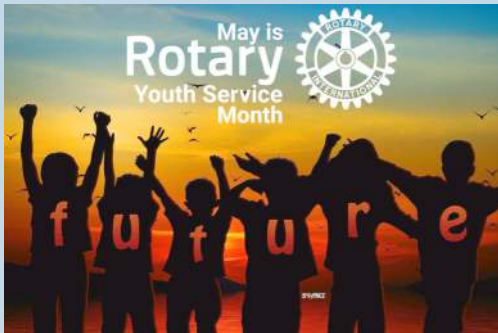




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## GlobalFest Ken Goosen, CEO



Our guest speaker was introduced by Dick Snell. After completing his Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Manitoba, Ken began his career in the nonprofit sector with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. It was Alberta Ballet that brought him to Calgary. He also has worked for the United Way of Calgary, the Calgary Board of Education Foundation, and then GlobalFest. Ken is a choral singer, conductor, and instrumentalist, who spent 10 years as a competitive dragon boat paddler. He has now transitioned to kayak and standup paddle boating, as well as various Alpine and Nordic sports. Ken is a licensed fireworks display supervisor, annually shooting over a dozen shows himself between Calgary, Drumheller, Strathmore, and many other firework shows. From a GlobalFest perspective, Ken was part of the original team back in 1993, which began the search for a space in Calgary to host an international fireworks festival. Ten years later, that dream became reality. He was involved that first year, took a three-year break, and then re-joined the team and has been on board since.



Ken began his presentation by expressing his sincere appreciation to Rotary, to Dale Perret, to all the Rotarians who have volunteered over the years to assist Dale and GlobalFest in staffing their VIP Parking lots. He also thanks ShelterBox for their annual participation and promotion of the very important work they do throughout the world.

The theme of Ken's presentation today could be summarized by saying that GlobalFest is so much more than the five nights of international fireworks, and the three hours of multicultural programming which is presented each night prior to the fireworks. Since 2007, they have held human rights conversations, exploring practical solutions to issues of racism and discrimination here in Calgary. Over the years, they have brought in national and international speakers who have come to Calgary to participate in the GlobalFest conversations.

For four years they have also been hosting a summer camp for immigrant and refugee youth. Partnering with Immigrant Services Calgary, Calgary Centre for Newcomers, Calgary Catholic Immigration Society and the Calgary Immigrant Women's Association, they welcome up to 25 youth into a free two week camp. Their goal is to help them find their place in their new home/country, and to thrive in their community and in who they are. They are currently operating in the Beltline area, and their goal by 2027 is to have a camp in each quadrant of the city.



In addition to Elliston Park, GlobalFest also presents fireworks shows in Cochrane, Drumheller, Panorama, and five shows annually, including the Strathmore rodeo. In 2023, GlobalFest had over 74,000 people attend their (Calgary) festival. This

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President Anthony called our meeting to order at 12:15, welcoming all in attendance. He noted that our Rotary Theme is to “Create Hope in the World”.



We had 32 participants at our meeting today, which included 4 **guests**: Guest Speaker Ken Goosen, Teagan Macza, Rotary’s Inclusion Alberta Partner and two from Henry Wise Wood High School (Matt Foisey, a teacher and Neeor Alam, a student and President of the Interact Club). Our guests were introduced by Michael Spears and welcomed with our “Welcome to Rotary” verse.

Anthony **thanked** Paul for being our **Scribe** today. He also thanked Bill Stemp and Michael Spears for being our **Greeters** today and for making everyone feel welcome. He then thanked George VS for arranging our notification of meetings and coordination with the Carriage House, and also taking photographs each week. He thanked Stephen and Anne for all they do for our Club, most notably the regular production of our e-Arch. In addition, he thanked both Hank and Neil for operating our payment system.



## Interact Club Update

Our first presentation was from Ron May, our Youth Committee member who has organized our Interact Club activity for many years. Today his focus was on the Henry Wise Wood Club and he introduced its President, Neeor Alam, as well as their teacher advisor, Matt Foisey. Neeor told us about the Club’s various projects, both in fundraising and community service (the Calgary Food Bank and Doctors Without Borders), reporting that there is a tremendous attitude in their Club, and that humanitarian spirit is high at their school. Matt thanked Chinook for its guidance and support, especially highlighting our RYLA leadership camp, which two of their group will soon be attending. Ron confirmed that their Club is doing great work and thanked them for all their enthusiasm and effort.



Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

## Indigenous Acknowledgment

Our Rotary Club acknowledges the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which include the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut’ina First Nation and the Stoney Nakoda. The City of Calgary is also home to the Metis Nation of Alberta (Districts 5 and 6).

