

**Rotary**

Club of Calgary  
at Stampede Park



# ROTARY NEWS

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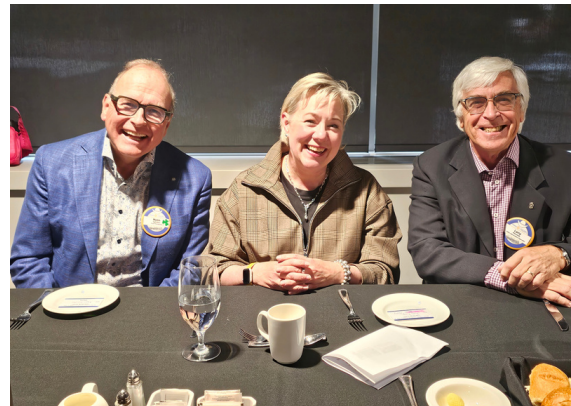
Sgt@Arms: Carol Rosdobutko



**Welcome to the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Larry Kennedy, and I am honoured to be your President for 2026/2027.**

**Please join me in the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace.**

Head Table (L-R) : Allan Johnson, Martin Parhell, Carol Rosdobutko, Myles Hamilton, Judy Riege, President Larry Kennedy



**Presentation:  
September 3rd  
Judy Riege**

**September 17<sup>th</sup>  
Calgary Opera. Sue  
Elliot. CEO & GM**

**Next Week:  
September 10<sup>th</sup> -  
Wayne Meikle The  
Fish Creek Park story**

Click [HERE](#) to register for upcoming meetings.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting video

**Today's Meeting:** **David Field** introduced our guests, followed by the welcome song...



**President Larry** shared a video with us about the **Martin Family** Pump Track and Skatepark. Click [HERE](#) to watch the short video!!!



Shankar Sathawane from the Rotary Club of Dombivli spoke about the club's long-standing commitment to community service. With around 65 members, the club focuses on education, healthcare, and rural development. Its key initiatives include a school for hearing-impaired students serving about 250 children, support for a charitable hospital, and improvements to 30-35 rural schools benefiting roughly 2,000 students. The club also organizes community and fellowship activities, with a strong focus on helping underprivileged people.



**Rick Jakubec** came up and talked to us about Community Kitchens. More information of the following page.



Martin Parhell from the Rotary Club of Cochran shared an update on a fundraiser organized with the Rotaract E-Club for Peace and Education and the University of Calgary Rotaract Club. Afghan women created a recipe calendar that was printed and sold in Calgary, raising over \$4,000 to support women's education in Afghanistan through laptops and phones. Martin also thanked the club for sponsoring the printing.



**Carol Rosdobutko**, the club's Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting, led a fun Rotary geography activity. She encouraged members to attend Rotary meetings while travelling and tested their knowledge of Rotary clubs around the world, using friendly fines for incorrect answers. The activity highlighted Rotary's international connections and encouraged members to visit other clubs.

**Myles Hamilton** introduced guest speaker Judy Riege, a leadership coach and trainer with over 30 years of experience in emotional intelligence, neuroscience, and leadership. Judy has worked with Olympic and Paralympic teams, business leaders, startups, and universities. She also served as an adviser and performance coach for the Canadian National Women's Olympic Hockey Team, including at the Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics.



Judy Riege spoke about what it takes to build high-performing teams, emphasizing the importance of belonging, trust, psychological safety, self-awareness, communication, and accountability. She shared lessons from her seven years working with Canada's National Women's Hockey Team, beginning in 2019 and continuing through the Milan-Cortina Olympics.

Judy explained that belonging is not a personality trait but something leaders and team members create for one another. She helped the hockey team move from a culture of criticism and cliques toward one based on honest communication, trust, and shared responsibility. She emphasized that team members need to feel safe to make mistakes, challenge ideas, speak openly, and learn from one another.



The team also focused on understanding their individual and collective purpose by asking, "Why you? Why now? Why us?" Clear standards, continuous learning, feedback, and strong relationships helped them perform under pressure. Judy highlighted how the team took accountability after difficult losses rather than blaming others, using those experiences to improve.

She also discussed the importance of small details that make people feel they belong, such as personalized messages and recognizing everyone's contribution to the team. Judy concluded that the same principles apply to business and other organizations: leaders must continue learning, build trust, create belonging, and help people bring their best to the team.



