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**Welcome to the August 17th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Bryan Walton, and I'm honoured to be the President of this Club for 23-24.**

**Head Table: (L to R) President Bryan Walton, Doug Hood—New Member, Cathie Saroka, Josh Traptow, Joe Connelly, and Chas Filipski .**



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



Hey Club,

I hope you are having a fantastic Thursday.

I know that you guys were wanting to say goodbye and goodluck to me, so sorry for missing the meeting today. Nothing to worry about though, I was out with my sister and her baby in the morning and just forgot that it was Thursday. That said, I will say goodbye here. Thank you again everyone for supporting this program and myself! I feel lucky to be the exchange student for such a awesome club, and I look forward to sharing everything when I come back.

See you all next year!

William Wei

William's Instagram is @whoeatsbagels if you want to follow his journey





## Announcements:

**Visitors and Guests:** **Roselyn Jack** did a wonderful job of introducing our very few guests to-day, including Rick Fisher visiting from a Rotary Club in BC as well as the Guest Speaker, Josh Trap-tow and his girlfriend, Kimberley.



**Health and Wellness:** Health and Wellness contact is; **Dorothea Schaab**, she reports;

There is a card of sympathy for **John Shield** and family being circulated around the room. His father, Alvin Shield passed away August 6 at the age of 82 years. A Celebration of his Life will be held next Wednesday, August 23 at 2 pm at the Milo Community Hall. <https://vulcanfuneralhome.ca/shield-alvin-william-1940-2023/>

Remember **Darlene Switzer Foster** as she finalizes her sister's estate in Florida.

Continue to keep **Norm Devitt**, Doreen and family in your prayers. (FYI ... family has a meeting tomorrow to make decisions on whether Norm will be placed in Long Term Care or a hospice).

**50/50 :** **Jim Hutchens** asked our Guest Speaker Josh to pull the lucky ticket and the winner of \$125 was **Bob Brawn** who graciously donated it back to CRCF.



**Grants Committee:** **Greg Martin** spoke, last week, about the Grants Committee now being open to accepting applications. All applications need to be in by November 30th. See the website for application and more information, click [here](#) There is also a social media campaign going on to spread the word, please share it with your networks!!!

**Pickle Ball:** **Deb Sands** announced that Pickle Ball will be starting on September 15th at St. Mary's High School, on Friday afternoons 4-6pm. The cost is \$50/year or \$10/drop-in. Email or call Deb Sands to get registered or to find out more information. [debbie@priorityleasing.net](mailto:debbie@priorityleasing.net)

**Incoming Exchange Student:** Want an opportunity to contribute to the club and help a 17 year old athlete? This is your opportunity to host our inbound exchange student, Marino, from Italy. He arrives August 20th and is initially staying with **Stacey Johnson**. He's attending centrally located Crescent Heights High. Please reach out to **Stacey Johnson** or **Gail Williams** now with questions and interest! - **Rudy Ruberto**

**Sgt. at Arms:** **Chas Filipski** started his spiel with asking everyone who is a Gen X or Millennial to raise there hand, but only Sarah Brown raised hers, finally **Cathie Saroka** realized she too was a Gen X-er (**Jamie Moorhouse** too realized he was Gen X although a little too late), so Joe asked us both to stand, proposing the question of "today is Boomer Appreciation Day, do you know why today, August 17th is Boomer appreciation day?" which neither one of us knew, and Joe was so kind to even deliver 3 hints but that didn't help us.... The answer was because on this day in 1969, Woodstock began and almost every Boomer in the world was there. So today we celebrate all you Boomers!

**CHI's Open House:** (One of our Grant Recipients of \$100,000) Your support has made such an impact on the success of the Centre for Health Informatics at the University of Calgary, we are excited to show you all that we are up to now. I hope we will see you there! Click [HERE](#) to register and find more information -*On behalf of Dr. Tyler Williamson, Director of Centre for Health Informatics*



## Announcements Continued:

**MOMO Hope Monarch Butterfly Tour**—Calgary East has partnered with other clubs for social events in the past and our next social is on August 24 with guest speaker David Eaton and his presentation on a project aimed at saving the Monarch butterfly. -Regards, *Brian Carnahan, Calgary East Rotary Club, Club Service Director*

We are hosting David Eaton from the Rotary Club of Monterrey, Mexico. He will speak about a project aimed at saving the monarch butterfly, and all pollinators, which have had a precipitous decline in the last 50 years. RI President, Gordon McNally and Past RI Presidents, Jennifer Jones and Mark Maloney, have signed Operation Pollination Partnership. Join us at the Calgary Plaza Hotel for appetizers and learn more about the drop in the monarch butterfly population and Operation Pollination. Click [HERE](#) to register.

