

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A big WHOOP WHOOP and Oh My God!!!. I am so over the top with the improvements made for this week's "hybrid" Rotary meeting, compared to last week's "hybrid" Rotary meeting.

Last week, I didn't have to worry about how I was dressed, since all anyone saw was my bangs and eyebrows. If we were meeting in Rotary House, the podium would hide a lot of flaws, but with the new approach, the camera takes a full view from the side of anyone who is speaking at the podium. I will have to be careful what I choose to wear, but the good, in fact the fabulous news is that my shoes are finally being seen again. "Hallelujah" yell the Jimmy Choo Shoes.

All kidding aside, I really don't know where to start to express my gratitude to all the people from our Club who are working behind the scenes, being creative, hanging in there with me when I push for more and it is all being done with existing equipment, owned by the Club, that has some limitations. Members of the Technology Committee, Registration Committee, House Committee, Greeters Committee and Kathyann are doing an incredible job. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



Then, what about the Stampede? They found a raised platform for **Jim Hutchens and I** to stand on, without being asked. They found a lower podium. They reconfigured the meeting room and added screens. They worked with our Technology Committee to create a better experience. The management team are doing an incredible job of serving us and making it work with limited staff. Last week, they realized they didn't want to cross in front of people, so they figured out a different door to serve from.

The collaboration of everyone is truly heartwarming to see, but mind boggling at the same time.

Did anyone get a picture of the dessert today?



When the salad was served, I overheard **Terry Allen** say "if you want people to come in person, take a picture of the food we are being served." That was at the salad. The presentation of the raspberry mousse for dessert was spectacular. I didn't know whether to eat it or to take it home and use it as an ornament. Muchos Kudos to the Stampede Chefs and their team.

We know everyone is choosing their unique personal journey, based on their unique personal circumstances, but for those of us who are able to meet in person, we are seeing how special the partnership between our organization and the Stampede truly is. And through this challenging experience, it is growing stronger, every week.

We are living and seeing that every challenge has an opportunity.

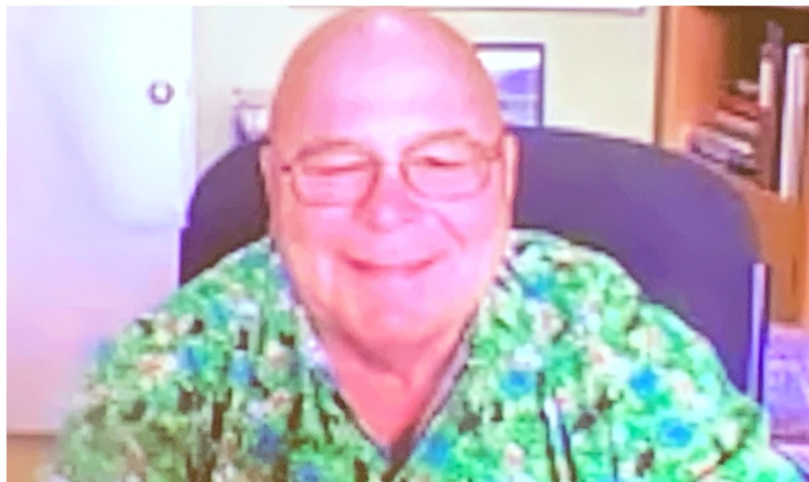
Penny Leckie, President

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MARY TURNER

President Penny began by saying that it's time for our Guest Speaker. I believe the correct protocol is for the Club President to introduce the District Governor to the Club. I have crossed onto the wrong side of protocol before, and a couple of weeks ago, I heard from a member wondering about DG Mary's visit, because they were good friends from their days on District together. I can't think of any better way for someone to be introduced, than by a good friend.

Don Taylor introduced District Governor Turner:

I first met Mary a few years ago when I was on the District Grants Committee and she and her husband Steve, who is also a Rotarian, wanted some advice on putting together a Global Grant application so it would be approved by The Rotary Foundation. It was from their passion to help others that that made me realize how much the Turner's exemplified the Service Above Self Motto and had a significant desire to give back to the community whether it be local or global.



Mary went on to become a Member of our District Board and one of her responsibilities was to serve as Board Liaison with the District Grants Committee. That is when I was privileged to realize that she is a very special person with a great sense of humour, a friendly positive outlook and a desire to make Rotary better.

