

THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South Jean Grand Maître: Artistic Director: Alberta Ballet



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Gena Rotstein, Jean Grand Maître and President Bill LeClair

Gena Rotstein introduced our guest speakers. Jean Grand-Maître, Artistic Director of Alberta Ballet, is widely recognized to be among the most successful Canadian choreographers and artistic directors of his generation. Born in Hull, Quebec, Grand-Maître began his dance training at York University in Toronto and continued at Montreal's L'Ecole superiéure de dance du Quebec. He later danced with Ballet British Columbia and Theatre Ballet of Canada. Prior to joining Alberta Ballet in 2002, he worked internationally as an independent choreographer and has created new works for many of the world's most prestigious ballet companies such as Opéra National de Paris, the Teatro alla Scala in Milan, the Stuttgart Ballet, the National Ballet of Canada and Les Grands Ballets Canadiens

His experience in staging multi-disciplinary dance and theatre is extensive and includes special creations for film, theatre festivals, circus performers, opera, musicals, television specials and large scale outdoor events. In 2010, he was Director of Choreography for the Opening Ceremonies of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic winter Games. Since joining Alberta Ballet he has elevated the profile of the organization to a global position. During his tenure, Alberta Ballet has caught the world's attention for its 'Portrait ballets' – collaborations with popular music icons including Joni Mitchell, Sir Elton John, Sarah McLachlan, k. d. lang, Gordon Lightfoot and this year, The Tragically Hip.

Jean Grand-Maître has expanded Alberta Ballet to 30 dancers, making it Canada's 2nd largest ballet company, and has led it on several tours of China as well as extensive domestic touring. He has given Alberta Ballet a distinct artistic personality and advanced his predecessors' efforts to establish its national and international profile. Notably articulate and polylingual, he has also become an outspoken advocate for the role of the arts within Alberta and nationally.

Melissa Bell is Director of Community and Corporate Partnerships at Alberta Ballet where she works with the Ballet's partners to amplify their stories and voices in the Ballet's province-wide celebration of dance. Before joining Alberta Ballet, **Melissa** spent 13 years connecting corporate objectives and stories to mass audiences at Corus Entertainment. As Corus' Director of Family Marketing Solutions, she led the launch of ABC Spark in Canada. At Alberta Ballet, she is working to diversify the mix of corporate partners to engage more industry sectors. Her success in this area comes directly from her personal love for dance and ballet and her drive to explore new ways to grow Alberta Ballet's community.



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Jean Grand-Maître has been the Artistic Director of Alberta Ballet for 16 years. After 25 years in Montreal and around the world as an itinerant choreographer, he took on the position with Alberta Ballet as an opportunity to develop an organization. The Ballet is now 51 years old, and he has found it to be a greater challenge to manage it as a business, not just inspiring and directing artists. Challenging artists to be their best is just part of the job. Over 700 artists audition each year for only a few positions in the Ballet, so it is apparent that it is a strong and experienced artistic endeavour.

Why do we need art, in all of its forms? Art allows a community to come together to experience something inspiring and outside the normal. It challenges the community to use it as a learning tool, to use culture to bring all the senses alive, to become a better place and to explore the human soul and condition. It gives us hope in an increasingly crazy world. When working in Munich years ago, he visited Dachau and realized that art can be an antidote to hate and despair. The more brutal the world becomes, the more beautiful art must become.

After 100 years in Alberta, the arts have become a contributor to a sound economy and a driver of a healthy society. Ballet is relevant to Albertans and has played an instrumental role in showing a different side of their culture to the world. By judicious selection of dancers and strategic development of the repertoire, Alberta Ballet has become a company capable of performing everything from the most avant-garde contemporary works to the most demanding classical masterpieces.

Ballet is expensive. Every production costs over \$1,000,000. Costumes and sets are very costly, although the artists themselves are still earning no more than they did when he was a dancer on the 1980's. Every tutu costs over \$2,000, some of the more elaborate costumes cost over \$3,500, and they go through 150 pairs of \$100 point shoes each season. The Ballet depends upon the generosity of its patrons and the loyalty of its customers.

