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Kevin was introduced by **John Fitzsimmons** who told us that he had known Kevin for some 25 years. Kevin was a Rotarian for many years in Cloverdale BC and was elected in 2001 as a BC Liberal. He held a number of senior Cabinet positions until he retired in 2011. He is married with two daughters and is now involved with United/Anthem Properties who are headquartered in Vancouver but well known in the Calgary area.

Kevin thanked John for the invite to speak today but warned us that Fitz had told him what you would want to hear so if you don't like it feel free to fine him!



He started saying that this is an unprecedented time for both BC and Alberta particularly from a political point of view and would like to share some thoughts and experiences as to how they turned things around in BC after a NDP government in the 1990's. Also what does today's NDP government mean for both BC and Alberta, in particular the Pipeline decision.

Where are we at in BC today? First of all a short history lesson.

The BC Liberal government was elected in 2001 after 10 years of NDP which saw the Provinces debt double, multi billion annual deficits, massive growth in red tape, dramatic increases in both personal income tax rates and corporate rates and demoralized business/investment community. In short, it was a mess, sound familiar!

It should! I took a moment to check your own NDP government record... they are following the same failed approach as they did in BC and the Rae government in Ontario. I see your NDP 2016/17 deficit was \$10.8B, \$300m over plan. And this is despite revenues being \$3B higher than predicted in the April 2016 budget.

Unfortunately their total program spending has increased by 11% since they were elected in 2015. Alta debt is now \$45B and expected to exceed \$71B by 2019. Our Debt / GDP ratio will be 19.5% and rising.... BC is 14.9%. This movie does not have a happy ending!

Your Premier is following the NDP blueprint from the 1990's, increased personal and corporate taxes and yet in spite of these increases I see that Personal tax was off 8% and Corporate nearly 15%.

ROTARY

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

first

Is it the TRUTH?

second

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

third

Will it build GOOD WILL
and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

fourth

Will it be BENEFICIAL to
all concerned?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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When the BC Liberal Government first were elected in 2001 they had the following platform

- ◆ Cut Personal tax
- ◆ Reduce Red Tape by at least 1/3 in first 3 years.
- ◆ Balance Budget by year 3.
- ◆ Core Review across Government
- ◆ Restore balance in the labor code and signal that BC was open for business.

So what did we do....

- ◆ Cut Personal income tax by 25% on day one
- ◆ Reduced red tape by 43%
- ◆ Balanced Budget in year 3.
- ◆ Eliminated business subsidies.
- ◆ Reduced civil service by 25%
- ◆ Started a Core Review.

They recognized that they must focus on strategic investments to diversify the economy and be less reliant on US exports they developed a plan called Asia Pacific Gateway Strategy. This included the Railroads, Port Authorities, Airports and the Federal Government to provide labor stability at Ports. The Government itself increased investment in Roads and bridges. We had a vision but still had to execute and stay focussed. We now see a substantial increase in exports from and through BC to the Asia Pacific area.

You want Government to advance bold public policy initiatives, to spur economic development but they have to stay focussed on key objectives and get them done. Sadly we see Government avoiding difficult decisions or backing away from important projects to avoid controversy.

Alberta can't help but notice that they are in a similar position with an over reliance on the US market. Alberta requires that its oil get to coastal tidewater in BC to be exported to world markets. This means that Alberta runs into a buzz saw of Federal/Provincial and Municipal regulation and a sizeable amount of mischief making from third parties.

So this brings me to the Trans Mountain Pipeline. It is important to remember that this is an Interprovincial Project under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and it has already been approved. They have NEB approval and BC Environmental Assessment approval and numerous conditions imposed that have been met.

Having said that Project approvals are one thing but getting it built is another. I was Minister of Transportation when BC built projects such as the S2S Highway and the Canada Line Rapid transit and has the battle scars to prove it.

We now have a new NDP government but that does not mean that a new Government can do away with prior Governments decisions. They will have to tread carefully to move away from their campaign rhetoric and to appease their supporters, be seen as doing everything they can to oppose the pipeline. The real challenge will be ensuring the Federal Government sees this project through to completion. The pressure from environmentalist will be enormous but the PM has a lot at stake. His calculation that the public would accept a pipeline in return for a national carbon tax was smart politics.... The key is he will need to hang tight when the going gets tough. And it will. Kevin thanked us for this opportunity to speak today and finished with a great story about Dole..... It needs to be told.... so check with someone who was at the meeting!