District Governor Mary Turner's Biography

I was born in Toronto, and raised in a small rural Community north of the City. I moved to Edmonton, Alberta in 1982 to attend the University of Alberta obtaining a degree in Recreation Administration and returned to the University in 2001 to complete my Bachelor of Education Degree.

My husband and I created the Wild Rose Medical Centre, in Olds in 1994, and continue to manage the 17 Family Physicians and Staff that work there.

In 2019 the Wild Rose Medical Centre was recognized by the Alberta College of Family Physicians as the Outstanding Family Practice of the Year.



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Up until a year ago I taught at the local Middle school as a substitute teacher. My Rotarian husband Steve and I have been married for 33 years, have two children and I just became a Grandma on July 21st with an early arrival of a little boy, William Fitzgerald Turner.

I joined the Rotary Club of Olds in November 2008 after being asked by a colleague at work. I served as Club President in 2013- 2014 under the RI President Ron Burton. I have been an Assistant Governor and served on the District Board as a Director at Large. Steve and I have hosted three Long Term Exchange students and have attended three International conventions, (Sydney, Toronto and Hamburg).

FULL MEETING PRESENTATION LINK:

Sept 17 2020 - [Zoom and Live Meeting: District Governor Mary Turner](#)

Craig Stokke thanked the District Governor:

The DG is an overwhelming job in a normal year but throwing in COVID has really complicated things. Mary is to be congratulated for showing great leadership of District 5360 in keeping the communication lines open and ensuring that the various clubs stay connected and motivated. Thanks again.

President Penny: DG Mary, thank you for providing the update to our Club today. We are grateful for all you are doing for our Rotary District. But specifically, in appreciation of your participation in our meeting today, our Rotary Club has donated \$100 to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. This gift will be invested in an endowment fund to generate income which our Rotary Club will use in the future to support charities in our community. Thank you.

With District Governor Mary's permission we have listed her contact information here in the event that anyone would like to contact her:



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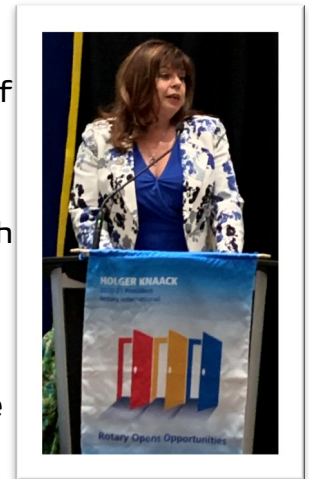
Rotary Opens Opportunities

CLUB NEWS

Good afternoon Rotarians and Guests. Welcome to the September 17th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President for 2020/2021 – **Penny Leckie**

We continue to tweak the arrangements to improve the experience both for those Members attending in person and for those attending via ZOOM. I can't say enough about all the people who are working behind the scenes to move us forward. We had 30 Members Live and 36 Members online.

Today's meeting is special. District Governor Mary Turner is joining us via ZOOM. I want to remind you that DG Mary gave us each a pin of this year's Rotary International Theme, "Rotary Opens Opportunities." Also, she provided us with the beautiful banner for our podium. We will be hearing from DG Mary later, but I wanted to start the meeting by expressing gratitude on behalf of our Club's Members for the pins and the banner.



Speaking of Opportunities, how many of you are aware of Rotary Fellowships

These are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession and enhance your Rotary experience.



If you "Google" Rotary Fellowships, you will find a page containing a full list of fellowships. For example, under the "B" there is Beer, Bowling, Bird Watching and others. The list includes Curling, Golf, Singles, Travel, Wine and Yoga. There are many more. In addition, there are fellowships for various professions. I noted Doctors, Educators, Lawyers, Magicians and Strategic Planning.

As an accountant, I looked to see if there is a fellowship for accountants. Nope, no accountants wanting to connect. I guess that's not really surprising, is it? I thought to myself, "Maybe I should create a Rotary International Fellowship for accountants". But then I thought, "Do I really want to hang out with a bunch of accountants?" No... So, sending love and affection to all the other accountants in the Club,

Please RISE and join Lisa Fernandes with the singing of O Canada.

