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## Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society

Peter Desrochers, President

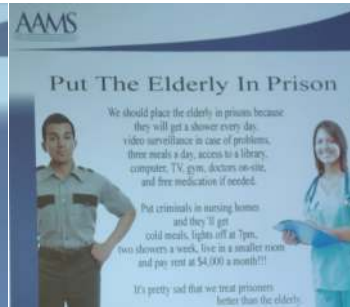
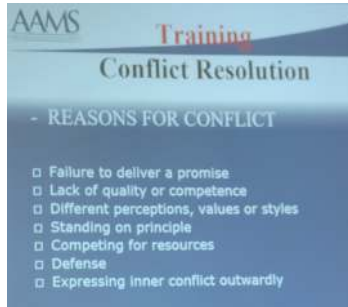


Paul G introduced our speaker today, Peter Desrochers of the Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society.

It is a registered charity which was established 40 years ago. They resolve problems through a non-legal process. Both parties in conflict have to agree to this non-adversarial intervention.

Peter began his presentation with a telephone call from presumed Donald Trump, and ended with one from Vladimir Putin. Your scribe had difficulty taking notes at the speed of the presentation. Subsequently he agreed to send me his charts. They have not arrived; thus, much of the detail is missing.

Bruce B thanked the speaker and presented a polio certificate.



## Samaritan's Purse Calgary Randy Young, Director of Donor Ministry



John Charrett introduced Randy Young, Director of Donor Ministry, Samaritan's Purse.

This charity organization was formed in 1970 by Bob Pearce. The current president is Franklin Graham. Their head office is in South Carolina, with the Canadian operation headquartered in Calgary.

Their current responses include: wildfires and evacuations in B.C., NWT, and Maui; 2 field hospitals in Ukraine; and emergency food rations in Chad.

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**Greeter:** Dick Snel

There were 35 in attendance, including the following **visiting Rotarians and guests:**

Rotarians: Michael Coleman and Teagan Macza, Downtown Club; Hans Tiedeman, Stampede Club

Guests: Jeff Shaw (Sharon Fraiman), Ruth Ferguson, MC at Ribfest, (Moe); Jin Kim (George K)



began in 1938 to help Jewish people scrambling to escape the surging Nazi threat. Over 85 years of FOI, there have been many projects geared toward saving lives. Recently FOI has been directly involved in transporting civilians to safety in the Russia/Ukraine conflict. For tickets, contact Jeff at 403 816-9328, or email [jshaw@foi.org](mailto:jshaw@foi.org)



Joe Hooper introduced former member, Dr. Jim Hennessey, who is returning to Chinook. A big welcome back, Jim.

Sharon F and Jeff Shaw spoke about an **evening celebrating Israel's 75th birthday.**



It will be held at The Carriage House on November 2nd. Cost \$20. It is sponsored by The Friends of Israel (FOI), a Christian organization that



Pam M spoke of a Brazilian student who is looking for a place to stay for January/February/March. Leticia Oliveira is 22 and a **former Rotary exchange student**. She has been selected for a 3 month research internship at the Calgary campus of The University of Lethbridge. She can pay some expenses, as she will be receiving a scholarship.

Rob gave a brief statistic for **Ribfest**. Attendance was 5,800, down 20% from last year. Financial info is not yet available. Ruth Ferguson sang a song she composed about Rotary and Ribfest.

**Chase the Ace:**

Janet P won \$99, but left the Ace for next time. There are 4 cards remaining with the total of the pot at \$4,150.

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**Good News:**

- Jim H donated for his welcome back.
- Hank also added for same.

**Speaker:**

Paul G introduced Peter Desrochers of the Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society.

*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*



## Did You Know or Wish to Know?

*Jim Thompson, Charter Member, Club Historian*

A few weeks ago, we lost another Charter Member, Herb Imler. Herb had a full life, passing at age 87. For 47 years he served as a charter member of this club. Always the gentleman, he served as the 10th President. He was the first of the three motorhome owners in the club to offer the use of his motorhome as a rest unit for members serving in parking at Spruce Meadows. His wife at that time, Marg, prepared hundreds of sandwiches for the Rotary volunteers as well. He and Marg attended the 1982 RI Convention in Dallas Texas, along with Judy and I, as our club's first representatives at an annual convention in North America. There was a much larger group from the Calgary South and Calgary Downtown clubs, that we enjoyed fellowship with. Our 10th Anniversary President's Ball in honour of Herb, was held at the Glencoe Club, joined by two other Calgary clubs for our first and only, Tri-Presidents Ball, a very successful gathering.