Melissa noted that Alberta Ballets next production is Dangerous Liaisons (adults only). From the Ballet website - "Based on Choderlos de Laclos' 18th century novel, Dangerous Liaisons will take its audiences into one of the most emotionally destructive dramas ever told. Originally created for the National Norwegian Ballet in September of 2000, and receiving its Canadian premiere in the fall of 2004, Grand-Maître has re-choreographed his ballet for the larger stage of the Jubilee Auditorium to take full advantage of the panoramic space.

"These amazing individuals I work with daily in the studio have inspired and allowed me to push my creativity further in telling this intricate story of lust, seduction and revenge," states Artistic Director Jean Grand-Maître. To tell the complexities of this erotic thriller Grand-Maître has created two distinct worlds on stage. One world presents dancers in full Louis XIV costumes portraying the manipulative manners, and the court intrigue of the period. The other world has dancers in sensual costumes interpreting the uncontrollable sexual desires and emotions of the corseted characters. When the two worlds collide onstage, dangerous weapons of psychological warfare take over."

The Ballet has generously provided a number of free tickets to the Club for this production. Later in the year a new production of Cinderella will be mounted, as well as a collaboration with The Tragically Hip

Norm Devitt thanked the speakers for sharing their story and vision with a bunch cowboys. It is always nice the hear about the other side of things.

President Bill expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Club for **Jean's** informative delivery and advised that a donation of \$100 will be made to our Stay In School Program on his behalf.



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President Bill LeClair opened the meeting with "This Day In History':

- 1993: The Toronto Blue Jays wine their second straight American League pennant, defeating the Chicago White Sox in the 6th game of the ALCS. They would go on to win the World Series.
- A joke A newly married man asked his wife, "Would you have married me if my father hadn't left me a fortune?" "Honey", the woman replied sweetly, "I'd have married you no matter who left you a fortune!"

Art Borzel was welcomed back with a round of applause. Our condolences to **Rod Bower** upon the death of **Penny**, after a 19 year long battle with cancer.

President Bill then asked **Lisa Fernandes** to accompany us in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table: Gena Rotstein, one of our speakers today, **Melissa Bell, Bryan Walton**, New Member Inductee **Doug Lacombe**, and **Past President Earl Huson**, our second speaker, **Jean Grand-Maître**, was delayed but also acknowledged.

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Guests: Our Guest Speaker: Jean Grand-Maître, Melissa Bell and Ryan Plysuik (All from the Alberta Ballet), Our YEX Student: Maisa Piazza Costa, Christine Holstein (Guest: Michael Zacharki), Bill Lock (RCC Downtown), and Max Feldman and John Amenson (Guests of Dilan Perera)

50/50 Draw: Jim Cairns confused the crowd by only giving us the last 4 numbers of the winning ticket, which was eventually claimed by **Carol Graham**.

Sergeant at Arms: John Fitzsimmons collected from **Larry Koper** for a transgression with a candy wrapper, **Dan Dunlop** for his rapid recovery from back surgery, **Bryan Walton** for eating chicken, and everybody who has not bought from Sears Canada recently. He finished off by auctioning off a pair of tickets to the next Stampeder's home game, donated by **Frank King** and won by **Luke da Silva-Curiel**.

CRCF: Norm Devitt gave us some history on the Foundation. "In 1995 we formed a Foundation Committee to bring awareness to the Rotary Clubs of Calgary. The Committee consisted of myself, **Fred Peacock, Terry Silverthorne, Al Pearce** and **Don McDonald.** We presented crystal vases to main contributors, such as **Mel Grey, Bill Lesourd** and **Al Pearce**, who donated \$200,000 from the Snuggs Endowment. **Hayden Smith,** from the Calgary Club gave us some great ideas and helped form the CRCF. I was the Chairman of CRCF when we made some changes, computerizing it and appointing **Bill McLaughlin** of Mawers Investments to manage the funds. Through the efforts of all who have contributed over the years, our share of CRCF's total endowment of \$50 million has grown to over \$5 million."