**Vitalia Vash**—I want to invite you for the concert of opera singers Barbara King, Anna Pompeeva and me, called "Summer on the 17th", which will take place at **Tomkins Park** near 17th ave in downtown. The event will occur on **Sunday August 20th at 2pm**. If you have free Sunday afternoon and want to enjoy music with us, please I will be very happy to see you there!

**Legacy Project Committee: Bob Brawn and Sherry Austin**, delivered a cheque for \$200,000 to the Stampede Foundation for our 2023/24 donation for the Rotary Learning Lab and the Rotary Accessibility Fund. This Legacy Project is a five year, one million dollar project which will be completed in June 2024. They are joined by Sarah Hayes, Stampede Vice President and Executive Director of the Stampede Foundation and Melissa Bell, Director of Philanthropy. (Photo L-R: Bob, Sherry, Sarah, Melissa)



**Social Committee**—The Social Committee has many exciting events coming up, too many to include in this Bulletin—Please Click [HERE](#) to view the enter update and stay tuned for a more in depth update next week!

Please watch the recording of the Meeting for all the announcements/minute speakers click [HERE](#) and to see more photos from today's Meeting click [HERE](#)



**New Member —Transfer:** Today we welcomed **Doug Hood** who transferred from the Heritage Park Club. **Greg Smyth** and Doug have been friends for many years and Doug introduced Greg to Rotary. Doug held every position except Treasurer at the Heritage Park Club, and he managed to sucker Greg into be Treasurer for many years. We are honoured to have Doug come over to the best Club and we look forward to getting to know him more as I am sure he will be just as active in our Club as he was at Heritage Park. Welcome Doug!

**Main Presentation: Josh Traptow** delivered the most informative speech today on the evolution of Stampede Park. It was amazing to see/hear the history and changes of our beloved Stampede grounds. Josh has many interesting facts such as ariel shots of the progression, which parts have remained intact through all these years, and more amazing tidbits that I couldn't even begin to capture to the extent he provided in his 20 minute presentation. We were all overly impressed, so I highly recommend you watch the recording of the Meeting for yourselves. You will not be disappointed!



To watch the recording click [HERE](#)





**THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK:** <https://youtu.be/D-saND6TL1o>

## In Closing:

**Next week's Meeting:** We are back here in the Blue Room for a Presentation by Sol Zia from the Calgary Hotel Association about the State of the Industry and a look ahead at RI 2025 Convention

**Closing Words:** As you go about your business this week remember simple acts of kindness go a long way to *Creating Hope in the World*.

**And with that, our meeting is adjourned. Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week!**

Final reminder to register for next week's Meeting by tomorrow morning



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WATERTON GLACIER

Annual General Meeting & Assembly  
Waterton Lakes National Park  
Alberta, Canada  
21 – 24 September 2023

**Register Now!! Join Us For This Exciting Event**

Waterton Peace Garden Service Project and Peace Pole Dedication  
Golf Tournament (optional \$\$)  
Waterton Lake Boat Trip to Goat Haunt (optional \$\$)  
Hike the Great Divide Trail – Goat Haunt to Waterton Township (optional \$\$)  
Opening Reception  
WGIPPA Annual Assembly with International Recognized Speakers  
Fran Leggett | Jeff Mow | Cam Stewart | Jenny Feick  
WGIPPA Annual General Meeting | All Rotarians are Voting Members  
Peace Park Assembly Gala  
Craig Davidson from Rick Steves' Europe | Youth Exchange Students | Entertainment  
Non-Sectarian Celebration of Peace, Love, and Life  
Hands Across the Border Ceremony

**Waterton Village Area Hotels are Offering Discounted Rates | CALL EARLY!**

Aspen Village | Waterton Lakes Lodge | Crandell Mountain  
403-859-2255 403-859-2150 403-859-2288  
Call the Hotel Directly for a 15% Discount Code PCEPRK

Bear Mountain Hotel  
403-859-2366  
Call the Hotel Directly for a 15% Discount Code WGIPPA

Northland Lodge  
403-859-2353  
Offering a 12% Discount for Upstairs Accommodations

Registration is Now Available at  
<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77619583>

## NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

**Shondell Sabad** has been proposed as for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Catherine Brownlee** and Seconded by **Cathie Saroka** with a proposed Classification of **Vertical Farming**.

If any Member objects to **Shondell Sabad** joining our Club or to HIS/HER proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, Luanne Whitmarsh: [secretary@rotarycs.org](mailto:secretary@rotarycs.org) prior to August 18th, 2023.