Now there are only two Charter Members remaining active in our club, now classified as "Honorary Life Members", a classification bestowed on several of our remaining Charter Members in 2017 by the Club Board and ratified. The two remaining Charter Members are Dr Ian Burgess and Jim Thompson, both now in their 80s, both having served the Club and RI in many ways, including as Club Presidents.

In the beginning our club had extremely set rules as to attendance at meetings. A leave of absence was unheard of. Unless deathly ill, a missed meeting had to be made up by attending another club's meeting and 100% attendance was a much sought after record, rewarded with pin recognition and club tribute. Herb Imler was one of those rare members who had years of perfect attendance. Still as a busy business man, he would attend all Chinook meetings to the 1 pm minimum time, then with the President's permission, leave at 1pm. Kent Lyle, who served as President of the West Club for a full term, was terminated as a member shortly after finishing his term, for missing 3 meetings in a row! The attendance rules were tough.

It was Herb who came up with the big rig trailer for our book sale inventory storage, and later corn sale use. We had it painted Rotary Blue with a large Rotary logo on both sides. It would be parked on the South Centre Mall parking lot in the NW corner when book sales were the activity in the Mall, and later on the same corner for Taber corn sales with the blessing of Howard Gardiner, third Club President and store manager of Hudson's Bay at that location.

I enjoy sharing stories of our club history with Arch readers. A wise philosopher once said, something along the lines of, "the future may end in tragedy without a clear view of the past".

## Dixons Evening Meeting September 29th



## Nature Park Bridge

Here is a current photo of the Nature Park pedestrian bridge where it will connect to the park. The construction company still hopes to have it open for use in October. It will link the Chaparral community on the west side of the Bow River to the east side Rotary Nature Park, for pedestrians and cyclists only. *Jim T.*





**Greeters:** Moe Tynan and Janet Popoff

**Attendance:** 35 including the following guests: Lyla Stevens (Joe H), Keith Wellon (Pat H), Brennan Dell (Jim T), and Randy Young (guest speaker)

**Sunshine Report:** John McBean is in hospital. When he gets out, he is moving to a seniors' residence. Jim T was present and still struggling on crutches following his second hip surgery.



**Peter Bickham** gave us a brief summary of things about him that we didn't know. He was born in Germany while his father was in the British army, following WW2. His mother had been widowed when her husband had been killed, and she subsequently married his dad. Peter spent most of his working life in the engineering business, with his first mayor assignment with Fleur, where he was assigned to China to find \$500 k in savings on a project. He accomplished this and was named DR. NO, for his steadfastness in denying new financial requests.

Dr. Ian spoke of the **re-emergence of COVID**. His simple message "Get the vaccine or buy a coffin."

**Chase the Ace:**

Bruce B's ticket was drawn, but as he was missing in action. We will hold our breath to see if he draws the Ace from the 3 remaining cards. If so, he wins \$4,239. In the meantime, he wins \$99. For this complete draw, the club has received \$4,852.00!



**Good News:**

- 60 years ago today, Hank met Janet. In honour of that occasion, he donated \$60. In 3 years this week, they were married. Hank advises that if she leaves him before their 57th Anniversary, he wants a refund.
- Ron May gave thanks for no snow today, as 1 year ago today there was over a foot that fell.
- Fred Jesse noted that he and May recently celebrated their 75th Anniversary.



**Speaker:**

John Charrett introduced Randy Young, Director of Donor Ministry, Samaritan's Purse.



Project Initiatives include the following:

- animals, agriculture
- Canadian disaster relief
- education and training
- human trafficking prevention
- International crises
- water projects
- women's projects



They are best known for their Operation Christmas Child program, which was started in 1993. That year they provided 28,000 boxes to needy children. In 2022 the worldwide total was 209 million.

This year in Calgary, they expect to provide 450,000 boxes. For this they require 11,000 to 12,000 volunteers.

Samaritan's Purse has deployed 14 field hospitals and cared for 50,000 patients, while performing 2,500 surgeries. Hospitals are set up within 72 hours of disasters.

President Anthony thanked Randy with presentation of polio certificate.



