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District 5360 Governor Manon Mitchell
Rotary Club of Calgary Downtown

District 5360 Manon Mitchell, District Governor



Paul G introduced Manon Mitchell, District 5360 Governor. She is a member of the Downtown Club, and has served as its President, as well as with Sarcee Club.



Beyond her Rotary responsibilities, Manon is also a musician, performing in a violin duet called Palladio. She is tri-lingual in English, French, and Music. She enjoys travelling and “doing Rotary” with husband Kurt. Together they have 4 children and 2 grandchildren. In winter, she plays in the Calgary Symphony and skis. In summer, she is found in her veggie garden and kayaking.

She began with a bit about herself. She is originally from Montreal and received her advanced education in Information Technology. She moved to Hamilton in 1980 to teach Tech at McMaster.

In 1990 she became a Calgarian and worked in the Oil Patch teaching computer programming. With her violin mastery, she joined the Calgary Symphony in 1993.

Manon says her favourite word is “YES”, as it has led to many wonderful things, including the symphony, skydiving, home building in Mexico, and a myriad of activities in Rotary.



Her Action Plan for District 5360 includes 3 priorities:

- increasing impact
- expanding reach
- improving engagement.

The slides of her presentation are included.

Hank thanked her for her enthusiastic presentation. *presentation on page 3 ...*



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Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

Greeter: George K

Attendance: 25 including guests: Manon Mitchell (DG), Kurt Kowalchuk (Past DG), Madeline King (Assistant DG), and Gordon Juricic (Rob)



Chase the Ace
Michael S won \$69.
The Ace lives for another day!



Announcements

- Anthony - reminder of the Summer Round Up, our fund raiser to be held on Tuesday, September 30th at Ranchmans.
- Hank - his wife Janet is a day, year, and a decade older today!

Speaker

Paul G introduced today's speaker, Manon Mitchell, District 5360 Governor.

Prez Wayne closed the meeting with The 4 Way Test.



Hull's Wood Social September 10th



UNITE FOR GOOD



Manon Mitchell, DG 2025-2026

Rotary District 5360
Calgary and Western Saskatchewan

Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves



Francesco Arezzo
Unite For Good

TODAY'S DG MESSAGE

- A bit about me
- Rotary Action Plan
- Our District's Vision + Call to Action



Carle Duguid
My Sponsor



Rotary Club of Calgary Sarcee 2010




GLOBAL GRANTS AROUND THE WORLD



Dominican Republic – Empowering girls
Cambodia – Early Childhood Literacy

The ROTARY ACTION PLAN



The ROTARY ACTION PLAN

IMPACT REACH ENGAGE ADAPT



As People of Action we make decisions grounded in evidence

Priority 1
Increase Our Impact



Inclusion Alberta
Rotary Employment Partnership




November 1 2025 - Polio Fundraiser featuring Ramesh Ferns



DISTRICT'S VISION: WORK THE ACTION PLAN

- Polio Plus Society Members 54 to 108
- Polio event November 1st in Calgary

As People of Action we are inclusive, engaging, compassionate, and ambitious on behalf of the world.

Priority 2
Expand Our Reach




Calgary Chinook Membership

Starting Membership: 42
Avg. Attrition rate: 0.0%
Avg. Attrition rate: 0.0%
Avg. Net gain/loss rate: -0.0%

What's Your Club's Membership Goal?

Problem(s) to solve: Ineffective Attrition



DISTRICT'S VISION: WORK THE ACTION PLAN

- 100% Clubs have a membership goal (17 out of 43 have set a goal)
- Work with your Assistant Governor
- Membership Action Plan

As People of Action we create meaningful relationships across decades and continents.

Priority 3
Enhance Participant Engagement



Engage

STEP 1: Address an envelope to yourself MAILING ADDRESS PLEASE (not your email address)

Your Name
Street Address
City/Town, AB
Postal Code

Engage

STEP 2: In an addressed envelope, write kind words or message of hope or congratulations of something POSITIVE to a fellow Rotarian. Put it in the mail THIS WEEK



DISTRICT'S VISION: WORK THE ACTION PLAN

- Write and Send your card today
- GREAT District Conference! MAY 1, 2, 3
- RED DEER!
- Amazing speakers!
- Lots of FUN!
- Great Fellowship!

As People of Action we seek new perspectives and new ideas that can strengthen Rotary and create lasting change.

Priority 4
Increase Our Ability to Adapt



What small changes can we explore?



DISTRICT'S VISION: WORK THE ACTION PLAN

- District Committee's Terms of Reference
- Review Policies
- Refresh our Strategic Plan

DISTRICT LEADERS: CLUB SUPPORT

Support Clubs

- 47 Clubs
- 43 Rotary Clubs
- 4 Rotaract Clubs

Governance District Board: 6 directors, DG Stream, Secretary and Treasurer

15 Committees/Key Contact Roles
13 Assistant Governors

Call to Action

- Nov 1 Polio Fundraiser
- May 123 District Conference
- Invite a friend to Rotary
- Suggest a change to make your club irresistible







Official Canadian Temperature Conversion Chart

- 109.9° Fahrenheit (-78.5° C) Carbon dioxide freezes, makes dry ice.· Canadians pull down their earflaps.
- 173° Fahrenheit (-114° C)..... Ethyl alcohol freezes.· Canadians get frustrated when they can't thaw the keg.
- 459.67° Fahrenheit (-273.15° C)..... Absolute zero; all atomic motion stops.· Canadians start saying "cold, eh?"
- 500° Fahrenheit (-295° C)..... Hell freezes over.· The Toronto Maple Leafs win the Stanley Cup



President Wayne called our meeting to order at 12:15, welcoming all in attendance and leading us in singing O Canada.

