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Rotary and Polio Plus Madeleine King, Assistant District Governor

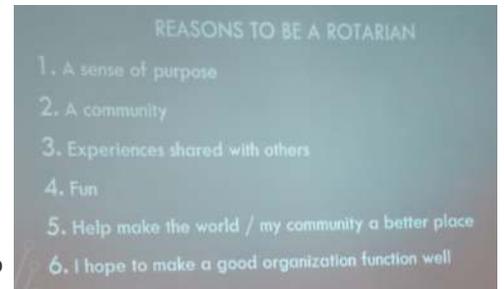


Madeleine King, our Assistant District Governor was introduced by Tammy. Madeleine is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Calgary, and brings a wealth of leadership to her current role as ADG. She was a Calgary Alderman from 2001 to 2007, a governance certified corporate Director, lawyer, graduate studies in environmental design at the University of Calgary, and wide ranging experience as a land use and civic affairs consultant, business owner, mediator and fundraising consultant.

Madeleine is married to Bob Taylor, also a Rotarian, and they live in Calgary and Canmore. Between them, they have five children and eight grandchildren. They enjoy Rotary commitments and friendships, cycling, hiking, being arts patrons as well as international travel.

Madeleine's presentation today was based on four subjects:

- a personal introduction
- her ADG role
- being a Rotarian
- Polio Plus



The personal introduction is somewhat covered in Tammy's introduction but includes the fact that she came to Calgary in 1981 to practice law, and also to provide the opportunity for her family life. She joined Rotary in 2001, and once her Alderman career was completed in 2007, she has become a very active Rotarian.

Her ADG role began at the Singapore Convention where she was advised that Rotary was seeking more ADGs, which resulted in her volunteering to participate in this role. She currently is responsible as ADG for assisting Calgary East, the Airdrie Club and Calgary Chinook. She told us about the Airdrie club, which was going through some difficult times, however they encouraged the Club to give it another try so they found a new President, and two weeks ago Madeleine advises that they inducted six new members. One of the changes that was effective was that they changed to an evening club rather than noon time, as many people in Airdrie are employed in the city of Calgary making it difficult for them to attend a luncheon meeting back in Airdrie.

Madeleine's Rotary stories include a Friendship Exchange to India where she met a Rotarian from Pincher Creek. This connection lead to her involvement with a global grant in India. Madeleine's Rotary Club financed the project, and *cont'd on page 4 ...*

2025-2026 Officers and Directors

Wayne Wiebe, President
Keith Wellon, President Elect
Rob Wolfson, Past President
Dale Perret, Secretary
Vlad Sasarman, Treasurer

Bev Tonkinson, International Service
Dean White, Youth Service
Ted Wada, Community Service
Neil Beatty, Club Service
Brennen Pell, Club Operations
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Sharon Fraiman, Membership
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President Wayne called our meeting to order at 12:15, welcoming all in attendance and leading us in singing O Canada.

Indigenous Fact

Leading up to Treaty 7

In the late 1800's, five nations were situated along the southern part of western Canada. These were the Siksika (Blackfoot), Kainai (Blood), Piikani (Peigan), Stoney-Nakoda and Tsuut'ina (Sarcee). These five nations owned their lands and used them for hunting grounds as well as for settlement areas. They were nomadic populations and freely followed the buffalo herds from which they gained many of their resources. Buffalo were the foundation of not only the economy of the people of the plains, but also of their culture and way of life. The buffalo provided the people of the plains with food, clothing and warmth, fuel, and sacred objects. Unfortunately, due to over hunting, the buffalo populations became greatly diminished. By 1879 the buffalo could no longer be found in significant numbers across the plains. This forced the people to pursue other ways of life in search of new sources of food.

