



When I was young, as a Brownie, and then as a Girl Guide, I marched with the procession of veterans from the Royal Canadian Legion to the Central Auditorium, and then back again, for the Remembrance Day Service.



At the time, it seemed like a lot of fussing over what to wear under our cotton uniforms to be warm enough, and it only seemed to be about something that happened in the past to a group of old men. I really didn't understand the meaning of Remembrance Day. For full disclosure, I will confess I always enjoyed the hot chocolate and lunch at the Legion, after the service.

As I grew older, I didn't really pay much attention to Remembrance Day. It continued to be about something that happened in the past to a group of old men, and didn't seem to have much to do with me.

All that changed a few years ago, when Brett Bain's son spoke to our Rotary Club for Remembrance Day. He had just returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan and described his experience to us.

Frankly, I was stunned by his words. I was stunned by his experiences and how young he was.

I returned to my office following our Rotary meeting and immediately sent a note to Brett Bain, asking him to express my gratitude to his son for speaking to our Club and more importantly, for his service to our country. I remember saying to Brett, "I don't know what has gone so wrong in this world that what used to be part of our history and something that happened to old men has become part of our current lives and is happening to sons of my friends."

Obviously, the message of Remembrance Day and the lesson of past struggles had been lost and forgotten, including by me. Ever since then, I have made a point of attending a Remembrance Day service and taking the time to think of the message of Remembrance Day.

Today, many of my clients are disillusioned by increases in tax rates, and the management of our country. It is not unusual for them to ask me my opinion of going "non-resident." My answer is always the same, "Where are you going to go that you will be as safe as you are in Canada?" We live in a secure "bubble" in this country. For those of us, like me, who are born and raised here, we have never known danger to our persons. That is not true in many parts of the world. In spite of some of our difficulties, we are truly blessed in this country.

During this time of Remembrance, I hope you will pause, remember those who served and those who are serving to ensure our country continues to be one of the safest places on earth. I also hope you will express gratitude for their service.

Words are not enough.

Penny Leckie, FCPA, TEP, FEA
President



DISTRICT 5360 ONLINE ROTARY REMEMBERS ONLINE AGENDA

Unfortunately this event could not be recorded. We have tried our best to capture the essence of the meeting for those of you that could not attend



Welcome

Canada at War

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VInKRNQ93s>

MC Jim Fitzowich

Welcome & Story DG Mary Turner

Oh Canada

Blessing Major Harold Aitkenhead

Family Remembrances Jo McDowell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0FtztK4rQw>

"In Flanders Fields" Joe Klassen

Last Post

<https://youtu.be/fgQe-OqQaYE>

2 Minutes of Silence

Rouse

"They Shall Not Grow Old" Joe Klassen

Rotary "Honour Roll"

Calgary Stampede Park: Penny Leckie

Calgary West: Bill Fitzsimmons

Calgary North: Steven Gasser

Calgary Centennial: Roger Frayne

Calgary Chinook: Rob Wolfson

Calgary East: Brian Carnahan

Calgary Fish Creek: Darren Williams

Calgary Downtown: Eric Bennett

Presentation: Dr. Stephane Guevremont

Q&A after GSQ: MC Jim Fitzowich

God Save the Queen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2dbQ-IDfCMQ>

Q&A: Dr. Stephane Guevremont

Concluding Comments: MC Jim Fitzowich

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to Rotarians, Guests and Friends to our 9th annual Rotary Remembers All Clubs Rotary Meeting. My name is **Jim Fitzowich of the Rotary Club at Stampede Park**, and I am pleased and honoured to be your Master of Ceremonies for this morning. This morning's program will be approximately 1 ½ hours in length. Approximately 30 minutes for the traditional service of remembrance, followed by our Rotary program and guest speaker Dr. Stephane Guevremont, who will be presenting today on the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands.

Welcome and Story by DG Mary Turner:

Mary welcomed this opportunity to remember, give thanks and reach out to others for a better tomorrow. Her mother recalled the experiences during the war of ration stamps, drills at school and protocols when the siren went off. During the second world war her father and 3 older brothers would gather with Mary's grandfather in the evenings and help weave the handles for the ammunition holders. Her grandfather had come to Canada as a German POW and became a Canadian citizen. There was some suspicion about this German family and what they were delivering every day (the handles) and the RCMP were called to the home. The RCMP discovered that they were, like many others, supporting the Canadian war effort.

