



INSIDE THIS BULLETIN

1. MICHELE GALLANT: FRINGE FESTIVAL
2. MICHELE GALLANT: FRINGE FESTIVAL
3. MICHELE GALLANT: FRINGE FESTIVAL
4. CLUB NEWS
5. CLUB NEWS
6. CLUB NEW
7. 2017 DREAM HOME NEWS
8. RCCS MEETING/EVENTS CALENDAR
9. WATERTON PEACE PARK ASSEMBLY
10. ROTARY MATTAMY AND MEMBERSHIPS
11. PABLO'S PARABLES (THE FINAL CHAPTER)
12. HIKING CLUB
13. CONTACT US

BULLETIN CHAIR: BEV OSTERMANN

EDITOR: CAROL GRAHAM

PHOTOGRAPHER: PAUL BRICK

Kevin MacLeod began by introducing Michele Gallant. "I was fortunate enough to meet Michele about 15 years ago through her husband Blair. Blair and I met while we served on a community association board for a few years and have been friends ever since.

Michele worked for CIBC and Assante Financial Management prior to working with me. Michele was incredible at her day job of assisting me to serve my clients. But her passion was the stage. At night she performed in over 45 shows as a singer/dancer/actor. She is also an accomplished director and choreographer.

Michele's husband Blair began the Calgary Fringe Festival in 2006. Michele was involved as the volunteer office manager and box office coordinator. In 2007 she kicked Blair out and took the reigns as the Director, then added the responsibilities of Producer in 2008. So she quit her day job and has been focused on the Fringe since then. Please give a warm welcome to Michele Gallant. "

Michele began by asking: **What is the Calgary Fringe Festival?**

It is an indoor theatre festival that starts on the August long weekend and lasts for 9 days.

Four Core principles of a Fringe Festival:

1. Fringe Festivals are un-juried (artists are selected by lottery draw or first come, first serve).
2. Fringe Festivals are uncensored (only thing we ask is (1) artists give plain disclosure to patrons as to their show content and (2) as long as artists aren't breaking the law, they can put whatever they want up on stage).
3. Fringe Festivals are accessible to artists and audiences.
4. Fringe Festivals return 100% of the ticket price to the participating artists.



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



The beginnings of Fringe:

- ⇒ The first Fringe Festival started in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1947 as a post-war morale booster.
- ⇒ The first Canadian Fringe took place in 1982 in Edmonton, with the help of the City of Edmonton. Today, Edmonton Fringe Festival is the 2nd largest Fringe Festival in the world. Last year the EDMONTON FRINGE: 850,000 + attendees. \$ 1.2 million in box office sales went back to the artist.
- ⇒ In 1994, the Canadian Association Fringe Festivals (CAFF) was established as the governing body for Canadian Fringes with 32 (and counting!) Fringe Festivals across North America.

Calgary Fringe Festival Beginnings:

- ⇒ In 2006, Calgary hosted the first Fringe Festival between 17 Avenue and Downtown locations. In 2007, the Calgary Fringe Festival was re-located primarily in Downtown Core, with theatre venues at the Glenbow Museum, EPCOR Centre (Arts Commons) and the #1 Royal Canadian Legion.
- ⇒ 2008 saw the Calgary Fringe Festival put down some roots in historic Inglewood with most of our theatre venues within walking distance.
- ⇒ The current Calgary Fringe is now a full-length 9-day Fringe, and is situated in the calendar between the Winnipeg Fringe and the Edmonton Fringe Festivals.

Impact on the City:

- ⇒ In 2010, the City of Calgary invited arts groups and organizations in for a meeting. In that meeting, they asked for our help: they said, "Calgary is becoming known as a great place to work. But we also need to be a great place to LIVE." Went on to say as non profit / charities, we can do this work much more effectively than they ever could.
- ⇒ Around that time, an independent consultant agency interviewed various artists, arts groups, and organizations ... and one of the questions asked was why is arts relevant in our city / society? Why should Calgarians care? One of the representatives from an arts organization said "I HATE having to answer that question, over and over again." But to me, it was an important question that we needed to be able to answer. We needed to be able to clearly demonstrate why we ARE here. We needed to be able to illustrate the impact we make on our city, in our businesses, in our community, to our citizens, and to our society that makes what we, as an arts focused organization, so relevant and necessary.
- ⇒ In 2012, Calgary was voted the Cultural Capital of Canada. That designation came with a \$ 1.6 million federal government grant. It's part of a national program to recognize special activities in Canadian municipalities that harness the benefits of arts and culture in the community.
- ⇒ In 2014, Calgary was named by the New York Times as one of the Top 52 places to visit (# 17) because of our amazing reputation for award-winning public art. 78% of public art presented was created by local Calgary artists.
- ⇒ In 2015 – 16, 80% of Albertans attended an arts event or activity.

