

From President Penny:

"I noticed some minor symptoms on Tuesday, November 10th, but felt if I spent the day resting after the Rotary Remembers Service that I would be able to get ahead of things.

On the morning of November 12th I awoke with an earache and knew what I thought was a sinus infection had moved into my ear so I went to the High River Hospital.

The urgent care doctor confirmed my diagnosis, but because symptoms are similar and out of an abundance of caution, they conducted a test for COVID-19. The test result was negative.

The doctor told me to rest at home and take Tylenol and Advil to cope with the pain. As of Wednesday, November 18th I have turned the corner and I am returning to the land of the living.

I am going to continue resting at home for the remainder of this week. I plan to return to the office on Monday, November 23rd, and will be in person at next week's Rotary meeting.

I express my gratitude to all the Rotarians who have gone overboard in ensuring my duties were handled during my absence.

I also note that it wasn't intended or planned, but it has been good to learn that Darren is a pretty good nurse. He's a keeper."

Penny Leckie, FCPA, TEP, FEA
President



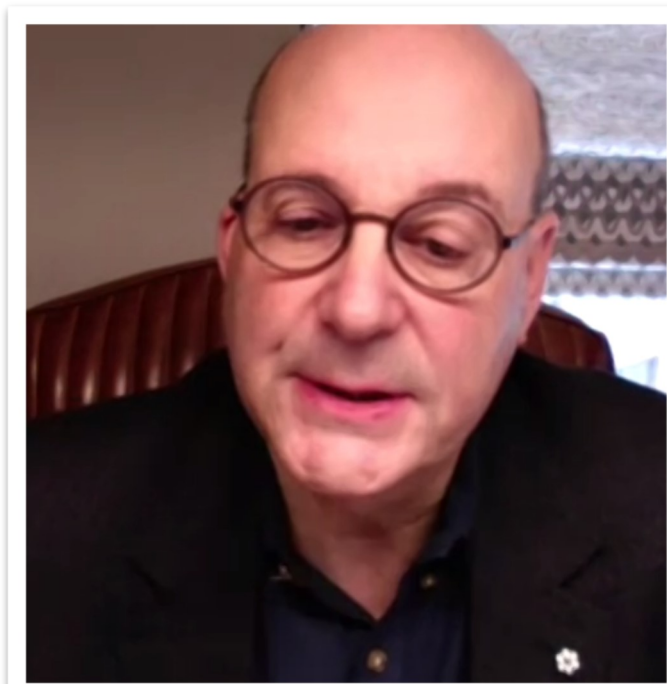
Bryan Walton introduced Dr. Jack Mintz. Dr. Jack M. Mintz is President's Fellow of the School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary after serving as the Palmer Chair and Director from January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2015. He is chair and Vice-President of Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council 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.

Bryan noted that we were very fortunate to have this speaker to share his views on the need for Alberta to develop a strategy to ensure its prosperity. He also noted that a book "Moment of Truth" (a book written by Jack Mintz, Tom Flanagan and Ted Morton) was now available at Chapters.



Guest Speaker – Dr. Jack Mintz

(Editor's Notes: I have attempted to summarize the main points from the Speaker's presentation but for a more fulsome and dynamic experience please access the recorded presentation)



With the province facing its most difficult economy in decades, it has to develop a strategy for the long term to ensure its prosperity in a world that is undergoing significant change. This includes Alberta's industrial strategy, its fiscal imperatives and its relationship with the rest of Canada.

Dr. Mintz began his presentation by giving a current overview of Alberta's environment: Alberta is in a deep depression. Oil and gas brought a lot of wealth into the province. Although diversification has occurred over the last number of years, the oil and gas industry remained a primary driver of the economy; Alberta has one of the youngest and most entrepreneurial population. Currently 23% of youth under 25 are unemployed. There has been a loss of human capital;

Our provincial deficit has ballooned to the billions; Federal Government policies and regulations have halted any growth in oil and gas except for "green" initiatives such as decarbonization.

Our relationship with the Federal Government was poor during the NEP era but it is worse now than it was 40 years ago.

To sum up, we can't rely on oil and gas. We must focus on new advantages with our highly skilled labor and reforms for better efficiency.

