

## City Councillor Ward 11

**Kourtney Penner**

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Al Holt introduced our speaker, Councillor Kourtney Penner, who represents Ward 11 at City Hall. She has roots in, and has decided to raise her family in Ward 11. With a strong value in relationship building, she knows projects succeed when we choose a mindset of working together, approaching challenges to find balanced positive outcomes. As a mom with school aged children, and parents and grandparents in the city, Kourtney knows neighbourhoods need to balance the needs of residents across the stages of their lives.

Kourtney opened her remarks by thanking us for inviting her to speak to our Club today. She noted that Rotary's Legacy in Calgary is impressive, and further that she appreciates that Rotary

International is bringing their annual convention back to Calgary in 2025.

She advised that she has been active as a community volunteer for most of her life, and was President of her own community association. She has also worked in the Tech sector assisting new and established companies to fill their various needs and requirements. She got involved in Civic politics in order to help make changes so that we are more effective and efficient. Our City Council is a diverse group well suited to manage the complicated business of a City the size of Calgary. In her office she has 3 staff and herself to manage the needs of her 110,000 Ward 11 population base, while still finding time to work on the larger topics of major projects and attracting new opportunities and businesses to the City. Kourtney has learned to set boundaries for herself and her staff so all facets of their responsibilities can be handled without adversely affecting personal responsibilities such as family needs and personal health. In their operation, Kourtney spends most of her time on the larger, more complicated issues while her staff handles the needs of her constituency. This system is communicated to everyone so they understand who to contact to get the service and support they require.

A core value and strength which Calgary has is our ability to host and provide hospitality for many types of events and groups which is an essential ingredient to attracting new investment and the resulting jobs they generate. Kourtney travels a great deal due to her committee responsibilities, and is pleased to note that she hears many good things about Calgary wherever she goes.

She offered to answer any questions our members had and agreed to stay after the meeting to do so.

George Kimura thanked our speaker and advised her that as a thank you for presenting to us today, we will be making a donation to Rotary's "Polio Plus" program in our effort to eradicate Polio from our world.



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President Bev called our meeting to order at 12:20, welcoming all in attendance, followed by the singing of O Canada.

Considering the brutal snow storm we had just received the previous evening, we weren't sure how many to expect, but we should never underestimate Rotarians as we had 31 participants at our meeting. This was made up of 11 guests and 20 Club members. Our guest speaker was Kourtney

Penner, who is a City Councillor representing Ward 11.

We hosted a group of 6 Rotarians from the Millennium Club who have a project to visit other Clubs in the city to see what ideas they can pick up to possibly use in their own meetings. It was great to see them all and welcome them to our meeting. We also had Bernice Bohnet, Ruth Wylie, and potential member Sharon Framan (who brought a friend as a guest), as well as a friend of Bernice's who may also be a potential new member.



**Our Indigenous Fact for the Day** - Interesting fact - 48% of students living on reserve have completed high school while 75% living off reserve have completed high school.



Bev thanked Paul (Monty was snowed in) for being our scribe today. She also thanked Paul and Bruce (our greeters today) for making everyone feel welcome. Bruce introduced our guests (noted above) and we provided them with a hearty version of our welcome song.

We broke for lunch and yes, the Carriage House Salmon was as delicious as ever.

Bev called us back to order and thanked Stephen and Anne for all they do for our Club, most notably the regular production of our e-arch which is a lifeline for those members who cannot attend for whatever reason.

## Club Business

- Bev called on Hank Popoff for an update regarding Bruce and Pat Williams' 11 year old grandson who is quite ill, and who is doing his best to keep up with his health treatments while also trying to meet his schooling responsibilities. Hank circulated a card for our members to express their best wishes directly.
- Bev announced that due to popular demand we are going to switch our "Lunch at Peanuts Pub" to a **"Lager at the Legion"** for March 14th. Next week's lunch on February 28th will still be at Peanuts.