Kevin was thanked by **Bryan Walton** ... Thanks for your bringing these issues into focus and we agree with all your comments today. Your comments on bold ideas and following through with them are right on!

On behalf of the Club **President Bill** thanked Kevin for his great presentation and made a \$100.00 contribution to our Stay in Scholl program on his behalf.

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

A history lesson! Sept 7th 1864... Confederation and the Charlottetown Conference. New Brunswick's Samuel Lilly argued that the Maritime Provinces can get better terms under Confederation as a group than by themselves. However New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and PEI delegates agree to discard the idea of a Maritime Union and pursue a Federal Union. Sir John A Macdonald was an unwanted guest at the meeting. The Conference was adjourned and the delegates retire to a party hosted by the Canadians (MacDonald) and crew aboard the Queen Victoria. PEI claims to be the Cradle of Confederation even though MacDonald, the unwanted guest, got them thinking bigger than they thought. Now there are those in Ontario who want to make the name unwanted And all he did was build a nation.



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

Head Table: John Fitzsimmons (Introducing Guest Speaker), Kevin Falcon (Our Guest Speaker), Sherry Austin (Inducting our new Member), Manny Rai (Our New Member and Al Johnson (Welcoming the New Member)

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President Bill took a few moments to pass on a few Kudos. First of all to **Sherry Austin** and all our members who were involved in the opening of the Rotary Mattamy Greenway.

A big thanks to **Bob Wiens, Jamie Moorhouse and Don Taylor** for the work they do with **World Community Service**. They were able to take a \$5,000 grant from the Club and lever it up to US\$95,000 for a project in Columbia. Great work.

Guests: Myrna Dube-Thompson introduced a long list of guests including: Kevin Falcon (Guest Speaker), Rotarians: Robyn Braley (Calgary West), Roger Sonntag (Heritage Park) and Grant MacEachern (Calgary Olympic) as well as: Manny Rai (Newest Member), Doug Lacombe (Guest: Bryan Walton), Chad Hason (Guest: Ken Copithorne), John Amonson (Guest: Dilan Perera), Christine Holstine (Guest: Keith Davis), Jackie Crystal and Susan Reid from South Africa (Guest: Joe Connelly), Darlene Switzer and Evangeline (Guests: Sam Switzer), Don Whalen (Guest: Dana Hunter), Dean Brawn (Guest: Bob Brawn), Rob McJunkin (Guest: John Fitzsimmons)

Country Thunder: Norm Legare took a few minutes to bring clarity to our arrangement with Country Thunder. He explained our initial deal in 2016 and indicated that we could not come to a suitable arrangement in 2017. However we still have a good relationship with those involved and may be able to work out something for only selling drink tickets in 2018. A big thank you to **Don Mintz** for your assistance and integrity throughout this process



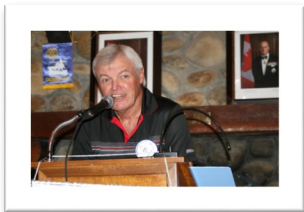
Oktoberfest 2017: Keith Davis took his very short time allotment (his comments ... if President Bill had not taken so much time talking about some island!) to tell us all about Oktoberfest on Friday October 13th. A joint effort with the Partners!

See notice in bulletin.

Dinner Club: Paul Brick reminded us all about the Dinner Club. Registration needs to be in by October 6th. See Forms on table and the notice that will be sent to you.

Terry Fox Run: Glen Godlonton advised that the annual Terry Fox Run is coming up on Sept 17th. Glen needs a few more volunteers are needed to handle the morning registration.

50/50 Draw: Bernie Benning looked after a big 50/50. It was \$180 and Manny Rai pulled the ticket for Jim Bladon



Sergeant-At-Arms: Tom Walton was the Sergeant today. He took some money from those who did not help out at the Greenway opening and a \$5.00 fine for non-participation in the 50/50. He also stumped Murray Flegel with a really tough (and I mean tough!) golf question for a fine of \$10.



