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November is Rotary Foundation Month



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# The Military Museums Foundation Jackie Jansen van Doorn and Loren Riley

Anthony introduced our guest speakers from The Military Museums, Jackie Jansen van Doorn, the Executive Director of the Foundation, and Loren Riley, Volunteer Specialist.

Jackie began her presentation by noting that The Military Museums (TMM) is a Canadian Armed Forces tri-service history, heritage, art, research, and educational institution. The Military Museums is dedicated to preserving the memories and traditions of the countless Canadians who proudly served their country through numerous wars and conflicts by their selfless dedication, commitment and courage. The Foundation is a not-for-profit and relies on charitable donations for financial support. The Military Museums of Calgary is the largest tri-service museum in Western Canada, and the second largest military museum in the country.



The Military Museums is home to eight separate

museums including the Naval, Army and Air Force Museums of Alberta, the Air Force Cold War Museum, the four museums of the founding regiments, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI), The King's Own Calgary Regiment, and The Calgary Highlanders. It also includes the UCalgary Founders' Gallery and Library and Archives.

The Museums normally welcome between 7,000 to 8,000 students each year to tour their facility and learn about our military and their accomplishments. The period of November 1st to 10th is their busiest period of the year, and on November the 11th the public is welcomed to visit. They are hoping to teach how important it is to remember the past.

Their current initiatives include a seniors' program which will commence in January, 2023 and special event days. An example of such a day is November 8th which is Indigenous Veterans Day, when elders and veterans are invited to share stories. The Museums are also focusing on community outreach, and are developing ways to have all our communities get more involved with their facility. They are developing STEM programs to be presented in the Museum, and will be establishing a gardening



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program to welcome further community involvement.

They are always interested in welcoming volunteers to support their activities and Loren Riley took to the podium to outline further details in this area. At present they have approximately 200 volunteers of which 100 are really active. The volunteer jobs can be categorized into the following:

Atrium Hosts - Gift Shop - Tour Guides to 7 different galleries - Special Events - Family Day -

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Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook



## **Meeting Minutes**

#### November 1st, 2022





President Elect Anthony called our meeting to order at 12:15, welcoming all participants, followed by the singing of O Canada. We had 2 guests today bringing our total to 29. Anthony announced that he is standing in today for Bev as she is currently not feeling well. (Get better soon Bev!)

Anthony thanked Paul for being our scribe, as well as Joe Hooper and Pat Hutchinson who were our greeters for today. He thanked Stephen and Anne for

the great job they do in creating our e-Arch, and then thanked Paul Hussey for his work in organizing our "house committee" which sees that our meetings are set up properly with Greeters to welcome us.

Pat (with an assist from Anthony) introduced our two **Guests**: Jackie Jansen von Doorn, who is the Executive Director of the Military Museum Foundation, and Loren Riley who is in charge of coordinating their volunteer program. Both Jackie and Loren will be our speakers for today's meeting.



Anthony introduced our **Indigenous Fact** for today which is about Thomas George Prince who is a famous Indigenous Canadian, and who was one of the most decorated soldiers in Canadian History. He was awarded the Military Medal and the Silver Star at Buckingham Palace in 1945.

#### **Rotary Facts:**

The first Rotary Club community project was a "comfort station" in downtown Chicago. Public restrooms were typically found only in saloons at that time, and unaccompanied women were not permitted to enter saloons.



Anthony called on Paul to announce our **Birthdays and Anniversaries** for November.

Birthdays: Harry Nazarchuk on the 2nd, Sandy Swan on the 4th, Rob Wolfson on the 11th, John McBean and Moe Tynan on the 23rd, Ted Wada on the 27th, and Dean White on the 28th. Our spousal birthdays include Eeva White on the 5th and Nancy Soutar on the 25th. Anniversaries: Ian and Gwen Burgess who would have celebrated their 62nd anniversary on the 22nd (sadly, Gwen passed recently), and Ted and Grace Wada will be having their 50th anniversary on the 25th.

