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Some 275 Rotarians, families and friends gathered at the Carriage House early on November 11th to attend the Rotary Clubs of Calgary Remembrance Service.

The Service commenced at 10.30 with a welcome from **District Governor Rick Istead.**

LAC (ret) Des De Freitas then recited "In Flanders Fields".



He introduced the poem with a bit of history on the author John McCrae.



In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

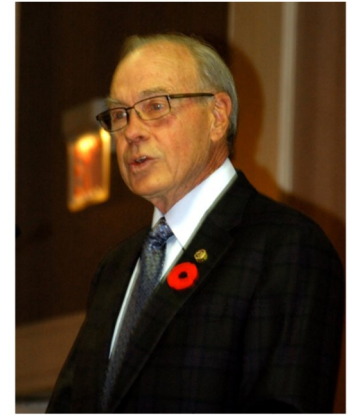


by John McCrae, May 1915

Our own Frank King brought us the "Meaning of Remembrance Day"

Remembrance Day. . . November 11, 1918 marks the anniversary of the official end of the World War 1 hostilities. World War 1 was a massive conflict played out over the whole globe, but particularly in Europe, where troops from Canada supported the Allied Forces.

"We will remember" is a call heard at many military ceremonies and parades, but it was only in 1931 that Ottawa passed an act **permanently fixing Canada's national military memorial day to the anniversary of Armistice Day, November 11th, 1918, marking the end of the Great War.** The day was named Remembrance Day. The same act moved Thanksgiving to October, from its traditional November date, which is still adhered to by our American neighbors.



Remembrance Day honors those who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty in World War One, World War Two, and the Korean War.

Every November 11th, at cenotaphs across our country, as well as across Europe and the Commonwealth countries, services, parades and silences take place to pay respect to soldiers who died for us in battle.

Red poppies are seen on the lapels of coats as a symbol of remembering and inspired by the World War 1 poem, "In Flanders Fields where Poppies Grow". Poppies were the first flowers to grow in the earth around the graves of our soldiers, buried in Flanders, a region of Belgium. As well as being a flower of remembrance, the red poppy is also important to help the living. Today funds raised are used to help servicemen and civilians suffering from the physical and mental hardships as a result of war, as well as the many families whose military members are serving our country. This year the Canadian Legion expects to distribute 20 million poppies throughout the country.

However, in Calgary, this is the 9th year that the Field of Crosses is appearing along Memorial Drive. Over 3400 crosses are placed there from November 1st to 11th, each cross brings back the memory of an individual soldier from Southern Alberta who made the ultimate sacrifice.

A good friend of ours, Calgarian Murray McCann was the co-founder of this wonderful memorial celebration here in Calgary. We had hoped that Murray could have been able to join us here today, as he did in the past, but he is busy right now completing the last few days of this year's Remembrance Plan. I assure you that I will bring our "thanks" to Murray tomorrow for everything he has given to help us and many others to confirm the real meaning of Remembrance Day and Flowers. Thousands of people come out with tears in their eyes as they walk at Remembrance time through these rows of named crosses on the north side of the Bow River in downtown Calgary. Students attend daily sunrise and sunset ceremonies, experiencing a heart-felt history lesson and feeling a real pride in our country.

My friends ... this is the true picture of our Remembrance Day today for young and old.

Please take time starting now, to thank those who have already fought for our liberty to give us a better way of our life today to continue to support the future opportunities in this great country of Canada.

At 11am we observed two minutes of silence with the Bugler playing the Last Post and Reveille.

This was followed by the traditional Rotary Honour Roll presentation with the Presidents of the Clubs (President Bill LeClair for Rotary South) reading the names of members who had served in the Forces.



ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY SOUTH HONOUR ROLL ROTARY REMEMBERS

CURRENT MEMBERS	DECEASED MEMBERS	DECEASED MEMBERS
Jack Black	Roy Alsip	George Montgomery
Bob Brawn	Harvey Bietz	Ron Morris
Keith Davis	George Brierley	Herb Parker
Larry Kwong	John Campbell	Fred Peacock
Jim Porter	Clayton Carroll	Al Pearce
Dick Shaw	Bob Dawson	Chuck Porter
Jim Smith	Jim Fetterly	Jim Rankin
Michael Zacharki	Gene Filipski	Clayton Richardson
	Bob Gee	John Rooney
	Wally Gibson	George Seaborn
	Sidney Guttman	Don Skagen
	Doug Hagerman	Wayne Smith
	Jim Hart	Arn Swanson
	Cyril Hegy	Bernie Tharp
	Lloyd Liggett	Cam Warrender
	Andy Little	Bob Watson
	Don Magee	Jim Watson
	Howard Mallabone	Norman Weber
	John McColl	Jack Westbrook
	Terry McDonough	Larry Winter
	Don McNeill	Mac Young

JACK BLACK

Joe Hooper of Calgary Chinook introduced the Guest Speaker, Jim Hennessy. Dr. Jim Hennessy was born in Peterborough and educated at Trent University and University of Toronto. He joined the Canadian Army Reserve at 16 and moved through the ranks to eventually become a Company Commander with the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

He joined the regular force as a Dental Officer and was posted to Calgary in 1980. He retired from the Forces after a total of 38 years and started a private dental practice along with being the staff dentist at Bowden and Drumheller Penitentiaries.

