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### Weekly Meetings & Bulletin Requirements

If you are asked or request to speak at a weekly meeting please note the following:

- Advise President Ron that you wish to make an announcement on Monday before the meeting by email
- Provide a digital copy of your notes to the Bulletin Editor and/or Kathyann Reginato in advance of the meeting. If you can't then immediately after the meeting
- At a minimum please give the Editor your hand written notes after you speak

This is for **Speakers, Intro Speakers, Thankers and anyone making announcements at the Podium.** Thank you for your assistance with this. It is very difficult for the Bulletin Editors to take so many notes at a busy and loud meeting **so let's help them out**



## Rotary Remembers



**Robyn Braley** from the Rotary Club of Calgary West welcomed everyone to "Rotary Remembers" today.



"We are gathered here to remember, honour and pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom and to remember those who returned broken in their bodies, minds and spirit.

It is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which stopped the slaughter and ended the "war to end all wars". Unfortunately; following that was World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and the Afghanistan war.

Robyn challenged those of us gathering today to remember a name and face from World War I to help you remember the sacrifice of the many.

O' Canada was led by RCCS's very own **Hugh Delaney** and accompanied by bugler **Dave Foley**.

The blessing of today was offered by **Major Harold Aitkenhead** of the Salvation Army.

**Shelley Dyson** from the Rotary Club of Calgary West gave her rendition of the meaning of Remembrance Day.



Shelley had vivid memories of attending Remembrance Day ceremonies at the cenotaph in Weymouth, Nova Scotia. Everyone stood for what seemed an endless parade of laying wreaths. Compared to the horrific conditions of war our brave patriots endured, standing outside for a few hours was not considered a hardship. Her parents were very serious about their three daughters being aware and respectful of the significance of Remembrance Day.

One of the heroes to remember is her Great Great Uncle Jeremiah Alvin Jones. "My mother vividly remembers that her "Uncle Jerry" was a gentle giant of a man. He was nearly 40 years old when he enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force in June 1916. He lied about his age but his large physical size made him persuasive to the recruiters. He was sent overseas and transferred to the Royal Canadian Regiment where he saw combat on the front lines.

His act of heroism was in the spring of 1917 during the Battle of Vimy Ridge when he single-handedly took out a German machine gun nest. He threw a grenade into the nest and killed about 7 of them. He was going to throw another grenade when the remaining soldiers threw up their arms and surrendered. Jones forced them to carry their machine gun across the battlefield to the Canadian lines where they dropped it at the feet of Jones's commanding officer.

Wounded in action and again during the Battle of Passchendaele, Jones was recommended for the Distinguished Conduct medal-an award for valour, second only to the Victoria Cross. Faced with discrimination that failed to recognize the deeds of Jones and other black soldiers of his time, he was passed over for recognition time and time again. Jones passed away in 1950. Finally in 2010, Jones was posthumously awarded the Canadian Forces Distinguished Service Medallion for his heroic actions in Vimy Ridge. A plaque commemorating his heroism is on permanent display at the Citadel Hill National Historic site in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Shelley's grandfather, Sidney Morgan Jones was one of the 16 Black men to enlist in the 106<sup>th</sup> battalion. He was wounded at Passchendaele and honoured with a full regimental funeral when he died in 1993 at the age of 94. He was one of the last surviving Black Canadian veterans of World War 1.

Shelley's father Rev. Dr. Willard Parker Clayton served on the front lines in France, the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium during World War 2. He was a member of the Royal Highland Regiment, Black Watch of Canada.

Although the participation of Blacks, other visible minorities and women in our country's war efforts is not always well known, Shelley is proud to live in a country where we have the freedom to tell their stories and correct past oversights, as in the case of her Great Great Uncle Jeremiah Jones.





**Lieutenant Colonel (ret) James Hennessy CD read “In Flanders Fields  
written by Dr. John Macrae on May 3, 1915:**

## 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.*

John McRae



11:00 am: Last Post (Bugler) Dave Foley and two minutes of Silence followed by: Reveille (Bugler) Dave Foley. Lieutenant Colonel (ret) James Hennessy read an excerpt from a poem.

### "They Shall Not Grow Old"

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;  
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;  
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;  
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,  
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,  
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known  
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,  
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;  
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,  
To the end, to the end, they remain."

#### Rotary Remembers "Honour Roll" presentation

Rotary Club of Calgary South **President Ron Prokosch** remembered his Uncle Ray, a veteran who didn't speak much about his experience but suffered greatly both psychologically and physically.

He also noted his father who also served in a capacity to support the front lines and we honour those men and women as well.