Feed the Hungry: Ted Stack started the sign-up sheets for our annual Feed the Hungry event, which takes place on Nov 12Th.

Club Elections: Past President Ken Farn noted that nominations for the 2018/19 Executive close on October 26th.

Health of the Club: Hugh Delaney advised that **Jim Burns** has been moved to Rockyview Convalescent, and the antibiotics he is now on seem to finally be working. No visitors yet, please. **Michael Zacharki** is healing well from the operation on his hand.















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New Member Induction: Bryan Walton

Bryan introduced Doug Lacombe, our newest Member. "I met Doug about 3 years ago. He is the President of Communicato, a digital media company. He has a number of interesting clients, such as Calgary Stampede, Canadian Energy Pipeline Association, Railway Association of Canada, and Alberta Cattle Feeders. He has a history of volunteering in the community and has even spoken to our Club in the past. Originally from New Brunswick, he has lived in many parts of Canada and in Brazil. Doug has a great sense of humour and is a very creative guy. He will be a valuable new addition to our Club."



PP Earl Huson inducted Doug.

"It is an honour and a privilege for me to induct **Doug Lacombe** as our newest Member of the Rotary Club of Calgary South. We thank your sponsor **Bryan Walton** for introducing you to Rotary and Calgary South. When we all think back, we each enjoy several life changing milestones. We got through life focussed on family and career, and that is as it should be. But, at some point we realize that we should give back to society and communities as a balancing factor. We believe that joining Rotary is a life altering moment for most Rotarians and hope that it will be for you. You have been chosen for membership in Rotary because your fellow Members believe you to be a leader in your



vocation and community. We look to you to be a liaison between our Members and your profession. You have a duty to educate us on your business and to carry Rotary ideals and principles to friends, associates, and members of your vocation.

While membership in Rotary is an honour and a privilege, it involves corresponding obligations. One important obligation is attendance. Try to attend meetings on a regular basis. We recognize that this is not always an easy task, so we have various avenues for make ups. Please consult with other Members on these. One of the great benefits of Rotary is fellowship and the mutual confidence that it inspires. We have a very special Club and feel that you will be a big part of that. We pledge to do our part to make you feel welcome and we would ask that you reciprocate to the mutual benefit of all.



Good Rotarians should constantly keep before them the primary objective of Rotary "Service Above Self". This is our motto and we expect Rotarians to live up to this ideal. We all live by the Rotary Four Way Test. We believe that these principles and ideals will be safe in your hands. As well, we know that we will receive much from you in help and service which will enable all of us to be better Rotarians. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Calgary South and Rotary International, we welcome you to our Rotary Wheel, which faces inward for fellowship, and outward in service to our community and to the world. Welcome, Doug."

President Bill presented **Doug** with his induction package and Rotary pin, and urged all of us to consider it our personal responsibility to get to know him.

On that note, this week's meeting is adjourned.



THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South **CRCF** and Bylaw Amendments



The Calgary Rotary Clubs

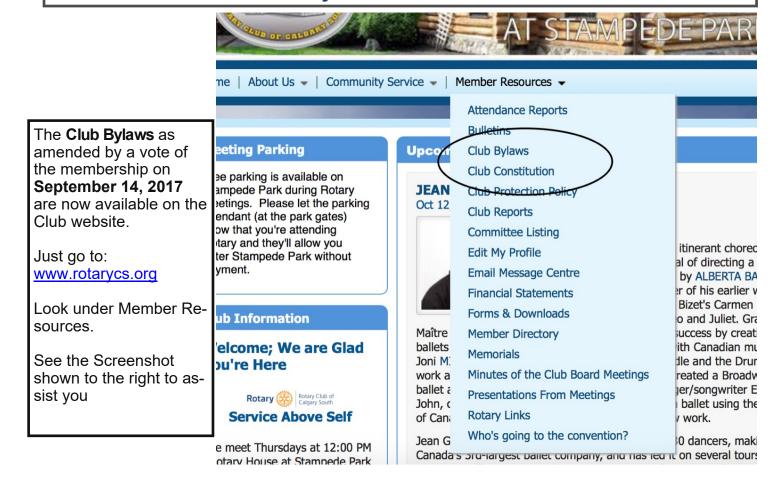
How to donate online for CRCF and have 15% of your donation matched by ATB and receive your income tax receipt immediately.