**Kim Hickson** thanked Judy for her presentation and announced that we will be making a \$100 to CRCF in Judy Riege's name in honour of her time with us today.

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

# Announcements

## Community Kitchens

Community Kitchens located in northeast Calgary need your help. As a volunteer, you would be needed to help fill food hampers. It would require you to be on your feet for up to 3 hours per shift.

The shifts to be filled are below:

Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm to 8 pm  
Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm to 4 pm  
Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5 pm to 8 pm

Please forward your name and email address as a volunteer to **Rick Jakubec**  
[rjakubec@shaw.ca](mailto:rjakubec@shaw.ca)

Please email  
**[Admin@rotarycs.org](mailto:Admin@rotarycs.org)** if  
you're interested in a  
"Password Management  
Workshop" so we can  
schedule and coordinate  
it.

*For the next few weeks the main entrance to the new Rotary House will not be accessible do to some construction. We ask everyone to use the entrance on the north side of the building for the time being.*

*This also mean the chair lift will not be available during this time. If you require help up the stairs, please let us know so we can ensure someone is there to assist you.*

Click [HERE](#) to watch the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting video

Click [HERE](#) to watch the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting video



## **INVITATION TO THE ROTARY PARTNERS**

### **WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST & ANNUAL BOOK SALE**

**Tuesday, September 22, 2026**  
**Willow Park Golf & Country Club**  
**639 Willow Park Drive SE, Calgary**  
**Cost: \$35.00 per person**



#### **MENU**

*Canadian Back Bacon Eggs Benedict*  
*Breakfast Sausage*  
*Bacon*  
*Pan-fried Baby Red Potatoes*  
*Fresh Baked Croissants, Banana Bread & Muffins*  
*Fresh Fruit Platter*  
*Fruit Yogurt*  
*Freshly Brewed Coffee & real Tea Blends*  
*Juice Served to Tables*

**Registration: 9:00am / Program: 10:00am / Brunch: 10:30am**  
**Need a ride? Contact Joan Walton at 403-651-7561**

**Confirm attendance, payment and food allergies**  
**NO LATER THAN September 15 to**  
**Karen Grant 403-239-8987 or [partners@rotarycs.org](mailto:partners@rotarycs.org) ONLY**

**BRING YOUR BOOKS & BAGS FOR THE SALE**

**Proceeds to CanLearn Society**

**CASH ONLY**



# Announcements

25.05.24

Opinion Piece for Calgary Herald

In the weeks ahead you will be hearing more about the Rotary International Convention that is coming to Calgary on June 21-25, 2025. Up to 20,000 Rotarians from around the world will descend on our great City.

Given the current times, several Rotary members thought it would be appropriate for Calgarians to learn more about a peace initiative with our friends in the US that was conceived, promoted, and is nurtured to this day by Rotarians on both sides of the border. It all began when a group of Rotarians from Cardston, Alberta invited fellow Rotarians to the Prince of Wales Hotel in Waterton Lakes National Park on July 4-5, 1931 for a good will meeting. Over 100 Rotarians from Montana, Saskatchewan and Alberta attended the meeting. At that meeting there was a consensus to advocate for the creation of an International Peace Park that would encompass both National parks. It was resolved, "that the proper authorities be petitioned to commence negotiations to establish the two parks indicated as a permanent International Peace Park, which will be definitely set aside for this laudable purpose, pledging our loyalty and allegiance to foster all international relationships". Canadian and American Rotarians reached out to their respective federal governments and in the days when things could get done expeditiously, the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, a first in the world was commemorated on June 18, 1932!

It's worth noting the words of our leaders of the day. Prime Minister Bennett said, "It is my earnest hope that this great International Peace Park stretching across our common frontier and in which citizens of both our countries may seek recreation, may forever remain a permanent memorial of all that neighbourly relations should be between adjoining nations". And from President Hoover: "Dedication of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park is a full gesture of the good will that has so long blessed our relations with our Canadian neighbours, and I am gratified by the hope and the faith that it will forever be an appropriate symbol of permanent peace and friendship".