The province needs a strategy regarding the federal government. Our greatest resource is our people, not oil and gas or agriculture. Our priority is economic growth and getting people back to work.

When we come out of this recession, we won't have a lot of money to fix every ill in society. Our growth will come from Alberta's advantages, i.e. entrepreneurs and strong companies. Our key focus should be on entrepreneurs and innovation. That will provide new opportunities for the province.

Dr. Mintz spoke of a small company in Calgary using AI to test samples in mining. They not only have contracts in Alberta but as far away as Australia. This could become a very significant company.

Alberta has huge data banks that could be monetized and sold. Our Financial Services sector is an opportunity for growth internationally. Canadian Western Bank and Aimco are examples. The State of Delaware gets 2/5's of their GDP from the Financial Services sector because they developed a corporate regulatory scheme that is attractive to companies wanted to register there.



Another focus needs to be on attracting and retaining human capital to industries. We need to look at education and training to build the province. He noted the apprenticeship programs as well as the Colleges and Universities need to become involved. The Public Sector also needs reforms to allow private provision of some public services to reduce costs.

Tax reforms is another way to grow the economy. Jack promotes the introduction of a Sales Tax in Alberta, believing it would create a strong province.

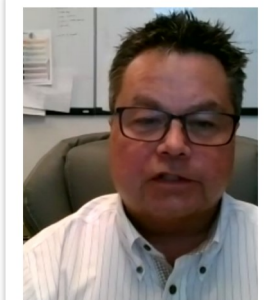
The key issue is the Energy Strategy. For too long the Federal Government has regulated this sector. We need to get changes made so we have our own strategy, a "Made in Alberta" strategy that ensures we are competitive and attracts finances from around the world.

The last part of the overall strategy is dealing with the rest of Canada. Alberta is a major contributor to the rest of Canada through transfers of personal and corporate income taxes. The issue is the view of the Federal Government re: growth and how Alberta is currently throttled by Federal regulations.

There are 3 recommended actions:

- Create coalitions with other like provinces for barriers to trade and opposing certain federal policies that are hurting the provinces. Many of the issues are not just an Alberta issue;
- The Fair Deal for Alberta—we need to get control over certain policies, e.g. Alberta Pension Plan, Alberta Police Force, opting out of conditional grant programs, etc.;
- Changes at the Federal level which will require constitutional changes to allow provinces more control over economic development. The Federal "Reset" is not where we need to go with plans for Pharmacare, universal childcare, a form of Guaranteed Annual Income, etc. Where will that money come from? Our personal taxes.

Kevin MacLeod thanked Dr. Jack Mintz: On behalf of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, I would like to thank you Dr. Mintz for sharing your very informative insights on Alberta's future. I think after hearing the quality of your presentation it is fairly clear you are not related to Don Mintz (just kidding, Don). It was interesting to get real ideas and details about Alberta taking more control of its resources and future. I feel very fortunate to have someone with your expertise working for the future of Albertans. Thank you once again.



President-Elect Craig added his thanks and advised that the Club would be donating \$100 to the Calgary Rotary Foundation on behalf of Dr. Mintz as a thank you for his presentation.

Good afternoon everyone. Welcome to the November 19th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is **Craig Stokke**, I'm the Club's President-Elect this year. I am filling in for our esteemed **President Penny** who has fallen ill this week with a sinus infection. The good news; Penny tells me she's on the mend and plans on being back in the saddle next week. She passes on her thoughts to all of us.

With encouraging results being released this week regarding the efficacy of Covid vaccine candidates, I'm sure we're all looking forward to the time when we can gather back in Rotary House with a welcoming hug or a firm handshake. In the meantime, we encourage everyone to remain safe, and reach out to fellow members. A quick phone call can go a long way in helping members feel connected and part of the Rotary family.

In the meantime, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank the Calgary Stampede for the tremendous job they've been doing hosting our meetings this past few months. While we recognize and respect that Club members each have their own comfort level (when it comes to attending meetings in-person), for those who have attended, you know what a great job the Stampede has done in providing tremendous food, great atmosphere, and a safe environment with social distancing. So thank you very much to the Calgary Stampede!