Impact to our Artist:

Fringe Festivals' foster true **Entrepreneurial Spirit** in their artists:

- ⇒ Artist Payout Median in 2016 was \$ 2,500. The artists pay a nominal fee to be a part of our Festival. \$ 700 gets them 6 performance timeslots over the 9 day Festival, a performance venue w/lights, staging, and sound, and full technical, box office, and marketing / promotional support.
- ⇒ Artist keeps 100% of the box office receipts (less GST and ticketing surcharges).
- ⇒ We promote the Festival as a whole. The artists are in charge of promoting themselves.
- ⇒ We are an **UNCENSORED** theatre festival. Which means the artists are free to choose to put on to the stage whatever they want, however they want.
- ⇒ Anyone can participate! We don't segregate. Anyone with any level of experience can join.

Impact to our Citizens:

- ⇒ AUDIENCES: all tickets affordable. All venues accessible.
- ⇒ RECONCILIATION: talk about T'suu T'ina nation Chile Elementary School and their version of the Jungle Book.
- ⇒ DIVERSITY: Nearly 25% of Calgarians are foreign born, with close to 120 languages spoken. 12,000 new immigrants come to Calgary annually, and in 2010, was the first city in Canada to have elected a Muslim mayor.
- ⇒ INCLUSIVE: anyone can do shows. Anyone can see shows. Anyone can volunteer.

Gena Rotstein thanked Michele Gallant and noted that the Fringe festival is very timely now due to the economic contribution it makes to our city. When she lived in Ramsay and Inglewood she saw it grow over time and it is quite a gem. It is one of Calgary's best kept secrets. Thank you for coming today and sharing your time. See you at the Fringe!

President-Elect Ron added his thanks to the Speaker: "On behalf of the Club, I would like to add my gratitude for the time you have spent with us today. Because of your presentation today. We have made a \$100 contribution to the Stay in School Fund in your name.

Pictured Left to Right: Kevin MacLeod,
Michele Gallant and President-Elect Ron
Prokosch



Good afternoon and Welcome to the Rotary Club of Calgary South for July 20th, 2017. **President Bill LeClair** is away enjoying some family time in PEI and he has asked me as your President elect to chair your meeting. My name is **Ron Prokosch** and I am happy to stand in for Bill.

On this day in History:

1877: University of Manitoba was founded

1969: Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon.

1982: **Ron Prokosch** attended his first Rotary meeting. (Spontaneous applause!)

Please join **Lisa Fernandes, Glenn Potter and Hugh Delaney** in the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace. Enjoy your lunch and fellowship

Head Table: Kevin McLeod, Michele Gallant, Chas Filipski, Paul Siska, Pablo Ruiz

Bulletin Editor: Carol Graham

Bulletin Photographer: Paul Brick

Birthdays: President-Elect Ron gave Birthday Recognition for a number of July babies in our Club, including :

Mel Gibson, Don Gass, Randy Burnette, Gail McDougall, Jim Fitzowich, Michael Ruttan, David Young, Lynn Grant, Paul Brick, Greg Martin and Keith Davis

Also Pablo is turning 18 – lock up your daughters !

Health and Wellness: President-Elect Ron advised as follows:

- **Art Borzel** has had a pacemaker installed. He will be taking it pretty easy for the next month and looks forward to returning to Rotary after that recovery period.
- **Maureen Watson** is home and fine after she passed out at a recent barbeque. It was dehydration.
- Sad news: **The President-Elect of Rotary International, Sam Owori** unexpectedly passed away after surgery and the International Committee will need to select a new President-Elect.



Dream Home: Craig Stokke

Craig advised that the number one question is “How did we do this year?” He was pleased to respond that we had an all- time sales record on the grounds of \$1,633,000!

Everything went really smoothly overall and the Club really stepped up by signing up for shifts, showing up for shifts and engaging the public while selling.

Thanks to the Club and special thanks to both the Dream Home Committee and the support from the Stampede Lotteries Committee.