Meanwhile, the Canadian government was pursuing the means to build a trans-nation railway, which necessitated the acquisition of land from the indigenous people. The government brought up the idea of a treaty to the indigenous people who resided on the land that was needed for the railway. The leaders of the plains were interested in the treaty for several reasons. Firstly, they were concerned about the direction in which the lives of their peoples were headed due to the reduced resources as described above. Secondly, they were concerned about diseases, such as smallpox, which were killing both the old and the young, and they were also concerned about the influx of American settlers and traders, and what this would mean for their communities. They saw the potential of a treaty as a way to associate themselves with the monarchy, and gain the government's protection of their land and resources before settlers could come and take the land from them. They trusted that the Queen and her people would do this for them, as the Northwest Mounted Police had done well in keeping American traders out of the Northwest Territories.

Club Business



We had 29 attendees at our meeting today, which included 2 guests ... our guest speaker (ADG Madeleine King) and long time former member Graham Boone. Our guests were introduced by Bruce Bohnet and welcomed with our



'Welcome to Rotary' song.

Member Minutes

• Millarville Christmas Market



Rob thanked all our volunteers who stepped up to park cars over the next two weekends at Millarville. We are developing a good relationship with this organization which will serve us well with our fundraising.

• CRCF

Rob then brought up the subject of the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation for which he is Chinook's representative. This Foundation collects donations from many of the Calgary and area Rotarians, invests the funds through chosen advisers, and then disburses the interest earned each year to the various Clubs, based on their total level of donations over the years. These funds are then donated to numerous Calgary focussed charities. Rob asks that our members consider donating to this foundation so its annual interest earned (currently at the \$14,000 level) will continue to grow. It is also possible to use a monthly automatic withdrawal donation if this is more convenient.

• Nomination Committee

Rob reported that we are currently seeking nominations for four Directors, a Secretary and a President Elect for the 2025/2026 Rotary year. If you would be interested in any of these roles, kindly contact Rob.

• Salvation Army



Ted Wada advised that all our shifts have been filled and he thanks everyone who has volunteered. He will be sending around a summary of the shifts as a reminder.

• Mustard Seed

Ted has requested that our members consider donating personal hygiene items for the homeless as outlined in the list he has circulated via a recent ClubRunner email. He plans on delivering these items to the Mustard Seed after our November 18th regular meeting. Kindly bring your bagged donations to this meeting so Ted can see that they are delivered.

• Paul Harris Fellowship

John Charrett presented a PHF +3 pin to Graham Boone. This presentation has been originated by our Club, using its points, in appreciation to Graham for his long and very successful management of our International Rotary Project Donation Program. Even in years when our Club did not have a significant amount of funds available for international projects, Graham always found a way that we could use our District Grant funds to participate with other clubs in some wonderful and



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very needed projects around the world. We truly appreciate Graham's expertise and guidance through this important area of service.

John also reminded us that November is Rotary's Foundation month and noted that 37 of our current membership of 47 are Paul Harris Fellows (having donated \$1,000 USD to an area of the Rotary Foundation). Anyone interested in donating to this Foundation can contact John for assistance if needed.

Several of our members will be visiting the home of former member Alex Soutar this week to present a PHF pin as he continues to support our Foundation and is not feeling so well lately.

• **Birthdays and Anniversaries**



Anthony announced our 6 birthdays for November: Sandy Swan on the 4th, Rob Wolfson on the 11th, John McBean and Moe Tynan, both on the 23rd, Ted Wada on the 27th, and Dean White on the 28th.

We have one spousal birthday during November; Eeva White on the 5th.

We have two anniversaries during the month of November: Ted and Grace Wada celebrate 53 years on the 25th, and Bob and Kim Levenson celebrate 38 years on the 27th.

We also noted 6 anniversaries of joining Rotary; John McBean (46 yrs), Moe Tynan (33 yrs), Jim Hennessey (25 yrs), Pam Montgomery (3 yrs), Brennen Pell (2 yrs) and Keith Wellon (2 yrs).

Congratulations and best wishes to all!



• **Sunshine Report**

Tammy has been able to locate John McBean as he had recently moved to a different care home. He is now located at Age Care Seton, 4963 Front St SE, 6th floor, Room 6157. The best time to visit him is around 2 PM, which seems to be a good window for a quick visit.

Wayne reported that Jim Thompson remains unable to walk due to ankle issues. We wish Jim the best for a speedy recovery

so we can see him back at our meetings.