Family Remembrances: Jo McDowell

Please access the recording. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0FtzrK4rQw>

"In Flanders Fields"

Read by Joe Klassen

Last Post

<https://youtu.be/fgQe-OqQaYE>

2 Minutes of Silence

Rouse

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.*

Major John McCrae, 1915



Introduction of Joe Klassen

Jim Fitzowich introduced Joe Klassen of the Calgary West Rotary Club. In 1956, Joe Klassen joined the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) in Victoria, BC. Between 1956 and 1961, Joe studied military content at Royal Roads, Royal Military College, in Kingston ON. He also studied engineering at Queens University. In addition to University and military studies, he served in the RCN in various positions related mainly to seaborne operations. Joe was assigned to the Naval Air Arm training as a pilot, first with the RCAF, and then with the air arm of the Royal Canadian Navy and the United States Navy. This included instrument flight certification, multi engine certification and helicopter conversion.

In 1962 Joe served with the Naval air arm at Patricia Bay, near Victoria BC, flying search and rescue missions and air support for ships. He transferred to the Naval air base at Shearwater NS and served with front line anti submarine squadrons piloting airplanes and helicopters. From Oct 26th to Oct 28th, 1962, Joe trained with live weapons in preparation for joining US forces responding to the highly volatile Cuban Missile Crisis.

In 1963, while still serving with a front-line air squadron, Joe spent 6 weeks flying off the HMCS Bonaventure, Canada's last aircraft carrier. The ship was subsequently decommissioned. Joe resigned his RCN commission in 1965 and moved on in civilian life. Joe read "They Shall Not Grow Old"





Current Members

Jack Black

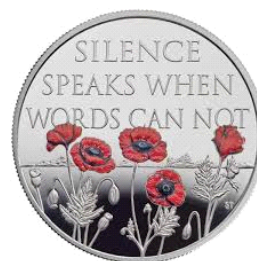
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Keith Davis

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

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Jim Rankin

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John Rooney

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Don Skagen

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Bob Watson

Jim Watson

Norman Weber

Jack Westbrook

Larry Winter

Mac Young

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Jim Fitzowich

I have the great pleasure of introducing Dr. Stephane Guevremont, who is our guest speaker for today. Dr. Stéphane Guevremont is a former aircraft mechanic with practical experience at Pratt & Whitney Canada (Flight Testing) and Bombardier Aerospace (Action Centre). He was a senior guide at the National Aviation Museum of Canada, Ottawa for four years. He then taught French as a second language to federal government employees across Canada (Hull, Ottawa and Vancouver) before completing a Ph.D. Degree program at the University of Calgary in November 2010 on "The Development of a Canadian Aircraft Industry, 1909-1949."

In addition, he holds a CEGEP Degree in Aircraft Maintenance, a B.A. (First Class Honours) in History from McGill University and a civilian M.A. in War Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston. Stéphane is currently teaching on his own for adult audiences while working on media projects and research contracts. He taught European and military history in the Humanities Department at Mount Royal University in Calgary for six years and for the Faculty of Continuing Education at the University of Calgary for four years. He speaks as a regular columnist on CBC French Radio One in Alberta since 2005 and often presents public lectures in various Canadian cities. He also organises Canadian and military history tours in Europe.

From 2015 to 2018, he was the Honorary Colonel of 419 Tactical Fighter Training Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force based in Cold Lake, Alberta and has written and published the 75th anniversary book of the unit. Twice in the past decade, he led the King's Own Calgary Regiment of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps on battlefield tours in Europe. In his spare time, he plays several sports, does volunteer work with seniors and high school students, as well as building scale models of figures, aircraft, ships and vehicles.

