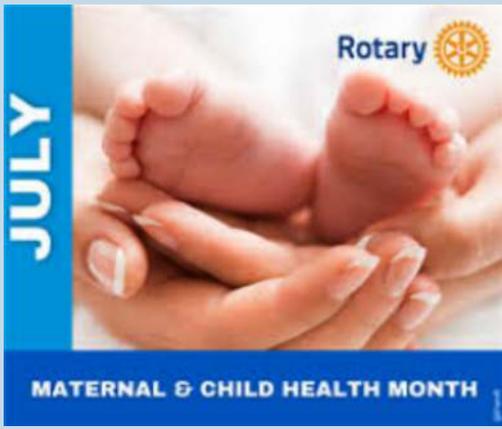




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Passing of the Gavel Meeting

July 8th, 2025

Scribe: Tammy Truman



Welcome to the Latest Edition of Chinook Rotary Arch!

Thank you for joining us for a new year of Rotary. The mission of this bi-monthly Arch is to keep you updated with the latest news, inspiring stories, and essential updates about our Rotary Club. Whether you're a long-time member or a newcomer, we're delighted to bring you a collection of news, pictures and upcoming events.

We had 30 members and 4 guests to start the new Rotary Year. We love when our members show up, but please be courteous and let Geroge VS know so that the Carriage House catering department is prepared. Huge shout-out to them for quickly making 8 more meals in very short order.

Rob Wolfson President Extra-ordinaire gave his final speech before passing on the baton to our new President Wayne Wiebe.



Here is Rob's final wrap up:

Year End Update

Youth Services

Youth Camps

- we sent 2 students to RYPEN (spring 2025)
- we sent \$2,000 to support RAYEC (Rotary Alberta Youth Entrepreneurship Camp)
- Ron May is working at rebuilding our relationship with our Interact clubs which have fallen off post COVID at EP Scarlett and Henry Wisewood schools
- Mentorship Program with Farview School at Roots 2 STEM ... had 13 to 18 kids per session. With Roots 2 STEM closing, the youth committee will be looking for alternatives for this program.
- Fairview Mentorship Programs – kicked off in January with 13 - 18 students from Fairview School attending Roots 2 STEM each session. However with R2S closing, Dean will be exploring ways to continue this program next year.

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The Rotary of Calgary Chinook Bursary \$1,000.00 (7 schools)

- *Note: our mandate for selecting a student is that they show effort in their academic achievements but as, if not more important, is their contribution to their community and/or schools in Service Above Self. The selection of the recipient is determined by the school (teacher/councillor) based on this expectation.*

Alternative High School	Ray SalmonWallace
Dr E.P. Scarlett Hight School	Ben Turner
Henry Wise Wood High School	Kasra Ghassemi Nafchi
Janes Fowler High School	Amena Katawazi
John G. Diefenbaker High School	Cosima Tan
Lord Beaverbrook High School	Andrew Gimbel
Our Lady of the Rockies	Ysabella Espiritu Dela Cruz

The Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook — Father Greg McLellan Bursary \$2,000.00

(Father Greg was Charter President of our Club)
 St Mary's University Natalie Ojijo

Community Service

- Meals On Wheels – Monty
- Millarville events
- Ribfest
- Big Book Sale parking
- Casino – both our own plus to help out Millarville
- Ronald McDonald House and Mustard Seed meals
- The International Convention

Plus many members help out individually outside of club opportunities

Local Donations \$12,500

- Distress Centre
- Acadia Food Pantry
- PaceKids Society
- Unison Seniors
- Homespace
- \$10,000 from Calgary Reads Big Book Sale to the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) ... a very worthy recipient

International Community Service

- RACHEL (Remote Area Community Hotspot for Education and Learning) is a portable, battery-powered, device that contains copies of educational websites in offline format.
- Water and Sanitation Project in Quiacqix, Guatemala: The Rotary Club of Heritage Park
- Cambodia Literacy Project (CLIP 3 and 4):
 We have agreed to be a Supporting Club with Rotary Club Calgary for the (CLIP4) literacy project and our supporting grant application has been approved by District 5360 DG Manon Mitchell
- Ayuda a Caminar/Help Walking Project in Colombia:
 We provided sponsorship funds for the Caminar/Help Walking project. It involves the acquisition of equipment and treatment of club foot disabilities for children.
- All Schools Project – Mexico AGLC approved an expenditure of \$ 3,000 (40198 MXN pesos) of Casino funds to go toward equipment and supplies for some very needy schools in Mexico.
- Tonkinsons – took suitcases full of school supplies to Mexico with Sydney Richmond (by PV)

Menstrual Health Management Project in the Dominican Republic:

This is now complete. The purpose of the project was to provide 3,800 girls with much needed Menstrual Health education and reusable hygiene kits.