Craig also asked if anyone has extra passes to give them to him to be turned in.





Stay In School Golf Tournament: Gord Weicker

Gord reminded us that next on our fundraising agenda is the Stay in School Golf Tournament next Thursday July 27th. A reminder to all of us that there is NO meeting at Rotary House next week. We are back on Thursday August 3rd.

Gord thanked the sponsors, the volunteers and the golfers for their support as these funds go to the Stay in School Scholarship fund.

The weather is forecast to be good!

St. Mary's Parking: Earl Huson

Earl reported that the St Mary's parking during Stampede is becoming more and more of a factor as a few more members stepped up to assist with the parking and this project generated about &18,200.00 which is shared with our partner St. Mary's. These funds are unrestricted which allows the Club flexibility with our expenditures.

Waterton Peace Park Assembly: Earl Huson

Earl provided a brief reminder that the Assembly is on the Canada side this year and is set for mid-September. More information on this will be coming.

Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation:

President -Elect Ron announced that as of June 30, **Greg Martin** is retiring as a Director of the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation after 6 years in this role. "Greg, we want to thank you for your service and stewardship in this role. It is so greatly appreciated."

"I am happy to report that the committee recommended **Neil Fraser** as our representative on that Board to replace Greg. That recommendation was endorsed by your Board at it's June 26th meeting. Neil will join **Jim Fitzowich and Penny Leckie** as a Calgary South representative on the Board of CRCF. We thank you for your service in this important role.



Old Tyme Country Picnic: Keith Davis:

Keith reported that last year's experiment exceeded expectations (i.e. hoping for 25 and hosting 250!).

This year it will a similar format with great food by our own Michael Zacharki and old time sack races, tug of war and horseshoes.

There will be balloons and face painting. The locale is again at Bob Brawn's ranch.

Date and time: Sunday August 13 from 11am-5pm.

Don't eat before you come! Bring family, friends. Charge is \$10 per adult. Children under 6 are Free



YEX: Chas Filipski: Our incoming Chair of YEX

Chas **Filipski** reported that Pablo (who is leaving tomorrow) is among a group of extraordinary kids, which includes Paul Sisko. He encouraged all of us to reach out to the students who come here as it is rewarding.

Chas noted that Pablo was unique in that in addition to all of the sports and other activities he was involved in, he also received his diploma this year from St. Mary's.

Pablo asked Chas if he was writing that Pablo was "awesome". Chas told him he could mention that himself!

Chas gave a special thank you to Walter and Evelyn Flores who sponsored Pablo this year. Chas also noted he had completed the nomination forms to have Walter become a member of our Club.

Lastly, Chas thanked **President-Elect Ron** for also sponsoring Pablo and being the "heart and soul" of the YEX Committee. Chas said he had big shoes to fill but had an extraordinary Committee to assist him.

Chas then introduced Pablo Ruiz who wanted to thank the Rotary Club for all the support given to him. He stated it had changed him and he "knows what he wants and will work for it"

As he said in his letter to the Club," There are no words to adequately say thank you."

All the best Pablo!

50/50 Draw: Mike Zacharki

The winning ticket was held by **Larry Kennedy**. Congrats Larry!

Remember there is not meeting next week due to the Stay In School Golf Tournament

Ron Prokosch then concluded his first meeting as President-Elect and said

"If there is nothing else for the good of Rotary – I declare the meeting adjourned."





The Winning Ticket was pulled on Wednesday and the Winner was Donald Wakelam from Nanton AB



The Rotary Club of Calgary South and its fantastic volunteers raised 1.36 Million this year at the Calgary Stampede. Thank you to everyone of you that took time to take part in this amazing fund raiser.

- 2017 Chair: Craig Stokke and Dream Home Committee





Waterton-Glacier
International Peace Park Association
Established June 18, 1932 | www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org



September 22nd to 24th, 2017
Waterton National Park

www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org

Registration for the Assembly at:

<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=9e048d03-7526-472e-99c1-a3e9d8410aa9>

If you are having trouble accessing the registration form contact Terry Allen at tgallen1@telus.net and I will send you the above link by email.

