



## Tourism Calgary

Cindy Ady, CEO

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Cindy Ady is Chief Executive of Tourism Calgary now. In the past few years she has served as an MLA as minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation.

She is a bright happy person who thanked us, Rotary, for what we do.

During the Calgary flood she was not exempt from problems. The basement of the Tourism Centre was flooded and she had 5,000 white hats floating in the muck. She thought she could sell these stained hats to locals but didn't. She did keep one and it is stained with GOK and hanging at the centre. In spite of the weather, pestulance, SARs etc, we still get tourists but we need to market this town as a happening place, not just a stop over on the way to the mountains.

Tourism in this town is 25% business travellers — the hotel rooms go for \$500 - \$600 a night, but Leisure travellers can't afford those prices

The "Canadian brand" is very high now. Chinese travellers buy

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## Classification Talks

Dean White, Ryan MacLean and Jim Hennessy

We were treated to three "Classification Talks" from our members, and I will try to give you some of the highlight from those interesting short life stories.

#### Dean White

Dean is a Professional Engineer who is the CEO and Founder of "Roots 2 STEM". He is married to Eeva and they have two daughters, Donelle and Daphne. Eeva is a lawyer, Donelle is attending the U of C, and Daphne is in London. Dean is an electrical engineering grad from the U of C, and has travelled the world in his prior work before returning to Calgary to start his new venture.

Roots 2 STEM is a non-profit company giving back to the



community by empowering youth to discover their "inner engineer". Dean has a pilot licence and is a certified diver. So if his plane ever goes down over water he should be all right. Dean joined our Club in 2016.

#### Ryan MacLean

Ryan has the classification of Banking-Financial Advisor working with the Royal Bank here on Fairmont Drive. He was born here in Calgary and has been at his present location for the past 6 years. He does financial planning for individuals, enjoying being able to guide people to be more financially successful.

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Our President Alex Soutar called the meeting to order on time, and eventually we all joined in with the National Anthem and Rotary grace lead by George van Schaick — what would we do without him?

Ryan MacLean and Al Pettigrew greeted everyone at the door and Al introduced our guests who were Gwen Burgess, Mark Whiteman, Imma Dike-Shitta, Cindy Ady, Phil Libin from Downtown club, and Glen Richardson and Don Taylor from the South club.



Before the minute men were summoned, Anne Dale was welcomed back after her long trip to Africa.



The weather report from Pat Hutchison was that Barry Korpatnisky is in the hospital in Windemere and was being transferred to Cranbrook Hospital — we all wish him well. John McBean was reported on the mend as well.

Rob Wolfson has his Losers Pool for the NHL

going and is requesting participants. His Networking evening at Limericks is on September 21 between 5 and 6:30pm — BUT it will be “bring a new or prospective member and show them what Rotary is all about” event. There is a limit of 30 people.

Garth Plunkett told us his term on the Club Foundation is ending and that Terry Craig is taking over.



Wayne Wiebe asked everyone to send or bring him some underwear — his preference is new, please. Also towels — old or new — toiletries, and of course clothing. Wayne doesn't need this for himself, but a request has come from the “Mustard Seed” that needs all the things we take for granted. Please Help.



Anthony Tonkinson, representing the Rotary Foundation, presented Terry Craig with his first Paul Harris pin, and Rob Wolfson with his PH pin x 1. Well done both of you.





## Rotary/Mattamy Greenway Grand Opening Ceremony *Photos courtesy Hank Popoff, Rhea Graham and Stephen Pick*

Publisher's Note ... Saturday morning and I was in trouble! It was Anne's birthday on September 2nd and I had not arranged anything and looking for last minute reservations. Then along comes Hank Popoff. He said he had set things up for me ... what a Rotarian! I got to take Anne to lunch in a beautiful park by a lake on the Rotary/Mattamy Greenway. Parking was easy as Paul Gaudet had arranged "valets", and Bruce Williams had come up with a "gourmet" menu of sausages grilled by "experienced chefs" with sides of salads. The Calgary Parks Foundation stepped up to provide the entertainment. Finally there was the fellowship of Rotarians from multiple club ... a perfect solution to my problems!