President Bill closed the meeting on time with this quote.

“You do not do charity to be thanked, but it is nice to be thanked for what you do”

- Anne & Bud McCaig



Have a great weekend



Induction of Manprit (Manny) Rai

Allan Johnson introduced our new member. **Manny Rai** is a Registered Massage Therapist and is the owner of Temple Massage and Wellness. He also owns Beddington Lotto on Beddington Blvd.

Past DG Martin Harvey was given Manny's name by someone at an International Conference and he has since been referred to us through Kathyann. He is most excited to be given the opportunity to join Calgary South. He visited many other Calgary Clubs and has been at 3 or 4 of our meetings as well as taking a shift at the Dream Home. He and his Family also enjoyed the Country Picnic. He is in the 45 to 49 age group and as a younger man was a Rotarian and Lion in India where he was involved in projects such as Camps for blind children and those with Polio.

Welcome Manny!

Sherry Austin, on behalf of the Club, then welcomed Manny pointing out the obligations of membership and how to get involved in all aspects of Rotary.

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad. Our guiding principles have been the foundation of our values: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. There are many Rotary Clubs in Calgary and the surrounding areas and they all serve their communities in diverse and significant ways.

Our motto: Service Above Self

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 100 years, Rotary members have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end. We are this close to eradicating polio on the planet (show thumb and forefinger about two cm apart).

Rotary throughout our City and surrounding area have completed numerous projects for our local community & the world for over 100 years. Projects have included working with the homeless, persons with disabilities, seniors, schools, international youth exchange, and counselling for all ages. Buildings have been erected, facilities renovated, & essential equipment supplied all over our City. You will see many products of Rotary generosity such as the Rotary/Flames Hospice and the park outside Ronald MacDonald House at the Children's Hospital, MRI machines for our hospitals, Southern Alberta Urology Centre, the Chinook Nature Park, playgrounds for the disabled, Project neuro-arm, scholarship programs to help kids finish high school and then succeed in postsecondary & so very many more.

For our guests:

We are you; we come from all walks of life. But most importantly, we are all volunteers. Rotarians donate their time and resources to help create a better, healthier and stronger community for you.

Our Club expectations:

Attendance is very important to our Club as we believe that meeting together builds bonds of fellowship that will help us to fundraise for our charities and volunteer in our community. To create fellowship, I encourage you to have lunch at a different table every week so that we can get to know you and you can learn about us.

Involvement in a variety of committees will allow you to learn more about our Club and allow us to use your considerable expertise. We support one another in good times and we will have your back in times of challenge.

We look forward to you enriching our lives as I hope we will enrich yours.

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Calgary South!



Meet our newest member, Manny Rai. He was introduced by Past President Al Johnson and inducted by Past President Sherry Austin

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

It is time again to begin to produce a Member Roster. Have you changed your address? Phone Numbers? Email? If so, please send an email to: kathyann@rotarycs.org as soon as possible to make sure the changes go in to the 17/18 Membership Roster

Someone anonymously submitted this photo of Norm Legare turning 73 with this comment: “Still a Blowhard”!



Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Sherry Austin, Chair, Club Handbook Development and Board Continuity Committee announced to the membership that on August 21, 2017 the Board of Directors approved the following proposed two changes to the Club Bylaws as last amended on January 19, 2017:

Article 3 – Election of Officers and Directors, Section 2 – Criteria, Directors, Paragraph (a):

“Is a member of the Club. It is highly recommended that the nominees have a minimum of 3 years in our Club.”

This paragraph has existed since it was amended January 19, 2017 to accommodate the requirements of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission with regard to our anticipated involvement in the Country Thunder project. The Board propose a return to the previous wording as follows:

“Has been a member of our Rotary Club for at least three (3) years.”

And

Article 14 –Amendments

“These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been **mailed** to each member at least **twenty-one (21)** days before such meeting”

The Board propose a change to this wording to better accommodate today’s communication standards as follows:

“These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been **electronically mailed** to each member at least **seven (7)** days before such meeting.”