- Go to www.calgaryrotaryfoundation.ca Click on tab that says "How to Contribute" Scroll down and click "Contribute Online - Visit ATB Cares"
- You'll be redirected to the CRCF Page at ATB Cares website. Confirm you are on this page. Scroll down and click "Choose this Cause". Enter your donation amount. You will see the amount ATB is contributing as a match to your donation.

(ATB will contribute gifts at 15% to a maximum of \$1,000. For example, if you donate \$1,000 they will contribute \$150; if you donate \$5,000 they will contribute \$750; if you donate \$6,700, they will contribute \$1,000; if you donate \$10,000, they will contribute \$1,000)

- Click "Add Donation to Cart" Review info on screen and click "Make Donation" Enter personal data: ie: name, address, etc.
- At bottom of page, there's a place to put comments for the charity. To ensure proper tracking of funds it's imperative to enter the following "Contribution on account of Calgary South Rotary Club" Click "Submit"
- Review info on screen and click "Click to proceed to Secure Payment Page". Enter credit card details and click "Process Transaction" The screen will confirm your contribution.
- You will receive an official tax charitable donation receipt promptly by email. This is the only tax receipt you will receive Save it for your 2017 personal income tax return.

Amended Bylaws Available on Website





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Rotary Clubs of Calgary Remembrance Service "Rotary Remembers"

November 11th, 2017 (Saturday)

The Carriage House Inn: 9030 MacLeod Trail South

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Lt. Col. (Ret) Jim Hennessy

Tickets are \$30.00 if you register before Friday November 3rd Tickets are \$35.00 if you register after Friday November 3rd

Here is the link to Register for the Rotary Club of Calgary South:

https://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/Event/2017-rotary-remembers

Agenda for the "Rotary Remembers" Event

10:00 am: Gathering of Rotarians, Spouses and friends

10:30 am: Master of Ceremonies: Brian Guichon

Welcome: District Governor Rick Istead

O Canada: Robyn Braley (accompanied by Ruth Wylie)

Blessing: Harold Aitkenhead

10:40 am: The meaning of Remembrance Day 10:55 am: "In Flanders Fields": Des Defreitas

11:00 am: Last Post (Bugler): MCpl. (ret) David Ramsey

Two Minutes of Silence

Reveille: (Bugler): MCpl. (ret) David Ramsey "They shall not grow old": Des Defreitas

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11:10 am: Rotary "Honour Roll" Club Presidents or representatives

11:30 am: Introduction of Guest Speaker: Doug Hood

Presentation: Lt. Col (ret) Jim Hennessy

God Save the Queen: Robyn Braley (accompanied by Ruth Wylie)

Noon: Lunch



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Rotary Employment Partnership

October 2017

Inclusive Hiring at The Calgary Public Library



Jessica has always wanted to work at a library. Thanks to The Calgary Public Library, her dream is now a reality. The Calgary Public Library has teamed up with the Rotary Employment Partnership to create meaningful employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities in the City of Calgary!

The Library identifies employment opportunities and collaborates with Inclusion Alberta to fill the positions with suitable candidates. As we do for all employers, once a position is identified by the library, the Rotary Employment Coordinator prescreens qualified candidates and supports them through the interview process. The coordinator also provides valuable coaching, on the job training and on-going support. Long-term follow-up and consultation is provided to facilitate meaningful inclusion into the workplace. As we say in the partnership, the Rotary Employment Coordinator is just a phone call away!