Jim is currently a member of Chinook.

LCol (ret) Jim Hennessy CD started by thanking those on the organizing committee, headed by Doug Hood.

"War is hell, nothing glamorous, its kill or be killed"

With these sobering words Jim gave us a history lesson of Canada's involvement in various wars then talked at length about one of the most significant moments in our history. The Battle of Vimy Ridge in April 1917.

He took us back to how war was being fought up to then with huge losses of men and not many gains of territory. After 2 years of trench warfare the forces, on both sides were spent. Fresh Canadian Forces arrived and they were charged with capturing Vimy Ridge. They were to capture the ridge in one day, many others had failed before them and they were not given much chance of success. However they started preparing, training, used photo reconnaissance and planned carefully. They rehearsed and knew their individual jobs. They introduced a "Creeping Barrage" and some 250,000 rounds of shells were fired along with 7 million rounds of ammunition.

Hill 145 was taken by noon and they spent the next 3 days consolidating their position.

They had 3500 dead and over 7000 wounded out of a force of 15,000. Four Victoria Crosses were awarded that day.



Vimy Ridge became the Symbol of sacrifice of a young Canadian Nation. Dr. Hennessey closed with the final verse of the song "Green Fields of France"

*And I can't help but wonder, no Willie McBride,
Do all those who lie here know why they died?
Did you really believe them when they told you "The Cause?"
Did you really believe that this war would end wars?
Well the suffering, the sorrow, the glory, the shame
The killing, the dying, it was all done in vain,
For Willie McBride, it all happened again,
And again, and again, and again, and again.*

Dr. Jim received a standing ovation !

Jim Fitzowich thanked the speaker. Dr. Jim started this Remembrance Day event. He has an outstanding understanding of history and is able to paint vivid pictures of the events. Jim F. said that he visited the Vimy memorial in Ottawa but Dr. Jim's presentation today really brought things to life.

The meeting was closed with "God save the Queen". And then we enjoyed the fellowship and a fine Carriage House Lunch.



An Attendance Minute: Good Meeting Attendance – an Important and Noble Goal

Good meeting attendance, if not perfect attendance, should be important and noble goal for every Rotarian; it builds **goodwill** and **better friendships** and is **beneficial to all concerned**. Meeting attendance is an important measure of the health of the Club and how much members enjoy the Club and meetings. A well run Rotary club should have meetings and events that members attend because they want to, not because they have to. They participate because they want to spend time with their friends, because the meetings are fun, because of good programs and especially because they know they will be greeted warmly and made to feel welcome.

Poor attendance should not necessarily be considered as a reason for expulsion from the Club; but a call to action by the Club leadership to reach out to the non-attending member to determine the reason for their poor attendance with some simple questions, such as: what is the Club not providing you that it should? **Our objective should not be to get Rotarians with poor attendance out of Rotary, but to get Rotarians with poor attendance back into Rotary.**

Don Bacon: Attendance Committee

Bulletin Committee Request: All **Speakers, Intro presenters and Thank you presenters** need to provide electronic copies before or immediately after the meeting to the Weekly Bulletin Editor or to: kathyann@rotarycs.org. Also note that if you ask to speak at the podium on any other matter at a weekly meeting, **President Bill** will be expecting you to submit an electronic copy of your information as well. Thanks very much for your assistance.

Bev Ostermann: Chair: Bulletin Committee

Cleven Awards: You are invited to nominate an active member of our Rotary Club for this year's Cleven Award. The criteria for the award are outlined on the Form which is attached to the email for this week's bulletin. Nominations should be sent to: tgallen1@telus.net or given to Bryan Targett no later than **November 16th 2017**

Terry Allen: Chair: Cleven Award Committee

Election and Nominations:

Remember to Vote: The ballot box will be available on **November 16th**. You can use email to download your ballot and then bring it to the club on the 16th. You can send your ballot via email to Don Bacon at: donbacon@shaw.ca **We would like to have a 99.9% member vote.**

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.