Your virtual head table today consists of the following: Our guest speaker, DG Mary Turner, who will be more formally introduced later, Your current executive and Board Members. As I introduce you, if you are on Zoom, can you please unmute and say hello, so we can see you, and if you are present in the room, can you please stand and wave so we can see you.

Past President – Chas Filipski, President Elect – Craig Stokke, Secretary – Larry Stein and Treasurer – Don Mintz

Community Service Directors

International and Vocational – Mike Ruttan

Youth – Wendy Giuffre

Ways and Means – Mark Ambrose

Local – Jamie Moorhouse

Club Service Directors

Operations – Gena Rotstein

Ways and Means – Ted Stack

Membership and Social – Tony Fisher

Thank you to each of you for your hard work and service to our Rotary Club. In the past, the District Governor has met with the Board prior to our Club meeting, but this year DG Mary is going to attend one of our actual Board meetings. This worked out just fine, because I was able to go get my hair done this morning, and it would have been tight to fit it all in.

CLUB NEWS

Bulletin Editor: Sandy Dougall Photographer: John Shield



Gift to DG Mary Turner: DG Mary, I had really hoped to spend some time with you at the Rotary International Conference in Honolulu this past June. As you know, our Club went through a name change last year, to become the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. Anyone from our Club attending the Honolulu Conference would have been the first representatives from the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

With this in mind, at the beginning of the year, I hired a graphic designer to create a design for a Hawaiian shirt that included symbols and emblems that meant something to our Club, that would create conversation at the conference, and would add to the fun of the conference. We were going to ROCK the conference.

When the conference was cancelled, I decided I wasn't going to let go of the fabulous artwork, and I wasn't going to let COVID defeat our spirit, so these shirts were positioned as the uniform of the rebel army of extroverts. They have become lovingly referred to as the "ugly green shirts"

Because you so generously honoured our Club and its Members with the gift of the Rotary pins and the banner, I wanted to give you something in return, to remember our Club by. Something you will cherish for years to come. So, today, I am making a virtual presentation to you of one of the "ugly green shirts".

We have a limited supply, so I apologize, but the shirt I am going to send to you will be too large, but you can accessorize it and wear it open like a jacket. I know you will look fabulous in it, and I can't wait to see you wear it to District Functions. Whenever you wear it, think of us, and the opportunity we have created for you to have some fun. And something else that is fun about our Club that we like to do for our guests, is sing our Welcome Song.

Rotary Curling: Al Johnson: DG Mary, when I googled you, I saw your name on the list for mixed curling in Olds. We look forward to having you join us at the 60th anniversary of the Rotary Bonspiel in Calgary in February. Look for the "ugly green shirts" at the bonspiel, and if you wear yours, I am sure it will get you a free drink. **Please see Page 9 in the bulletin for more details**



Waterton Peace Park Assembly: Terry Allen gave us some history on this as well as the current information regarding the Virtual aspect this year. **Please see Page 8 in the bulletin for further information.**



President Leckie also said the following: DG Mary, I have nothing to lose, so I am going to put in a plug and tell you the one thing I hear every time I go to Peace Park is we could sure use some support at the District level for this gathering. I hope you will take that message back to others at District and we hope we will see District representatives in Waterton next year.

Health and Wellness Report: Bonar Irving. Please contact **Bonar Irving** for updates on Health and Wellness at 403 254 8476 or email bonar@shaw.ca

Please keep **Rod Bower** and **Roger Jarvis** in your thoughts. **Gui Salazar** had an infection and was taken to the hospital they think they have it under control and he should be returning home soon.

CLUB NEWS

Songs and Stunts: Penny has brought back this program element and this was the first week. Hard to do with a split audience but **Darlene Whitmore and Deb Sands** got both groups involved on either side of the screens with the Animal Alphabet game. Watch the video to hear of animals that never existed! Good idea Darlene and Deb!



INFO FOR GUEST SPEAKER: President Leckie said that for the benefit of DG Mary, I want to share some accounting information. Our Club is normally blessed with the ability to raise funds by selling Dream Home tickets at the Stampede, hosting a golf tournament and by volunteering at a casino. Our gross revenue from these activities is in the range of \$1 million annually.

The revenue from these sources this year is zero.

In a regular year, we have numerous committees who make consider various forms of applications and make decisions regarding how to distribute and invest funds in the community.