Program and Accommodation

Accommodation in Waterton may be limited due to the free entry to the park this year. You should make reservations as soon as possible. Use the following website to see the program and the list of hotels in Waterton.

www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org

Further Information

Contact Terry Allen at tgallen1@telus.net

Fellow Calgary South Rotarians

Please find below the link to the Parks Foundation's Promotional Video for the Rotary/Mattamy Greenway. It is only 90 seconds long and has no narration. It features Dionysius, a Rotarian and an athlete. It is a great way to give everyone a glimpse of this amazing legacy project.



Please share this with friends and family and encourage everyone to pass it along.

<https://vimeo.com/223493795>

SUBMITTED BY: SHERRY AUSTIN

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY SOUTH FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



Propose a NEW MEMBER !!!!

- ⇒ Proposing new members is **essential** to achieving Rotary's goal of providing community and international service. As a Rotarian, one of your primary responsibilities is to help identify and **propose new members**.
- ⇒ Contribute to your club's membership by bringing in qualified business and professional leaders who are interested in and committed to advancing the mission of Rotary.
- ⇒ Together with your fellow Rotarians, you can help your club fully represent your community's business and professional life and, help contribute to the continuing good work and fellowship, of the Rotary Club of Calgary South.

Respectfully submitted:

Roselyn Jack: lazyrrch@outlook.com

Allan Johnson: sheratonallan@gmail.com

Committee Chairs/2017-2018

Membership Qualification and Classification

To a great and warm club of helpers,

I cannot express my exchange with words, it's been the best year of my life. Most of it has been joy thanks to those unconditional supporters that kept fighting to make my wishes come true in which I include my counsellor Chas Filipski and his wife Terri. And those hard moments and situations made me learn and allow me to become an adult. And that's why I am so thankful to this club, it has made me the person I was looking forward to be: wanting to try everything and fearless.

Thank you Rotary, you've made Canada a place where I feel comfortable and safe, you've made it my home. I have also to thank all the host families that hosted me this year, you guys are amazing. Thank you once again Rotary for preparing for success.

... *Pablo*

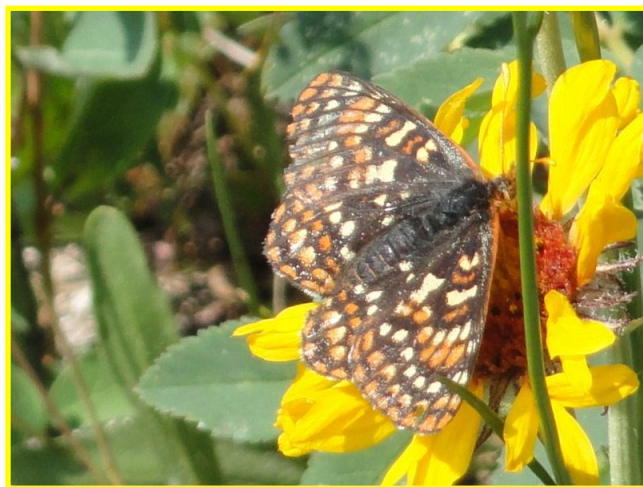


Here are some photos of the fun we had on the hike to Ford Knoll. At the Summit I climbed to an outcropping rock, overlooking the view of the valley way below, and assumed the famous "Titanic" stance. Here is the group along with our canine friend "Jack" who was being dog sat by the Jackson's.



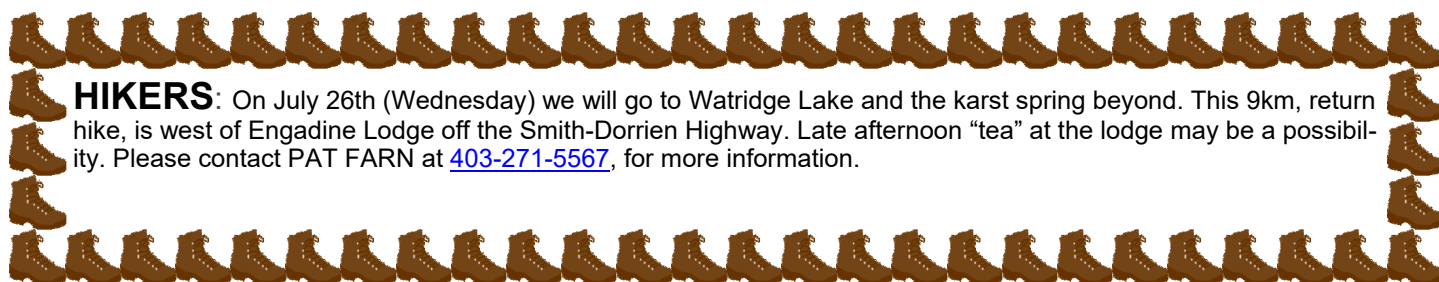
This White Camas flower was one of a variety of flowers we saw including: Golden Rod, Bunch Berry, Nodding Onion, Common Harebell, Brown Eyed Susan, Paint Brush, Twin Flower, Smooth Aster, Northern Bedstraw and Annual Hawksbeard.

