest speaker was Rick Istead, our District Governor.

*Photos courtesy Ian Burgess*

## DisCon 5360 2018



## District 5360

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Improvements are needed in public image and communications ... Youth services, youth entrepreneur camps, and a New Generation Service Exchange which has had its first member from Milan in Italy who is 20 years old.

Membership is an on going problem. In 2013 we had 2,038 members in the district and in 2017 we have 1,845. How do we keep them??!!

With regards to Rotary International — they are modifying some of the restrictions.

The Rotary Foundation should be something we all need to support, and new incentives are going to be introduced. This foundation is top in the world in 2017!

District Conference is in Calgary next year, May 4th - 6th, 2018.

The International Convention is in Toronto, June 24th - 27th 2018.

You need to book ASAP to get the discount and book hotels. The theme of the convention is "Inspiration Around Every Corner".

Another International Convention has been bid for, and Calgary has been short-listed in the top 5. We should know the results by the end of September this year.



INSPIRATION AROUND EVERY CORNER

The Calgary Herald and The Calgary Sun of August 19th 2017, had all Rotarians here in Calgary and surrounding area buzzing ... could we be awarded another RI convention? Club Member Rhea Graham, in our Arch newsletter of August 29th, echoed the excitement expressed in the two daily newspapers by Co-Chair organizers, Mark Starrat and Craig Stokke, neither of whom I know, but I sure knew the group who brought the RI convention to Calgary in 1996!

Chatter about that convention started in 1987, right around the time Calgary was about to host the 1988 Olympics. "If Calgary can host the world for the winter Olympics why can't we host the Rotary International Convention?" Co Chairmen Gardie Shaw of the Calgary South Club and Doug Martin of the Rotary Club of Calgary, began to put the team together. Curly Galbraith, Calgary's 'Mister Rotary' and a major player in the formation of our club, was about to be a Director of RI (1988 thru 1990) and would prove to be a major player in securing the event. I had the good fortune of being asked by Gardie to represent our club, and in August 1988, we travelled as a group to RI headquarters in Evanston IL, to make our initial presentation. We thought it went well, but there were lots of questions and some competition to deal with. Nearly the same group made another trip down in February 1990 to hopefully cement the deal, and we had then Mayor Al Duer, an RCMP officer in full red uniform, a delegation from the Calgary Convention and Visitors Bureau, as well as representation from the Calgary Convention Centre. A Calgary Cocktail Party, with white hatted hosts presenting white hats to RI attendees, sealed the deal. In doing so, our major obstacle of proving we could accommodate over 25,000 visitors in and around Calgary had been proven, but some elsewhere still doubted it. They were clearly proven wrong!

We needed seed money ... Club 96 was formed with the objective of raising \$250,000. Each Rotarian from throughout the district who donated \$96, became a member. We raised over \$260,000!

Each year between 1990 and 1996, a delegation of Calgary Rotarians, members from the various district clubs, attended all RI Conventions and pumped up the enthusiasm to come to Calgary in 96. IT WORKED! History shows it was the best convention in years, and very profitable too. I was also on the Host Executive Board Committee, responsible for Post Convention Tours, Legal and Insurance, Home Billetingand Home Hospitality. With fellow Rotarians chairing each of those sub-committees, like the late Ron Smith, Pat Mahoney (a member of our club then), Marv Foote, Clayton Carroll and Bill McPhee, doing the heavy lifting in their respective sub-committees. The Late Bruce McDonald, then of the Calgary Club who finished his time in Rotary with our club, had a heavy load of responsibilities as well, as a member of the Host Committee.

It is all a bit of a blur now, in my 40+ years in Rotary, but a true highlight of a little more than 6 years committed to this massive



project, that benefited our district in Rotary and our community so much. The recognition walk across the main stage at the convention, and being introduced as one of the Host Committee members that helped make it all happen, was spectacular! The accolades and praise, from assembled Rotarians from around the world who truly believe in "Service Above Self", were quite overwhelming.

Being a Charter Member of Calgary Chinook , whose members served so well en masse as volunteers in every conceivable way, to help with the 4 days of the convention, was most gratifying and remains a very proud memory.

THE ROTARY FAMILY ROUNDUP, as the 96 convention was branded, set the bar very high!

## Greeter Schedule



October 3rd	Paul G and George K
October 10th	Dick and Wayne
October 17th	Bob M and Dale
October 24th	Tom and Bob G
October 31st	Ted and George vS
November 7th	Ian and David I
November 14th	Bruce

## Rotary Licensed Items

For anyone interested in Rotary licensed supplies, I am coordinating purchases for club members. Prices are lower, depending on volume.



