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at Stampede Park



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Welcome to the August 20th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Larry Kennedy, and I am honoured to be your President for 2026/2027.

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

Head Table (L-R) : Bob Wiens, Miguel Kanafany, Dale Struksnes, Spencer Tonkinson, Stacey Johnson, President Larry Kennedy



**Presentation:
Miguel Kanafany**

**September 3rd
Judy Riege**

**Next Week:
August 27th
AGM**

Click [HERE](#) to register for upcoming meetings.

The meeting video will be available in 2 weeks.

Today's Meeting:

Blake Pelham introduced our guests, followed by the welcome song...

Spencer Tonkinson, the Sergeant-at-Arms, gave a humorous cybersecurity presentation using a fake CRA phone scam and an interactive "cybersecurity audit" of the club. Members were questioned about common risky habits, including reusing passwords, keeping passwords for too long, writing them on Post-it notes, using easily guessed information, and clicking suspicious emails or text messages. He also highlighted the importance of multi-factor authentication and praised members who had it enabled. The main message was to use unique passwords and a password manager, enable MFA, keep devices updated, and be cautious of suspicious calls, emails, texts, and cryptocurrency requests.



Sharyl Madigan removed **Kim Hickson's** Red Stripe!!!!



Dale Struksnes introduced **Miguel Kanafany**, a seasoned technology and cybersecurity leader with more than 20 years of experience in digital transformation, cybersecurity, and IT operations. Through MK2 Enterprises and the BDC Advisory Services Network, **Miguel** advises Canadian organizations on cybersecurity, digital transformation, and artificial intelligence. **Dale** also highlighted **Miguel's** integrity, warmth, community involvement, and commitment to service as a fellow Rotarian. He noted that **Miguel's** expertise and practical approach make him well-suited to speak on staying safe, informed, and confident online.



Miguel Kanafany's presentation focused on the growing risks of cybersecurity for individuals, particularly as scams become more sophisticated through artificial intelligence. He explained that criminals use fake emails, texts, phone calls, malware, identity theft, account takeovers, and social engineering to obtain personal information and money. He emphasized that AI can now replicate voices, images, and even create convincing deepfakes, making it harder to know who is really contacting you. His main message was to slow down, think carefully, and independently verify unexpected requests rather than responding to pressure or urgency.



What to Do

- Take your time - do not let anyone rush you.
- Use long, strong, UNIQUE passwords; consider a password manager.
- Enable two-factor authentication (2FA-MFA) and account alerts.
- Keep computers and phones supported and up to date. Windows 10 standard support has ended; use a supported system or appropriate extended security coverage.
- Verify unexpected requests independently before sharing information or sending money.
- Use trusted antivirus and security software with multiple functions (e.g., Bitdefender).
- Back up important files regularly.
- If a call seems suspicious, hang up and call back using a number you already know.
- Ask a trusted family member or friend when something does not feel right.

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

What Not to Do

- Do not share passwords, PINs, verification codes, or sensitive personal information with unexpected callers.
- Do not click suspicious links or open unexpected attachments - on any device.
- Do not send money, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or wire transfers because someone creates an "emergency."
- Do not reuse the same password across important accounts
- Do not ignore legitimate security alerts or software updates.
- Do not assume a familiar phone number, email address, voice, photo, or video proves who someone is
- Avoid banking, shopping, or accessing sensitive accounts on public Wi-Fi; use your cellular connection when possible.

Please watch this video linked [HERE](#) about AI Deepfake's

Please email Admin@rotarycs.org if you're interested in a "Password Management Workshop" so we can schedule and coordinate it.

Bob Wiens thanked **Miguel** on behalf of the Rotary Club for his timely and informative presentation. He acknowledged **Miguel's** preparation, passion, and expertise, and emphasized the importance of taking cybersecurity seriously and putting the advice into practice. **Bob** expressed appreciation for **Miguel's** willingness to share his knowledge and help members become more aware and better protected online.

President Larry Kennedy thanked **Miguel** and announced that we will be making a \$100 donation to CRCF in his name.



Announcements

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Opinion Piece for Calgary Herald

In the weeks ahead you will be hearing more about the Rotary International Convention that is coming to Calgary on June 21-25, 2025. Up to 20,000 Rotarians from around the world will descend on our great City.

Given the current times, several Rotary members thought it would be appropriate for Calgarians to learn more about a peace initiative with our friends in the US that was conceived, promoted, and is nurtured to this day by Rotarians on both sides of the border. It all began when a group of Rotarians from Cardston, Alberta invited fellow Rotarians to the Prince of Wales Hotel in Waterton Lakes National Park on July 4-5, 1931 for a good will meeting. Over 100 Rotarians from Montana, Saskatchewan and Alberta attended the meeting. At that meeting there was a consensus to advocate for the creation of an International Peace Park that would encompass both National parks. It was resolved, "that the proper authorities be petitioned to commence negotiations to establish the two parks indicated as a permanent International Peace Park, which will be definitely set aside for this laudable purpose, pledging our loyalty and allegiance to foster all international relationships". Canadian and American Rotarians reached out to their respective federal governments and in the days when things could get done expeditiously, the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, a first in the world was commemorated on June 18, 1932!