**President Ron** read out the names of those present and passed who served from our Club followed by the other Rotary Calgary Presidents: Rotary Club of Calgary West: **Chris Davis**, Rotary Club of Calgary North: **Sheila Newel**, Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial: **Jeffrey Dworkin**, Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook: **George Kimura**, Rotary Club of Calgary East: **Dean Houghton**, Rotary Club of Calgary Downtown: **Tim Heaton**



(After the Honour Roll, all veterans were asked to stand and be recognized for their service)

*Please see the Rotary Club of Calgary South  
Veteran's Honour Roll list on the following page*



Rotary



Rotary Club of  
Calgary South

2018 - Honour Roll

Current Members

Jack Black  
Bob Brawn  
Keith Davis  
John Lamming

Dick Shaw  
Jim Smith  
Michael Zacharki

Deceased Members

Roy Alsip  
Harvey Bietz  
George Brierley  
John Campbell  
Clayton Carroll  
Bob Dawson  
Jim Fetterly  
Gene Filipski  
Bob Gee  
Wally Gibson  
Sidney Guttman  
Doug Hagerman  
Jim Hart  
Cyril Hegy  
Larry Kwong  
Lloyd Liggett  
Andy Little  
Don Magee  
Howard Mallabone  
John McColl  
Terry McDonough  
Don McNeill

George Montgomery  
Ron Morris  
Herb Parker  
Fred Peacock  
Al Pearce  
Chuck Porter  
Jim Porter  
Jim Rankin  
Clayton Richardson  
John Rooney  
George Seaborn  
Don Skagen  
Wayne Smith  
Arn Swanson  
Bernie Tharp  
Cam Warrender  
Bob Watson  
Jim Watson  
Norman Weber  
Jack Westbrook  
Larry Winter  
Mac Young



## Rotary Remembers

**Speaker: Dr. David Bercuson: U of C: Centre for Military and Strategic Studies**

**Roger Frayne** introduced Dr. David Bercuson: David Bercuson was born in Montreal in August 1945. He attended Sir George Williams University, graduating in June 1966 with Honours in History and winning the Lieutenant-Governor's Silver Medal for the highest standing in history. After graduation he pursued graduate studies at the University of Toronto, earning an MA in history in 1967 and a Ph.D. in 1971.



Dr. Bercuson has published in academic and popular publications on a wide range of topics specializing in modern Canadian politics, Canadian defense and foreign policy, and Canadian military history. He has written, coauthored, or edited over 30 popular and academic books and does regular commentary for television and radio. He has written for the Globe and Mail, the Toronto Star, the Calgary Herald, the National Post and other newspapers.

In 1988, Bercuson was elected to the Royal Society of Canada and in May 1989, he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies at The University of Calgary. In 1997 he was appointed Special Advisor to the Minister of National Defense on the Future of the Canadian Forces. He was a member of the Minister of National Defense's Monitoring Committee from 1997 to 2003. He served on the Advisory Council on National Security from 2005 to 2008. Since January 1997 he has been the Director of the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary. Currently he is also the Director of Programs of the Canadian Defense and Foreign Affairs Institute, which is based in Calgary. Dr. Bercuson's newest book is The Fighting Canadians: Our Regimental History from New France to Afghanistan, published by Harper Collins.

### **"Colony to Nation: What the First World War Meant to Canada and What it Didn't"**

Dr Bercuson recalled that he is usually at an outside ceremony on Remembrance Day in the freezing cold. He wanted to dedicate his presentation to Bernard Bercuson, an Officer and Pilot who took off on August 16, 1944 and was killed by a German night fighter.

Why did Canada get into the first world war? There were a number of secret alliances between countries, i.e. "If X goes to war, we will go to war against Y".

When Germany decided to invade France it went through Belgium which was neutral. Britain was determined that Belgium would not be occupied and when Germany went in, Britain declared war on Germany. Canada although self-governing was a colony of Britain and had no control over its defense policy so we were at war with Germany too.

What motivated Canadians to voluntarily sign up to fight in this war? At the time Canada was in an economic depression and the Armed Forces provided a refuge for many seeking work. The other factor was excitement. The "idea" of going to war was appealing and most did not know the "cost" that would be paid. Thirty five thousand men left to fight in 1914 and they were followed by many more.

The Government of Canada passed the War Measures Act (also used in the second world war and in the early 1970's) which effectively dissolves the Canadian Constitution and gives the federal government sweeping powers over the provinces and all of the people.