# Partners in Print

We start Book Club again on September 18, 2023. The cost is \$20 for a yummy breakfast buffet and discussion about books that you have read. Email [janetopp@shaw.ca](mailto:janetopp@shaw.ca) if you'd like to join us. Our Book Sale will be on September 6th 2023 at the Partners luncheon. **Jane and Maureen**



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## District 5360 Opportunity

Here is an opportunity for Young Professionals in your club to attend this event in September. Over the past several months Phoenix MacLaren and Kamil Kanji have been developing a two-day training during the upcoming "Learning to Lead" event in Toronto to bring Rotary and Leadership Development to members ages 25-40... those a little newer to the work world, newer to the Rotary world.

What will go down:

- We will discuss different District Committees and how to become actively involved- honing their leadership skills, while providing excited committee members for your district.
- We will explore The Rotary Foundation by developing grant projects- smaller projects to apply for District Grants; larger projects to apply for Global Grants; understanding how DDF works and the importance of giving, especially how easy Rotary Direct makes
- We have invited Toastmasters to join us, a partnership started a few years ago, to enhance public speaking skills - finding our voice in an organization of leaders.

Finally, we will address Communicating Across Generations - for the first time, we have 5 different generations working together - let us all learn to communicate better with each other.

More information can be found on the website - <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50077/page/2023-learning-to-lead>

Costs to attend include; airfare, registration (\$575 – includes all meals except breakfast), and hotel accommodation (\$175).



**RIBFEST VOLUNTEERS:** Please note that you will not be able to edit the schedule however it is to be used as a guideline for the categories of activities and specific shift times and vacancies available.

**Should your members wish to support our Ribfest project then they need only select the category and shift time and email the information back to me and I will enter their information into our schedule.** The schedule is constantly updated so if they select a shift then the next day they can click on the link and see that their name has been entered. We ask that they provide their mobile number so we can enter it beside their name and also confirm if they have taken AGLC's Proserve Course. The Course is not necessary to volunteer but we need to confirm to AGLC how many of our daily volunteers have taken it. This year we are hoping to raise funds in support of mental health and wellness through local services including "I can for kids", CUPS, and "It's a crime not to read".

Volunteer Link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vvaCBHzJlcfFn1rdrJybotBarOnCmDCzF5uSNdbSVA/edit#gid=0>

A brief description of volunteer categories are:

- 1) Greeters - will meet guests at the entrance area to make them feel welcome, collect donations and count the attendees.
- 2) Rotary info tent - providing information about Rotary to interested guests.
- 3) Ticket sellers - selling 50/50 and beverage tickets. Should be comfortable on your feet and interacting with guests.
- 4) Beverage runners/servers - working to serve both beer and non alcoholic beverages. Will help restock inventory as needed.
- 5) Table clean up - ensure the tables are clean for patrons to use. Will include using and changing garbage bags as needed.
- 6) Assistant accountants - helping collect and manage the cash flow and information transfer at the request of our accountants.
- 7) Children's area - working with the children, guiding them and keeping an eye on their activity.

The set up on Thursday and take down on Monday involves setting up or taking down tents, tables and chairs. it's a fun 3 days/evenings with great bands playing throughout, a market with a dozen vendors, a family section, a variety of Rib trucks ribs and cold beer.

Any questions let me know and I'll do my best to supply an answer.

Yours in Rotary, Paul Gaudet. E-mail: [gaudetco@shaw.ca](mailto:gaudetco@shaw.ca)

## Hiking Club

Twelve hikers had a wonderful day going up to Tunnel Mountain Summit. We were good Samaritans to an injured hiker on the path. The path was called Sentenier Walkway and was travelled by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in 1939, so earned the name King's lookout. . The RED CHAIRS were occupied so no photo op there. Lunch was very pleasant in temperature, company and view. Donna supplied us with yummy lemon cake. We learned that Anne Ness climbed this path 8000 times in 40 years (who did her work?). The path was up but not difficult and required no bushwacking, We could see Banff Springs Hotel in the distance on the way down. We capped off the day with beverages at Grizzly Paw in Canmore. Strangely they had only crispy chips and no french fries! - **Pat Farn**







# Welcome Back to Regular Programming

**August 24th:**

**Sol Zia - Calgary Hotel Association— The State of the Industry and a look ahead at RI 2025 Convention**



**August 31st:**

**Kurt Kowalchuk— District Governor Visit**



**September 7th:**

**Patti Pon—Developing Arts in Calgary**



**September 14th:**

**Spruce Meadows—OFFSITE—Field Trip**