Don O'Dwyer: Chair: Health Wellness and Transportation Committee

House Committee: Power Point for November: Members wishing to have information placed on the Power point slide show for November please contact **Jamie Moorhouse** at least one week prior to the meeting date. Jamie's e-mail is jamie@talkinglightmedia.com

Terry Allen: Chair: House Committee

Office Matters: Please be aware that Kathyann Reginato will be away from the office from **November 23rd to December 10th, 2017**. Please direct any questions you may have to **Don Bacon, Club Secretary** at: donbacon@shaw.ca

Rosters: Bev Ostermann has the latest release of our Club Roster. Grab yours at the November 16th meeting.

Bev Ostermann: Chair: Rosters and Badges Committee

Click this link to Register you and your Guests:

<https://www.crsadmin.com/Gen/EventPlanner/EventClubRegistrationForm.aspx?aid=952>

Rotary
Calgary South



2017
**Christmas
Luncheon**

Thursday, December 14th
Carriage House Inn

Turkey and all the trimmings
Cocktails 11:15 Luncheon 12:15
\$45 per person

Seasonal songs and carols by the
ever-popular St. Mary's Choir

Enjoy the mastery of "Acclamation",
the advanced handbell choir from First Baptist Church,
under the direction of Anne Hergott

Bring a new, unwrapped toy worth \$15 or more
for Charity (optional) and receive a free ticket
in a raffle for a \$200 dining experience

Tickets go on sale November 2nd



This past weekend was really fun. On Saturday I was playing in the snow with my host sister for the first time.

I really loved, and I'm in love with the snow. On Sunday we went tobogganing, it was really fun too. It was also my first time tobogganing.

My school is the same, I have swim practices on Tuesday and Thursday before school and sometimes I have rehearsal for the play after school.

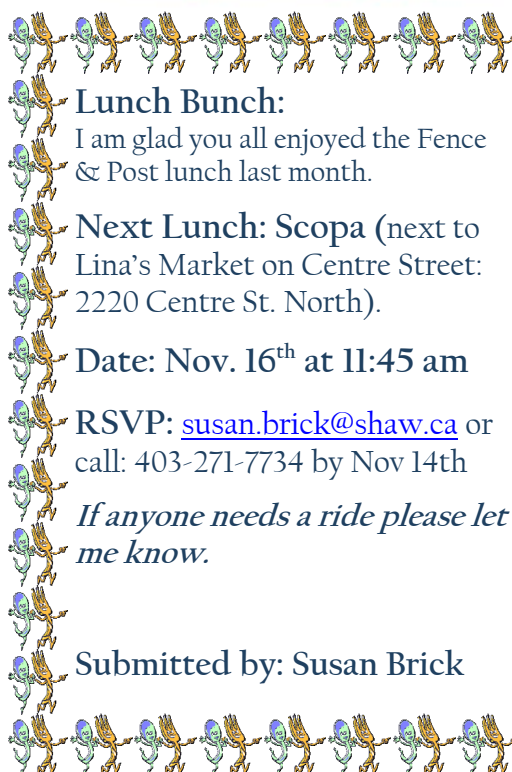
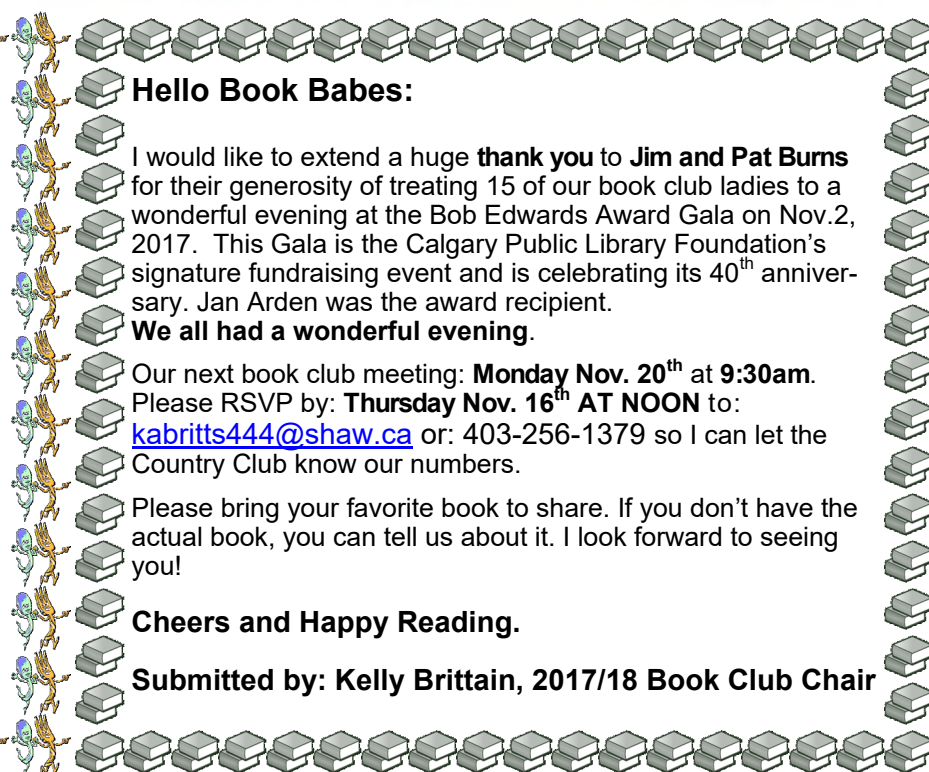
This Thursday we had the Remembrance day Assembly at School, I really loved and it was amazing to hear some of the Canadian history.