I have a catalogue for the supplier – CRS Marketing – which I will have at each meeting. In the meantime, you can browse their website at

[www.crsmarketing.ca](http://www.crsmarketing.ca)

Let me know what you are interested in, and I will get you prices in CDN \$.

Bob Montgomery

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick  
Rotary



## Meeting Minutes

September 26th, 2017

Scribe: Sydney Richmond



President Alex Soutar opened the meeting on time, and we were led in singing the National Anthem and Grace by George. Thank you!

Our Greeters were Rob Wolfson and Hank Poppoff who introduced our guests. And here as scribe I failed to note down who they were so I apologise and will try to do my job better in future.

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## Economic and Community Development Month

October 3rd	Sgt. Kelly Oberg, Coordinator, CPS Mounted Unit
October 10th	Caroline Loewen, Curator, Lougheed House — History of Calgary Gardening
October 12th	Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter Bickham
October 17th	Caroline Saunders — British Consulate
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 26th	Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter Bickham
October 31st	Dave Merredew, Leader, City of Calgary Composting

## Rotary Foundation Month

November 7th	Cindy McCaffery and Myrta Bulman, Co-Founders of Youquest
November 9th	Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter Bickham
November 11th	Remembrance Day multi-clubs meeting
November 14th	No meeting
November 23rd	Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter Bickham
November 28th	Michelle Douglas, Director, Dogs with Wings

## Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 5th	Annual Seniors Christmas Luncheon
December 7th	Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter Bickham
December 19th	Christmas meeting
December 21st	Cribbage Night @ The Legion — contact Peter Bickham
December 26th	No meeting



# Cribbage 2017/2018

## Mark your calendars !!!

October — 12th & 26th  
 November — 9th & 23rd  
 December — 7th & 21st  
 January — 4th & 18th  
 February — 1st & 22nd  
 March — 8th & 22nd  
 April — 14th for the wind up Lew Reid Trophy (Best Rotarian) and Norm Moro (Overall Best Player) Award, plus the Suckling Cash Prizes.

All games are at the Horton Road Legion.

Open to all Rotarians, Friends of Rotary, spouses and other family members.

Note: All games except the windup are on Thursdays. Gathering commences any time after 5:30pm for fellowship, nibbles and libation. Game play starts at 6:30pm.

Windup logistics, entry fees etc will be announced closer to the event.

Rules of engagement as follows:

- A \$2 entry fee per night of fun all to go to the highest point accumulator that evening.
- All "19" hands will result in 0.25 cent contribution to an accumulating pot, which together with the "Best Cribbage Player in the World Trophy", to be won by the first person achieving a 24 point hand. Note the pot carries forward to the next night if not won during the evening. The current holder of the "Best Trophy" will be required to hand it over to the subsequent winner with suitable laudatory verbal comments.
- 8 games will be played per night, consisting of two matches of 3 games and a final match of two.
- Top two scores at the table at the conclusion of the match move to the next table in a clockwise direction.
- Have fun !!

Hope to see you at the Legion !

Peter (the crib guy)



Minute Men were:

- NOT Paul Gaudet as we have no parking assignments at the moment.

• Garth Plunkett presented the club with a cheque for \$1240 from parking at the car auction. He also told us that donations in the name of passed members for the Rotary Foundations could be made out to him, and he'll send the funds off to the appropriate places.



- Peter Bickham reminded us that Cribbage will be starting on October 12th ... please email him if you wish to participate.



- Rob Wolfson asked us to join up for the Flames "lottery".



• Rob also told us that the membership drive at Limericks was a huge success, attended by 24 people.



- Hank Popoff reminded us that the next Grillin' and Servin' was going to be a big event, and help was needed.

- Hank also reminded everyone that there were still a couple of spots available in the Dinner Club.

- Bob Montgomery told us a "True" Trump story and



I'm inclined to believe it was true!

- Bob also told us that he has a Rotary Catalogue available for all to peruse.
- George van Schaick would like us to all sign the front of our lunch cards, and sign

the back of the cards if we are making up a meeting.



- Pat Hutchison reported that Bart Dailley had been in hospital but was out now, and had been told to rest and have frequent naps. He also reported that Lyle Davidson was better, and to prove it he was attending our meeting.

Our Dr Ian Burgess was Sargeant at Arms and told a cute story about a Rooster and a bell. He quizzed us about the quantity we should drink each day. He didn't give us an answer, but told us we needed to pee 2.5litres every day. Now I presume we have to figure out the rest for ourselves.



Dick Snell put in some Happy Bucks because he had just become an Opa!



50/50 was won by Rob Wolfson's guest



Paul Gaudet introduced Charlie Pester, our guest speaker.

*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*

## Traffic Court .... cont'd from page 1



this level of court, which would speed up the delivery of justice.

Elderly drivers — was he talking about us? — is an area that NO level of government is brave enough to touch.

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