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Glenn Potter began introducing our guest by saying that Last spring Orma came home with a book on about Pioneer Families of Alberta. The book almost magically opened to an article on the Copithorne family. I shared the article with Ken and at the same time asked him if he'd tell the family story to the club – so here we are. Ken just so you know you can blame your predicament on Orma.

Ken grew up in that rural to urban environment. He attended Western Canada High and then went on to study agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. Upon graduation he moved into the ranching and cattle export areas and through his companies and consulting sent livestock and agricultural products to places from Mexico to Korea and Japan. Naturally he travelled to most of those places as well.

Somewhere in here was time for a family and the raising of children to carry on the Copithorne traditions. Ken has been a member of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce and naturally the Rotary Club of Calgary South. He's probably served on every committee we have! He's a past President and a Past District Governor.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome our own Rotary Auctioneer, **Ken Copithorne**.

Ken provided us with a wonderful overview of his family history beginning in Ireland. Due to space, it isn't possible to provide all of the details that were informative, funny and touching. Here are only some of the highlights from his presentation:

The Copithorne's first arrived in Ireland in the mid 1600's during the time of the Cromwell war. Two Copithorne's survived the battles and a Captain Copithorne was rewarded with some land in Kerry but eventually settled in Skibbereen district.

During the 19th century there was an exodus from Ireland which included his Grandfather Richard and Great Uncles. Many Copithorne's made to way to Boston, Chicago and Calgary.

Ken's Grandfather immigrated to Canada in 1887 following his younger brother John who arrived in 1883. John was a colourful character who was broke and greatly exaggerated his experience as a mule skinner to get a job, having only ridden a stolen mule to Bible study in Ireland.

Want to watch this week's meeting?

Click Here: <https://bit.ly/2IKLIVc>

Grandmother Margaret was a generous woman, sharing food with those less fortunate and skilled in identifying health issues and suggesting remedies. She was very familiar with remedial herbs and was often called instead of the local Doctor.

Grandfather Richard landed his first job working on the Mission Bridge, earning enough money to buy a team of horses and a wagon and started a freight business. This business took him to areas west of Calgary where he passed through the Jumping Pound area and it reminded him of Ireland.

He started out with a quarter section homestead and that was the beginning of a long history of ranching. He also acquired another quarter that he purchased from CPR and he built a sod roofed house.

Initially the family milked cows to make butter and raised chickens for the eggs. They would haul the butter and eggs to Calgary for sale to local merchants. It was a long day as they needed to return that day as they couldn't afford lodging to stay overnight.

In the early 1890's they began to raise beef cattle and horses. The horse side of the business was more successful as working horses were in high demand by the ranching and farming community as well as the Northwest Mounted Police and the Canadian army.

As the need for horses declined the beef cattle numbers grew and became the area for growth. Each succeeding generation continued to accumulate land and in 1932 the family made a very large purchase of land known as XC. That portion of the ranch went to Ken's father when Grandfather Richard passed away.

Ken recalled many wonderful memories growing up on the ranch with both freedoms and many responsibilities-such as chores that an adult would do. The children were responsible for their own safety and rode to school on horses without supervision. Ken was thrown from a horse twice and dragged until he managed to loosen his foot or pull off his boot.

For many years a few of the family ranches got together to help at brandings and moving cattle. Although it was hard work there was always fun despite bruises and a few broken bones.

Ken also mentioned a rich family history on his mother's side-the McDougall's of Scotland. Reverend George and his sons established the first Church and Missionary at Fort Edmonton. Ken's Grandfather David was the first person to bring cattle into Alberta.

The thread of qualities that governed the lives of Copithorne's are still practiced today: respecting elders, integrity, sense of community, work ethic, your word is your bond. Ken never had a written contract and never had a failure. He has always tried to seek out people with similar qualities in both business and friendship which is why he has always found Rotary such a good fit.

The original XC Ranch



For generations the Copithorne's have been passing stories down from father to son and for as long as can be remembered.....