Thank you to Graham Boone for his years of service as our ICS and grant guru. Neil Beatty is nervous as your shoes are a size 10 and he is only a size 8!

Club Financial

CRCF — Lead Rob Wolfson

- Donations to CRCF totaled \$4,225. The total value of our portion of the overall fund is \$318,000 as of Feb 28/2025. Last year's distribution was \$12,974. Our cheque for 2026 will be \$14,544.

All payments go straight into our Society. This is a very worthwhile exercise since earnings continue annually as it is a permanent fund.

All recent club members should be encouraged to participate, and can sign up for monthly giving at a very reasonable amount (as little as \$20per month).

TRF — Lead John Charrett

All numbers for TRF are reported in US \$.

Our goal for this year was to raise \$10,000 for the annual fund. Total giving attributed to our club was:

Annual Fund	\$6,946.89
Polio Plus	\$2,214.26
Endowment Fund	\$424,162.65

(Note \$2,500 from Graham Hoard a past member, and balance a very generous donation in our club's name by Bruce and Pat Williams. This is a permanent fund like CRCF and will contribute to Rotary on an annual ongoing basis.

Again, members should note that monthly giving is the easiest way to support TRF.

Recognition Awards for the year are as follows:

- Terry Craig (a past member who continues to support TRF in our club's name) reached PHF +5
- Bev Tonkinson reached PHF +3
- John Charrett reached PHF +4

Although not yet awarded, the club elected to award a PHF to Scott Orban manager of McKenzie Meadows Golf Club with an honorary PHF for services rendered to our club. Graham Boone will shortly be given a PHF +3 for his services to our club as leader of the International Service Committee after he steps down at the end of this Rotary year.

Casino — Thank you to Leads Joe Hooper and Bruce Bohnet We held a successful Casino this Rotary year on Aug 26-27th, 2024 with the willing support of club volunteers as well as third party assistance.

We made \$90k from this casino and should have our next dates in the spring to summer 2026.

General Fund Raising — Leads Bev Tonkinson and Garth Plunkett

We had a successful year in exceeding our modest goal of \$10,000.

We completed our final Ribfest and gained income of \$8,000. We followed this with the Catto concert at the Ranchmans which garnered us \$5,750.

We supported the Calgary Rotary Club at their annual Book Sale by providing parking volunteers. \$10,000 was our reward and was placed into our Society. These funds came with strict

instructions as to their disbursement. Negotiations were held with the organizers and next year's results should be able to go to general club revenues for us to determine how to use the funds.

The committee explored other fundraising opportunities but none came to fruition.

The team is now developing another Ranchmans event. Chase the Ace generated \$2,792 for the club during this Rotary year

Membership

As proposed, we executed a fantastic membership drive evening meeting in March. The meeting itself was a great event and although no prospects joined subsequently, we should continue to make this an annual meeting.

- 2 new members: Haim Fraiman and Kim Levenson
- 2 more approved by the board at our June meeting; to be inducted on July 22nd: Bob Levenson and Rob Dempsey

Not renewing: Alex Soutar, Graham Boone and Garth Sabirsh

Fun Fellowship meetings:

- I mentioned in my opening goals to continue offering a variety of meeting dates and times in addition to our regular more formal business meetings
- Our Thursday pub meetings were consistently well attended (mostly at The Pointe Pub in Oak Bay Plaza) and will continue as a fun casual fellowship focused meeting.
- We brought back Lager at the Legion on the second Tuesday of the months from January through April, which is also well attended providing casual fellowship.
- In addition, we had some great evening dinners at Village Brewery Taproom, which was a joint meeting with Calgary East, and ethnic dinners at Karma and Broken Plate.
- Lastly our Christmas party was at The Grey Eagle Casino buffet, and it was a very enjoyable celebration of the Holiday season complete with musical entertainment.
- We had two off-site meetings: at The Inn at Officer's Garden, and at Milarville Racing & Agricultural Society
- Rotary International Convention
We had about 1/3 of our members attend the 2025 RI Convention here in Calgary. In addition, we had many volunteers assist in many areas throughout the week to welcome our local and international visitors.

A special shout out to Hank Popoff and Anthony Tonkinson for working on Host Organizing Committee Volunteers Committee as the Calgary airport leads. Myself, I was also on the HOC Volunteers Committee for the volunteer training.

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Treasurer

Ending the year with \$53,450 in our general funds, and \$96,400 in our casino account.