Also, I want to tell DG Mary about our Partners group. Originally, they were the spouses of Rotarians, but have grown into a group of supporting individuals, who assist our Club in making a positive impact in the community.

Going back to the accounting, our only source of funding this year was the distribution we received from our Club's endowment at Calgary Rotary Clubs' Foundation (CRCF).

Some of the funds are designated by the donor, Mario Stella, to provide transportation for adults with disabilities. **Myrna Dube Thompson** Chairs the Committee to allocate these funds into the community.

For the remainder of the funds, the Board adopted the approach that the funds would not be broken out and distributed by numerous committees, but rather, they would be distributed at a Club level. Further, the Club would look for opportunities to multiply the value of the funds through matching and volunteer opportunities.

Jim Hutchens was tasked with leading the Funds Optimization Committee. Jim is going to give our Club Members an update on the Committee's work.

Jim began by saying he was feeling rather tall at the Podium today thanks to Stampede Park but wished they had provided him with a ladder to reach it. All kidding aside:

The events of 2020 required us to restructure and the **Funds Optimization Committee** was formed with a mandate of one year. We are tasked with finding projects to fund Mental Wellness in our city in the aftermath of March 2020 and Covid . The intent is to collaborate with other Rotary Clubs, District 5360 and perhaps The Rotary Foundation to find areas of need in the Mental Health and Wellness capacity. We have already supported children's mental wellness at the Children's Hospital as well as the Rotary Bethany Atrium project. We can and we will make a difference again. We are seeking proposals in this area. Again as stated, we have a one year mandate to make a difference for a lifetime.



From **President Leckie:** Thank you Jim. It is obvious that you and the other committee members are taking seriously the fiduciary obligation we have to optimize the use of funds received by our Club.

CLUB NEWS

Next week is the launch of our Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF). I have had a sneak preview of the program being organized by the Committee Chair, **Past President Sherry Austin**, including a presentation by the Chair of CRCF Investment Committee, **Mark Starratt**. I think you will be interested to hear Mark speak of the alternative investments being considered by CRCF and Mark's comments about the market overall.

Also, the presentation includes a video about how some of the CRCF funds are used within our Club. I truly believe next week's presentation will be one of the best of my year as President, and I hope you will join us.

So, today we talked about Rotary Opening Opportunities. We also talked about Opportunities for Fellowship through Rotary, available both Globally and Locally. So, I want to share a quote with you.

"When people are connected, we can just do some great things. They have the opportunity to get access to jobs, education, health, communications. We have the opportunity to bring the people we care about closer to us. It really makes a big difference"

Now that quote comes from Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of Facebook, but honestly, don't you think it could be about Rotary. Has anyone told Mark about Rotary?

In closing, and in recognition of the theme this year, I want to share a quote from Benjamin Franklin, ***"To succeed, jump as quickly at opportunities as you do at conclusions."***

Last week I told everyone to hug their honey. This week I want everyone to hug their accountant. Have a great week everyone. Please note: Those of you on ZOOM missed an excellent Stampede Meal. The Chef is practicing some very attractive presentations and the Management Team serving us have the process down pat!. The dessert really was special!



WGIPPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday September 19th, 2020 AT: 11:00 - 12:00 PM (MDT)

Please join the AGM meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. The Link is available ½ hour before the scheduled meeting start time. Join 10 minutes early to ensure you have a good connection and audio/visual.

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You can also dial in using your phone. There is a 6 cent per minute charge. (For supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly).

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WGIPPA ASSEMBLY
Saturday September 19th, 2020 AT: 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM (MDT)

Please join the Assembly from your computer, tablet or smartphone. The Link is available ½ hour before the scheduled meeting start time. Join 10 minutes early to ensure you have a good connection and audio/visual

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***It began as a bold idea:
Where no boundary could be seen,
no boundary should be.***



- * The Waterton Glacier International Peace Park is the first trans-boundary peace park in the world, Envisioned by Rotarians from Canada and the USA and approved by both governments in 1932.
- * Today it stands as a testament to the Rotary International focus on peace and the cooperation necessary to coexist as parks, nations or individuals.
- * It combines the 203-square-mile Waterton Lakes National Park in Canada with the 1,600-square-mile Glacier National Park in the United States.
- * The arrangement allows both national parks to operate as separate entities under the peace park mantle. Each September, the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association (WGIPPA) hosts a gathering at the peace park to learn about the park efforts, peace-building ideas and to pledge our continued work for peace.
- * This year, we are unable to host an in person gathering. But this gives us the opportunity to instead invite a wider audience to experience this inspiring and unique part of Rotary history.
- * You are invited to join us on Saturday, September 19 from 2-4 pm (Mountain Time) to hear a bit of the history of the Peace Park, the state of conservation in the area, speakers on peace and some opportunity to meet Rotarians from around the area in fellowship and peace.