And some of my goals here that I didn't do yet are going skiing, going on a Flames Game and visit the Calgary Tower.

Maisa Piazza Costa





 <p>Lunch Bunch: I am glad you all enjoyed the Fence & Post lunch last month.</p> <p>Next Lunch: Scopa (next to Lina's Market on Centre Street: 2220 Centre St. North).</p> <p>Date: Nov. 16th at 11:45 am</p> <p>RSVP: susan.brick@shaw.ca or call: 403-271-7734 by Nov 14th</p> <p><i>If anyone needs a ride please let me know.</i></p> <p>Submitted by: Susan Brick</p>	 <p>Hello Book Babes:</p> <p>I would like to extend a huge thank you to Jim and Pat Burns for their generosity of treating 15 of our book club ladies to a wonderful evening at the Bob Edwards Award Gala on Nov. 2, 2017. This Gala is the Calgary Public Library Foundation's signature fundraising event and is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Jan Arden was the award recipient. We all had a wonderful evening.</p> <p>Our next book club meeting: Monday Nov. 20th at 9:30am. Please RSVP by: Thursday Nov. 16th AT NOON to: kabritts444@shaw.ca or: 403-256-1379 so I can let the Country Club know our numbers.</p> <p>Please bring your favorite book to share. If you don't have the actual book, you can tell us about it. I look forward to seeing you!</p> <p>Cheers and Happy Reading.</p> <p>Submitted by: Kelly Brittain, 2017/18 Book Club Chair</p>
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NOVEMBER 2017

Nov 16: Rotary Foundation Presentation

Nov 16: DEADLINE FOR ELECTION BALLOTS

Nov 16: DEADLINE FOR CLEVEN AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nov 20: Board Meeting

Nov 23: Meaghan Farquharson: Peace Scholarship Recipient

Nov 30: Reid Henry: C-Space Plant Tour

DECEMBER 2017

Dec 7: Sundae Nordin: Calgary Community Kitchen

Dec 14: Christmas Luncheon: Carriage House Inn (see Bulletin)

Dec 18: Board Meeting

Dec 21: Cleven Awards and Christmas Social

Dec 28: No Meeting re: Christmas

JANUARY 2018

Jan 4: President Bill LeClair: Mid-Year State of the Union Address

Jan 11: Brian Farrell: REVV52

Jan 18: TBA

Jan 25: Robbie Burns Day

FEBRUARY 2018

Feb 1: Jeannie Everett: New Alberta Curriculum

Feb 2: Larry Kwong Chinese New Year Dinner

Feb 8: Valentine's Day Luncheon

Feb 15: Dick Shaw: Rotary Profile

Feb 22: Brett Enders: Virtual Construction

MARCH 2018

March 1: TBA

March 8: Nancy Mannix: Palix Foundation

March 15: St. Patrick's Day

March 22: Art Borzel: Rotary Profile

March 29: TBA

APRIL 2018

April 5: TBA

April 12: TBA

April 19: New Member Celebration Evening Meeting: Carriage House

April 26: Terry McDonough (Deceased): Rotary Profile

MAY 2018

May 3: Dream Home Registration Kick off

May 10: TBA

May 17: TBA

May 24: Stay In School Luncheon: Carriage House Inn

May 25: President's Party: Acadia Rec Centre



Rotary Remembers:

“Optimism is what brings us to Rotary. But Rotary is not a place for those who are only dreamers. It is a place for those with the ability, the capacity, and the compassion for fruitful service.”

R.I. President Elect Sam F. Owori, 1941-2017

Discon 2018 Registration:

<http://discon5360.ca/registration/>

RI Convention 2019 Registration:

<http://www.riconvention.org/en>

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