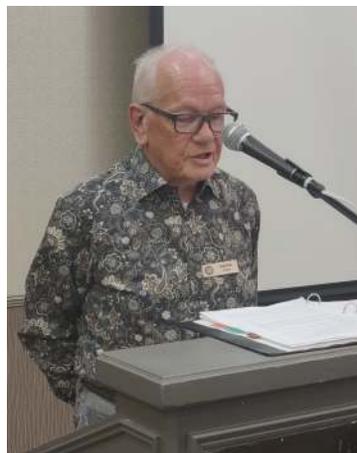
General Thanks

Stephen and Anne Pick — e-Arch
 Paul Hussey — House and Greeters
 Paul and Monty — Scribes
 George Van Schaik — coordinating with CHI and RSVP's
 Neil and Hank — taking payment collections

Lastly Thank You to my Board

Secretary Dale, Treasurer Vlad, Peter B, Keith W, Brennan P, Pam M, Dean W, Sharon F, Anthony T, PE, Wayne Wiebe

Passing the Gavel



Wayne Wiebe accepted the President's Pin and said a few words about Rob.

"Special thanks to Rob for leading us through what has sometimes been a difficult year. Rob has an amazing ability to wear a number of hats as President of our club, District 5360 Chair of Learning and Development, Vice Chair of Calgary Rotary Foundation, and finding time to arrange interesting pub nights. He is also a competitive bowler and coach, all while continuing to

advise his clients as a financial advisor with Scotia Macleod. Thanks, Rob, for all that you have done, and continue to do as a Rotarian. I have no idea how he finds time to do everything in addition to continuing in his quest to learn how to play the guitar. I'm just tired telling you how Rob spends his days!!"

Spotlight Story Wayne Wiebe – UNITE FOR GOOD

At our recent RI Convention, President Francesco Arezzo said "We begin this year with a clear message: Unite for Good. It is a simple phrase, but a powerful one, because behind every successful Rotary effort, every act of service, every new member welcomed, every global challenge met ... there are 2 things that matter most: friendship and trust.

This calls on Rotary members to a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology. Through service projects, rotary brings together people of every background across races, religions and professions in a shared mission to do good in their communities.

I recently read an article talking of Service above Self, which spoke about the object of Rotary which is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and to encourage and foster.

First — The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service

Maternal and Child Health Month

July 22nd Regular meeting
 July 25th Okotoks Dawgs baseball game, first base patio booked



Membership and New Club Development Month

August 5th Members' thoughts about RI Convention highlights
 August 19th Annual Nature Park meeting, sandwiches from MacKenzie Meadows GC

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Second — High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition

Third — The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life

Fourth — The advancement of international understanding and goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Rotarian code of conduct states that:

As a Rotarian I will:

- Act with Integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
- Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
- Use my skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and work to improve people's quality of life in my community.
- Lastly, avoid behaviour that reflects adversely on Rotary and other Rotarians."

Wayne then had his current Board of Directors join him at the podium:

Secretary Dale Perret, Treasurer Vlad Sasserma, President Elect Keith Wellon, Past President Rob Wolfson, Club Service Neil Beatty, Club Financial Peter Bickham, Membership Sharon Fraiman, Club Operations Brennan Pell, International Service Bev Tonkinson, Community Service Ted Wada

Wayne encouraged all members to volunteer for 3 or 4 committees that would be of interest, and to return the sheets asap so that directors can establish their committees and can hit the ground running no later than September 1st.

Wayne's goals for this year are simple:

To make this Rotary year a fun and meaningful year for each

member of the club, keeping in mind that one of our prime objectives is to seek out and introduce prospective new members to Chinook Cub. Sharon can not do this alone and needs each of us to help her.

July Birthday Babies

Bart Dailley, Jim Thompson, Bob Montgomery, Bev Tonkinson

July Wedding Anniversaries

Bart & Barbara Dailley 54 Years, Bruce & Bernice Bohnet 53 years, Paul & Betty Gaudet 51 years, Ron and Lise May 29 years, Brennan & Sarah Pell 12 years

Upcoming Events

- July 22 at Carriage House ... Induction of new members and overview of Club Runner
- Vlad will be hosting a Romanian BBQ at his house on August 9th. More details coming soon.

Health & Wellness

Sorry to hear 3 of our members/spouses have had various mishaps, and are now nursing various broken wings. Speedy recovery to Paul Gaudet, Lila Stevens and Lois Beatty

Chase the Ace

Tammy was unsuccessful in picking the Ace, and this week's winner Dale Perrett won the weekly, but she too did not find the Ace. Look out next time as pot is close to \$3000 and still up for grabs with only 11 Cards left!!

Final Thoughts

Enjoy the rest of Stampede and stay safe!
 Thank you for reading this issue of Chinook's e-Arch.