While we wouldn't normally record the "Date Joined Rotary" info, this month we have Harry and Ted both joining Chinook on the same day, November 1st, and in the same year, 1979, so they both are enjoying their 43rd anniversary of joining Chinook.

Congratulations and best wishes to all!

#### Induction of Pam Montgomery as a new member:

Pam was introduced by her father Bob, who also conducted the induction ceremony. Pam was a career teacher who recently retired, and is now involved with her second career as a Funeral Director. Bob will also be Pam's mentor. It is wonderful to welcome Pam to our Club and we look forward to working beside her in the future.



#### AGM of the Club Society:

Peter Bickham took the floor to conduct our Society AGM. He confirmed that we had a quorum in attendance so proceeded with the meeting. The first order of business was the adoption of the previous minutes (which had been circulated), and with Joe making the motion and Neil seconding it, the motion passed. The next motion was to approve the financial statements (also circulated) and with Stephen making the motion and Tammy seconding, it was passed.



Scribe: Paul Gaudet

We elected (by acclamation) four "At Large" members to sit on the Board: Peter, Garth S, Joe and Tammy. Peter gave a brief outline of the Society's year and advised that due to COVID, we had not been as active this year and further, that we were still not using the Society as efficiently as we could be. Under our bylaws we can raise funds to advance education (as we are doing through Roots2STEM) and we can also fund programs to eliminate poverty in the world. Peter then confirmed that this would be his final year as Board Chair and proceeded to declare the meeting closed.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

# **Meeting Minutes**



#### **Sunshine Report:**

Pat Hutchinson reported that he has been in touch with Ian Burgess and has learned that there will not be a public service for Gwen right away. Ian is planning to attend our "Rotary Remembers" event.

In addition Alex and Nancy just returned by car from a trip south, and upon arrival home, have both tested positive for COVID.



Rotary Foundation:

Anne Dale took to the podium to note that November is Foundation Month, and proceeded to ask all members to consider supporting the Rotary Foundation through the monthly donation program so your support would be easy and ongoing. We have quite a few of our members who are on this program already.

Anne then had the rewarding job of making a Paul Harris Pin Presentation to her good friend and active Rotarian, Rhea Graham. This was

Rhea's +7 pin which means she has contributed \$8,000 USD to the Foundation to help fund their worthwhile programs through Rotary's seven lines of Service. Rhea highlighted that during COVID she has truly seen the need, and



that the Rotary Foundation does such great work. Congratulations to Rhea for her ongoing support.

#### **Rotary Minutes:**

Anthony reminded everyone of the upcoming **"Rotary Remembers"** presentation at the Carriage House on November 11th. The event starts at 10am, costs \$45 and includes a lunch at noon. Jim Hennessey will be our speaker on the subject of Canada's military role, and we know from past experience that Jim is an excellent speaker. You can purchase a ticket through the District website.



George Kimura asked for a show of hands on the question of how many members would like to attend a **Club Christmas Dinner**? There was solid support shown so George will be selecting a date and location, and advise us in the near future.

Rob reminded us that **November is Foundation Month** and reported on the success of his recent bowling night fundraiser. The participants paid \$30 each with \$15 going to the Foundation. In addition Rob bowled a "Pro Donation" game and supporters offered to pay various amounts on a per point basis. They raised \$4,300 for the foundation! As Rob said "not bad for a couple of hours of bowling". A big thanks to all who attended, and to Rob for arranging the event.

Rob called up Garth Sabirsh, Stephen Pick and Peter Bickham to thank them for supporting the **Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation**. This Foundation invests Club donations professionally, and distributes an annual dividend based on the amount invested by each Club. Our dividend this year was \$11,000 which will grow in the future based on our ongoing support. Rob asked everyone to consider donating \$20 by going onto the "Canada Helps" website (note that you are with Calgary Chinook), or if you would rather, give the funds to Rob and he'll see that it gets to the Foundation.



