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**Welcome to the August 31st 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, District Governor Kurt Kowalchuk, President Elect Jim Bladon, Jim Hutchens, New Member Amarjeet Grewal, and Past President and PDG Ken Copithorne**



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



Opening Comments: I'm delighted to announce that Vitallija Vas will be attending our meetings to play piano when we return to Rotary House on September 14.





## Announcements:

**Visitors and Guests:** **Greg Smyth** did a wonderful job of introducing our guests today and we sang our beloved Welcome Song.



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

**NORM DEVITT** welcomes visitors, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Foothills Unit 100. He is eating on his own, mentioned the other day that he wants to go to Rotary. The family are waiting on an available placement for long-term care.

Health and Wellness contact for September and October will be **David Read** Tel 403-271-5856 or 403-921-5856 or email [nread@telusplanet.net](mailto:nread@telusplanet.net)

**50/50 :** **Michael Zacharki** asked Sarah Brown to pull the lucky ticket and the winner of \$150 was **Ernie Yaskowich** who donated it back to the Ukrainian Fund.



**Grants Committee:** 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 See more info on page 7**

**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*

**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!

**Terry Fox Run**—**Glen Godlonton** is asking for volunteers for the Terry Fox Run again this year. It was so much fun last year! Email Glen to sign up if you haven't done so at the Meeting today. [glen@godlonton.com](mailto:glen@godlonton.com)

**Stg of Arms**—**Keith Davis** did a great job of draining some pocket s today! He recognized David Schwarz for being the Pickle Ball Champion of Canada and asked his table to pay up, to see his whole pitch, watch the recording of the Meeting at the link below.



To see more photos from today's Meeting by clicking [HERE](#) and to watch the recording of the Meeting click [HERE](#). To see last week's recording click [HERE](#) as Steve was away.



## Announcements:

### Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Dinner Club

Don't delay.. sign up for the Dinner Club now (deadline is August 31!!) as we would like to see our snowbirds get an opportunity to host and perhaps "dine out" with our other members before they leave for the winter ...That is my "urgency" in getting members signed up early!!

If you were a member last year, and haven't changed any of the info, you need to just let me know you will join again.

If you are new to this, it generally means you host 4-5 members (spouses/partners) once and you are invited out twice, by other members. Fill out the attachment...

Your menu need not be gourmet, just easy and simple... our purpose is not gourmet meals, but to get to know people better!! You can entertain in a restaurant, or at your home for lunch, brunch, dinner..or even a weiner roast in the backyard!! Last year, no one had a duplicate in guests or hosting, which worked out really well ...thank you, Greg and Joanne M. for giving me good advice!!

For those of you who have yet to host from last year, please do it asap.. please be fair to the ones who are expecting to be invited out.. It sometimes, can be trying to get people together, but if you set two/three dates and you can't get your assigned guests together, please go ahead with the most popular date and ask other members to round out the table.

Bonus: To add a little fun for the Dinner Club members, we will be having a Wine Tasting evening in early October...date to be confirmed shortly.

Contact **Pat Neuman**  
([pneuman647@gmail.com](mailto:pneuman647@gmail.com) or 416-889-5673)  
to sign up.







## Announcements Continued:

**WildFire Evacuee Help**—We have all heard the devastating news of the evacuations underway due to the wildfires in the Northwest Territories. Our hearts go out to those displaced and having to leave their homes without any understanding if they will survive the wildfires. If you wish to help, you can donate to the United Way NWT Emergency Response Fund, <https://nwt.unitedway.ca/2023-emergency-response/>, through this Canada Helps link. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/90073?v2=true>.

## Obituary Notes August 31, 2023 Doug Kyle—Former member of Rotary Club of Calgary South

Calgary is poorer from the loss this week of one of Canada's former leading athletes and a leader in fitness, Doug Kyle. Doug was a member for many years of the Rotary Club of Calgary South and was very active throughout his time with us. He died in hospital last Sunday evening following a single-vehicle rollover accident in Southeast Calgary. He was 91. Doug and his wife, Carol, were married for 64 years and were one of the most notable pairs in the Canadian athletic world. Doug represented Canada in two different Olympics, competing in 5000 and 10,000 metre runs. He won many medals and awards over his athletic career and Carol, who passed away in 2021, was also an accomplished athlete and is a member of the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame. Doug also founded the Calgary Track and Field Association, as well as starting the Calgary Marathon, which first ran in 1960 with 19 runners and today attracts in excess of 10,000 athletes more than 60 years after its inception. Doug also sat on the Board of the Calgary Rotary Mattamy Greenway during its formation. Doug will be mourned by many people in Calgary and across the athletic world.