After the Acknowledgement, we presented a video entitled, “Using brave spaces to talk about diversity, inclusion” which was prepared by Cam Stewart, the Chair of our Rotary District’s Indigenous Relations Committee. Cam notes that championing diversity and Indigenous strategies within Rotary has been one of the most exciting adventures of his life and one of his greatest challenges in Rotary. He believes we are well positioned to model inclusion in our business, professional and personal lives. In many ways, Rotary Clubs are not that different from Indigenous nations, tribes or groups he has worked with. Both are groups of people with a common character, occupation or interest. Like a tribe, each Rotary Club has its own personality.

Cam has learned that it is valuable to provide a “brave space” when advancing topics of including traditionally excluded people. A “brave space” is more than a “safe space”. In brave spaces, people are encouraged to speak up and share their perspectives, even when the conversation may be uncomfortable or risky. When leading these conversations, he does not challenge a person’s values or beliefs. He tries to identify any myths they may have that create a barrier to understanding. It is Cam’s hope that Rotary will foster and encourage many more “champions of inclusion”. This can be done by listening to those who have concerns or express opposition, building understanding and working with the support of allies both within our clubs and in our communities.

## Club Business

### District Conference Report

Anthony provided us with information regarding the **Rotary District Conference** which was held in Drumheller last weekend. Three of our members told us about some of their impressions from the conference, and were all very pleased that they had attended, and highly recommended attendance from more of our members in the future.

Anthony told us about Christina Hasan, **next year’s District Governor**, who had serious cancer when she was young, and is now cancer free. She was told she would not be able to have children, now she has three. She went to teach maternal health in Uganda, and watched helpless as women died in childbirth. She returned to Canada, determined to fight the problem and formed Full Soul with her husband Hyder. It provides medical kits for use in childbirth and is now being used with 10 clinics that country, making a huge difference as maternal childbirth deaths have declined significantly.

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Hank spoke about how the conference energizes him, and specifically about how the group was able to raise a significant amount of money simply by asking those in attendance to donate to a project in Brazil, making Hank proud to be a Rotarian.



Keith also attended and was pleased and surprised by the nature of the speakers and the information they provided.



Anthony also mentioned an individual he met at the conference who is a Tim Hortons franchisee who owned 21 restaurants. He was born deaf and went on to become a very successful franchisee, and has hired 140 disabled employees.

Anthony advised that Chinook received an Award at the Conference for our support of ShelterBox.

## Inclusion Alberta

Teagan Macza is the Rotary Partner for Inclusion Alberta and works with all our Clubs to encourage Rotarians to seek out opportunities to employ disabled Albertans. Teagan announced that the Rotary Employment Partnership has officially developed over 820 jobs for individuals with intellectual disabilities across Alberta. Vocation has always been at the heart of Rotary, and Rotarians bridging connections between the business community and Rotary employment coordinators is at the heart of the partnership. She thanked Rotarians for supporting Albertans with intellectual disabilities in finding incredible jobs across the province.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Paul G announced our **birthdays** for May. We have three member birthdays during the month with George Kimura starting us off on May 3rd, Al Holt on May 9th, and Garth Sabirsh on May 25th.

Our **spousal birthdays** during May are Bev Pettigrew on May 5th, Beti Gaudet on May 6th, Carol Van Schaick on May 27th, and Lise May on May 30th.

Our **anniversaries** for the month are Al and Bev Pettigrew (66th) on May 2nd, and Jim and Judy Thompson (59th) on May 15th.

Our report also highlighted the **Rotary anniversaries** during May of Hank Popoff at 49 yrs, Al Pettigrew 40 yrs, Bill Stemp 38 yrs, Peter Bickham 18 yrs, and Bev Tonkinson 12 yrs.

**Congratulations and best wishes to all!**

## Sunshine Report

Hank reported that Al Pettigrew is back home after having his recent surgery and is recovering. Paul read a brief email from Jim

Thompson which noted that he and Judy are celebrating their 59th anniversary this month. He relates that Judy has been a real champ through his surgery journey. He hopes to be back at meetings on a regular basis very soon.

## Rotary Friendship Exchange

Anthony announced that there is a Rotary Friendship Exchange group outbound to Brazil in November. Subsequently the Brazil group will come to Calgary next July, and Rotary will be looking for host families.

## Members Minutes



Bev, representing Sharon who is in Winnipeg today, is requesting our members to consider attending the **Canadian MDA Dinner Fundraising Event** being held June 2nd (Sunday) at the Carriage House. She confirmed that she and Anthony will be attending and it would be wonderful if we could arrange a Rotary table at the event. The Canadian MDA organization (for which Sharon is the Western Regional Director) is responsible for raising funds in Canada to assist the EMS systems and services which are vital in Israel.