## ShelterBox News

from Dale Perret, Ambassador for Southern Alberta

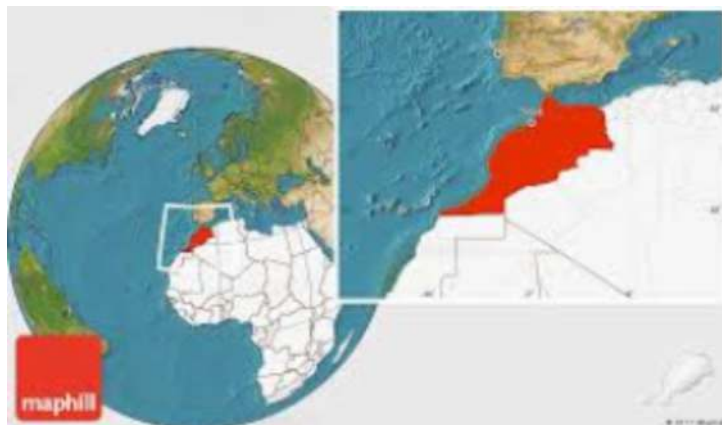
### UPDATE: Morocco

ShelterBox is responding in Morocco, supporting thousands of people left homeless by the earthquake. We're working hard to get tents, thermal blankets, solar lights, and kitchen sets to communities without adequate shelter in mountain villages. These villages have largely been reduced to rubble, leaving people with little option but to sleep in the open or communal tents.

We're liaising closely with the government, local authorities, and our Rotary network to support people living in remote areas who have been left with very little.

Morocco hasn't seen a crisis on this scale for a long time, so we're taking the necessary steps to get our aid into the country – and that takes time. We have response team members here with supply chain expertise, navigating the necessary logistics to get aid into the country and to the people we're supporting. There are large distances between mountain villages and getting aid to the people we are supporting will be challenging. Some roads in the mountains are still partially blocked by rubble and aftershocks are continuing. Winter is coming. It poses a threat to communities higher in the mountains who have been left without adequate shelter.

Our aid items are designed to be used for months not weeks, and we are using our experience of responding to earthquakes in colder winter climates – like in Türkiye – to shape this response.



## 'Skip the Depot' Fundraiser

SAVE your  
EMPTIES!

BOTTLE DRIVE

Members and Friends, here's your chance to clear out that corner of your garage! Drop off your bottles/cans in Tonkinsons' driveway anytime **before October 25th !**

The address is **12119 Lake Louise Way SE**, in the community of **Lake Bonavista**. (phone # 403 271 4026)

Please put your bottles in plastic bags ... the bigger the better! Consider reaching out to family, friends and neighbours to increase your collection! Please tag your bags with our code: 5ZLQ.

OR, if easier, as long as the bags are clean you can take it to any meeting and transfer them to either the Tonkinson car or Paul Gaudet's car .

**Special thanks to Bev and Anthony for once again hosting the pick up site at their home.**

My mother taught me ESP.  
"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

My father taught me HUMOUR.  
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.  
"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My mother taught me GENETICS.  
"You're just like your father."

My mother taught me WISDOM.  
"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

I have reached out to Rotary Challenger Park for general information as I have signed on to be their contact with Chinook this year. While the report is dated from last spring, I thought the initial report by their Chair might be interesting for our e-Arch.

Paul Gaudet



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## A YEAR IN REVIEW - 2022 MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Well, we are one year older and we hope one year wiser, as we distance ourselves from the pandemic! Challenger Park continues to play a positive role in our communities. Below is a brief summary of some of the significant highlights in our key results areas for 2022:

### Facility Utilization

2022 saw us continuing our recovery from our pandemic numbers. We welcomed 75,859 visits (53,651 in 2021) to the park. From June to December, our visits were within 5% of our pre-pandemic numbers in 2019.

### Financial Sustainability

We continue to achieve a surplus budget. 2022 was our 17th consecutive year of achieving this financial milestone. However, as with most investors we were not as fortunate with our return on our Reserves. In 2022, we took a step backwards, but as of the first half of 2023, we appear to be on the road to recovering.

We also endeavoured to undertake as much of our lifecycle work as possible. Our operation's "green" component (solar system on the roof top of the Ball Complex) generated 26.93MWh of power (27.23MWh in 2021), saving 51,605 kg. of CO2 emissions (41,142 kg. of CO2 emissions in 2021) which is equivalent to planting 1,540 trees (1,228 trees in 2021).

Our successful partnership with Pattison Outdoor Signs, regarding our large Digital Message Super Board (along southbound Metis Trail) continues to produce a stable and reliable revenue stream for the Society. As well, through this advertising medium, the Park, Rotary District 5360, and the Rotary clubs in Calgary, have benefited from the increased visibility this advertising medium gives us to the general public.

As for our 2nd land parcel (adjacent to the Park's SW boundary), we continued to market it through our Realtor, to the broader development community. We are seeing more and more interest as the market distances itself from the pandemic. As much as we have not secured a Developer as of yet, we were successful in achieving the removal of a 2nd development constraint from our land parcel (a pipeline traversing the property), at no cost to the Park thanks to our friends with Trans Northern Pipeline. By having this done, a future developer will be in a better position to maximize as much of the lands' square footage as possible and, in turn, the Park will maximize its return on the land's value. This development opportunity remains one of the Park's most important long-term strategies in furthering its move to being more financially self-sustainable. Patience continues to be a very important virtue on this project ... so please stay tuned!