## New Member Induction: Amarjeet Grewal

**Jim Hutchens**, as **Amarjeet's** Sponsor, introduced her to the Club. District Governor Kurt Kowalchuk then inducted her with a lovely speech including some history of Rotary, I highly suggest watching the recording the below. Amarjeet then thanked the Club and shared her excitement about joining our Club. Amarjeet has a great story, to watch her whole introduction and Induction please watch the recording of the Meeting, click [HERE](#)

**WELCOME AMARJEET!!** We look forward to getting to know you more and working together to make our Community and this world a better place!







## Main Presentation: District Governor Kurt Kowalchuk

**Jim Bladon** introduced DG Kurt Kowalchuk to the Club with a lovely introduction, please watch the recording of the Meeting to hear it all. Kurt then stepped to the podium and in his Toast Master fashion, got us all to welcome him loudly. Kurt spoke on his experience in Rotary as well as his wife Manon Mitchell, he shared some of his international Rotary experience with some great photos and stories. Then all of a sudden we had a surprise visitor, Distr-anisoraus Rex (Manon Mitchell), who came to stomping through the room in Dinosaur fashion to talk about the upcoming District Convention in Drumheller.

Past District Governor, Ken Copithorne then thanked Kurt for speaking to our Club today.

To hear Kurt's entire speech and see the excitement of the Dinosaur in the room, please watch the recording of the Meeting by clicking [HERE](#)







## Rotary Exchange Program

HOST FAMILY APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED -By Dorothea Schaab



**Gail Williams**, Chair of Youth Opportunities and Leadership has asked me to advise you that we are accepting applications for host families for our inbound Youth Exchange Student, Marino Farella. Special thanks to **Stacey and Kathy Johnson** and their family for being his first host family. We want Marino to experience our diversified Canadian culture and this happens as he is involved in daily home life with a number of different families. Please give thought to this opportunity to participate in molding this young person's life.

The close bonds formed between host family members and exchange youth often lasts for many, many years. For me, I'm still in touch with students from as far back as 13 years ago. And I know some of you have attended weddings, and hosted students as they have returned to Calgary for vacations ... most recently Hannah from Austria.

So please give this consideration, especially our new members. Not only is this a life changing year for our students, but your horizons will also be expanded. Information on applying as a host family has been distributed through recent emails and it will be in the Bulletin this week as well. Please contact **Gail Williams** for more information.



2023-24 Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student Marino Farella arrived from Italy on Sunday, August 20. Saying Benvenuto are, from left, **Stacey Johnson, host parent; Rick Jakubek; Marino; President Bryan Walton; Marietta Maier, outbound counsellor; Gail Williams, inbound counsellor and chair, Youth Opportunities.**

**Dorothea Schaab, photographer.**

And Marino enjoying Stampede Park



2023-24 Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange student William Wei departed for Germany on Monday, August 21. Saying Bon Voyage are, from left, **Dorothea Schaab, Marietta Maier, outbound counsellor, Gail Williams, chair, Youth Opportunities.**



And William with his Host Family in Germany!



## Rotary Exchange Program—Continued



### Host Families Needed

The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park  
requires host families  
(September, 2023 through July, 2024)

#### Meet our 2023-2024 Inbound Student, 16-year-old Marino Farella from Italy

- ♦ Lives in the historical town of Rutigliano, Bari in the south of Italy
- ♦ Is close to his parents and older sister who is attending university
- ♦ Loves soccer; super fan of INTER, the famous football (soccer) club of Italy.
- ♦ Enjoys watching TV series with family, cooking and has a passion for travel and beautiful places.
- ♦ Will attend Grade 11 at Crescent Heights High School



#### Who Can Be A Host Family?

- **Any caring and responsible family** with an interest in hosting a young person from another land.
- **Families with small children** make great host families. Young children experience having a Big Brother or Sister; Exchange students may share a new language for the young children.
- **"Empty Nesters" or retired couples** often have more time than younger families to spend with the exchange student and they enjoy having a young person to host.
- **Families with high school age children** help the exchange student integrate into the school activities.
- **Single parent families or single adults** make good hosts.
- **Families do not need to be affiliated with Rotary** to host Rotary Youth Exchange Students.