Ken concluded with a prayer read by Russell Copithorne at the Copithorne Centennial celebration in 1983:

Lord value me as a channel of thy peace
That where there is hatred I can bring love
That where there is wrong that I may bring the spirit of forgiveness
That where there is discord I may bring harmony
That where there is doubt I may bring faith
That where there is despair that I may bring hope
That where there are shadows I may bring light
That where there is sadness I may bring joy
Lord may I seek another to comfort than to be comfortable
To understand rather than be understood
To love rather than to be loved
For it is by my self forgetting that one finds
It is by forgiving that one is forgiven
It is by dying that one awakens to eternal life.

George Deegan thanked Ken for his very educational and enjoyable presentation noting that the Copithorne history has influenced both Calgary and the Province of Alberta.

George also noted that Ken has exhibited the Cowboy values and ethics throughout his 50 years of service at Rotary South.

Thanks from Director Dana:

On behalf of our guest speaker today the Club will donate \$100 to the Stay in School program on behalf of **Ken Copithorne's** work and dedication to the club.

Thank you Ken



Frank Copithorne & Grandsons
(fourth Generation)



Director Dana Hunter filled in for President Ron today and did a great job.

Good afternoon and Welcome to the Rotary Club of Calgary South for August 30th, 2018, I am **Dana Hunter** and I am honored to be standing in for **President Ron Prokosch** during his vacation.

So recently Stan Cichon and his wife Barbara noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they don't forget.

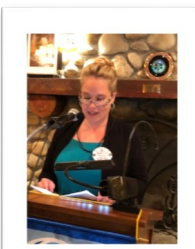
When they arrived home, Barbara then told Stan she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again Stan said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." Then Barbara said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told Stan and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top."

So Stan goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes.

Stan comes out to Barbara and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. Barbara stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at Stan and asks, "**Where is the toast?**"

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

Head Table: Ken Copithorne (Guest Speaker, Club Member, Past President and Past District Governor), (Distinguished Actor and Member), Tom Walton (Sergeant-At-Arms), Don Whalen)Guest: Dana Hunter) and Craig Stokke.



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Visitors and Guests: Shellie Marshall introduced Pat Deegan and Jeanette King (Guests: George Deegan), Carol Brown (Guest: Bob Brawn), Orma Potter (Guest: Glenn Potter), Don Whalen (Guest: Dana Hunter), Ernie Yaskowich (Guest: Murray Flegel), Beck Shaw (Guest: Dick Shaw), Michael Vandezan (Guest: Mike Ruttan), Jack Che (Guest: Tommy Low), and Clarence Buchley (Calgary West), Bob Boyden (Canmore) and Mark Rowe (Heritage Park).

Announcements:

Our Long time Member **Hugh Delaney** has been selected for an international commercial, he will be leaving for Belgium in early September, please wish him well on this accomplishment.

Next Week's Meeting: The offsite meeting at Ralph Klein Park takes place next Thursday. Tomorrow is the last day to register. You need to register in order to attend!

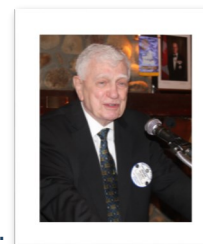
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<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/Event/ralph-klein-park-offsite-meeting>

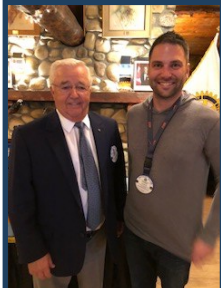
Rotary Bethany Atrium Open House: September 7th has been scheduled for a tour of the Bethany Atrium. See page 5 of the Bulletin to Register or Donate

International Peace Park Assembly: September 21-23 in East Glacier Montana (see details on Page 6 of the Bulletin).

Dinner Club: Gena Rotstein asked the assembly who likes to eat and also who likes good company? Most of us raised our hands and Gena invited us to participate in what she called one of her best experiences in Rotary, namely the Dinner Club. Registration open until October 4th. Please sign up and contact Gena at gena@genarotstein.com if you have any questions.



Small Grants: **Mark Ambrose** returning Chair of the Committee asked his Committee to look for an email next week notifying members of the meetings being set for September, October and November. He also noted that applications for Small Grants will be accepted until the end of September and encouraged the assembly to spread the word.



Stripe Removal Ceremony: Chad Hason; having successfully completed the requirements had his red stripe removed and is now a regular member. Ken Copithorne did the honours. Congrats Chad!