At the conclusion of the ceremonial part of the program everyone will be invited to take the Peace Pledge which has been an integral part of the Peace Park programs for many years.

*In the name of all that we hold sacred , we will not take up arms against each other.
We will work for peace, maintain liberty, strive for freedom and demand equal opportunities for all.
May the long existing peace between our nations stimulate other peoples to follow this example*

What: Rotary Curling League

When: Tuesday October 6th at 4.30 pm

Where: Garrison Curling Club



- ⇒ This is a ten (10) Team League and we have two teams: Larry Kennedy and Allan Johnson
- ⇒ The league is trying for 12 teams and Sherry Austin will skip another team if we have enough players
- ⇒ Spares are always needed and we have teams from other Rotary clubs so we can have great fellowship
- ⇒ This Year the Provincial Rotary Bonspiel is in Calgary on February 2021. It will be the 60th year for this Rotary Bonspiel and we will get a chance to wear our famous GREEN shirts. The winner of the Bonspiel gets to go to Scotland



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STAY IN SCHOOL MENTORS

We really need Report Cards for the last school year that ended June 2020. I only have 5 report cards for over 40 students in our program.



Covid 19 has certainly had an impact these numbers and we would appreciate your help in getting to your students for these reports. Please remind our students that the contract they signed at the beginning indicated they should get the reports to us **within 15 days**. This report card requirement includes our Post Secondary Institute Students as well

We also need an update on the schools your students are attending for this school year, You grade 9 student will be attending a new school for grade 10.

With Covid our job as Mentors gets more difficult and we want to extend a very special thank you to all our mentors, your many efforts are much appreciated.

Please let me know where I can assist and again thank you for all. / Earl Huson

To my Rotary Family:

This weekend Jewish people around the world are gathering with families and the COVID bubbles to welcome in the **Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah)**.

It is a time of feasting on sweets (and other good eats) and reflecting on the time that passed.



One of the traditions is dipping apples in honey representing the sweetness of a year to come and the life that has been provided to us.

So with that said, from my family to yours, I wish all of you a very happy, healthy, and sweet New Year.

Submitted by: Gena Rotstein

Social Media Administrator Needed

The RCCSP Communications Committee is looking for an individual to serve as our Social Media Administrator for 2020/21.

The administrator would be responsible for managing the day-to-day Social media of RCCSP, including our Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn pages. The administrator would post to these sites on a regular basis, with material provided to them by the Communications team and would also monitor any incoming messages and responses and report these to the Committee.

Member's kids or grandkids might be interested. Volunteering for Rotary would look good on resumes.

Submitted by the Communications Committee

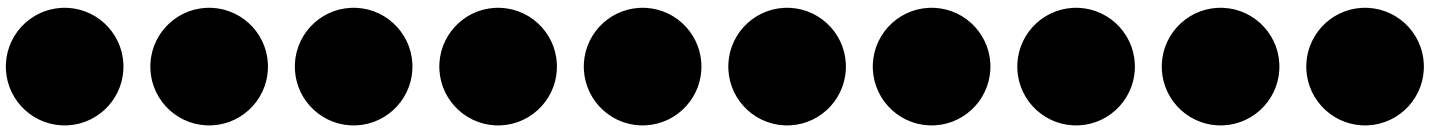


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Theme: Partnering to Make a Difference



Wednesday, December 9, 2020: Christmas Dinner 4:30pm to be held at the Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club, 12501 – 14th Street SW.

Wednesday, April 21, 2021: Spring Luncheon 11:30am to be held at the Willow Park Golf and Country Club, 639 Willow Park Drive SE.

Tuesday, June 15, 2021: Annual June Dinner 5:00pm to be held at the Willow Park Golf and Country Club, 639 Willow Park Drive SE.
Passing of the Gavel.