Colonel Sam Hughes was a good friend of Robert Borden, Canada's Prime Minister during this period and became the Minister of Militia and Defense. Although a hero in the Boer War, he was incompetent in preparing our Armed Forces for this war.

Many missteps and miscalculations by this Minister led to a central training place that was not prepared for the troops due to lack of buildings, equipment and roads to the location. He also authorized a rifle that wouldn't fire when dirty (combat in the trenches is dirty!). There was the "Shield Shovel" debacle due to the fact that the "shield" aspect couldn't withstand machine gun bullets.

Women began to take the place of men in factories and provided other services usually done by men as the government needed the staff and able bodied men were scarce. They were paid less than the men they were replacing and the working conditions were inferior. Dr. Bercuson advised that this was not the beginning of the feminist movement as it was clearly to be temporary and soon the women would return to their proper roles as housewives. The role of women in the war was as helpmate not principal. They were expected to help get their men to enlist.

How did we pay for the war?

Canada paid for it by borrowing from Wall Street and from the issuance of Victory Bonds. There was an expectation that these bonds would be paid back when the war ended. The other revenue to pay for the war came with the passage of the Income War Tax Act of 1917 which was to be restricted to pay for this war but we are still paying today!



The state of our armed forces at the beginning of the war was very poor. We had no navy and no air force but the war propaganda romanticized the role of the soldier as a happy man. The truth was that the conditions at the front were deplorable. It was thousands of men against weapons of mass destruction.

As time went on and casualties grew (eg: Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele) the government faced a manpower

problem. The solution was conscription and this became the main issue in a vicious campaign in the 1917 election and led to a divided Canada

Prime Minister Borden became a member of the Imperial War Cabinet which was a first step in becoming an independent country. Borden also demanded that Canada be represented at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919 as a separate nation and the world recognized Canada's major contribution to the war effort.

What the war meant and what it didn't for Canada as a nation:

Canada was placed on the road to independence granted in the Statute of Westminster in 1931. Women got the vote.

After the war very little social change save pensions for disabled veterans.

We're still paying the "temporary" war tax



### THE INCOME WAR TAX ACT, 1917. WITH EXPLANATIONS BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (As reported in Hansard) AND INSTRUCTIONS OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

7-8 GEORGE V.

CHAP. 28.

An Act to authorize the levying of a War Tax upon certain incomes.

[Assented to 20th September, 1917.]

HIS Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

### CANADA DIVIDED

- Plebiscite on conscription
- **Union – 153 seats**
  - 3/65 Quebec,
  - 18/28 Maritimes
  - 74/82 Ontario,
  - 55/57 West
- **Laurier Liberals – 82 seats**
  - but 62/65 in Quebec



Soldiers voting  
1917

### TRIUMPH OF BRITISH CANADIAN NATIONALISM?



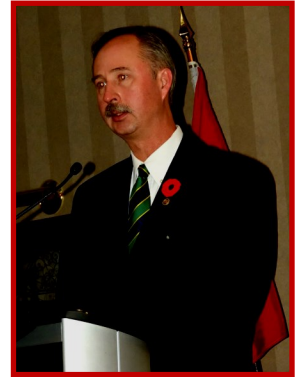
**Jim Fitzowich (RCCS)** thanked the speaker:

Before thanking the speaker Jim wanted to pay tribute to his great grandfather Edward Dentman who served in World War I.

Jim thanked Dr. Bercuson for his speech today. As an acknowledged history buff himself he was thinking of the great sacrifices made and the fact that there are no survivors of that war. There have been massive economic, social and political changes in this country since that time and his presentation was a reminder of how we were created as a nation.

The service concluded with the assembly singing God Save the Queen led by **Hugh Delaney**, accompanied by Ruth Wylie on Piano

Lunch was served and the fellowship amongst Rotarians was evident.







**Bulletin Editor: Carol Graham      Photographer: Clive Pringle**

**Kathyann Reginato** is away until November 30th, 2018

**Rotary House:** We are back at Rotary House on **Thursday November 15th, 2018**

**Rotary House:** There is an event right after our November 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting. Do not plan any committee meetings so that catering can set up.

**Note from Bulletin Chair, Bev Ostermann:**

*"While I truly appreciate the recognition recently given me for work on the RCCS Bulletin, I must give credit to the dedicated committee members whom I have worked with over the years, and to Linda and Kathyann, for their dedication and hard work to produce what President Ron described as the "Best Bulletin" in the District. Thank you all.*

*Bev Ostermann, Chairman, Bulletin Committee"*

Rotary  
Calgary South



# 2018 Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 13th  
Carriage House Inn

Cocktails 11:15   Luncheon 12:15

Turkey and all the trimmings - \$45/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.