Fifty-fifty Draw: **Michael Zacharki** announced a \$162.00 pot. Our guest **Carol Brawn** selected the winning ticket for **Brad Brewster**. Congrats Brad!



Sergeant at Arms: **Tom Walton** successfully emptied Rotarian pockets by asking who had seen **Don O'Dwyer** and his partner dancing at the President's Kitchen party and realized they were the only dancers who were in time to the music!

He went on to quiz a number of Rotarians if they could identify the author of a number of famous quotes. **Bryan Walton, Dilan Perera, Steve Mason, Murray Flegel and Keith Davis** were some of the victims selected. Good job Tom

Dana concluded the meeting with if there is nothing else for the good of Rotary –the meeting is adjourned. Have a great Rotary Week!



It was great to see Ed Whitaker
back with this crew today



SEPTEMBER 18, 2018
6:30PM – 9:00PM
Bowness Community Centre

(un)Gala

Join the fight against poverty.

On **Tuesday, September 18, 2018** join fellow Rotarians for the first (un)Gala celebrating cultural diversity and contribute to the fight against poverty. Entertainment includes the “Place of Rescue” dancers direct from Cambodia, a live and silent auction hosted by Danny Hooper, and great foods from around the world!

Event

<p>Tuesday, September 18, 2018 Bowness Community Centre 7904 43rd Avenue NW, Calgary, AB</p>	<p>6:30PM – Cocktails 7:30PM – Dinner <i>* Please dress in black and/or white</i></p>
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Tickets are \$100.00 each and \$800.00 for reserved seating for tables of eight. Please purchase tickets at:
rotaryclubofcalgary.org or 403.398.9969

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Downtown

BRIDGE CLUB

The Rotary Club of Calgary South Bridge Club is beginning a new season of play on September 7th.

Play is every second Friday beginning at 12:30 following lunch at 11:30 at the Centennial Legion on Horton Road.

We are always looking for more players and you may register as a single or couple.

We usually have between 20 - 28 individuals.

If interested please talk to any of the following: Don Taylor, Tony Ng or Jim Smith.



STAY IN SCHOOL MENTORS



We need report cards for Students. We only have report cards for **10 of 40** students. Remind your students as per our contract that report cards should be received by you as the Mentor within 15 days.

This includes post secondary students as well. Earl needs every mentor to advise if their Student will be attending a different school / changing schools in September 2018.

An example of this is that most students change schools going from grade 9 to 10.

Contact Earl Huson at: ehuslink@telusplanet.net

The Calgary Rotary Clubs FOUNDATION

If you made a donation to the **Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation** using ATB Cares, during the month of June please advise Neil Fraser so that we can give you credit for your donation. You would have received the official tax receipt when you completed the transaction, but no notice was given by ATB to Rotary as to who the donor was.

June 9th: \$500
June 20th: \$100
June 20th: \$200
June 20th: \$200

Neil Fraser 403 680-7550 or email: nefraser@telusplanet.net

Rotary Atrium Open House Friday September 7th: FREE Rotary

Click to Register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/rotary-atrium-sneak-a-peek-tickets-48652184995>

- Come anytime between 5pm and 7pm for a tour.
- Coffee, tea and cake will be served.
- Come along and see the “Rotary Atrium”, nestled in the heart of Riverview Village.
- This will be a unique opportunity to tour around this state of the art building before the residents move in.
- Thanks to an amazing partnership of Rotary Clubs, foundations, large and small businesses and donations from individuals, we are close to raising our goal of \$1,000,000.

Please help us close the gap by making a donation, no matter how large or small.
Donations can be made to:

Bethany Care Foundation - for the Rotary Atrium
#100 – 2915 26th Avenue SE Calgary AB T2B 2W6

BCF donation page: <https://bethany7754.thankyou4caring.org/donate>

Or pick up the phone and call Gail Urquhart at 403.463.6855

Cheque, credit cards and marketable securities are accepted and you will be issued with a tax receipt.

Your entire donation goes to the Rotary Atrium.... every cent. www.OurAtrium.com



2018 Peace Park Assembly – Hands Across the Border Conference **REGISTER TODAY!**

2018 Peace Park Assembly - Hands Across the Border is an event to celebrate and advance transboundary conservation and international peace parks.