#### How Long Will I Host a Rotary Youth Exchange Student?

The typical length of stay is about two to four months. This provides the student with an opportunity to experience different cultures and family traditions. The student is in Calgary from late August 2023 to July 2024.

#### Rotary Youth Exchange Changes Lives

*Whether you're a student or a host family, Rotary Youth Exchange opens doors, opportunities and minds.*



For more information on the Host Family program  
or for an application to host  
**Contact Gail Williams**  
or email [gailwi45@telus.net](mailto:gailwi45@telus.net)  
Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park







**THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK:** <https://youtu.be/qqrSn5OpXQ8>

## In Closing:

**Next week's Meeting:** We are back here in the Blue Room for a presentation by Patti Pon on the arts scene here in Calgary. Thereafter we are back at Rotary House.

**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

[www.rotarystampedepark.com](http://www.rotarystampedepark.com)



### 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>





## Protecting Vulnerable People Policy Requirements 2023-24

It is critical that our Club is following the requirements for certain Club members to volunteer with the vulnerable population. The requirement to be an approved volunteer is to be screened following District 5360 procedure. Currently, District 5360 has identified the following Committees where volunteers should be screened:

- NGSE, RYLA, RYPEN, RAYEC Program Lead
- District Board
- Protecting Vulnerable People Committee
- Club Interact Advisor
- Club Stay-in-School Mentor (when student is under 18 years of age)
- Club Youth Service Committee
- Club Youth Scholarships & Awards

Club Vulnerable People Programs (e.g. Seniors, New Immigrants)

In addition to the above there is a separate application and set of requirements for a family hosting a student.

## Screening Requirements:

There are 4 requirements to be approved as a volunteer working with the vulnerable population:

1. Interview of the potential volunteer by the Club;
2. A current Police Information Check (including a Vulnerable Sector Check);
3. Current training in the Youth Protection Awareness course (online), and;
4. Three independent references (not family and only one Rotarian).

Once all of these requirements have been met, the volunteer is approved to commence working with the vulnerable population. The current Policy requires this screening be completed before any one to one activities occur with a member of the vulnerable population.

The pandemic stopped most, if not all activities and programs in Rotary for the last 2-3 years and the District database shows most of our members don't have any of the requirements to volunteer with the vulnerable population. This is NOT required if you don't have any one to one involvement with the vulnerable population. For example, If you wish to take our inbound student for an activity or drive them to our Club meetings and have another adult (or adults with you) with you, you do **not** require screening.

My plan is to communicate with all of the Chairs of Committees who have the potential to have one to one contact with the vulnerable population and advise of the requirements. I will work with those Committees to ensure screening is completed before any activity with the vulnerable population takes place.

Please contact Carol Graham (Club Protection Officer) at [grahamca1120@gmail.com](mailto:grahamca1120@gmail.com) or (403) 861-4225 with any questions or assistance.



# 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**



## 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. **September 8-10th at McMahon Stadium.**

**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

Running Rain Lake lived up to its name when 12 hikers tackled river crossings on foot, stream crossing on flimsy logs and other crossings that entailed leaping across and hoping for a landing. It was raining most of the hike! The river was capable of producing hypothermia in your feet before you got across. On the other side we changed into warm socks and hiking boots. After quite a climb we came down to a boggy area and then were treated to the beautiful lake. Ponchos were the fashion statement. Our youngest hiker took this picture of his grandpa crossing the flimsy log bridge with a railing so low you had to stoop to reach it. This kind of hike builds character! **Pat Farn**





# Welcome Back to Regular Programming

**September 7th:**

**Patti Pon—Developing Arts in Calgary**



**September 14th:**

**Ron Ghitter—Politics in Our Changing Community**



**September 21st:**

**Spruce Meadows—OFFSITE—Field Trip**



**September 28th:**

**Jim Gray—Update on the Green Line**

