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## Club Assembly President George Kimura

There was no speaker today, as it was the first meeting of the new Rotary Year.



President George asked four Past Presidents to tell us brief highlights from their year when they were president.

- Pat Hutchinson (2007-08)

Pat concentrated on increasing the membership during his year with considerable success.

- Anthony Tonkinson (1992-93)

Our first female members were welcomed

to the Club, and the addition of a piano played helped with the singing at the meetings.

- Jim Thompson (1981-82)

Members had lots of fun. Trips together with parties. The Board met at members' homes in the original Rotary way.

- John Charrett (1995-96)

The year of the RI Convention in Calgary. Much work on the Convention as well as during the previous year's Convention, when they put on a show to entice Rotarians to attend the '96 Convention.

President George thanked the Past Presidents and continued by presenting a Past President Pin to our newest member of the PP Club, Alex Soutar. All in attendance thanked Alex with a standing ovation. Well done Alex.

President George wants to concentrate on three areas during his year: membership, another fund-raising activity, and finding a substantial Community project.

President George adjourned his first meeting with only 51 weeks left in his year.



## A Conversation Amongst Friends

Richard Gotfried, UCP MLA Calgary Fish Creek



Anthony Tonkinson introduced our speaker MLA Richard Gotfried. These two men have known each other for a long time and were drinking buddies in a "professional" club.

Richard opened with very flattering remarks about us all and told us it was not going to be a "pre-election speech, but a conversation amongst friends"!

As a first time campaigner he did a lot of door knocking and won by 129 votes. As he had participated in Model



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Paul Gaudet was greeting some people as they came into the Windsor Room but was distracted by others when Bob Montgomery, David Wylie and your scribe entered. The second greeter was absent.

Our new President George Kimura got things rolling on time as we sang O Canada and the Rotary grace with Ruth Wylie on the piano.

George has been a member of our Club since 1993 and is serving as our President for the second time ... a man dedicated to Rotary and to our Club.

Paul Gaudet introduced Sandy Swan, a visiting Rotarian from Mexico. I understand that we will see more of Sandy over the summer as she spends time here in our fair City.



In the absence of Bev, Anthony Tonkinson announced the following birthdays and anniversaries:

- Member Birthdays — Bart Dailley, Jim Thompson, Bob Montgomery, Bev Tonkinson, Herb Imler, and Gerry Langereis. Bev and Gerry missed out on the wine because they were away.
- Spouse Birthdays — Helen Hawrylyshen, Bernice Bohnet, Bev Tonkinson (as Anthony's spouse), and

Martha Hardie.

- Wedding Anniversaries — Don & Margaret McLean - 59 yrs, Ernie & Helen Hawrylyshen - 58 yrs, Terry & Faye Green - 52 yrs, Jim & Josie Hennessy - 52 yrs, Jack & Patsy Steen - 50 yrs., Bart & Barbara Dailey-47 Yrs., Bruce & Bernice Bohnet-46 yrs, Paul & Beti Gaudet - 44 yrs, Anne & Michael Dale - 23 yrs, Ron & Lise May - 22 yrs, Gary & Lise Ladouceur - 18 yrs, Rob & Ang Wolfson - 18 yrs.
- Membership Anniversaries — Stephen Pick - 18 yrs, Paul Gaudet - 13 yrs, Bruce Williams - 1 yr, Pat Williams - 1 yr.

Paul Gaudet asked us to send him our selection of the three committees on which we wish to serve, unless we have already supplied him with the list.

Paul read a memo he has received from Spruce Meadows stating that their insurance people are working on the Waiver which we had refused to sign and that they are, in essence, not shutting the door on our Club parking at future events.

Terry Green reminded us of the baseball game in Okotoks on July 27th. If you haven't signed-up and wish to go contact Terry.



Dale Perret read a letter from Nancy Southern thanking the Club for awarding the scholarship to a worthy student in honour of her father.



Dale went on to recognise and thank Connie Hussey for her work at the front desk. The members supported her thanks to Connie with clapping.

President George introduced his new Board. Paul Gaudet, Jim Hennessy, Wayne Wiebe and Alex Soutar were in attendance.



Lucky Joe Hooper won the 50-50 draw-again.