Although there is no official meal or activity on Friday this year, on-site registration will be in the lobby of Glacier Park Lodge from 3-8 pm. Gift bags with printed programs, name tags, etc. can be picked up then and on Saturday morning.

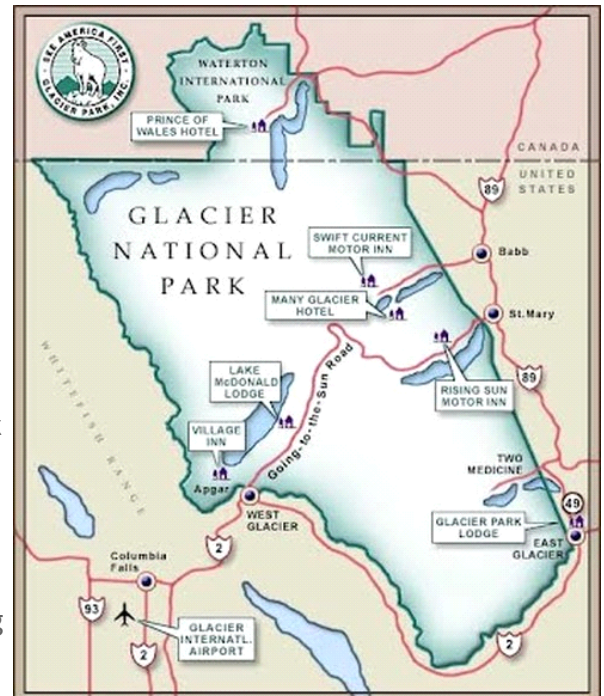
There are two exciting (and free) events this year on Friday. There is a community service project TBD in East Glacier 12-5 pm Friday. More info as this project develops. The second opportunity is a Dark Skies presentation 8-10 pm. Everyone is encouraged to participate and enjoy this together on the back deck of Glacier Park Lodge. While there is no formal meal, the Lodge restaurant and lounge are open Friday evening to visit with old friends and make new friends.

The event kicks off **Saturday** morning with a Blackfeet blessing from Earl Old Person and a welcome from Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association president Marshall Ginery. Park Superintendent's Ifan Thomas and Jeff Mow will address the state of the parks followed by the 86th Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly general meeting. The morning will conclude with Dr. Leroy Little Bear; "The Buffalo Treaty, an International Peace Initiative".

Saturday lunch will have "the Kenow Fire, Waterton National Park 2017" hosted by the Waterton Park Staff. The afternoon will consist of the Rotary peace initiative update and opportunities for Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association and Todd Walters with International Peace Park Expeditions will speak on "Beyond Hands Across Borders - Peace Park Practitioners Exchange". There will be opportunities for guided hikes, native America speaks or to participate in the 9-hole, two-person/team golf scramble starting at 2 pm (\$40/person, includes green fees and a cart). Dinner that night will host the Rotary Youth Exchange and music by Flathead's Billy Angel.

The weekend event culminates in the Ecumenical Celebration and Hands Across the Border ceremony at Glacier Park Lodge.

Early Bird registration through August 22 - \$85.00
Regular registration through September 22 - \$100.00



<http://www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org/2018-peace-park-assemblyconference.html>

For any questions, contact **Tom Esch** at 406-250-5311 or by email at: eschwest@yahoo.com

*Calgary South Rotary Partners'
Annual Membership Breakfast Party*

*RISE AND SHINE!
"BE THE INSPIRATION"*



Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 9:30 A.M.

Calgary Winter Club (Skyline West Room)

4611 - 14 Street N.W.

Membership Fees: \$35.00

Tickets: \$20.00 (full breakfast), Guests Welcome!

Guest Speaker: Brian Keating, renowned Naturalist and Wildlife expert will speak on his recent endeavour, the "Great Big Nature". Be sure to bring a friend and you will leave feeling greatly inspired!!!

**RSVP by September 4 to Millie Huson 403-686-0828 or
ehuslink@telusplanet.net.**

**Send payment to: Karen Grant, 3927 Vancouver Cres. N.W.,
Calgary, AB T3A 0M2 payable to "Calgary South Rotary Partners".**

Do you require a ride? Please contact Denise MacLeod 403-771-1913.