There was just this minor catch to overcome ... most of the food was for the 1,200 or so other guests. Oh well, I might be out of the dog house by November. But then I can treat her to a day or two at the fantastic Spruce Meadows Christmas Market! Jim Hennessy is making the arrangements. He says the views from the parking lots are fantastic that time of year, with the Christmas lights and .... (I think I am doomed...)







No greeters today except for a warm smile from Connie who always makes us feel welcomed. It was a treat to be in the Windsor Room rather than the so-called Desert Palms with its maze of pillars.

President Alex was a couple of minutes late getting the meeting started, but not many noticed as the fellowship and conversations were going strong until the gong sounded.

Jean Trudel, guest of Rob Wolfson and visiting Rotarian Ray Roth from the Canmore Cub, were introduced by President Alex and given the rowdy Chinook Rotary welcome.



Garth Sabirsh thanked members for signing up for parking for The Masters. There are still a few shifts available but the response for volunteers has been very good for this big event.

Rob Wolfson promoted the upcoming

Networking Night as an opportunity for members to bring a friend as a guest, as it will be used to promote the Club with the desired effect of gaining new members. A folder was circulated for members to sign up to indicate their participation.



Tammy advised that the Seniors Christmas Lunch will be held on December 5th, and that the Christmas celebration for members and guests would be on December 19th. Tammy needs members to give her suggestions for



the event to improve the participation, with the possibility of having a luncheon rather than an evening dinner-dance. Send your suggestions to Tammy.

Hank promoted the Dinner Club for which he has sent an email to all members. This fellowship event with spouses or significant others in your home is designed, not as a gourmet contest, but as a way for members to enjoy an evening together over food and refreshments.

Keith Hansen bragged a little about being married to the same woman for 59 years, and having a 4th generation offspring.

Bev announced the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of September. **Birthdays:** Paul Gaudet, Ron May (absent), Wayne Wiebe, Don McKenzie (absent), Alex Souter, and Bill Stemp.

Spouse Birthdays: Anne Pick (Stephen), Cynthia Korpatnisky (Barry), Jim Gourley (Gwynneth), Janet Popoff (Hank), Margaret McLean (Don), and Muriel Wiebe (Wayne).



## Wedding

**Anniversaries:** Fred and May Jessie (69), Harry and Verna Nazarchuk (56), Paul and Connie Hussey (57), Herb Imler and



## Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 12th	Kent Fraser, Chair of Shelterbox Canada
September 15th	Grillin' and Servin' for 700! — Sobey's Head Office — contact Hank Popoff to sign-up
September 15-16th	Parking for Car Show Auction. Sign up on line or in the circulating folder.
September 19th	District Governor Rick Istead
September 26th	Charlie Pester, Traffic Court Expert



## Economic and Community Development Month

October 3rd	Sgt. Kelly Oberg, Coordinator, CPS Mounted Unit
October 10th	Caroline Loewen — History of Calgary Gardening
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

## Meeting Minutes

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Our friend Paul Gaudet reminded us that Spruce Meadows parking is coming up and PLEASE come out and help.

The 50\50 was won by George van Schaik who took a selfie with Alex when he received his winnings. Way to go George!

Sargent at Arms was Bob Montgomery who picked on various members to try and extract money from them. He commented on getting older and made some appropriately rude remarks. He mentioned the Club Runner web site. The Trump joke he told at the end was good — at least I thought so — I wish I could remember it!

Good news from Tom Sorenson about his grandson — I'm sorry but I can't read my writing about what he did ... sorry! Rob Wolfson told us his daughter did very well at a local horse show — we'll see her at Spruce Meadows soon.

Our speaker was introduced by Bart as usual.

*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*



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lots, love to gamble and love Banff and the mountains. There is now a Chinese airline that flies to Calgary 4 days per week.

Mexican travellers do not need a visa anymore and the airlines fly over the "Wall" direct to Canada.

Lots of Canadians are taking home holidays here due to the fear of the Zika virus in the States.