#### Chase the Ace:

Rob presented our Chase the Ace raffle, firstly with Neil Beatty who won at our recent evening meeting. Neil missed picking the Ace of Spades so Rob asked our guest speaker to pick a ticket for today's winner. Harry won the day money (\$81) but also missed the Ace. We are now down to 31 cards remaining and a pot of over \$1,600 !





Anthony highlighted a few dates to remember:

• November 8th when we will be having our "Pints @ Peanuts" monthly lunch (just fellowship, no business)

November 11th

November 24th

December 6th

- November 15th
- No meeting
- Evening get together

**Rotary Remembers** 

Regular noon meeting.

Anthony thanked everyone for attending today and offered best wishes to all. We all rose and read Rotary's "4 Way Test" just prior to adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 1:24.





## **Rotary Remembers 2022**





## Volunteer !!

We have an opportunity to volunteer with the Cystic Fibrosis Organization through their Christmas Fundraising program.

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What:	Gift wrapping presents
Where:	South Centre Mall
When:	December 1st through December 24th
Shifts:	3 1/2 or 4 hr shifts, between the hours of
	10 am and 9pm, depending on mall hours

If you want more information or interested in volunteering, email me at <u>dale.rotary@shaw.ca</u> and I can put you in touch with the Team Leader for South Centre. I am the Team Leader for North Hill Mall (16th Avenue and Crowchild Trail NW) — if you know anyone in the North that might be interested in gift wrapping at that mall, please have them contact me.



This is a fun volunteer gig and no experience is needed — there is a video if you want inspiration! Please share this with friends and family. Dale Perret

## **In Memoriam**

A. Rae Campbell September 5th, 1942 -November 5th, 2022

We are deeply saddened to announce the death of Arthur Rae Campbell on November 5th, 2022. Rae died peacefully at home with his wife Carol of 57 years at his side. He is also survived by his three children, and five grandchildren.



Born September 5th, 1942 to James Arthur and Margaret Winnifred (Sinclair) Campbell in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Rae spent his youth in Nova Scotia and Quebec, earning his Chem Eng degree (McGill '64). Rae spent much of his career in Canada's oil and gas industry, and worked many years of his career in the UAE and Greece.

Rae's commitment to mentorship and charity work was evident through his roles at the University of Calgary, Mount Royal University, the Professional Engineers Association (APEGA), and the Rotary Club.

Rae joined the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook in 2010 and was active in the Club's fundraising and fellowship activities. He will be missed.



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## **The Military Museums**

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Summer Skirmish (battle re-enactment) - Stampede Booth -Navy Days - Lectures - Weekend Activities - Photographers -Behind the Scene

In order to volunteer, go to <u>www.TheMilitaryMuseums.ca</u> website and fill out the form.

Jackie and Loren wrapped up their presentation by advising that they would be leaving brochures and volunteer forms with their cards on our table for further information.

Anthony thanked our presenters and advised them that we would be making a donation to Polio Plus in appreciation of their participation.

# **Club Christmas Dinner**



## Thursday, December 8th at 6pm McKenzie Meadows Golf Club

We will be in their main building as their "barn" might be a little cool this time of year!

Our meal will be one of their classic buffets which will include:

Roast Turkey with Stuffing and Gravy Prime Rib and Yorkshire Pudding Fresh-baked Buns with Butter Caesar Salad, Apple & Cranberry Salad Seasonal Hot Vegetables Potatoes — either salad, mashed or roasted Chef's Seasonal Assorted Dessert Table Cost is \$50 per person



We are also planning on presenting a brief Christmas Program for your enjoyment. Check your calendar and if at all possible, plan on joining us for our Christmas Dinner with your friends in Rotary.

Please confirm your attendance to Paul G, and then forward your payment to Al Holt by either e-transfer (as we have been doing for meetings and Chase the Ace in recent months), or simply send him a cheque.