***Denise MacLeod, President
Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park***





Happy Birthday Rotarians!

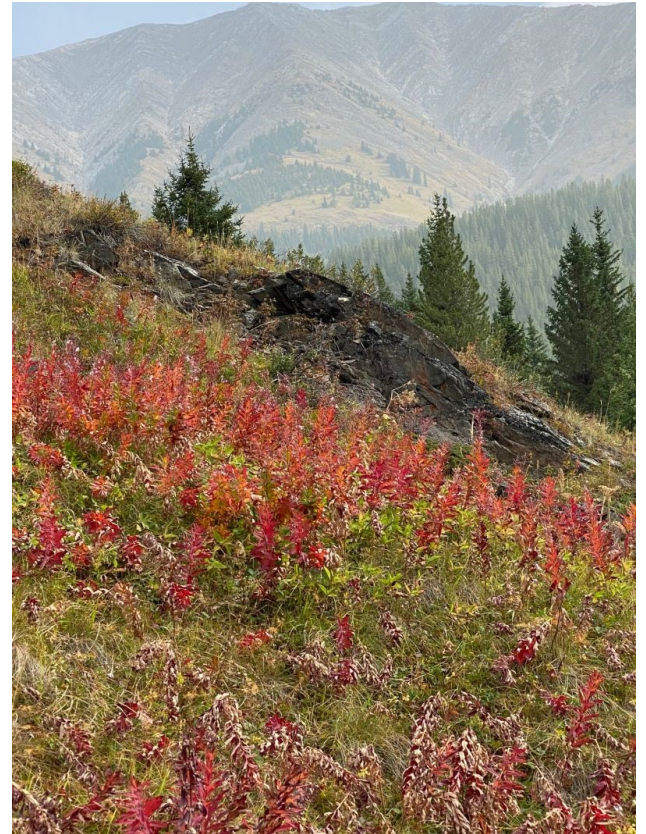
Norm Legare	Sept 2
Myrna Dube-Thompson	Sept 3
Linda Tattersall	Sept 3
Don Mintz	Sept 14
John Price	Sept 17
Luanne Whitmarsh	Sept 23
Bob Brawn	Sept 24
Janet Matthews	Sept 24
Bryan Target	Sept 27

*Alberta Skies and Prairies - look where we live!
Photo taken by Corinne*



Happy September Birthdays!

Ten hikers had a perfect day for a long 12 km hike to Picklejar Lakes. Early on, the trail included planks and boardwalks over muddy areas. It was straight up for several kilometers and we were tired when we stopped for lunch. We were social distancing during lunch on the rocks in front of the first lake. The chipmunk, squirrel and pica were not social distancing. After lunch there was tough trudging over the scree to get to the other lakes. A few decided it was more relaxing to rest so they did not go on. Those who did were rewarded with three more pretty lakes and pretty tired legs. This lake was photographed by KeikoTakahashi on her iphone 11 super camera. She also captured the hillside of fall colours. On the way back we passed a lovely ribbon waterfall. After our long, tiring, perfect day, some of us stopped for beverages and pastry in Longview at Little New York Bistro. **SUBMITTED BY PAT FARN**



CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sept 21st	Board Meeting: Via Zoom: 5:30 to 8:30 pm
Sept 24th	CRCF Campaign Kick off (Live and Zoom Meeting)
Oct 1st	Jesse Breffle: Rasha Ascent (Live and Zoom Meeting)
Oct 8th	Catherine Russell, GM: Amica: COVID 19 Response
Oct 15th	Gary Mar, CEO: Canada West
Oct 22nd	Tom Leppard: 75th Anniversary of WWII
Oct 29th	Rotary Foundation Campaign Kick off
Nov 5th	Chief Neufeld: CPS Presentation
Nov 11th	Rotary Remembers
Nov 13th	Sadie Hawkins Dance: Tentatively at Stampede Park
Nov 18th	Judge John Reilly: "Bad Law"
Nov 26th	Jack Thompson: Rotary Profile
Dec 3rd	Hanukah Celebration
Dec 10th	Annual Christmas Luncheon with Partners
Dec 17th	Cleven Awards
Dec 24th	Christmas Social at Stampede Park
Dec 31st	
Jan 7th	
Jan 14th	
Jan 21st	

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