This Edith's Checkerspot butterfly was quite striking.



Forget Me Not pond provided a cooling place for Constance's feet, because the sky was blue and it was hot at the end of our hike. This warranted an ice cream in Bragg Creek at Suzie's who offers so many flavours you have a hard time

SUBMITTED BY: PAT FARN



HIKERS: On July 26th (Wednesday) we will go to Watridge Lake and the karst spring beyond. This 9km, return hike, is west of Engadine Lodge off the Smith-Dorrien Highway. Late afternoon "tea" at the lodge may be a possibility. Please contact PAT FARN at [403-271-5567](tel:403-271-5567), for more information.

JULY 2017

July 27: No Meeting: Stay In School Golf Tournament

AUGUST 2017

Aug 3: President Bill LeClair: Inaugural Address

Aug 10: Heidi Lambie: Amnesty International

Aug 13: Old Tyme Country Picnic (Bob Brawn's place)

Aug 17: Dr. Jacqueline Smith: University of Calgary

Aug 24: Mount Royal University Library Tour

Aug 31: Returning YEX Student

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sept 2: Rotary Mattamy Greenway Celebration

Sept 7: TBA

Sept 14: TBA

Sept 21: TBA

Sept 22-24 Waterton Peace Park Assembly

Sept 25: Dinner Service: Drop In Center (5:45-7:00 pm) Volunteers needed

Sept 28: CRCF Presentation

OCTOBER 2017

Oct 5: TBA

Oct 12: TBA

Oct 19: Ken Keelor: Calgary Co-op

Oct 26: District Governor's Visit

NOVEMBER 2017

Nov 2: TBA

Nov 9: No Meeting re: Rotary Remembers

Nov 11: Rotary Remembers: Carriage House Inn

Nov 12: Feed The Hungry: 125 Volunteers Needed

Nov 16: Rotary Foundation Presentation

Nov 23: TBA

Nov 30: TBA

DECEMBER 2017

Dec 7: TBA

Dec 14: Christmas Luncheon

Dec 21: Clevelen Awards and Christmas Social

JANUARY 2018

Jan 4: Mid-Year State of the Union Address

Jan 11:

Jan 18:

Jan 25:

Rotary Club of Calgary South

Suite 120, 200 Rivercrest Drive SE

Calgary AB T2C 2V5

(403) 244 9788

Office Manager: Kathyann Reginato email: kathyann@rotarycs.org

Visit us at: www.rotarycs.org

2017 2018 Club Officers

President: Bill LeClair:

leclair@calgarylaw.com

President-Elect: Ron Prokosch:

rprokosch@prokoschgroup.com

Past President: Ken Farn:

kgfarn@telusplanet.net

Club Secretary: Don Bacon:

donbacon@shaw.ca

Treasurer: Larry Kennedy:

treasurer@rotarycs.org

Partners President: Karen Grant:

lkgrant@shaw.ca

2017 2018 Directors

District 5360 Representative: Sherry Austin

srains@shaw.ca

Club Service: Operations: Steve Mason

steve@talkinglightmedia.com

Club Service: Membership and Social: Glen Godlonton

glen@godlonton.com

Club Service: Ways & Means: Jack Haman

hamanj@telus.net

Community Service: Jim Hutchens

jmh_calgary@hotmail.com

Community Service: Ways & Means: Dana Hunter

drmuir@shaw.ca

International & Vocational Service: Kevin MacLeod

kmacleod@moneyadvisor.ca

Youth Service: Stacey Johnson

sjohnson@printthree.ab.ca

Other Important Contacts

Dream Home Chair: Craig Stokke

craig1@sellerdirect.com

Health Wellness & Transportation Chair: Don O'Dwyer

dpodwyer@hotmail.com

Large Grants Chair: Bob Brawn

bbrawn@telus.net

Programs and Tours Chair: Jim Fitzowich

jfitzowi@telusplanet.net