Craig sang the opening Grace and invited participants to enjoy their lunch

Head Table: Guest Speaker Dr. Jack Mintz, Bryan Walton; Kathyann Reginato; Steve Mason; Jamie Moorhouse and Larry Stein. Craig thanked all of the Head Table Rotary participants for their many contributions to the Club.



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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.



Health and Wellness:

- **Roger Jarvis:** feeling very tired these days, however still committed to strengthening his back. He is seeing a back specialist this week. Roger still has no appetite, so has lost 45 lbs to date. Unfortunately Roger had to put down his 12 year old dog last week, he said it was very difficult and certainly feels the loss! ☹️ Roger appreciates his Rotary family more than ever and is grateful to hear from our members.
- **Larry Koper:** feeling pretty good, and maintains his sense of humor! He would like to attend a meeting one of these days, he will let us know when he is ready to do that. In the mean time he is happy to chat and reminisce with our members.
- **Tommy Low:** still suffering from his pressure sores in the hospital and he expects to be in there for a couple of weeks yet. He too, welcomes calls from our members.
- **Bonar Irving:** recovering very well from shoulder surgery.
- **Nadia Pelton:** broke her foot a few weeks ago, but she is on the mend.
- And we're back to **President Penny**... there are two stories going around here... officially, our President has been battling a sinus infection... but I'd like to read an excerpt from her email to me... and I quote "I think you can tell the truth to the members... and that is, they wore me out...and I needed a small break"

As always, our thoughts are with everyone.

We had a total of 78 participants in the meeting today live and on Zoom.

Welcome Song: Glenn Potter welcomed Dr. Jack Mintz and Len Kushner with a wonderfully "on key" version of our traditional Welcome song.

He should sing it solo more often.



Member Presentation: Joseph Matloob is one of our newer members. He joined Rotary in 2017 in a town called Campbellton in New Brunswick. It is a small town of 5,000 with equal French and English residents. The Rotary Club had quite a presence there. Joseph discovered the Sugar Loaf (a 5 km Terry Fox Trail and ran on it. He noticed few others were using it and thought it could be a way to raise funds for the community which was struggling. He organized a run through his Club in 2018 and the experience was quite inspiring for him and the community.



Joseph also designed the t-shirt and medal for those finishing the race. It happened on the last week in August. There were walkers, runners, dogs walking and running as well as whole families. It was a great event and raised money for the community. Great job Joseph!

Craig thanked Joseph for his presentation. Every Rotary fundraiser and event comes from a simple idea. But somebody has to come up with the idea and champion it. Your story is inspirational and we look forward to many great projects in our Club.

LINK TO FULL PRESENTATION [Joe Matloob: Sugarloaf Rotary Run](#)

Sergeant at Arms: Joe Connelly

In honour of our Guest Speaker Joe challenged some Rotarians with 5 myths of retirement (according to the Fraser Institute) True or False?

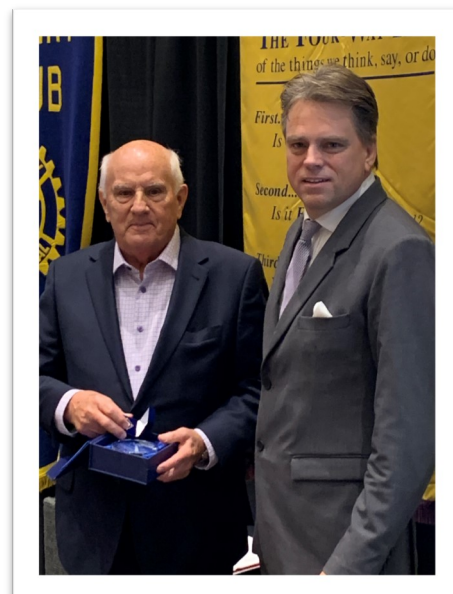
1. Canadians are not saving enough for retirement. **Stan Cichon** correctly answered Yes.
 2. Higher CPP contributions will increase overall retirement savings. **Lynn Topp** was correct in disagreeing with this statement.
 3. The CPP is a low cost pension program. **Deb Sands** was correct in disagreeing with this statement.
 4. The CPP provides excellent returns for individual contributors. **John Shield** correctly disagreed with this statement.
 5. Expanding the CPP will help financially vulnerable seniors. **Kathy Demorest** was incorrect by agreeing with this statement. (Editor's note: You are not alone Kathy-I agreed with it too!)
- and 1 bonus questions for **Darlene Whitmore**: What is a 3 letter word for recovery? Darlene correctly answered OIL.
- As always great job Joe!



