



ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the August 27th 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) : Grayce Glassford, Gail Williams, Evan Strong, Jim Hutchens, Penny Leckie, President Larry Kennedy



Presentation:
August 27th
AGM

September 3rd
Judy Riege

Next Week:
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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...

Gerry Darichuk thanked **President Larry** and the group for the opportunity to provide an update on the humanitarian work being done in Ukraine. He highlighted the Calgary Rotary group's efforts to repair three hospitals, with each project costing about \$1–2 million. Gerry is returning to Ukraine soon to explore another major project and is seeking an additional €1 million in funding to continue the work through next winter. He expressed his appreciation to everyone who has supported these efforts.



Evan Strong, serving as Sergeant-at-Arms, opened with a lighthearted World Cup theme tied to the Calgary Stampede. He humorously handed out red and yellow cards and small fines to members for their cowboy hats and comments about various World Cup teams.



President Larry Kennedy gave his AGM. Here are a few key points.

- Membership Goal: The club's goal for 2026/2027 is to reach 130 members. Several ideas and strategies were discussed to help achieve this membership target.
- Transparency: Board meeting minutes, club financial statements, and club budgets will be made available on the club's website once they have been approved by the Board.
- Social Goal: Maintain the momentum of the past few years and build on the success of social events to further enhance the overall club experience.
- Member Communication: **President Larry Kennedy** emphasized that he will always make himself available to speak with any club member, although he may require some advance notice to arrange a suitable time.



Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

Jerry Ohlsson and
Sjoert Zuidhof have
resigned from the club.

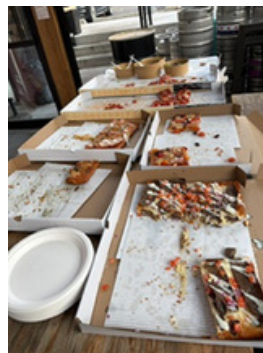
Please email
Admin@rotarycs.org if
you're interested in a
"Password Management
Workshop" so we can
schedule and coordinate
it.

Announcements

28 members and guests enjoyed a lovely evening on the patio at Cold Beer and Pizza on Tuesday August 25! The weather was perfect, fellowship was great and food and drinks delicious! We are so pleased everyone had a grand time. Really difficult to catch everyone in the photos as we moved around all night, visiting and catching up!

Too bad "the photographer" didn't get a good picture of all the many pizzas we had to choose from!! Every possible idea for pizza, including gluten friendly pizzas! Drinks were cold and refreshing and many of our diners checked out the Coffee/Ice Cream store next door and returned to the patio with their ice cream in hand (with the blessing of our host Tom!).

The evening was a fine summer's delight!!
Stay tuned for our September dinner - Korean!



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INVITATION TO THE ROTARY PARTNERS

WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST & ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Willow Park Golf & Country Club
639 Willow Park Drive SE, Calgary
Cost: \$35.00 per person



MENU

Canadian Back Bacon Eggs Benedict
Breakfast Sausage
Bacon
Pan-fried Baby Red Potatoes
Fresh Baked Croissants, Banana Bread & Muffins
Fresh Fruit Platter
Fruit Yogurt
Freshly Brewed Coffee & real Tea Blends
Juice Served to Tables

Registration: 9:00am / Program: 10:00am / Brunch: 10:30am
Need a ride? Contact Joan Walton at 403-651-7561

Confirm attendance, payment and food allergies
NO LATER THAN September 15 to
Karen Grant 403-239-8987 or partners@rotarycs.org ONLY

BRING YOUR BOOKS & BAGS FOR THE SALE

Proceeds to CanLearn Society

CASH ONLY



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: September 3rd - Judy Riege

The week following: September 10th - Wayne Meikle
The Fish Creek Park story

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



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Calendar

AUGUST

August 6th - Mark Barry

August 13th - Abigail McIsaac

August 20th - Miguel Kanafany

August 27th - Annual AGM Meeting

August						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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

SEPTEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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