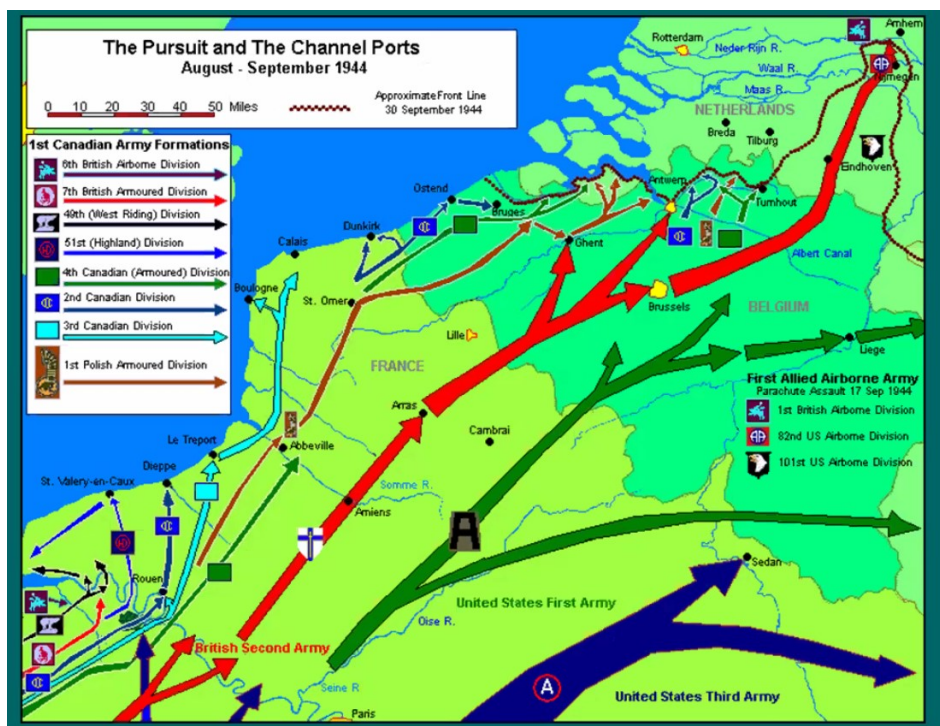
So without further adieu, please welcome Dr. Guevremont.

(Editor's Notes: Recording of Dr. Guevremont's presentation was not possible so unfortunately you cannot experience his dynamic presentation nor view the rare pictures and footage of the liberation of the Netherlands. I have attempted to summarize the main points of his presentation.)

The 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands (1944-45)"

The liberation of the Netherlands was a two-year process. It began in 1944 and ended in 1945. This was important because the German occupation had been constant for 5 years. The Germans set up 3 camps in the Netherlands and deported 100,000 Jews to their death.

In the Fall of 1944 there was a partial liberation which raised false hopes for a total liberation. In March of 1945 Canadian forces resumed their offensive and liberated all of Holland with the British. The result of these efforts to finally liberate the Netherlands has led to a bond between the Dutch people and Canadians that remains strong to this day. The liberation took place in two parts-in 1944 and in 1945. A recommended book is "Cinderella Army" by Terry Copp.



In the final months of the Second World War, Canadian forces were given the important and deadly task of liberating the Netherlands from Nazi occupation. From September 1944 to April 1945, the First Canadian Army fought German forces on the Scheldt estuary — opening the port of Antwerp for Allied use — and then cleared northern and western Netherlands of Germans, allowing food and other relief to reach millions of desperate people. More than 7,600 Canadian soldiers, sailors and airmen died fighting in the Netherlands. Today, Canada is fondly remembered by the Dutch for ending their oppression under the Nazis.



The first part was a major operation called “Market Garden” was launched in September to reach key rivers in the Netherlands and was supposed to surprise the Germans. The plan was leaked to the Germans. It was suspected that Prince Bernhard or one of his staff, a double agent known as “King Kong” were responsible for the leak. As a result of the leak, the grandiose plan failed and over 16,000 Allied forces were killed or captured compared to 3300 German losses.

The second major operation was the Battle of the Scheldt which was 60 km of waterway protected by German troops. It is a battle that lasted 1.5 months and you never hear about it. A recommended book for this battle is “Terrible Victory” by Mark Zuehlke. Many cities were destroyed by the allies as they fought to liberate the Dutch people. It was a terrible price to pay for being liberated - lives lost, homes destroyed.

As hope grew so did the Dutch resistance and Germany punished the Dutch by starving them in western Holland (the infamous “Hunger Winter”) during the winter months as Allies stood by and waited for needed supplies to continue the liberation offensive. It was a strategic failure by the Allies. The Canadians in Holland helped the local population in areas that were secured before operations could resume the following year.