Pat Hutchinson asked that a replacement volunteer be located to replace him as our 'Health of the Club' reporter as he has been doing the job for many years.

• **Chase the Ace**

Our daily winner was Stephen Pick who won \$72 as we currently have 24 players. Our Club earns \$92 per draw. The Ace of Spades was not selected so our pot continues to grow.



Guest Speaker

Madeleine King, our Assistant District Governor was introduced by Tammy.

Dates to Remember

- November 11th 'Rotary Remembers' at the Carriage House doors open 10am and ceremony starts 10:30am
- November 18th Regular Meeting at the Carriage House Speaker will be Charlotte Dempsey



Wayne asked everyone to stand and join in reciting Rotary's 4 Way Test.

Remember Rotary's Theme this year is 'Unite for Good'.

Have a great Rotary week! Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

Paul Harris Presentation

John Charest, Peter Bickham and I, met with Alex Soutar at his home, where John presented Alex with his Paul Harris +8 pin. We had a short visit where Alex served coffee!

Submitted by Wayne

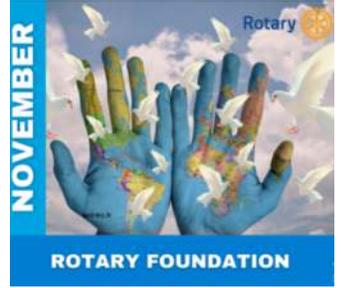


Rotary Foundation Month

November 18th Charlotte Dempsey — Charity Project
 November 21st & 22nd Volunteer: Christmas Kettles at Chinook Mall — contact Ted Wada
 November 27th Evening Meeting at the Pub — TBD

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 2nd Spencer Tonkinson — Real Estate End of the Year Review
 AGM and Election of Board Members for 2025/26
 December 3rd Annual Christmas Party @ the Carriage House with great food & entertainment!
 December 16th District Governor Manon Mitchell — Christmas Music



Rotary and Polio Plus

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she had the opportunity of visiting the hospital they helped in India. She also was involved with an international project taking place in Uganda, where she worked with AIDS patients keeping them in their communities and providing education. They also were involved with assisting a new hospital in Uganda which didn't have sufficient hospital beds or equipment. Madeline's

club successfully filled two shipping containers with beds and other furniture and equipment, and sent it to the hospital in Uganda.

Madeleine advised that being a Rotarian gives her a sense of purpose and a sense of community. Sharing experience with others is a wonderful part of Rotary and she also wishes to help make the world and her community a better place. She hopes that she can help make Rotary function well.

Madeleine's interest and involvement with Rotary's Polio Plus Campaign also began in Singapore, when she met a lady who risked her life and reputation in Pakistan making sure people are vaccinated for Polio.

There was a virtual reality show at our own convention on the subject of Polio, and they are trying to arrange to have it available for our own District Conference next spring. The biggest message in the area of Polio is that we have to finish the job. Together with the Bill Gates Foundation, which continues to match Rotary's

investment on a two to one basis, we can eradicate polio completely.

Madeleine is a Polio Plus Society member which means that she has committed to donate a minimum of \$100 USD per year to Polio Plus until Polio is finally erased. She encourages all Rotarians to consider becoming a member.

Madeleine wrapped up her presentation by presenting a Certificate to our Club noting our donation to the District's 'End Polio Now' campaign.

Anthony thanked our speaker and presented her with our Certificate of Appreciation noting our donation to Rotary's PolioPlus program in appreciation of her presentation.



Election of Board Members

Tuesday December 2nd, 2025
 will be our Annual General Meeting and
 Election of Board Members for 2026-27



The AGM will consist of Rotary year 2024-25 Financial Statements, as well as Activity Reports by Board Members.

Elections will be held for President Elect, and 4 Directors for the 2026-27 Rotary year. Nominations are open and if interested in joining as one of the above, please contact President Wayne Wiebe at waynepb2k@gmail.com

The success and effectiveness of our Club is dependent on your participation and we look forward to your attendance.