Wayne opened our meeting by thanking those members who organized and conducted our recent "Summer Round Up" which took place at Ranchmans on September 30th (notably Rob, Bev, Sharon, Dale, Moe and Gordon).

Indigenous Fact



Keith Wellon told us that the Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action (CTAs) are a set of policy recommendations for government, schools, businesses and individuals in Canada to address the legacy of the Residential School System. The CTAs aim to aid healing by acknowledging the system's history, and implementing measures to prevent future abuses, promoting educational and economic opportunities for Indigenous Peoples and

ensuring they can participate fully in society. Key areas include child welfare, education, language and culture, health and justice with specific actions for all levels of government and society to achieve reconciliation.

Club Business

We had 32 attendees at our meeting today which included 5 guests: our guest speaker Lisa Hardie, two visiting Rotarians, Michael Colburne from the Rotary Club of Calgary and John Hickie from Millennium, Copeland Manzer from Inclusion Alberta, and Gordon Juricic (new member being inducted today). Our guests were introduced by Bob Montgomery and welcomed with our 'Welcome to Rotary' song.



Wayne thanked Paul for being our scribe today. He also thanked Bob Montgomery and Michael Spears, our Greeters today, and for making everyone feel welcome. He thanked Stephen and Anne for all they do for our Club, most notably the regular production of our e-Arch and Paul Hussey for organizing our greeters and set up. In addition we also wish to thank both Hank and Neil for operating our payment system.

New Member Induction:

Bob Montgomery presented the induction of our newest member, Gordon Juricic, who was given the Rotary Classification of Tour Guide. Gordon was welcomed by all in attendance.



Inclusion Alberta- Rotary Employment Partnership

Michael Colburne (Rotary Club of Calgary)

People with intellectual disabilities experience unemployment rates in excess of 80%. Inclusion Alberta's Rotary Employment Partnership is working to reverse this statistic. People with intellectual disabilities want to and can work. They just need the right opportunity. Those opportunities are being provided by Rotarians who are opening the doors of their networks and their businesses to create meaningful jobs, making dreams come true.

Like everyone else, people with intellectual disabilities have strengths, interests, talents, and abilities. Their talents and skills may surprise you as an employer. Inclusion Alberta and its community partners provide all the necessary assistance and follow-up to ensure success on the job.

To date, they have created over 630 meaningful jobs for adults with intellectual disabilities, with an average wage of more than \$17.00 per hour. Work sites include a wide array of companies from one-person businesses to large international firms ranging from office jobs to manufacturing and technology.

Michael introduced Copelan Manzer who works with Inclusion Alberta and will be helping our Club seek and set up new job opportunities referred by our members.

Michael is also seeking a volunteer from our Club to join their Board. Jim Hennessey has been doing this job until recently and a replacement is needed. Contact Wayne if you are interested in this opportunity.

Rotary Club of Calgary Millennium & History Matters

Jack Hickie, President of Millennium

Jack told us about their Club's presentation of "Gino" on October 11th at the Globe Theatre, 617 8th Avenue SW., at 7pm. This is the true story of Gino Farnetti-Bragaglia, a 5-year old Italian orphan, adopted by Canadian soldiers during World War Two.

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Some of the filming was on-site in Italy, with other shooting venues in Calgary and post-production work in Calgary. The film runs about 55 minutes, and Karen Storwick, a military historian and the film's producer, will provide a question-and-answer session immediately afterwards. They are presenting the film in conjunction with History Matters, a registered charity that works to preserve stories of Canada's Armed Forces. Costs of presenting the film and proceeds are shared by Rotary Club of Calgary Millennium and History Matters. Tickets are \$25 and available online: www.zeffy.com/ticketing/gino-a-child-of-war

Watch the YouTube Trailer and try not to cry www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCTi9C5jWvM

Rotary proceeds will be used to support the Veterans Food Bank in Calgary. Non-perishable food items are also welcome.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Bev announced our 7 birthdays for October: Paul Hussey and Keith Wellon share the 1st, Peter Bickham the 2nd, Michael Spears the 9th, Hank Popoff the 18th, John Charrett the 23rd, and Fred Jessee on the 24th.

We have two spousal birthdays during October: Grace Wada on the 26th, and Glenda Wellon on the 30th.

We have two anniversaries during the month of October: Hank and Janet Popoff celebrate 59 years on the 8th, and Garth and Barb Plunkett celebrate 53 years on the 7th.