1944 – 1945

**Hunger
Winter**

**Germany
starved and
froze
Western
Holland to
punish them
22,000 dead**

Between March and April 1945, all of the Canadian divisions came together to fight together for the liberation of Holland. This was primarily done by foot soldiers to avoid massive damage caused by air strikes. Another recommended book about this victory is "On to Victory" by Mark Zuehlke.

When the soldiers entered the western part of the Netherlands they saw first hand the starving people in the towns and villages. Food and supplies were provided (Operation Manna by the British and Operation Chowhound by the U.S.)

On May 5, 1945 at 8 am a cease fire marked the end of the Dutch nightmare. The liberation footage was inspiring and joyful. There were 3,000 Dutch War brides that continued the Canadian-Netherlands bond. Over a 9 month period, 7,600 Canadians died and are buried in the Netherlands. This was the Canadian price to liberate the Netherlands.

We must never forget.

Thanks to the Speaker: Anthony Tonkinson (Calgary Chinook): Anthony commented that it was an amazing presentation and the need for Canadian historians like Dr. Guevremont to tell the Canadian story and efforts and sacrifices made throughout the years in many conflicts. Thank you for illuminating the great part Canadians played in the liberation of Holland. Jim Fitzowich added his thanks for a powerful and moving presentation.

God Save the Queen:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2dbQ-IDfCMQ>

**MC Jim Fitzowich:
Concluding remarks**

Thank you to all of our meeting participants, and in particular to Stephane, for their thoughtful and interesting contributions to our meeting of Remembrance.

We are all hopeful we will be able to do this next year in person and look forward in seeing you all then.

In the meantime, keep safe and healthy. Lest we forget. Thank you.

3,000 Dutch war brides + children



The Rotary Remembers Service was amazing. Thank you to Charlene Bearden, MC Jim Fitzowich and everyone involved at the District and Club Level.

It was especially meaningful as my parents were both young children, growing up with their families in Holland, during the War. They are eternally grateful to the Canadians and share the bond Dr. Guevremont spoke of between Canadians and the Dutch.

I spent a few hours last night at the Field of Crosses and had the wonderful opportunity to speak to some military gentlemen in a beautifully candle lit evening. Here are some photos that I would like to share for those of you that couldn't get there. Standing amongst the candle lit Crosses one could feel the powerful spirit and song of today's documentary "Let Angels Lead You In".

Submitted by: Corinne Wilkinson





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Live Meetings: I want to remind everyone attending in person that if you are not seated at the table or speaking at the podium, please wear your mask. We want to stay as safe as possible.



Dinner Club: Reminder to register for Dinner Club if you want to participate. Contact **Gena Rotstein**



Cleven Awards: Reminder to submit nominations for Cleven Awards to **Bryan Walton**.



RCCSP Hiking Group: Partners, Rotarians and friends are planning to go outdoors this winter and snowshoe. All you need is equipment and a desire to have fun at an easy (novice) pace. If you are interested in joining us, Please **contact Larry Stein** by email at: larry.stein@shaw.ca and he will be glad to provide you more details.



ROTARACT: Wendy Giuffre: I am asking for your help in encouraging Rotaractors participation in the Rotaract-Rotary Mentorship Program. This week is the final opportunity for students to sign up via Google Form, which will be open until 11:59PM on Sat. Nov. 14th. So far, we have received sign-ups from the U Calgary Rotaract Club and the ULethbridge Rotaract Club, as well as many Rotarians from across the District. This program is a great opportunity to learn professional development skills and draw on the life-experience of Rotarians. We are looking at matching up Rotarians and Rotaractors based on their career paths and aspirations, as well as their interests! Thank you so much for your help! Please contact me



Rotary Partners' Book Club: Next meeting: Nov. 16th at the Calgary Golf and Country Club **Time: 9:30 am Cost: \$16.00** Please confirm attendance November 12th We are limited to 15 ladies. Email janetopp@shaw.ca or call Jane: (587) 349-4006 asap. Return any books you've borrowed and be ready to share new books. Wear mask till seated.