It's worth noting the words of our leaders of the day. Prime Minister Bennett said, "It is my earnest hope that this great International Peace Park stretching across our common frontier and in which citizens of both our countries may seek recreation, may forever remain a permanent memorial of all that neighbourly relations should be between adjoining nations". And from President Hoover: "Dedication of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park is a full gesture of the good will that has so long blessed our relations with our Canadian neighbours, and I am gratified by the hope and the faith that it will forever be an appropriate symbol of permanent peace and friendship".

Authorized by the U.S. Congress and Canada Parliament, the designation of the peace park combines the 203-square-mile Waterton Lakes National Park in Canada with the 1,600-square-mile Glacier National Park in the United States. The arrangement allows both national parks to operate as separate entities under the peace park mantle. Thereafter, the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association was created to perpetuate the message of peace and good will inspired by this monumental achievement. Rotarians agreed to meet annually at a Peace Park Assembly which alternates between each country. Rotarians from over

200 clubs across four districts partake in the Assembly, usually on a September weekend which culminates with the Hands Across the Border Ceremony. The ceremony which normally takes place over a long white ribbon and sometimes at the border, includes Rotarians, members of the indigenous community, park staff, politicians and other government officials. After the speeches the groups form an East-West line, with Americans on the South side and Canadians on the North side who embrace with a handshake and recite the Peace Pledge: In the name of all we hold sacred, we will not take up arms against each other. We will work for peace, maintain liberty, strive for freedom, and demand equal opportunities for all. May the long existing peace between our nations stimulate other peoples to follow this example.

This Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association endures and stands to promote the creation of Peace Parks around the world with a message of Peace and Understanding. In a world that seems in constant turmoil the pursuit of Peace is something we can all strive for because the alternative is not the solution for humanity. May Peace Prevail on Earth!

Bryan Walton is the Past President of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park and a former Director of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association.

Announcements

Waterton Glacier International Peace Park

Club members, please read the attached article penned by Past President Bryan Walton about the Waterton Glacier International Peace Park. For many years our club has participated in the Annual Assembly of the Peace Park Association that is composed of the four Rotary Districts 5360, 5390, 5370 and 5080. This year the Assembly will be held in Kalispell, MT. September 25 th to 27 th. The program is outlined below. Please note the organizers have arranged a special rate of \$99.00 US/night. The link is in the Registration information below.

[Register NOW](#) for WGIPPA 2026 Assembly-Kalispell

Jeff Mow, former Glacier National Park Superintendent, is the Chair of the Organizing Committee and is putting together a wonderful program for us.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Friday September 25

- 2:00 - 4:00 - Peace Conversation at the Wheeler International Peace Park Center in Glacier National Park.
- 3:00 - 5:00 - Registration Opens at the Red Lion Hotel, Kalispell
- 3:00 - 5:00 - Shopping and Historic Walking Tour of Downtown Kalispell
- 5:00 - 8:00 - Welcome Reception at the Glacier Art Museum
(walking distance from the Red Lion)

Saturday, September 26

- 8:00 - Registration Opens (Morning Coffee)
- 8:30 - 12:00 - Hands Across the Border Golf Tournament (9-Hole Scramble)
- 9:00 - Assembly Opening, Land Acknowledgement, Introductions
- 9:15 - 10:30 - Mariah Gladstone, Food Sovereignty on the Blackfeet Reservation
- 10:30 - 11:00 - Break
- 11:00 - 12:00 - ShinNaasha Pete, Conserving Whitebark Pine on Native lands
- 12:00 - 1:00 - Lunch with an Update on Yellowstone to Yukon Initiative
- 1:00 - 1:45 - Carmen Hancock, Waterton NP Update
- 1:45 - 2:30 - Dave Roemer, Glacier NP Update
- 2:30 - 3:00 - Break
- 3:00 - 5:00 - Assembly General Meeting
- 5:00 - 6:00 - Happy Hour
- 6:00 - 10:00 - Gala Buffet Dinner with Keynote Speaker Diane Boyd

Sunday, September 27

- 9:30 - Non-Denominational Church Service, Apgar Campground Amphitheater, Glacier NP
- 11:00 - "Hands Across the Border" Ceremony, Apgar Campground Amphitheater, Glacier NP
- 1:30 - Tour the Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Center at the Wheeler Property

Hope to see you in September!!

For the next few weeks the main entrance to the new Rotary House will not be accessible do to some construction. We ask everyone to use the entrance on the north side of the building for the time being.

This also mean the chair lift will not be available during this time. If you require help up the stairs, please let us know so we can ensure someone is there to assist you.



Closing:

Next week: August 27th - AGM

The week following: September 3rd - Judy Riege

As we leave today, let us remember that even small acts of service can result in lasting impact. Together through Rotary, we have the opportunity to strengthen our communities and make the world a better place.

Social Media Links



[Facebook](#)

[Linkedin](#)

[Instagram](#)

Calendar

AUGUST

August 6th - Mark Barry

August 13th - Abigail McIsaac

August 20th - Miguel Kanafany

August 27th - Annual AGM Meeting



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SEPTEMBER

September 3rd - Judy Riege

September 10th - Wayne Meikle The Fish Creek
Park story

September 17th - Calgary Opera. Sue Elliot. CEO &
GM

September 24th - TBD



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