Calgary Tourism is developing a large campaign for the "Locals". When asked what is going on in town, they usually answer "nothing". So they need to take care of Calgarians first. There are now Tourism reps at city events, with a backpack full of info and an overhead flag to single them out, who can provide on the spot info to Calgarians and tourists. Our "brand" here is a friendly city and very helpful. Hosting is our forte!

Cindy has so many ideas, and with her at the helm of Tourism Calgary, we can't help but become #1 in the world.

Thank you Cindy for sharing your enthusiasm with us.



## In Memoriam

Over the past five days we have lost two valued members of our Club. Both were active on committees and the board, and huge on fellowship and support of our all our club efforts and activities. Both will be greatly missed as members and as friends.



**Norm Moro**

Norm Moro died on September 5th, 2017. He joined the Club in 1978 and has done multiple years on the board serving as President in the 1985/86 Rotary year. In 1999, Norm and Fred Jessee went to the Dominican Republic to research and set up our multi-year support of the Add Your Light projects for clean water and lighting. Norm was an active curler and cribbage player, and very involved with our Interact Clubs. He was a dedicated family man and tossed in many Happy Bucks for the right to brag about his children and grandchildren's accomplishments.



**Barry Korpatnisky**

Barry Korpatnisky died on September 10th, 2017. He joined the Club in 1982, having been introduced to the Club by Norm Moro. Barry was Club President in 1990/91. Barry was active on many committees, being the backbone of our Youth Exchange efforts for a number of years. He was active in sports over the years playing fastball, hockey, golf and curling to mention a few. When not tied up on Spruce Meadows shifts or selling real estate, Barry spent a lot of time at their property at Lake Invermere.



In his spare time (while not studying to further his financial knowledge), he coaches in the JA program while enjoying the many professional sports teams here in our City. Ryan is also a professional cook, enjoys travelling, specially to watch the Flames or Stamps play their away games.



## Jim Hennessy

Jim was born in Ontario and dropped out of high school to make a career in construction. He soon realized the error of his ways and returned to finish Grade 13.

It was here that he first became involved with the armed service when he joined the Reserve Army rising to the rank of Major. With the advice from an Aussie, he

had entered Dental school while married. Along came the army recruiters and he joined the ROTC (I think) because they paid him while he finished his last years of university.

Jim was stationed in Shearwater and Cornwallis in Nova Scotia before being transferred to Calgary in 1990. Here he tangled with a fine upstanding banker by the name of Joe Hooper who helped him arrange for a home.

Jim retired from the Army in 1996 and set up his private dental practice until a young dentist with a wheelbarrow full of money bought his business. He couldn't sit still, so he went on contract with Corrections Canada, fixing the teeth of inmates in Drumheller and then in Bowden. He again retired this year.

Jim came to our Club in 2016 from the Heritage Club, and carries the classification of Dentist (Retired). He is now our director of International Service, and will soon be the coordinator of staff for our ventures at Spruce Meadows.

## Meeting Minutes

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Madalene Kinley (12), Dave and Ruth Wylie (52), Pat and Joan Hutchinson (58), Alex and Nancy Soutar (49), Bob and Edith Montgomery (58), David Wartman and Katherine Kooy (43), and Robert and Janice Hay (27).

Pat Hutchinson and Tammy gave us the sad news that Barry Korpatnisky has been placed in the Southwood Hospice. Members may send email to Cynthia but please do not call her.

Herb Imler won the 50-50 draw.

Ian Burgess as Sergeant-at-Arms, extracted funds from us with complicated question on NAFTA that nobody could answer. We did learn something about this very important subject that has a big impact on our economy.



Hank alerted us to the fact that our District Governor, Rick Istead from the Fish Creek Club, will be visiting us on September 19th and outlined the very important duties of that position in our Rotary world. The Rotarian agreeing to the position takes on a four-year commitment of their time and a considerable amount of personal expense. They are expected to visit all Clubs in the District at least once before Christmas, as well as participating in many club activities during the year. Their work is certainly a fine example of Service Above Self and we all must show our appreciation for the contribution of the District Governor by at least attending our meeting when Rick visits our Club on September 19th.



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