

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the August 15th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

President Elect Gordon Weicker, is Chairing the meeting. He had several interesting 'day in history' facts and ended with today in 1977 Elvis Presley died.

Please join me in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table (L-R) : Ted Stack, Pat Neuman, Terry Allen, Gordon Weicker, Mayor Peter Brown, Myles Hamilton



**Presentation:
Mayor Peter
Brown of Airdrie**

**August 29th
Ric McIver – Bill 20**

**Next week:
August 22nd
Peter Lafontaine**

Click [HERE](#) to register for next week's meeting.

Today's Meeting:

Michael Zackarki had Mayor Brown pull the 50/50 ticket. **Ernie Yaskowich** came to collect the \$125.00, but really it was **Lynn Topp's** winnings (he won last week and was shy this week)! The money was returned for the KAH fund!



Sharyl Madigan introduced our guests followed by the welcome song.

Chad Hason was the Sargent at Arms today! He reminded us that now is the time to tell our stories, learn about each other, and build depth in our Club.

* Members were charged if they were not sitting with someone new = \$2.00

* If you have your red stripe still on for 2 years = \$2.00

* If you won the 50/50 and did not donate it back = \$2.00

* Then, **Chas Filipski, Lynn Topp, Paul Brick, and Michael Vandezande** were quizzed on 'famous birthdays', 'history', and 'name the member'.



Luanne Whitmarsh announced:

* The new parking system is not working yet, so no worries today! She will get more information for us about when the system will be live.

* **Luanne** has been on the Executive as the secretary for the Rotary International Convention (RI2025) in Calgary June 21-25, 2025! I have now moved into a new role where I am the District Liaison with DG Christina. I am also our Club's Champion and that means I will be providing updates at the podium and you are welcome to email me or call me if you have specific questions. Here is the website for you to sign up, volunteer and get involved:

<https://rotarycalgary2025.org/>



Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

Terry Allan updated us on Waterton Peace Park. Since 1932 Alberta, Montana, and Saskatchewan (Districts 5360 and 5390) started the movement and shortly thereafter after they were joined by BC and Washington (Districts 5370 and 5380). All members of our Club are associate members and we are encouraged to attend the annual celebration.

The event will be held at East Glacier on September 19-22, 24. **Penny Leckie** won the golf tournament last year!

Bryan Walton and **Allan Johnson** are on the Peace Park Board and **Terry** was on the Board for many years and has now retired.



A great reason to visit Glacier National Park in September

The Annual Assembly of the **Waterton-Glacier Peace Park Association** will be held in East Glacier, Montana from Sept. 19th-22nd at the Glacier Park Lodge.



[Registration and Agenda Information is on the WGIPPA web Site](http://www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org)

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Hotel Reservations

Glacier Park Lodge is the Assembly Hotel

Contact the Lodge at 1-888-868-7474 for reservations. Special rates are in effect until August 20th. Quote-**Waterton Glacier Peace Park Assembly**.

Credit card information will be placed on file and a first night stay will be charged at the time of booking.

History of the Waterton-Glacier Peace Park

On July 4th and 5th 1931, Rotarians from Canada and the United States met in Waterton at the Prince of Wales Hotel for a goodwill meeting. Nearly 100 members from seven Rotary Clubs in Alberta, Saskatchewan & Montana participated. The Rotarian's on both sides of the border successfully lobbied their respective politicians and in the short time of one year, the Governments of Canada and the United States approved the establishment of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park which was dedicated on June 18th, 1932. "Where no border can be seen, no border should exist."

Mission of the Waterton -Glacier Peace Park Association

The Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association (WGIPPA) membership is open to Rotarians from Rotary Districts 5080, 5360, 5370, and 5390 who have an interest in "...supporting and maintaining the development and promotion of Waterton Lakes National Park and Glacier National Park as a symbol of friendship, cooperation and our commitment to building peace initiatives whenever possible."

We achieve this mission through our six action teams, and through our annual fall assembly. Annual assemblies and ceremonies, such as "Hands across the Border," serve to remind the parks of perhaps their greatest resource—the peace and friendship shared by two great nations.

Pat Neuman updated the Club on RI2025 Hospitality. Please watch the video: <https://rotarycalgary2025.org/host-hospitality-event-landing-page>

How many of you have visited the RI Convention 2025 website? How many are registered or are planning to register for the convention? Who has registered to volunteer? How many have signed up to host a dinner? There are several who I know have committed at this point...THANK YOU! I also have people asking if they can help with transporting people to homes. It's all on the website or you can just let me know and give me details.

So let me tell you what we are planning to do for HH evening. First, as the best most enthusiastic club in the district, I would expect that EVERYONE in this club will get involved in some way in hosting dinners. We are hoping for small dinners where possible but we know space can be an issue with so many of us downsizing. Well then, how about a small dinner for 6 plus yourselves, in a restaurant? As many of you who attended the 1996 convention and other Conventions, you will agree, that small dinners in a home are the best. You get an opportunity to meet the guests personally and share special things about your city and your club.