Authorized by the U.S. Congress and Canada Parliament, the designation of the peace park 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. Thereafter, the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association was created to perpetuate the message of peace and good will inspired by this monumental achievement. Rotarians agreed to meet annually at a Peace Park Assembly which alternates between each country. Rotarians from over

200 clubs across four districts partake in the Assembly, usually on a September weekend which culminates with the Hands Across the Border Ceremony. The ceremony which normally takes place over a long white ribbon and sometimes at the border, includes Rotarians, members of the indigenous community, park staff, politicians and other government officials. After the speeches the groups form an East-West line, with Americans on the South side and Canadians on the North side who embrace with a handshake and recite the Peace Pledge: In the name of all 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.

This Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association endures and stands to promote the creation of Peace Parks around the world with a message of Peace and Understanding. In a world that seems in constant turmoil the pursuit of Peace is something we can all strive for because the alternative is not the solution for humanity. May Peace Prevail on Earth!

Bryan Walton is the Past President of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park and a former Director of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association.

# Announcements

## Waterton Glacier International Peace Park

Club members, please read the attached article penned by Past President Bryan Walton about the Waterton Glacier International Peace Park. For many years our club has participated in the Annual Assembly of the Peace Park Association that is composed of the four Rotary Districts 5360, 5390, 5370 and 5080. This year the Assembly will be held in Kalispell, MT. September 25 th to 27 th. The program is outlined below. Please note the organizers have arranged a special rate of \$99.00 US/night. The link is in the Registration information below.

[Register NOW](#) for WGIPPA 2026 Assembly-Kalispell

Jeff Mow, former Glacier National Park Superintendent, is the Chair of the Organizing Committee and is putting together a wonderful program for us.

### **SCHEDULE of EVENTS**

#### **Friday September 25**

- 2:00 - 4:00 - Peace Conversation at the Wheeler International Peace Park Center in Glacier National Park.
- 3:00 - 5:00 - Registration Opens at the Red Lion Hotel, Kalispell
- 3:00 - 5:00 - Shopping and Historic Walking Tour of Downtown Kalispell
- 5:00 - 8:00 - Welcome Reception at the Glacier Art Museum  
(walking distance from the Red Lion)

#### **Saturday, September 26**

- 8:00 - Registration Opens (Morning Coffee)
- 8:30 - 12:00 - Hands Across the Border Golf Tournament (9-Hole Scramble)
- 9:00 - Assembly Opening, Land Acknowledgement, Introductions
- 9:15 - 10:30 - Mariah Gladstone, Food Sovereignty on the Blackfeet Reservation
- 10:30 - 11:00 - Break
- 11:00 - 12:00 - ShinNaasha Pete, Conserving Whitebark Pine on Native lands
- 12:00 - 1:00 - Lunch with an Update on Yellowstone to Yukon Initiative
- 1:00 - 1:45 - Carmen Hancock, Waterton NP Update
- 1:45 - 2:30 - Dave Roemer, Glacier NP Update
- 2:30 - 3:00 - Break
- 3:00 - 5:00 - Assembly General Meeting
- 5:00 - 6:00 - Happy Hour
- 6:00 - 10:00 - Gala Buffet Dinner with Keynote Speaker Diane Boyd

#### **Sunday, September 27**

- 9:30 - Non-Denominational Church Service, Apgar Campground Amphitheater, Glacier NP
- 11:00 - "Hands Across the Border" Ceremony, Apgar Campground Amphitheater, Glacier NP
- 1:30 - Tour the Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Center at the Wheeler Property

Hope to see you in September!!

## **Closing:**

**Next week: September 10<sup>th</sup>** - Wayne Meikle, The Fish Creek Park story

**The week following: September 17<sup>th</sup>** - Calgary Opera. Sue Elliot. CEO & GM

*As we leave today, let us remember that even small acts of service can result in lasting impact. Together through Rotary, we have the opportunity to strengthen our communities and make the world a better place.*

## **Social Media Links**



[Facebook](#)

[Linkedin](#)

[Instagram](#)

# Calendar

## SEPTEMBER

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Judy Riege

**September 10<sup>th</sup>** - Wayne Meikle The Fish Creek

Park story

**September 17<sup>th</sup>** - Calgary Opera. Sue Elliot. CEO  
& GM

**September 24<sup>th</sup>** - TBD



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## OCTOBER

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** - Kids At Heart Charity Presentation

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** - The Rotary Foundation and CRCF

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** - Chris Johnson, Old College

External Relations

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Field of the Crosses

**October 29<sup>th</sup>** - Halloween



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