- **Rotary's Anniversary** is on February 23rd (initial meeting was in 1905). Paul Harris, a Chicago Attorney met with three acquaintances to start a Club based on mutual cooperation and informal friendship. They named it Rotary to describe the intended practice to meet in rotation at their members' various places of business.
- Bev reminded us to collect our issues of the **Rotary Magazine** so we can re-use them in our efforts to attract new members. She asked that we go to our District's Events digest to see how we can **donate to assist with the recent earthquakes** in Turkey and Syria. Another excellent way to provide help is to donate to **ShelterBox** as they are on the ground already with their life saving tents and equipment.

## Sunshine Report

Bev reported that she has been speaking with Jim who has had hip surgery and is regaining his strength. He hopes to be walking soon. Rhea is enjoying her time away from "screens" and is resting up. An update on Herb Imler indicates that he is still dealing with Dementia and Parkinson's and is holding his own at present.



## Youth Service Report

Dean White, our Director of Youth Services, provided an update report on this area of Service:

- Bursaries/scholarships are proceeding well with only one remaining to complete.
- Interact is being managed by Ron May



who is working with Dr. EP Scarlett to re-establish our Club activity. We are planning to fund RYLA and Ryphen students once again this year.

- Mentorship at Fairview is continuing with Roots2STEM on Friday afternoons bi monthly. We still require volunteers to assist with this activity. Please contact Dean or John Charrett.
- Scouts are still active with Dale as our contact.
- Youth Entrepreneurship Camp is a new activity we (Anne Dale) are organizing. We are donating \$2,000.
- Dean reported that he has established a new STEM school named Capstone, which has been accredited by the CBE and which will hopefully welcome 350 students in the near future. Capstone is financed by the Alberta Government and is located in the Curry Barracks area. It is a "sister" organization to Roots2STEM.

## Rotary Minutes

• Rob provided an update on our Ribfest event which is scheduled for early September, once again at McMahon Stadium. He confirmed that Centennial has opted to join us again as a partner, and that East will be in again as volunteers and other assistance. Rob realizes that it is frustrating that we lost money at the 2022 event notwithstanding strong sponsor support and a good crowd (7,000) in attendance. This year we plan on tighter budgeting for each facet of the operation and we are confident we can generate a profit. He reminded us of all the hours (48 hrs for 4 events) we put in at Spruce Meadows each and every year, and for Ribfest we are asking everyone to volunteer 10 hours over the three days. Rob asked that if any members have concerns or issues about Ribfest then please give him a call, and he would be pleased to discuss same.



## Sergeant at Arms



Paul was our Sergeant for this meeting and began by advising our guests and speaker that visitors are exempt from any fines.

- His first fine was assessed to everyone who is fortunate enough to possess a snow moving machine, or have a neighbour who owns one and shares their machine. This is due to the two feet of snow we received the previous evening.
- Everyone who hasn't yet signed up to attend our upcoming District Conference, being held in Lethbridge this year, paid a one loonie fine.

- Everyone who has played Chase the Ace and has been fortunate enough to win the weekly prize, paid a loonie.
- Anyone who didn't watch at least a portion of the recent Super Bowl paid a loonie for missing one of the best games ever.
- Our District works hard to offer interesting and useful training webinars each month on a wide range of subjects and they ask our members to participate by zoom. Anyone who hasn't participated in at least one District Webinar in the past 6 months paid up.
- Rotary suggests that we should wear our Rotary Pins on a regular basis, and certainly we should wear one to our own meetings. Those who didn't have their pin on were fined a loonie.

*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*

## Good News / Bad News

The single good news item for today was provided by Anthony who announced that he and Bev are expecting the arrival of their 7th grandchild. Congrats to all your family.



## Learn Something New about a Member



Joe Hooper was our member who accepted this task today, and he started out by telling us about his early years in the banking business which began in Saint John, NB, but had him travelling throughout the Maritimes from city to city. One such was Summerside, PEI where he had a couple of unique foreclosures to deal with. The first was actually a herd of cattle and it was quite a challenge finding a place to put them. The second was a large Reefer Truck and they didn't have access to a driver, so Joe took on the challenge and successfully delivered it to the appropriate location. On a more serious note, Joe told us about some of his Community Service activities such as helping to build a new rink in Yarmouth, NS, working for 14 years with Calgary's United Way, sitting on the Saint John's Ambulance Board for 8 years with 2 years as President, and being President of his Community Service Board in South Calgary. Quite a record of service Joe, thanks for sharing.