Music Link: This is an absolute must watch video link that was sent by **Keith Davis**. It will put a smile on your face and a song in your heart! *All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir, as sung by the Celtic Men's Choir. This is the male version of the Celtic Women. Bet you can't watch this without tapping your feet. Watch for the guy who sings bass!* <http://www.youtube.com/embed/-iP27eatYxE>

OUR NEXT MEETING

NEXT WEEK: Jack Mintz U of C School of Public Policy: Please see the calendar in the bulletin for a quick view bio of Jack Mintz as well as an invite link to the meeting on November 19th which is also available here:

[Nov 19 Luncheon Link: Jack Mintz: U of C School of Public Policy](#)

You must register by tomorrow at 4:00 pm to attend. Thank you

Annual Christmas Lunch with the Partners

Recently, the Social Committee sent out a survey to gather information regarding possible attendance at various events, including the Annual Christmas Lunch with the Partners. There were 86 respondents with 54%, or 46 respondents, indicating they planned to attend the December 10th Rotary Christmas Party with their spouse/partner. The social committee and I interpreted that to mean we would have approximately 90 people turn out for this luncheon.

I think this response speaks to the confidence our Members and their Partners have in the safe environment the Calgary Stampede has created for participants at our weekly Rotary meetings.

Since the survey, COVID cases have increased substantially, and additional protocols have been implemented. With the new protocols, it will not be possible nor appropriate to hold an event of this size.

I am sending this notice to advise our Traditional Christmas Lunch/Party with the Partners will not be held this year. Safety for our Members and their families is the highest priority.

We will hold our weekly Rotary meeting, on December 10th, with Christmas festivities. Attendance will be consistent with our current model.

I want to acknowledge and thank the members of the Social Committee for their ongoing efforts to try and create some fun and fellowship for our Club, while respecting health protocols.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact me.

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Ten hikers left from Marshall Springs entrance to Fish Creek Park. The scene was a chilly, winter wonderland complete with deer sightings. We stopped in the still woods at 11:00 and had our Remembrance Day ceremony complete with a poem read by Glenda. Our minute of silence was pierced with the cawing of a lone crow.

After we travelled several kilometers in relatively familiar territory, we headed back in the direction of the parking lot. For the hikers who are reading this - we were following Phil. As you can see, we are on an unmarked trail in the woods. At one point the only safe way down the slippery slope was to toboggan without a toboggan. All ended well, after a total of over 9 kilometers, with us adorned with our rosy cheeks, back in the original parking lot.

Submitted by: Pat Farn



CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS



Nov 19th Jack Mintz: U of C School of Public Policy

Dr. Jack M. Mintz is President's Fellow of the School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary after serving as the Palmer Chair and Director from January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2015. He is chair and Vice-President of Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada in addition to the role of National Policy Advisor for the accounting firm EY. He serves as an Associate Editor of International Tax and Public Finance and the Canadian Tax Journal, and is a research fellow of CESifo, Munich, Germany, and the Centre for Business Taxation Institute, Oxford University

[Nov 19 Luncheon Link: Jack Mintz: U of C School of Public Policy](#)

You must register by Thursday Nov 12 at 4:00 pm

Nov 26th Jack Thompson: Rotary Profile

Dec 3rd Hanukkah Celebration

Dec 10th Virtual and Live Christmas Luncheon

Dec 17th Cleven Awards

Dec 24th Christmas Social Via Zoom

Dec 31st New Year's Eve Celebration Via Zoom

Jan 7th President's State of the Union Address

Jan 14th Judge John Reilley: "Bad Law"

Jan 21st Minister of Health: Hon. Tyler Shandro

Jan 28th Burns Day Celebration

Feb 4th Dr. Ted Morton

Feb 11th Annual Valentines Day Luncheon with Partners

Feb 18th Legacy Project Update: Stampede Foundation

Feb 25th Rotary Profiles: Hugh Delaney

Mar 4th International Women's Day

Mar 11th St. Patrick's Day Celebration

WEEKLY LIVE MEETINGS:

- An invite will be sent out at the beginning of each week
- Please register online.
- Registrations close each Thursday a week in advance to report numbers to Stampede Park.
- Arrive before noon.
- Wear a mask and observe all COVID protocols

WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS:

- A link will be sent out every Monday.
- Save the link and join us at 11:45 am.
- Please don't request the link after 11:45 am as the meeting is already in progress

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Community Service: Ways and Means	Mark Ambrose
International and Vocational Service	Mike Ruttan
Youth Service	Wendy Giuffre

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