Keith Wellon pointed out that our **new Indigenous Relations Committee** wasn't included on the list of committees which was recently sent out to our members. He will be the Chairman of this new committee and asked that any of our members who are interested in participating in this area of interest to please contact him. We have a number of people already joining the committee however, it would be great to have a few more. He went on to advise that the initial job of this committee will be to embark on a journey of learning, and then hopefully be in a position to pass on what they learn to our other club members.

Rob, as President Elect, asked all members to **review the list of Committees** (sent out recently by Bev) and respond with their choices for participating in Club operations. We wish to be in full operational status on the July 1st start of our new Rotary year. Rob announced that he will be attending Rotary's International Conference this year in Singapore, beginning on May 20th. He thanked the Club for their financial and other support, which allows him to attend his first International Conference.

## Chase the Ace

Rob moved on to Chase the Ace. Our previous weekly winner was Garth Plunkett whose name was chosen at our evening meeting at The Point, so he was given the first opportunity to choose a card.

Unfortunately for him, he did not pick the Ace, so we proceeded with this week's



## Youth Service Month

May 21st  
May 25th - 29th  
May 30th

Jay McNeil, Stampeders Team President  
Rotary International Convention, Singapore  
Evening meeting at The Point, 5:30 - 7pm



## Rotary Fellowships Month

June 5th

James Wheeler Davison Lunch — 1st annual for all Rotary Clubs  
Speaker: Dawn Farrell, President & CEO, Trans Mountain Corporation

## Membership and New Club Development Month

August 26th - 27th

Casino fundraiser @ 'Pure Casino' in the northeast — contact Bruce Bohnet to sign up

# Meeting Minutes

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selection and Anthony's name was chosen. Anthony selected the Jack of Diamonds, so our Ace of Spades remains in the deck, and our Raffle moves on. The pot is currently sitting at \$408.



## Good News / Bad News

- Hank reported that one of our former members, Terry Craig, although not in Rotary at this time, is still continuing to support the Rotary Foundation with monthly donations which are associated with our Club.
- Bob Montgomery reported that our Club has received a third anniversary card from Meals on Wheels, and we are very appreciative of our members who are participating in this Friday delivery program. They are Monty as Program Liaison, together with Wayne Wiebe, Neil Beatty, Hank Popoff, Dale Perret and Keith Wellon (apologies if I missed anyone).

## Guest Speaker, Ken Goosen CEO of GlobalFest

Our guest speaker was introduced by Dick Snell.

## Dates to Remember

- May 10, 11 & 12 Book Sale volunteer opportunities
- May 14th Fellowship Lunch at the Legion
- May 21st Regular meeting at the Carriage House  
Speaker Jay McNeil, Stampeders Team President
- May 30th Evening meeting at The Point, 5-30 to 7:30

Anthony thanked everyone for attending today and asked all to stand and help close our meeting with a reading of Rotary's 4 Way Test. Remember, "Create Hope in the World". Have a great Rotary week! Our meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

# GlobalFest

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year their goal is to break 80,000. They're still not back to the pre-COVID numbers but are slowly recapturing ground. They rely on massive volunteer support with their volunteer board of directors, over 30 volunteer team leaders each running their own micro GlobalFest operation, and engaging over 500 operational/festival volunteers. They could not do what they do without community support. As a non-profit society, their operation relies on support from over 60 corporate sponsors, support from three levels of government, and then ticket and vendor revenues from their Elliston park program.

This year GlobalFest at Elliston Park is being held on August 15th, 17th, 20th, 22nd and 24th. Their guest fireworks teams come from Spain, Brazil, Mexico and the US. They have over 20 cultural pavilion booths, three performance stages, 9 hours of performance programming every night, 500 local performers, and food trucks with cuisine from around the world. Just check out their website:

[www.globalfest.ca](http://www.globalfest.ca) for more details.

Our speaker was thanked by Dale Perret, who has been volunteering with GlobalFest since 2004.



*A note from the scribe: While our summary outlines a number of their projects, there was a great deal more information in Ken's presentation, and we recommend that anyone interested in further information should check their website as indicated above.*

# Rotary Club of Calgary Book Sale



Photos courtesy Paul Gaudet

# James Wheeler Davidson Celebration Luncheon

June 5th, 11:30am, Carriage House Inn

Don't be disappointed!! Register immediately if you would like to attend this special event. Tickets (\$65 pp) will be offered exclusively to Rotarians and their guests until Wednesday, May 15 and then opened to the public.

Hosted by Dave Kelly, this one-of-a-kind event honours the legacy of a remarkable Rotarian and sets the stage for a rare public speaking appearance from local industry trailblazer Dawn Farrell, President and CEO, Trans Mountain Corporation. Get inspired as Dawn shares her insights and expertise gained through the impressive expansion of Canada's only pipeline system transporting crude oil and refined products to the West Coast. Join in the conversation as we learn about the challenges Dawn overcame to ensure the Trans Mountain Pipeline's historic completion.

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