



## Homes of Hope 2024 Dan Doherty

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**NOVEMBER**  
**ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

The  
**Rotary**  
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Jim Hennesey introduced our Speaker, Dan Doherty, of the Rotary Club of Calgary West. Dan is a Past President, a Past District Governor, and a much awarded Rotarian.



Dan spoke on the theme of "Just Say Yes" to opportunities to assist community and international projects. Due to the extensive involvement of he and his wife, Marlene, they have been appointed International Facilitators to assist in training future District Governors.



Dan also spoke of "Homes of Hope", a project whereby homes are built in Mexico for those too impoverished to do so. In March of 2024, he will be leading a team of volunteers for the 17th time. The homes cost about US\$10,000 and next year they are expecting to build 3 of them.

For those interested in volunteering, arrange to get to San Diego on March 17, and Dan will look after transportation and accommodation. The cost will be US\$450.



*Scribe's thought: If you want to hear a dedicated and enthusiastic Rotarian, just listen to Dan for ½ hour!*



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**Greeters:** Bill S and Peter B



Bill introduced **visiting Rotarians and guests** as follows: Don Taylor (Stampede), Dan Doherty (West), Garfield Ganong (West), Teagan Macza (Jim H), Brennan Pell (Jim T)



Dave W. announced **Birthdays:** Paul H, Peter B, Michael S, Hank P, Anne D, John C, and Fred J  
**Anniversaries:** Hank & Janet, Garth P & Barbara, Syed & Faari

Hank gave us a presentation in recognition of **World Polio Day** on October

24th. He reminded us that to receive matching grants from the Gates Foundation, our donations have to be made directly to the Polio Fund, rather than the general fund.



Paul G presented Peter B with a **Paul Harris +8**, which is a total donation of US\$9000.

Bart Dailley spoke to us about the annual shoe box program by Samaritan's Purse Canada. He has boxes if you need them. Drop off is



November 13 - 17th so you have time to gather items. Bart gave a list of "do not include" that is too long to repeat here. Check the Samaritan's Purse website ... [www.samaritanspurse.ca](http://www.samaritanspurse.ca)



Jim H spoke about **Inclusion Alberta**, of which he is the new coordinator, replacing Bev. This organization partners with employers to provide employment for those with development disabilities. Teagan Macza provide more background and a short video presentation on this program. Disability Month is October. Contact Jim if you know of a possible employment opportunity and he will do the rest.



Jim then introduced our **Speaker**, Dan Doherty, of Calgary West.

**Chase the Ace:**

Bruce B won the draw at the previous meeting and drew for the Ace today of only 3 remaining cards. He was the very happy recipient of \$4,317 !! Wayne W won the draw for today and won \$90. He was not present and at a future date will draw from a new deck.

The fun starts again!

Meeting adjourned with President Anthony leading us is the 4 Way Test.

*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*



Fall is upon us and the time for the Board to identify candidate choices for the Board Members and Officers for the 2024/25 Rotary year. It is a true honour to be nominated or elected. Rob Wolfson has already accepted the nomination for a second term as President, and likely has his eye on some members for his new Board. Back a few years we actually had members running for office against the nominees, which made for ballot voting and some surprise results.

As we approach Remembrance Day I am reminded that individual Club Members have different reasons to pause and reflect in remembering family that may have made the extreme sacrifice in one or more of Canada's military participation in the historic world wars. I am one of those members.

As a very young boy in the early 40s, I remember all the male members of our family were in uniform. That included 3 uncles here in Alberta, my father in the Naval Reserve after his training in the late 30s, and a soon to be uncle in the New Zealand Air Force, all expecting to be shipped out to Europe and do their part in stopping Hitler's advances. My Uncle Donald was in the RCAF Lancaster bomber group at age 21, a navigator shot down over France and buried in a small village there. My Uncle Stan was severely wounded by machine gun fire as a soldier in ground fighting, survived and returned to Alberta. My Uncle Gordon, a paratrooper was on his way to join the war when it was declared over, and he returned home unscathed. My soon to be Uncle Ralph in the New Zealand Air Force, was prepared to go to war, stationed in allied preparation in Edmonton, where he met my

Aunt Audrey, sister of Uncle Donald. Ralph survived the war, had fallen in love with Audrey while briefly in Edmonton, and convinced her to go to New Zealand and marry him. She did and we had a new branch in the family tree in Auckland NZ resulting in more cousins, and many trips to that wonderful country.

Judy's father, the grandson of Norman Macleod, nephew of Colonel James Macleod of NWMP fame, was a squadron Leader in the RCAF. He was stationed here at the Sheppard Air Force base near Calgary during WWII, and had been in WWI as a teenager, learning to fly aircraft just invented for military use.

Donald is memorized on the memorial wall in Nanton, home of the Lancaster Museum, Judy's father is buried in the Field of Honor here at Burns land cemetery in Calgary. My Grandfather, James Thompson, served a full four years in the battle fields of WWI and survived!

We, like so many others, have a lot to remember about family service and sacrifice, on Remembrance Day, the 11th Day of the 11th month annually. Calgary Rotary Clubs' tributes on that day are a wonderful reminder, the field of crosses on Memorial Drive annually are a dramatic reminder all should visit. Let's we forget !



*Sgt Donald Gavin. age 21, RCAF casualty WWII*

## Calavera Cantina Dine Around October 12th



Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

## Bottle Drive Pile October 24th



CALAVERA cantina

### Rotary Foundation Month

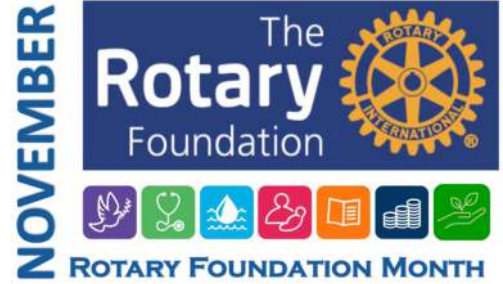
November 7th  
November 11th  
November 21st

Foundation Committee Presentation  
Rotary Remembers 2023  
Club General Assembly

### Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 5th  
December 19th

Sharon Fraiman — Canadian Magen David Adom  
Bart Dailley — Traditions of Christmas



## Village Brewery Evening Meeting

Almost 40 Rotarians gathered at the Village Brewery in their new taproom. On offer was a large variety of beers to taste, and a bar menu of interesting and tasty food. Parking at this location, as usual, is challenging with some people thinking of taking the bus back to their car.

Given the roar of conversation, everyone had a great time!

As soon as everyone was properly relaxed and lubricated, Rob got up and gave a presentation on the results of Ribfest 2023. In brief summary, we made a small (sadly very small) profit, but with all the efforts put in by the committee members, the results were over \$20,000 better than the 2022 event. Beverage sales were down which partly accounts for the results. The addition of the silent auction was very successful, and Bev Tonkinson's tireless efforts seeking sponsorships helped the bottom line.

Again, a huge thank you to all the committee members for their extensive efforts to control costs and make this event work. Lots of thought will have to go into deciding if changes to location/format etc could be made to enhance the profitability of holding this event.



## Proposed New Member

The following new **Member** proposal was accepted by the Board for membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook:

### BRENNEN PELL

Proposed by: Jim Thompson  
Classification: Landscape Service Management

In accordance with Club Bylaws, Article XI, Section 5:  
Method of electing New Members

"If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the Board from any member (other than Honorary) of the Club within seven (7) dates following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of admission fee (if not Honorary membership) as prescribed in the bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership. If any such objection has been filed with the Board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee, shall be considered to be elected to membership."

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## Chase the Ace Winner !