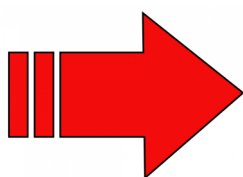


RI Foundation Presentations: Jack Thompson advised of a number of recipients of Paul Harris recognition pins: **Brett Albers, Dave King, Ted Stack and David Young**

Jack also made in person presentations of a PH+1 pin as well as another recognition pin from Rotary International as a member of the Bequest Society by having RI in her will to **Carol Rosdobutko**. **Stan Cichon** received his PH+8 pin which is the top PH pin. Jack advised that the next level of giving was as a Major Donor and was also pleased to announce that **Neil Fraser** is receiving this recognition and joins 30 other members of our Club in that category. Jack congratulated the latest recipients and thanked those who have contributed in the past as well as those who will contribute in the future



SONGS AND STUNTS COMMITTEE: Please wear your craziest hat next week. **There will be prizes and F-U-N.** See more details in this Bulletin.



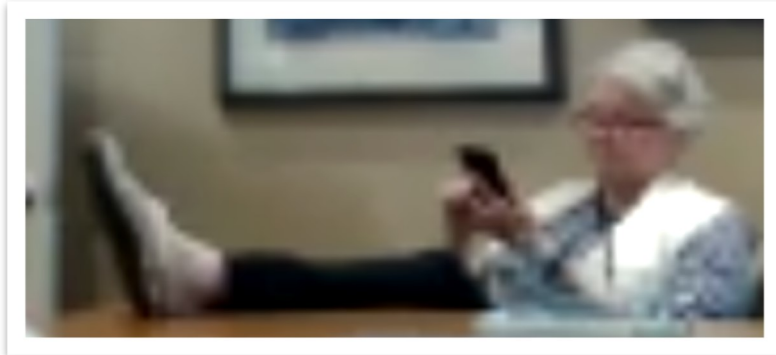
NEXT WEEK: JACK THOMPSON: ROTARY PROFILE and CRAZY HAT DAY

You must register by TOMORROW: Friday at Noon to attend. Thank you

LINK TO REGISTER: [Nov 26 Lunch: Jack Thompson - Rotary Profile](#)

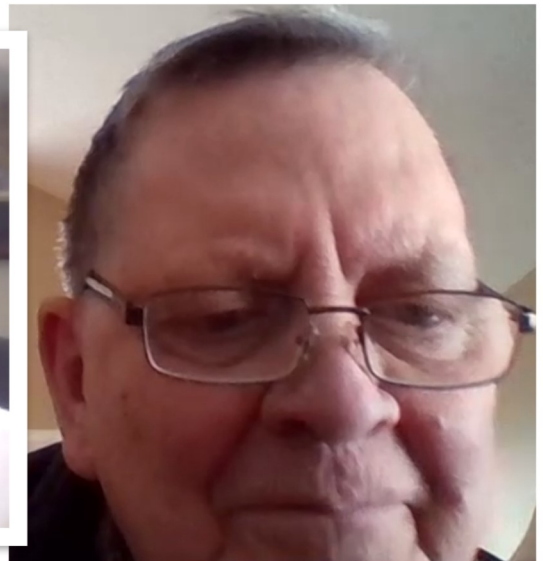
President-Elect Craig then adjourned the meeting. Be safe everyone.

At the Board of Director's meeting on November 16 2020 Bryan Burt's Resignation was accepted by the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park with regret



CAROL DUNLOP







On November 26th

Your **wild and crazy** Songs and Stunts committee

Invites you to ...

Wear your **wildest and craziest HAT** creation!

*Sparkles, ribbons, plastic fruit
Painted flowers, anything cute
Baubles, glitter, antlers, bells
Duct tape, buttons, seaside shells*



Prizes available for
Best guy and gal hat in the ROOM.
Best guy and gal hat on ZOOM.



S & S ... we're all about fun!