Sydney Richmond was the Sargeant-at-Arms, and extracted funds from members who hate broccolini, are older than 75, ladies who are



39 years old, and various other offences. Sydney is only with us for the summer months as she spends the winters in Mexico. But while here, she contributes more to our Club in her short stay than many do during the full year. She works on projects, including parking, as well as taking notes during many meetings. Thank you, Sydney.



Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

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George Kimura opened our meeting on time, but battled with the mike that wasn't working.

Another George led us in singing our national anthem and grace with a 4 note accompaniment from the piano. Here I beg some Rotarian who can play the piano step forward to play when Ruth Wylie is on holiday. Please!

Some of our members arrived wearing Stampede wear and some of us just plain forgot — me.

Our greeters were Alex Soutar and the late Will Schmidt. Our visitors were Ryan Morrison, Catherine Brownlee, Azamat Allier from the Downtown club, Glen Richardson from the South club, Spencer Tonkinson, and our speaker Richard Gotfried.

Paul Gaudet inducted Gerald P, Bob Gentles' friend — and here I apologize for not getting the spelling of his surname. But welcome Gerald, to the club.



Hank told us he was in need of helpers for a Grillin' and Servin' on July 29th.

Anthony Tonkinson spoke about the Foundation and corrected the Polio sites. Venezuela has no cases but Papua New Guinea has 1.

He then handed out Paul Harris pins to Paul Gaudet x 4 and to Al Pettigrew x 8.

Paul Gaudet reminded us that if we were going to the Dawgs game, to make sure we paid Terry Green next week.



Jim Thompson reminded us that at 9am on July 12th a lot of us should show up to clean our Nature Park. He also suggested that items borrowed from the club history files on "the delayed return basis" should be returned ASAP, and no questions will be asked.

And the most important part was that Hank Popoff was awarded the Distinguished Rotarian Award for 2017/2018. Very well deserved!

Nobody was reported under the weather this week.



Paul Hussey won the 50/50.

Two dates for us to ink onto our calendars are:

- Meet the new District Governor on August 7th
- Our annual picnic in the Nature Park on August 14th

Hank Popoff was the SAA and fined us appropriately.



Photos courtesy George Van Schaick



## New Rotary Year Begins

July 17th  
July 24th  
July 29th  
July 31st

William Briscoe and/or Bryce Starlight, Designers, TAZA Develop  
Hallgrimur Benediktson, Consul General of Iceland  
Grillin' and Servin', Auburn Bay — contact Hank Popoff  
Jutta Wittmeier, Executive Director, Calgary Pregnancy Care Cent

## Membership and New Club Development Month

August 7th  
August 14th  
August 21st  
August 28th

Dan Doherty, District 5360 Governor  
Rotary Nature Park meeting  
Gaye Watson Wrath, MRU Professor — Date Violence  
Kate Wood QC, President Alberta College of Physicians and Surge

## Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 4th  
September 11th  
September 25th

Mandy Patchit, Glassblowing  
Myron and Elaine Semkuley, MMC  
Terry Bullick, Editor/Publisher, Apple Magazine



## Nature Park Clean-up July 12th



*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*



Parliament for 3 years in High School, his learning curve was not that steep on starting as an MLA. He wanted to earn the privilege to serve in the legislature and wants to get the Alberta Advantage, and what it means to the average Albertan.

## Minutes July 3rd

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Hank, who just returned from the RI Convention in Toronto, told us that The Gates Foundation has renewed their pledge to match donation to Polio Plus on a 2 for 1 basis. Rotary also won another award as a Benefactor. The next RI Convention is in Hamburg, Germany.



Another member who deserves our thanks is George Van Schaick. George takes pictures during the meetings, as well as helping set-up the sound equipment and the flags before the start of the meetings.

Jim Thompson requested help on July 12th to clean-up the Nature Park, and advised that our picnic meeting at the Park will be on August 14th.



He then went on to talk about the oil pipelines, both East and West. Railways are important for the wheat, and it would be better if more oil went by pipeline than on the rails. Laughingly he suggested that by blockading the St Lawrence River for a few months, Quebec would soon let the pipeline through to the east.

Equalization was mentioned and the rest of Canada should not take advantage of us.

Each government should leave the future better than they found it. Here followed a brief Q and A period.



George presented the speaker with a Polio Plus certificate.

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Graham Boone



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