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/Event/2018-rotary-christmas-luncheon--carriage-house-inn>



Rotary Partners Book Club

November 19th 2018: The Calgary Golf and Country Club

Please be ready to start at 9:30 am. Cost is \$16.00. Try to have the correct change.  
Please let us know if you are COMING or NOT. You must confirm your attendance to Jane no later than noon on Thursday, November 15th  
Please bring the books you have enjoyed to share and return those you borrowed.  
We will be signing up for our Book Club Christmas Party. Maureen and I look forward to seeing you at CGCC!  
Jane Topp: [janetopp@shaw.ca](mailto:janetopp@shaw.ca)

**LUNCH BUNCH:** Lunch Bunch for November will be next Thursday, November 15th and we are going to be at BEA'S EATERY which is a restaurant inside of BITE GROCERY on the corner of 9th Avenue SE and 10th Street in Inglewood. Highly recommended for fresh food and a varied menu.

We will meet at 11.30 and if you can come please email me at: [marennny@shaw.ca](mailto:marennny@shaw.ca) or phone me at 403-246-0497. **Maureen Watson**



*Calgary South Rotary Partners'*

*Christmas Luncheon*

*Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.*

*Calgary Golf & Country Club (1 1/2 blocks west of Elbow Drive on 50th Avenue SW)*

*Guest Speaker: Dr. Raylene Reimer, Professor (Nutrition)*

*(Kinesiology in the Cummings School of Medicine, U of C)*

*Tickets \$40.00- Guests Welcome!*

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, November 21 to Millie Huson 403-686-0828 or [ehuslink@telusplanet.net](mailto:ehuslink@telusplanet.net). Send cheques payable to "Calgary South Rotary Partners" to: Karen Grant, 3927 Vancouver Crescent NW, Calgary AB T3A 0M2

Door Prizes! 50/50 Draw! Bring loonies and toonies for the Emergency Shelter Calgary Mustard Seed

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

**Nov 14: Mustard Seed Lunch Service 11:30 am to 1:00 pm: 2 Volunteers Need**

**Nov 15: Independent Learning Resource Centre Presentation**

**Nov 19: RCCS Board Meeting: Ranchmen's Club at 5:30 pm**

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

**Nov 29: Jim Gibson: Tip of the Spear (Our Species and Technology at a Crossroads)**

### **DECEMBER 2018: DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT**

**Dec 1 Partners Holiday Brunch: Calgary Golf and Country Club**

**Dec 6: Naomi Gratton: Museums and You**

**Dec 9: Feed the Hungry: 10 Volunteers needed: Contact Harry Pelton**

**Dec 13: Christmas Luncheon: Carriage House**

Click to Register: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/Event/2018-rotary-christmas-luncheon--carriage-house-inn>

**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: Calgary Search and Rescue Association**

**Jan 16: Mustard Seed Dinner Prep and Service: Foothills Location**

**Jan 17: Robbie Burns Day**

**Jan 24: Anne-Marie Syslak: Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society**

**Jan 25: L. Kwong Memorial Chinese New Year Dinner: Regency Palace**

**Jan 28: Ronald McDonald House Dinner Prep and Service: Need 5 Volunteers**

**Jan 31: Janice McTighe, Exec. Director: Renfrew Educational Services**



### **FEBRUARY 2019: WORLD UNDERSTANDING**

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

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**Feb 5: Ronald McDonald House Dinner Prep and Service: Need 5 Volunteers**

**Feb 7: Jesse Moffat: National Music Centre**

**Feb 14: Valentine's Day Luncheon at Rotary House**

**Feb 21: Stay In School Golf Presentation**

**Feb 28: To Be Determined**



### **MARCH 2019: WATER AND SANITATION**

**Mar 7: To Be Determined**

**Mar 14: St. Patrick's Day**

**Mar 21: To Be Determined**

**Mar 28: To Be Determined**



### **APRIL 2019: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

**Apr 4: To Be Determined**

**Apr 11: To Be Determined**

**Apr 16: Mustard Seed Dinner Prep and Service: Foothills Location**

**Apr 18: New Member Celebration**

**Apr 25: To Be Determined**

**New Members  
Celebration**

### **MAY 2019: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

**May 2: Dream Home Registration Kickoff**

**May 9: St. Mary's 4 Way Test Contest**

**May 16: To Be Determined**

**May 23: To Be Determined**



### Health, Wellness & Transportation:

Contact **Dave Read** at: [nread@telusplanet.net](mailto:nread@telusplanet.net) or: 403 271 5856 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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