"Getting this job at the Calgary Public Library is a dream come true. I love reading and writing stories, so this is the PERFECT job for me. I always look forward to going to work each time. I want to thank Carla, Rotary Employment Coordinator, for all her generous support." Jessica, Shelver, Forest Lawn Library

"Jessica is doing a great job and we are so glad to have her on our team." Scott Martyn, Library Supervisor, Forest Lawn Library

'The Calgary Public Library is a great organization to work for. It has a good focus on its employees' wellbeing, encouraging a friendly and professional atmosphere that supplies a consistent but not overwhelming workload. This has helped me find satisfaction in my work." Eric, Shelver, Country Hills Library

"Eric has been a valuable addition to the Country Hills Library team. His personable nature, sense of humour and calm demeanour has contributed to a positive work environment."

Ryan Postic, Library Supervisor, Country Hills Library



Congratulations Eric on securing a permanent position at the Country Hills Library.

SUBMITTED BY: HANS TIEDEMANN



THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South Maisa's Memories



Last week, when it snowed was the first time I felt snow when it was falling, the only other time I had seen snow was when I did the Short Term Exchange in Italy, and it snowed a little bit at night. So, for me it was really cold but also really pretty and new.

On Thursday, last week after school I went with another Exchange Student, Adéla, from Czech Republic, to the Chinacook Mall, and we watched a movie.



This weekend I went

with my Host Family to their farm.
There I helped them to harvest rhodiola. It was a lot of fun to do that. After that I walked around the farm in the forest, with all the trees without any leafs. Then I helped raking some leafs and I played in the leafs with my Host Sister and her cousins.



ly's family. I played a lot with my host siblings and their cousins, who were very little.

Now that it's starting to snow I really want to try all the winter sports, like Skating, Skiing, Snowboarding.

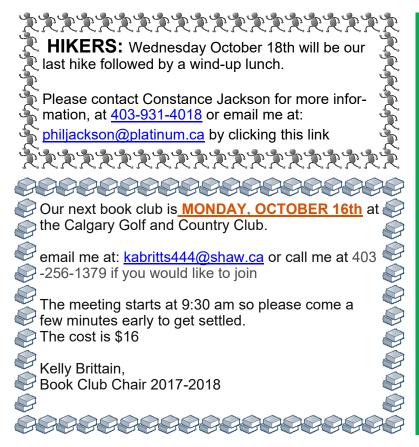
... Maísa Píazza Costa





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WELCOME BACK

Our first lunch is on October 18th at 11:45 at The Fence & Post located at:



214 – 1st Street W in Cochrane AB

Should the weather be snowy I will change the venue and let you know by email.

This restaurant has had good reviews and should be fun to explore the main street of Cochrane afterwards! Please let me know by October 16th if you can attend.

Submitted by: Susan Brick

Sad News:

Penny Bower (Partner: Rod Bower) passed away on October 5th, 2017. Penny was a Member of Partners since 1995. The Partners will be making a donation to Samaritans Club in Penny's name. In keeping with Penny's wishes there will be a family gathering at a later date.

Rothnie Thompson (Partner: Hyland Thompson: Deceased) passed away on October 2nd, 2017. Rothnie was a Member for many years and served as President of Partners in 1996-1997. A Celebration of Life will be held for Rothnie on October 20th, 2017 at 3:30 pm at Mountain View Funeral Home located at: 1605 100th Street SE

Please click this link to view the beautiful tribute to Rothnie:

https://www.arbormemorial.ca/mountainview/Obituaries/rothnie-marie-foster-thompson/10265





THE BULLETIN of The Rotary Club of Calgary South Meeting and Event Calendar



OCTOBER 2017

Oct 13: Oktoberfest Event (see Bulletin for more details)

Oct 16: Board Meeting

Oct 19: Ken Keelor: Calgary Co-op
Oct 26: District Governor Rick Istead's Visit

NOVEMBER 2017

Nov 2: Amarok Society

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 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

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 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

HEALTH, WELLNESS, TRANSPORTATION

Contact Tony Ng at: Work 403 271 0600 home - 403-243-3243 cell 403-861-1306 email tng@cirrealty.ca if you know of anyone that is not well, that could use a visit or a ride to a Rotary Meeting



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