Guests are always interested in what the clubs do and we have lots to tell them!! I have heard talk of dinners with larger venues being thought of, and many people being invited. That's fabulous! I encourage you to start booking your venue now as they will get booked up very soon. I have lists of possible venues you may choose. The key to remember is that you will have your guests from 6 pm to 9 pm only. In Calgary, we have complimentary use of all transit, plus you can ask friends and family, or other members, to pick up and drop off your guests. Any group booking over 50 guests at their dinner will have buses transporting your guests.

These dinners are hosted by our members and there is no subsidy to go along with this. You cannot charge your guests a fee as they have already paid for it. The \$50 US fee covers any transportation by bus to venues hosting over 50 guests. So, get your thinking cap on and decide what you can do to host a dinner.

Small dinner. Medium dinner or large. Get other members involved and you share the costs. At last look, we have close to 500 delegates already registered to come to dinner, the highest number signed up for any event to date! I am currently meeting with all clubs to get their commitment but, let's be The Club who hosts the most guests for dinner! I know I can depend on you, and my fellow members to rise to this challenge and to provide the very best experience for our international guests.

Luanne Whitmarsh is our Club Champion and she will work with me and you to get your dinners signed up. We will be here to answer any questions and help in any way possible to get you going.



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Myles Hamilton introduced Mayor Peter Brown (Airdrie). Myles gave a general update of the 4-term mayor and how Airdrie has grown and flourished under his leadership. Mayor Peter Brown started by saying he is in awe of our Club and all that Rotary does locally, nationally, and internationally. He said he could feel the fellowship in the room! He said that he reached out to Mayor Gondek to let her know he was speaking at our Club, and she was in Poland – and wished us a good meeting. In the 14 years Peter has been the mayor the population moved from 39,000 to 86,000 today. Airdrie is now an international city – and welcoming to all. An example of community is during the stampede the Muslim community provided their own style of ‘pancake breakfast’ and there were 1,500 people who attended. They are building homes like crazy, and they were successful in getting Housing Accelerator funds, which really helped!

With the always-growing population, there are growing pains like infrastructure needs. Water (as we all know) is one of the main areas of need. Also, the downtown needs to be revitalized.

Our Club is helping fund a new library and the support is greatly appreciated!

By the way, Peter has not won the Dream Home... yet!

There is a lot of overlap between Airdrie and Calgary; each owns businesses, has homes, and shares love of sports, and this will continue.

Healthcare is interesting – do you know that the 55% of users of healthcare are Calgarians?

Airdrie is actively creating healthcare solutions to their lack of appropriate services.

Interesting statements from the Mayor:

* Growth does not pay for itself

* You may not be able to change the world, but you can change your community

* Be the catalyst for changes – 100% of the time He ended by saying his door is always open!

Ted Stack thanked Mayor Brown for his time with us. It was very interesting and educational. The good news story of Airdrie and the plans you have identified are wonderful. As you heard, managing growth challenges are never a shortage, but you are definitely up for the challenge!

\$100 will be donated to CRCF



Stampede Foundation Annual Divot Classic
Organized by our own **Mark Ambrose**.

Several members of our club supported this golf tournament to raise funds for youngsters to attend Stampede School. **Murray Flegel** was a major sponsor.



Partners in Print

You are Invited



The Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park

FALL BRUNCH & BIG BOOK SALE

Monday, September 23, 2024

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Please bring a guest.

Note: Registration Cut Off date is September 12

DOOR
PRIZES

BRING A
BAG FOR
YOUR
BOOKS

Menu:
Scrambled Eggs
Herbed Hashbrowns
Smoked Bacon
Pork Breakfast Sausages
Cinnamon French Toast
Yogurt and Granola
Pineapple-coconut Fruit Salad
Toast, Butter and Jams
Coffee, Tea, Juice

50/50
DRAW



The Inn at Officers Garden
Currie Barracks
150 Dieppe Drive SW

Registration: 9:30

Brunch: 10:30

Book Sale after Program

Please Confirm Attendance, Payment and Food Allergies

NO LATER THAN September 12

To Karen Grant at

partners@rotarycs.org or Phone: 403 239 8987





Typical Office Hours

Monday: 10 am to 3 pm **(In Office)**

Tuesday: 10 am to 3 pm **(In Office)**

Wednesday 10 am to 3 pm **(In Office)**

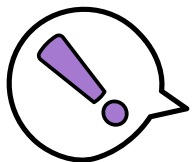
Thursday, Friday: Can be contacted from 10 am to 3 pm **(Out Of Office)**

If you are wanting to come to the office please come during the times above or give me a call or email to ensure I will be there.



Closing:

Next week **August 22nd, Peter Lafontaine**



The week following **August 29th, Ric McIver – Bill 20**







Closing words:

As you go about your business this week remember, as Rotarians we work toward creating hope in the world. Have a great Rotary week.

Calendar

AUGUST

- 1st: No Meeting
- 8th: Inaugural Address
- 15th: Mayor Peter Brown of Airdrie
- 22nd: Peter Lafontaine
- 29th: Ric McIver

August						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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18	19	20	21	22 	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER

- 5th: Alec McDougall
- 12th: Rotary Profile
- 19th: Stampede Foundation + BBQ
- 26th: Christine Hassan (District Governer)

September						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 	6	7
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