



ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the August 6th 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) : Pat Neuman, Max Feldman, Sharyl Madigan, Sjoert Zuidhof, President Larry Kennedy, Bryan Walton, Mark Berry, Ted Stack



**Presentation:
Mark Berry**

**August 20th
Miguel
Kanafany**

**Next Week:
August 13th
Abigail McIsaac**

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting video.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the July 2nd meeting video.

Today's Meeting: We started off the meeting with a moment of silence for **Ted Rowsell**.

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

Sharyl Madigan thanked club members, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters on behalf of the 2026 Golf Classic Committee for helping make the event a success and for raising funds for three deserving charities.

Sjoert Zuidhof thanked the club for its support and recognized the Legacy Board's fundraising efforts. He also acknowledged the outstanding contributions of **Neill Magee** and **Don Bacon** for their many years of dedication to the Golf Classic.

Sergeant-at-Arms **John Fitzsimmons** engaged members with lighthearted fines and humour before recognizing **Dave Read** on his recent heart valve surgery and **Don Bacon** for his 65 years as a Rotarian. He encouraged members to attend meetings regularly, participate in Rotary makeups while travelling, and continue supporting the club's volunteer activities.

Bryan Walton introduced our guest speaker. Dr. Mark Barry is a retired pediatric orthopedic surgeon originally from Ottawa, Canada. After a successful career in private practice, including developing and patenting spinal implant innovations, he retired in 2014 to focus on training surgeons in developing countries. He developed a "training the trainers" model for pediatric orthopedic surgery, creating sustainable programs in sub-Saharan Africa. His work has helped establish pediatric orthopedic training in Tanzania, Uganda, and Ghana, with plans to expand into Kenya and other countries.

A proud Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Del Mar in San Diego, Dr. Barry has secured grant funding to support these initiatives and continues to work toward improving access to specialized surgical care worldwide.

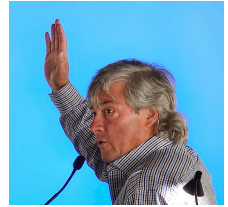
Dr. Mark Barry presented his pediatric orthopedic surgery training program, highlighting his "training the trainers" model that builds sustainable surgical capacity in developing countries. He shared the success of the Tanzania program, where trained surgeons have gone on to train others, creating a lasting center of excellence.

Dr. Barry explained that the program focuses on hands-on training, leadership development, and establishing permanent local training centers rather than short-term medical missions. He shared examples of children helped through complex orthopedic procedures and discussed future expansion into additional African countries and other medical specialties.

Members thanked Dr. Barry for his work and asked questions about nutrition, sustainability, Rotary partnerships, security, and retaining trained surgeons. Dr. Barry emphasized the importance of local ownership, long-term training, and creating incentives to keep specialists in their home countries.

Ted Stack thanked Dr. Mark Barry for sharing his journey and inspiring the club with his commitment to service. He recognized Dr. Barry's dedication to training local surgeons through his "training the trainers" model, which has created sustainable pediatric orthopedic care in underserved communities. Ted highlighted the success of the Tanzania program, where three surgeons trained by Dr. Barry have gone on to become six specialists serving a population of 70 million people. He commended Dr. Barry's work and expressed support for future initiatives, including the planned Nairobi training program in 2027.

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



Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

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 and 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 à 4:00 - Peace Conversation at the Wheeler International Peace Park Center in Glacier National Park.
- 3:00 à 5:00 - Registration Opens at the Red Lion Hotel, Kalispell
- 3:00 à 5:00 - Shopping and Historic Walking Tour of Downtown Kalispell
- 5:00 à 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 à 12:00 - Hands Across the Border Golf Tournament (9-Hole Scramble)
- 9:00 - Assembly Opening, Land Acknowledgement, Introductions
- 9:15 à 10:30 - Mariah Gladstone, Food Sovereignty on the Blackfeet Reservation
- 10:30 à 11:00 - Break
- 11:00 à 12:00 - ShinNaasha Pete, Conserving Whitebark Pine on Native lands
- 12:00 à 1:00 - Lunch with an Update on Yellowstone to Yukon Initiative
- 1:00 à 1:45 - Carmen Hancock, Waterton NP Update
- 1:45 à 2:30 - Dave Roemer, Glacier NP Update
- 2:30 à 3:00 - Break
- 3:00 à 5:00 - Assembly General Meeting
- 5:00 à 6:00 - Happy Hour
- 6:00 à 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 contrustion. 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 13th - Abigail McIsaac

The week following: August 20th - Miguel Kanafany

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 - TBD



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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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