We had a group of ten hikers going to Elbow Lake/Rae Glacier in the glorious Sunshine. On the ride there we saw a majestic Rocky Mountain Sheep on the road blocking traffic (photo by Evelyn Flores). On the ride back we saw a whole herd or is it a flock? I was taking a picture of one the last flowers when I captured this close up of a honey bee on an Aster. Seven of us climbed up to see Rae Glacier. On the way there was a creek in the canyon and staircase waterfalls in the creek. From the base of the glacier there are ribbons of water coming down. It is smaller than the last time we were up there. For the finale some had huge ice cream cones at our secret spot.

Submitted by: Pat Farn



HIKERS: The hike for Wednesday September 5th has not been finalized yet due to pending air quality and bear alerts in some areas. Stanley Glacier area will be watched closely as a possibility. Please contact PHIL JACKSON, at 403-931-4018 or philjackson@platinum.ca for more information

SEPTEMBER 2018: BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY

Sept 6: Ralph Klein Park: Off Site Meeting Click to Register:

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/Event/ralph-klein-park-offsite-meeting>

Must register by 9:00 am on Aug 31st.

Sept 7: Rotary Bethany Atrium Open House: 2945 26 Avenue SE 5 to 7 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/rotary-atrimum-sneak-a-peek-tickets-48652184995>

Sept 11: Partners Annual Breakfast Membership Party 9:30 am: Calgary Winter Club

Sept 13: Dick Shaw: Rotary Profile

Sept 17: Board Meeting at 5:30 pm: Ranchman's Club

Sept 20: Peace Day MRU Speakers

Sept 21-23: Waterton Peace Park Assembly: See Link for more info

<http://www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org/2018-peace-park-assemblyconference.html>

Sept 27: CRCF Presentation

OCTOBER 2018: ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Oct 4: Memory Mdyetseni: APU School Presentation

Oct 11: Christine Phillips: Branch Out Neurological Foundation

Oct 12: Oktoberfest: Austrian Canadian Club

Oct 18: Dr. Todd Pugsley: Oilsands Technologies

Oct 25: Jack Thompson: Rotary Foundation Presentation

NOVEMBER 2018: ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Nov 1: Richard De Boer: Mosquito / Hurricane Presentation

Nov 8: No Meeting Due to Rotary Remembers

Nov 11: Rotary Remembers (Carriage House Inn)

Nov 15: To Be Determined

Nov 22: Dr. Jon Meddings: Dean of University of Calgary Medicine

Nov 29: To Be Determined

DECEMBER 2018: DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

Dec 6: To Be Determined

Dec 9: Feed the Hungry: Need 100 Volunteers

Dec 13: Christmas Luncheon: Carriage House

Dec 20: Cleven Awards and Christmas Social

Dec 27: No Meeting Due to Christmas

JANUARY 2019: VOCATIONAL SERVICES

Jan 3: Mid Year State of the Union Address

Jan 10: To Be Determined

Jan 17: To Be Determined

Jan 24: Robbie Burns Day

Jan 25: Larry Kwong Memorial Chinese New Year Dinner: Regency Palace

Jan 31: To Be Determined

FEBRUARY 2019: WORLD UNDERSTANDING

Feb 2: Cowboy's Casino: Need 20 Volunteers for Morning, afternoon and countroom

Feb 3: Cowboy's Casino: Need 20 Volunteers for Morning, afternoon and countroom

Feb 7:

Feb 14: Valentine's Day Luncheon at Rotary House



Health, Wellness & Transportation:

Contact **Don O'Dwyer** at: dpodwyer@hotmail.com or: 403 680 2072 if you know of anyone that is not well, that could use a visit or a ride to a Rotary Meeting.

Did you miss a meeting? You can watch it here. Do you need a makeup? You can also pay \$20.00 to the Club and receive a makeup. Just click this link to go to our online meetings: <https://bit.ly/2IKLIVc>
You can view any meeting for free but if you want a make up please remember to register at the bottom of the meeting list and pay \$20.00. Kathyann will receive a notification and she will record your makeup for you

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