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Situation in Ukraine Gerry Garichuk, Past President, Calgary North Club



Our guest speaker, Gerry Garichuk, is from Saskatchewan. He has had several business careers including, teacher, farmer, business broker, and now owner of a plastics company.

Gerry spoke passionately about the situation in Ukraine, where he has visited during the war there. He has spent time at the front and lived in abandoned farm houses.

He has organized Rotary support for that embattled country. His first project was for emergency medical supplies. Following that, he has helped with the rehabilitation of war victims, including raising \$750 K for hospital support. He has recruited 14 Rotary clubs, who have financed 4 new hospitals. Local clubs involved include North, Downtown, Stampede, and Canmore.

The first Ukrainian family evacuees to Calgary were house guests of Garichuks. There are now 60,000 in Alberta, including 15,000 in Calgary.

Rotary's worldwide impact has provided schools and medical facilities. There are 12 projects developed by District 5360.

He provided a pictorial summary of conditions in Ukraine.

Paul G thanked Gerry and presented Polio Plus certificate.

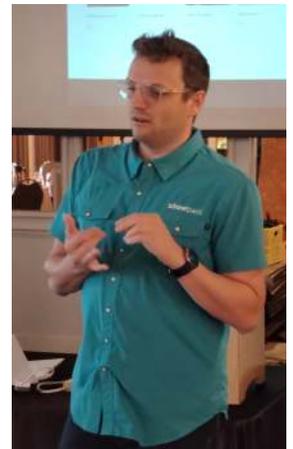


Showpass Luca McCarthy, Founder and CEO

Garth introduced our speaker, Luca McCarthy, founder and CEO of Showpass, North America's largest independent ticketing and Things-To-Do Discovery Platform.

Luca holds a Finance Degree from the U of C, and has been featured in A & R Magazine and IQ Magazine for his innovative approach to business. He has been honoured in Event Industry's top 40 under 40. He often speaks about entrepreneurship, technology and entertainment.

Lucas' first company was started when he was 14, and featured technology and grass mowing. Now, with Showpass, he describes it as a software company that sells tickets. It has grown to 100 employees and is located in Heritage Square.



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Greeters: Moe, Ted

Attendance: 33, including guests District Governor Manon Mitchell, Lois Beatty (Neil), Gordon Juric (Hank), Robert Dempsey (club), Bob Levenson (Kim)



Keith Wellon spoke on **Truth and Reconciliation**, which is a pillar of Rotary International. Chinook's committee includes Keith, Anthony, Stephen, Sharon, Brennan. Up to now it has only been committee involvement, but will now involve other members in opportunities.

Guests

Ted Wada introduced our guests and we welcomed them with our song.



Chase the Ace

Michael Spiers won the day prize of \$63, then drew the Ace of Spades to add \$2,800 to his bank account!!



Announcements

- Prez Wayne reported that District Governor Manon Mitchell's official visit will be September 16th.
- George VS reminded us to register for meetings in order for the chefs to have sufficient meals prepared. Today, an extra 6 members were not expected, and the kitchen was scrambling to provide lunches.
- Rob said there were 900 polo shirts left from the convention, which can be printed for our club - \$35. If interested, contact Rob.
- Ted expressed sincere appreciation for the club members' support concerning his grandson's untimely death.

Induction of Two New Members

Today we were delighted to induct 2 new members to our Club! Please welcome Robert Dempsey and Bob A. Levenson.



Speaker

Chinook member Dean White, provided a detailed look at ClubRunner Nova, which contains several new features. Contact him, or Stephen Pick, for assistance.



Prez Wayne closed the meeting with the 4 Way Test.

Tsuu T'ina Stampede Breakfast

Three Chinook Rotarians participated the indigenous breakfast at Tsuu T'ina police station. Keith Wellon, Haim Fraiman and myself went to support our neighbours. *by Sharon Fraiman*





Greeters: John C; Ron M

Attendance:

37, including guests — 7 Centennial Club members, 2 North Club members, Sanjay Singh (Keith W), Ixy Hoffman (Keith), and Gordon Juric (Hank)



Keith acknowledged **Indigenous Original Habitants**, with Rotary bringing communities together.