### Community Involvement

As with our "Facility Utilization" key result area, this area has begun to recover from the effects of the pandemic. Community special events and some of our larger sporting events have

returned, however the usage by the disability community still remains a challenge. So, this latter area will be a focal point going forward.

We continued to support our surrounding communities as much as possible by having facilities like our tennis court and track open for drop in use (at no cost), along with supporting some disability-based groups, such as Challenger Little League, in subsidizing their rental of the Park, via our Everyone Can Play Fund (ECPF). Thanks to our loyal supporters we were able to continue to build up the ECPF, as we prepare to welcome more of these organizations back to the Park. As well, we continue to be very proud to be the home of Rotary District 5360's administrative office.

2022 also saw the return of our very popular Family Day, and despite the cool weather we still had nearly 1,000 people join us for our event. We once again hosted our 16th Annual Charity Golf Tournament and were able to raise nearly \$50,000 thanks to our players and sponsors. In 2023, we hope to build on our Family Day's success and deliver another successful 17th Annual Calgary International Airport Tournament of Diamonds Charity golf tournament (August 23rd, at The Hampton's Golf and Country Club).

I want to take this opportunity, as I step down from the Board, to say a sincere THANK YOU to all of you that have, and continue to, support this amazing facility. Your loyalty and dedication as advocates, volunteers, staff, members, user groups and/or funders, has been and continues to be, phenomenal. It is only with your continued support and belief in the original vision of the Park as a place "Where Everyone Can Play", that allows us to have confidence in the belief that the park will continue to be here for future generations. As well, I would be remiss, if I did not thank my fellow Directors, and our staff (of two) for their support and assistance, over the years.

Best wishes to all ... hopefully I will see you all at the Park

*Toby Oswald-Felker, Board Chair*



## Economic and Community Development Month

October 17th  
Now til October 24th  
October 26th

Dan and Marlene Doherty — 'Homes of Hope' 2024  
Fall Bottle Drive — drop off your empties in Tonkinsons's driveway, 12119 Lake Louise Way SE  
or bring clean bags of them to a meeting  
Evening Meeting at Village Brewery, 5000 - 12A Street SE, 5:30 - 7pm

## Rotary Foundation Month

November 7th  
November 11th  
November 21st

Foundation Committee Presentation  
Rotary Remembers 2023  
Club General Assembly



## Grand Opening Event

A big thank you to Earls at Southcentre for inviting Rotary Chinook to join your Grand Opening Party. We had such a great time, it was so nice to see our donors and supporters out and about. The staff was amazing and the food was delicious. Looking forward to working with everyone and our mission of supporting Rotary!

*Sharon Fraiman*



## Rotary Remembers 2023

**Remembrance Day Lunch**  
**November 11th, 10.30am @ the Carriage House**

Rotary Remembers 2023 is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th, at 10:30 at the Carriage House Inn. We will hear a timely address by speaker Dr. Stéphane Guevremont, the reading of Club Honour Rolls, the Moment of Silence, a Rotary Family War Story, and lunch. The committee has been working for a couple of weeks to put the details in place that will make this year's event one to remember. Last year's keynote speaker and Rotarian Jim Hennessey will be the M.C.



Dr. Stéphane Guevremont's address is titled, "UKRAINE AND THE WORLD: The International War". He will talk about the international ramifications of the Ukraine-Russia war, and describe conflicts-of-interest emerging between various nations since the war began. He will discuss political intrigues, corruption, and other forces at play regarding energy, food supplies, and other impacts on world economies. He will also explain the unique organizational structure of the Ukrainian army, which differs from that of Canada, the USA, and Britain. Of particular interest, he will provide an overview of the International Brigades made up of volunteers from neutral nations, and various anti-Russian countries in the region.

For tickets go to 'Click for Tickets'. The registration/ticket purchasing form is on the District 5360 website. Tickets are \$50 each. Friends, family, and former Rotarians are welcome!

Registration deadline: Sunday, November 5th, 10:00 pm  
For further information contact Doug Hood, Chair, at [hoodfinancial@shaw.ca](mailto:hoodfinancial@shaw.ca)

Last year 185 attended the event. Due to the timeliness and relevance of Dr. Guevremont's keynote, we may exceed that number. Why not use the event to introduce potential members to your club? We can accommodate 300 people.