## Chase the Ace

Rob presented our Chase the Ace raffle, having our guest speaker pick a card to identify today's winner, Bruce Bohnet. At Bev's suggestion, Bruce asked Bernice to make the card pick and she chose the Ace of Diamonds! We are now down to 25 cards remaining and a pot of \$2,322! Bruce won \$90 (more importantly, the Club earned \$120).

Rob advised that there will be three picks in March, so kindly send \$30 to Al Holt prior to the first meeting on March 7th.



Rob also reported an update on our "Buy a Second" raffle based on the time of the final Flames' goal for home games. He presented \$20 prizes to Alex Souter, Dean White, Paul Hussey and Hank Popoff.



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## Water and Sanitation Month

March 7th  
March 14th  
March 21st  
March 30th

Mason Trafford, Commercial Director, Cavalry FC  
**Club's 46th Anniversary** and Lager @ the Legion  
Michelle Nedelec, Business Coach  
Evening Networking Meeting — Rob will send details

## Maternal and Child Health Month

April 4th  
April 11th  
April 18th  
April 27th

Lauren Atkinson, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada  
Pints @ Peanuts  
Elaine Wilson, Senior Director, Calgary Urban Project Society  
Evening Networking Meeting — Rob will send details

## Youth Service Month

May 2nd  
May 5-6th  
May 16th  
May 27th - 31st

Dean White, Roots2STEM  
DisCon 2023 in Lethbridge — registration fee \$350  
John Hufnagel, Calgary Stampede  
Rotary International Convention in Melbourne Australia

## Rotary Fellowships Month

June 6th  
June 18th  
June 20th

Dale Perret, Acadia Food Bank  
23rd Anniversary of the official dedication of our Nature Park  
in Fish Creek Provincial Park  
Dwayne Klassen, Life Coach

## New Rotary Year Begins

July 4th

On location with Anne Dale at "My Sewing Room" — Charities

## Membership and New Club Development Month

August 8th

Meeting at Rotary Park



## Meeting Minutes

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### Guest Speaker

Al Holt introduced our speaker, Councillor Kourtney Penner, who represents Ward 11 at City Hall.



### Dates to Remember

- February 28th  
Fellowship at Pints at Peanuts
- March 4th at 6pm  
Fish Creek's "Pub Quiz" at Tops Pizza
- March 7th  
Carriage House regular meeting
- March 8th  
7pm on Zoom, our Board Meeting
- March 14th  
Fellowship luncheon at the Legion,  
"Lager at the Legion"
- March 14th  
Club's 46th Anniversary
- March 21st  
Carriage House regular meeting
- March 30th  
Evening Networking Meeting  
(details to follow)
- May 5th and 6th  
District Conference in Lethbridge

Bev thanked everyone for attending today, and asked all to stand and help close our meeting with a reading of our 4 Way Test.

Remember, "Imagine a world that deserves our best".

Our meeting adjourned at 1:30.



## RI Convention 2023



## The e-Arch Needs Scribes !!



## Please help!!

The minutes help out those who don't make it to the meetings, and also help provide a historical record of our club.

**Contact Paul Gaudet to volunteer.**



# WANTED!

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District 5360



- Presidents
- Membership Chairs
- Club Members
- Anyone interested in growing vibrant Rotary Clubs

**Recruitment + Relevance + Retention = Membership**

*A day packed  
full of valuable  
take-aways and easy to  
implement tips and ideas to  
help your team grow your club!*

**When:** Saturday, April 8, 9:00 to 3:30  
Lunch provided

**Where:** Rotary Challenger Park, Calgary  
3688 48 Ave NE, Calgary, AB T3J 5C8

**Cost:** **FREE!**

## SPEAKERS

Christine Rendall  
Carol Rosdobutko  
Charlene Bearden  
Robyn Braley

- Recruiting new members.
- Retaining existing members.
  - New Ideas
  - Interactive
  - Fun
  - Fellowship

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