We acknowledged the **passing of a Charter Member**, Dr. Ian Burgess, with a moment of silence. No word yet on details of a service.



Chase the Ace

Peter won the daily prize of \$57, but failed to pick the Ace.

Announcements

- Prez Wayne advised that Garth P. took a bad fall. Recovery is complicated by severe infection.
- Anthony gave a reminder of the International Peace Park assembly at Waterton, September 12-14
- Keith reported a committee has been formed, chaired by charter member Jim T, to organize a celebration for our club's 50th Anniversary in 2027.
- Jim T reminded our August 19th meeting will be held at the Rotary Nature Park, catered by McKenzie Meadows Golf Club. Cost is \$30 cash. If inclement weather, the meeting will move to the golf club cart barn.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Bev announced this month's **Birthdays:** Brennan, Tammy, Anthony, and Neil

Anniversaries: Sandy and Jim Swan

Membership Anniversaries: Bart - 33 years, Garth P - 33 years, and George K - 32 years

Guest Speaker

Gerry Garichuk, Past President of the North Club, who spoke about the situation in Ukraine.

Prez Wayne concluded the meeting with the 4 Way Test.

Okotoks Dawgs Baseball July 25th





Attendance:

28 including 3 guests, Scott Orban (COO McKenzie Meadows G.C.), Gordon Juricic (Rob W), Miriam Mitchell-Banks (President Centennial Rotary Club)

Jim T. gave a summary of the history of the park. It was originally intended to be an additional 9 hole golf course for McKenzie Meadows. That proved impractical, so in 2000, construction began on the Nature Park. Over the years, improvements were added as the park was in use. In 2022 it received its provincial charter.



July 21st

A very exciting season in our Nature Park, a fleet of American Pelicans, cormorants, ducks, and more visitors enjoying nature like no other place in the city!

Jim Thompson

Photo at park side, by frequent visitor, Joyce Garside

Announcements



- Rob advised that a summer fund-raiser would be held at the Ranchmans on Tuesday, September 30th, with food, entertainment and a silent auction. Cost \$40. If members can't come, we are encouraged to buy and donate a couple of tickets to friends. The target attendance is 140.



- Bev told us that Antyhony was born on this date in 1944.

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick





Greeter: Garth P

Attendance: 22, including guests: Gordon Juricic (Rob), and Lucas McCarthy (Speaker)

September Birthdays and Anniversaries
Birthdays: Paul G, Ron M, Wayne, Janet, Bill S

Anniversaries: Fred and May Jessee (77 yrs), Pat and Joan Hutchinson (66 yrs), Paul and Connie Hussey (65 yrs), and Dean and Eva White (29yrs)

Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

Chase the Ace

The winner on August 28th was Janet, and on September 2nd, Bill S. The Ace is still in the deck.



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Showpass

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Showpass is the company from which to purchase tickets to our fundraiser, to be held at the Ranchman's on September 28th.



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!



Evening Meeting August 28th



FOR SALE BY OWNER

Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 45 volumes. Excellent condition. £200 or best offer. No longer needed, got married, wife knows everything.

Community Economic Development Month

- October 7th Lisa Hardie — Family Picture Keeping
Chinook Rotary Club Society AGM
- October 14th Lager @ The Legion
- October 21st George Taven — Seeds Connection Program
- October 30th Evening Meeting at the Pub — location TBD

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



Romanian BBQ Evening at Sasarmans' August 9th

Photos from the Romanian BBQ / evening at the Vlad and Aida Sasarman home on August 9th. Everyone enjoyed Romanian appetizers and several Romanian dishes along with ice cream and cake for dessert. 31 in attendance enjoying the meal, fellowship and of course some fun. The weather was perfect to be outdoors. Vlad and Aida were fabulous hosts!

George Van Schaick