We also noted three anniversaries of joining Chinook Rotary: Connie Hussey (6 yrs) and both Haim Fraiman and Kim Levenson reaching their one year anniversary.

Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Rotary Society AGM

Joe Hooper and Vlad Sasarman presented our Society AGM. A special motion was passed to allow Tammy to take on another term as Society Secretary.



The financial picture (\$38,000 in the bank) and donations (Big Brothers) were outlined, and the financial statement of June 30th, 2025 was approved by our membership.

Chase the Ace

We are beginning a new card deck and currently have 50 cards available. We will have three opportunities to choose the Ace of Spades this month, starting today. We have 23 players participating so our Club will be earning \$92 at each play, and the winner will win \$69 as well as the chance to select the



Ace and win the growing pot (currently \$199). Today's winner was Bob Montgomery and he missed the Ace.



Chinook's Summer Round Up

Rob thanked everyone who attended or otherwise supported this fundraising event. We had 78 attendees at this year's event (114 last year) and notwithstanding the smaller crowd, everyone had a good time, and most participated in our 50/50 and our silent auction (special thanks to Bev and Sharon for managing this activity). We raised \$1,700 for our service activities.

Guest Speaker

Lisa Hardie, re "Pictures on Pages"



Our guest speaker was introduced by Ron May. He noted that Lisa was a very energetic person who was a junior high school teacher for 20 years before deciding to retire and take on a new career as a Certified Photo Manager. She has become an expert in family photo legacy preservation. She works passionately at preserving family stories using the same process on your family collections as she uses on her own. She helps families from all walks of life to ensure that their family photos and memories are organized, protected, and easily shareable with the people that matter most. She specializes in helping clients not only manage and share their large photo collections, but also make space to record the stories that accompany their precious pictures.

Lisa noted that there is incredible power through pictures. Pictures can impact us all. They provide comfort and connection to family and friends. Generally, most families have their collection of photos spread out between photo albums, boxes, and other types of electronic devices. These are usually filed away in a cupboard or in a corner and rarely taken out to be seen. When the family photo collector passes on, it is difficult for someone else in the family to take on the responsibility of saving the collection. This is one of the reasons why it is worthwhile to review your existing collection and to change it into a digital collection, which is readily accessible for the enjoyment of everyone.

Lisa highlighted that this is a five step process with the first step being to gather all of the existing collection of photos and negatives. The second step is to preserve the collection and to choose the right equipment so it can be digitized by using scanners. It is important to back up the digitized collection by having three copies, including two different locations as well as in the cloud. The third step is to organize the collection by deleting duplicates and establishing the proper chronological order. Step four is to share the collection once it has been digitized and make

Community Economic Development Month

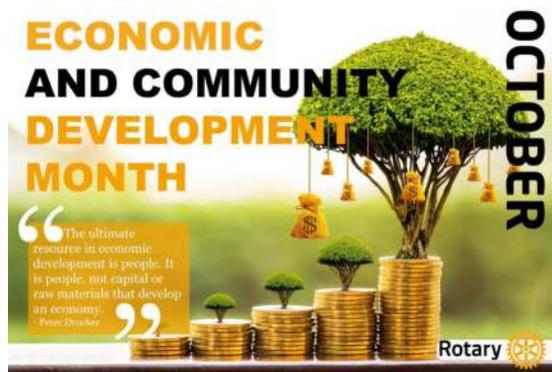
October 21st George Taven — Seeds Connection Program
 October 30th Evening Meeting at the Pub — 5:45 @ Blowers & Grafton
 70 Shawville Blvd SE 9by the Safeway in Shawnessy)

Rotary Foundation Month

November 4th Madeline King — Polio Plus
 November 11th Rotary Remembers 2025 at the Carriage House
 10am - 12pm, \$50 pp, Registration is live now
 on the District website
 November 18th Charlotte Dempsey — Charity Project
 November 27th Evening Meeting at the Pub — location TBD

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 2nd Spencer Tonkinson — Real Estate End of the Year Review
 December 3rd Annual Christmas Party @ the Carriage House with great food and entertainment!



Meeting Minutes

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it a gift for all the family who are interested. Step five is to maintain the collection with ongoing new photographs and be sure to back it up as changes are made including the cloud copy.

So what do you gain from taking on this reorganization? Lisa suggests that you achieve peace of mind, moments rediscovered, and stronger family connections. What is the next step? Start with one box of photos, schedule 30 minutes a week and begin the reorganization. Lisa has made a career of assisting families through this process.

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

Dates to Remember

October 14th Lager at the Legion for fellowship
 October 21st Regular Meeting at the Carriage House
 George Taven, Seeds Connection Program
 October 30th Fellowship event (details to be provided)



Thank You
 Keep in touch!



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Rotary Remembers



Rotary Remembers 2025

Date: November 11th
 Place: Carriage House Inn
 Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm



Christmas Party !!

Save the date !! - December 3rd

Our Annual Christmas Party will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 3rd at the Carriage House! Tammy is working on having a tremendous experience this year at a cost of \$50 each, which will include an interesting meal selection as well as some fantastic entertainment!

A great way to start off the Christmas season!

Stay tuned for more info!

