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## Classification Talk

**Vlad Sasarman**



New member Vlad Sasarman provided us with a look at his life through his Classification Talk.

He was born and raised in Romania. He studied physics, graduating from university in 1991. He married in the mid 1990s and moved to Canada. His first stop was Ottawa, and after gaining an MBA from McGill, he moved to Norman Wells, NWT. After 4 years there, he spent 7 years in Kimberly B.C., 9 years in Cranbrook and 5 years in Kamloops, all while employed with local credit unions. In 2022, he moved to Calgary, where he is employed with Connect First Credit Union.

Vlad's Rotary history began in 2002, when he joined the Kimberly club. He is a Past President there and has held several District positions.

Hank thanked Vlad for choosing Chinook to continue his Rotary career, and he was given a ROUSING WELCOME from all of us.



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**Greeters** were Wayne Wiebe and Ted Wada.

Ted introduced **visiting Rotarians and Guests** as follows:

Gary Williamson, Calgary Centennial; Martin Parnell, Cochrane; Sue Carpenter Parnell, Cochrane; and Jeff Shaw, guest of Sharon.



Bev spoke about the **Rotary Mattamy on the Green Cancer Ride**. She and Anthony are riding bikes as a fund raiser, as are Neil Beatty and son Jeff.

**Chase the Ace**

Hank won \$89, but the Ace remains for another day !!



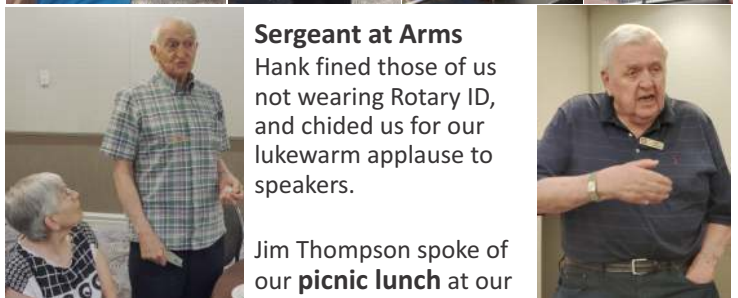
**August Birthdays** recognised were: Tammy, Anthony, and Neil.

**Spouses' Birthdays** were: May Jessee, Joan Hutchinson, and Linda Sabirth.



**Sergeant at Arms**

Hank fined those of us not wearing Rotary ID, and chided us for our lukewarm applause to speakers.



Jim Thompson spoke of our **picnic lunch** at our Rotary Park on August 8th.



### Membership and New Club Development Month

August 8th Meeting at Rotary Park, Jim Thompson and District Governor Kurt Kowalchuk  
 August 15th Review of Ribfest and Curling League promotion

### Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 5th Matthew Janz, Annual Giving and Stewardship Coordinator at PaceKids School  
 September 8th, 9th, 10th Ribfest !!!!  
 September 19th Pete Desrochers, President of the Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society

### Economic and Community Development Month

October 3rd Randy Young, Director of Donor Ministry, Samaritans Purse Canada  
 October 17th Dan and Marlene Doherty — 'Homes of Hope' 2024

### Rotary Foundation Month

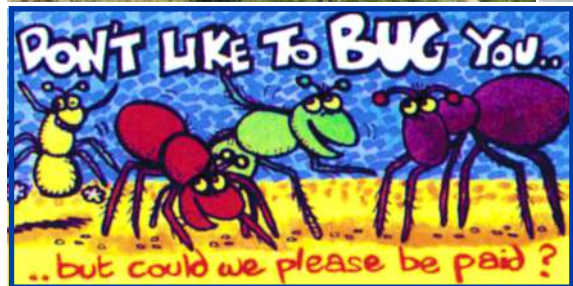
November 14th Club General Assembly



## Rotary Mattamy on the Green Cancer Ride



Photos courtesy George Kimura



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Ha Ha Ha!



I went shopping today and I was behind a grandfather and his badly behaved grandson. He had his hands full with the child screaming for sweets, biscuits, all sorts of things. The granddad was saying in a controlled voice: "Easy, William, we won't be long... easy boy." Another outburst and I heard the granddad calmly say: "It's ok William. Just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy." At the checkout the little horror is throwing items out the trolley. Granddad says again in a controlled voice: "William, William, relax boy, don't get upset, we'll be home in five minutes."

Well, I was really impressed, so I went outside to where the grandfather was loading the groceries and the boy into the car. I said to the granddad, "It's none of my business but you were amazing in there. The whole time, you kept your composure and calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his granddad."

"Thanks," said the granddad, "But I am William. The little bastard's name is Kevin."