My name is Tony Li and I am currently one of the Co-Presidents of the Western Canada High School Interact Club. Yearly, our club fundraises for a general cause of two specific organizations; a local one, and an international one that both align with the theme of the year. This year, in light of the current events that are relevant to our world, our club chose health as our general cause. The proceeds from our fundraiser will be split 50/50 between our local and international cause. For international we have chosen to donate to **Rotary International's End Polio Now Campaign** to support in the eradication of Polio worldwide. For our local cause, we have chosen to donate the proceeds to the **Foothills Medical Centre** to aid in the effort against COVID-19 in Calgary.

To raise funds for these causes, our club has collaborated with the Sir Winston Churchill Interact Club (Calgary) to create pins, and we plan to sell them in our community and school. These pins are enamel pins, we will attach the designs below, and they are 1.25" in diameter. **Any donation is welcome, and at \$7 you will receive the pins mentioned!** We hope that Rotarians would be interested in supporting our cause while donating to two good causes, and we were hoping we could sell some of these pins to your club members? We would really appreciate it :)

If you are interested in supporting our High School Interact Club and the fight against COVID-19 and Polio, here is how your order will be organized:

Spread this information to your fellow club members at your next club meeting!

Gather orders into one person, and once you have collected all the money into one cheque, place an order on the online form linked below, **we can only accept cheque payments that are written to Western Canada High School Interact Club (Western Canada is in charge of receiving cheques).**

Fill out the online order form, and then send us an email to interactforhealth5360@gmail.com to ensure we have received your order. We will then send you an email to discuss where to meet your chosen club representative to drop off the pins!

We are involving our general members in this so they will drop those pins off for your representative at the location discussed.

We exchange pins and donations, and your chosen representative will then distribute the pins to the members of your club that have ordered them.

Here is the link to our order form:

<https://forms.gle/wE23k3ZSSiCiLHmJ9>

We ensure that each pin is left untouched for 72 hours prior to delivery and we will adhere to Alberta Health Regulations all throughout handling your order to ensure the health and safety of everyone.

For any questions please reach out to our business email at

interactforhealth5360@gmail.com

Once again, any donations are appreciated, and pins will be given to you as a token of appreciation to supporting our cause (Donate \$7 to receive a pin!).

Please help support our fundraiser and the efforts to fight against COVID-19 and Polio -we really appreciate it!



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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Good morning Partners

The Executive has spent some time discussing the Christmas dinner coming up on December 9th and we have decided that with the increase in the COVID cases and the growing concerns within our membership, we will be cancelling this event.

We all were hoping we would be able to have the dinner and celebrate the holidays but we feel this is the best decision at this time.

Thank you to the Social Committee for all you have done.

Karen Grant will be reaching out to those who have already paid for the event.

Stay warm. Stay healthy.

Take care



The Executive has decided to host a Christmas Gathering on Zoom on **Wednesday, December 9th from 1:30-3:30pm**. This is the same day as the Christmas Dinner that has been cancelled.

There will be Christmas songs, stories and a Christmas quiz!!!

Please reply by email if you would like to attend. This is a great way for us to connect before Christmas and do some celebrating.

We are hoping for a great turnout. Thank you Maureen Hutchens for this amazing suggestion.

Denise MacLeod, President
Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park

A bright sunny day in Fish Creek near Shannon Terrace was the scene for the hike with 15 hikers on Nov. 18th. The creek always looks beautiful with the sun shining on the snow. June led us to picnic benches in the sunshine where we ate lunch. We were happy to see a new hiker, Donna Kennedy and a former hiker Lorraine Nelson joining us. It is great to be able to socialize along the wide paths and enjoy the scenery. We walked along side the creek on the way back. People were still talking when we got back to the parking lot so we were slow in leaving. Everyone is starved for human contact!

Submitted by Pat Farn



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And Crazy Hat Day



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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

President	Penny Leckie
Past President	Chas Filipski
President-Elect	Craig Stokke
Club Secretary	Larry Stein
Treasurer	Don Mintz
Partners President	Denise MacLeod
Club Service Operations	Gena Rotstein
Club Service Membership and Social	Tony Fisher
Club Service Ways & Means	Ted Stack
Community Service Local	Jamie Moorhouse
Community Service: Ways and Means	Mark Ambrose
International and Vocational Service	Mike Ruttan
Youth Service	Wendy Giuffre

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