### We hope you will be able to join us!



# Flames \$20 Second

Choose your 'second' and get your \$20 in to Rob Wolfson to join in on this fun pool! Check your email for the full details from Rob.



# Peanuts Pub after Rotary Remembers and celebrate Rob's birthday



Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

Rotary

Dinner Club Fellowship @ Taj Mahal November 16th



# **Salvation Army Kettles**



## **@ Networking Night with East Club**







Rotary Foundation Month November 29th

#### **Disease Prevention and Treatment Month**

December 6th December 8th December 13th December 20th

2023

Vocational Service Month January 3rd

Kelly Falardeau, 7x Bestselling Author and Amazon Best-Selling Author Strategist

## **Did You Know or Care to Know?**

Club Christmas Party @ 6pm, McKenzie Meadows Golf Club main building

TBD - check your email for the upcoming attendance poll

Here I am again, in the role of Club Historian, passing on some history of our club, chartered in RI in 1977, and as one of only three remaining charter members still participating in, as much as possible, club activities and fellowship.

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The changes in this club over 4½ decades are incredible. The Manual of Procedure issued by RI when we first began is no longer our guide. The very profile of Rotary changed in the 90s when we were compelled to accept women, into what was an all-male service club, because of some legal obligation created in California. Many came and went, but the core we have now are extraordinary active members, 2 of which have achieved club president status, and RI has its first ever international female president who is a Canadian !

We were badly scarred by the COVID nightmare, like all clubs in Rotary's world, but we are bouncing back, hopefully to weekly luncheon meetings with speakers anxious to tell their stories to sincere surviving assembled members. Calgary's other 12 clubs are similarly in recovery mode, and soon make-up meetings will again be common.

The attendance requirement for meetings has been considerably relaxed. In our earlier years, 100% was a lofty attendance goal. Some members, like Charter member Herb Imler, achieved 100% year after year, and received recognition pins for doing so. The rules were enforced by the threat of expulsion ... miss two meetings in a row, a warning letter was issued; miss three, you were automatically expelled. Even when away on holidays, a member was expected to attend a meeting of a club in the area of holidaying, as a club ambassador, and exchange a club banner to present back to our club, and report make-up meeting was achieved. We have a box full of club banners and many are displayed at every luncheon.

Initially, we followed the guidelines of our two sponsor clubs and sang a couple of songs picked from our song books that were placed at every table. Our song books went astray when we moved from the Tradewinds Hotel to the Carriage House, and we stopped singing. Individuals did grace at meetings, and we sang O Canada at the beginning and God Save the Queen at the end. Now the Queen (King) have been dropped as well as Grace.

Our first park, single tree planting, was in a Rotary Park in Sweden or Norway in the 80s. We enjoyed soft ball team sport, golf and even skiing with the Invermere BC club for many years. We had a 'sister club' identity with the Mad River California club, which Tom Ransom stayed connected with on our behalf. Jim Thompson, President 81/82, Charter Member

RETARIANS

# What's Up !!

I was asked recently about club jackets. We did in fact have two, as seen in these photos. The 'Rotarians' jacket was for those who participated in fund raising for our entry into the Stampede chuckwagon races. The other jacket was for general identity at all functions, a great wind breaker. For the 1988 Winter Olympic Games, we had leather coaster sets made up by a High River company.



In closing, did you know that the founder of Rotary International, Chicago lawyer Paul Harris, had a niece that lived right here in Calgary? Did you know his

replica office, set up at RI headquarters in Evanston Illinois, was decked out with mostly souvenirs from his trip to New Zealand, when he started Rotary there? I can't imagine how difficult a trip getting there must have been, but the great golf course architect, Alexander MacKenzie also made that trip about 100 or so years ago, to design and build golf courses. Hardy dedicated souls they were.

If your travels take you to the Chicago area, I highly recommend that you visit the RI headquarters in Evanston. The facility there is a thriving business in the name of Rotary. I was particularly impressed with the volume of full colour monthly news magazines they produce, print in over 25 languages, and distribute throughout the free world.