These proposed changes will be put to the membership for approval by a show of hands at the September 14, 2017 regular meeting of the Club.



Rotary Club of
Calgary South

Austrian-Canadian  Cultural Centre Since 1963

WUNDERBAR! IT'S **Oktoberfest** LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

SCHNITZEL, STRUDEL, LOTS OF MUSIC AND LOADS OF FUN!

Nobody does Oktoberfest as well as the Germans and Austrians (not surprisingly)

Rotary Club of Calgary South and their esteemed Partners are very happy to invite you to our Oktoberfest 2017

When: Friday October 13th

Where: Austrian Canadian Club (3112 11 Street NE)

Cost: \$50.00 per person (This includes a traditional Oktoberfest buffet featuring roast beef, schnitzel, bratwurst, veggies, salads, fruit, cheese, coffee, tea and so much more)

Time: Cocktails at 6:00 pm Dinner at 7:00 pm

Party until you run out of gas

Entertainment: Premium Akkord Band and the Schuhplattlerverein Enzain Dance Group

Tickets are on sale now (the invite has been sent out through ClubRunner) and are available until September 30th

Reserved tables are available for seating 10 or 12 or you can also buy your tickets individually





Waterton-Glacier
International Peace Park Association
Established June 18, 1932 | www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org



Rotarians please support the Peace Park Assembly in Waterton this year, this International initiative was started by Rotarians in 1932 and your participation would be appreciated.

Registration for the Assembly at the
Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Website
www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org

Accommodation

Accommodation may be available at the following Waterton hotels. Use the code word PEACE for conference rates at the first 2 hotels listed. There are frequently cancellations so call directly.

Waterton Lakes Lodge Resort:

Email: reservations@watertonlakeslodge.com

Phone: +1-403-859-2150 (direct) + 1-888-985-6343 (toll free)

Aspen Village Motel

Phone 1-403-859-2255

Bear Mountain Motel

<http://bearmountainmotel.com/>

1-403-859-2366

Reasonable rates (3 stars)

Waterton Glacier Suites

1-866-621-3300

<http://www.watertonsuites.com/>

Bayshore Hotel

1-403-859-2211

Listed as sold out, but should check.

<http://www.bayshoreinn.com/>

Crandell Mountain Lodge

1-403-859-2288

<http://www.crandellmountainlodge.com>

Northland Lodge

1-403-859-2353

Other accommodation may be found in nearby Bed & Breakfasts, using the web.

We had nine hikers and a glorious day that was not hot in the forest. Today's hike was a new one called High Rockies Trail. Surprisingly, after a couple of hikes with no showy flowers, we were treated to clumps of perfectly formed Mountain Arnica, Arctic Aster, Paint Brush, Fireweed, Sitka Valerian and these lovely Pearly Everlasting flowers.

We went back to Black Prince Trail area to find a picnic bench and a log to sit on and have our lunch. Donna went down the steep slope to test the water and reported it was cold. By the time we were finished lunch most of us just wanted to nap but we managed to go for ice cream at Fortress Junction where the servings are really big and hit the spot on a hot day.



The highlight was a new suspension bridge over a creek. With the instructions not to bounce or sway the bridge, we bounced our way across and ended with a picture of eight of us on the bridge that should only have six at a time - oh well it was only for a few short minutes!



HIKERS: Yesterday's suspension bridge was a real hit with our group of 9 explorers. On Wed., Sept. 13, we will go into Rawson Lake, off the S. end of Upper Kananaskis Lake. This walk is 8km in total, with a height gain of 305m. Please contact Phil Jackson for more information, at [403-931-4018](tel:403-931-4018), or philjackson@platinum.ca



RUN FOR THE CURE: DENISE MACLEOD

1 in 8 Canadian women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. I'm participating in this year's Canadian Cancer Society CIBC Run for the Cure to benefit the breast cancer cause. I'm running in honour of the incredible women in my life, and I need your help. Every dollar makes a difference and gets us one step closer to making breast cancer beatable.

I would love to see some friendly faces along the sidelines cheering our group on. Together, we can change the future of breast cancer. If you like to donate, please see the link below.

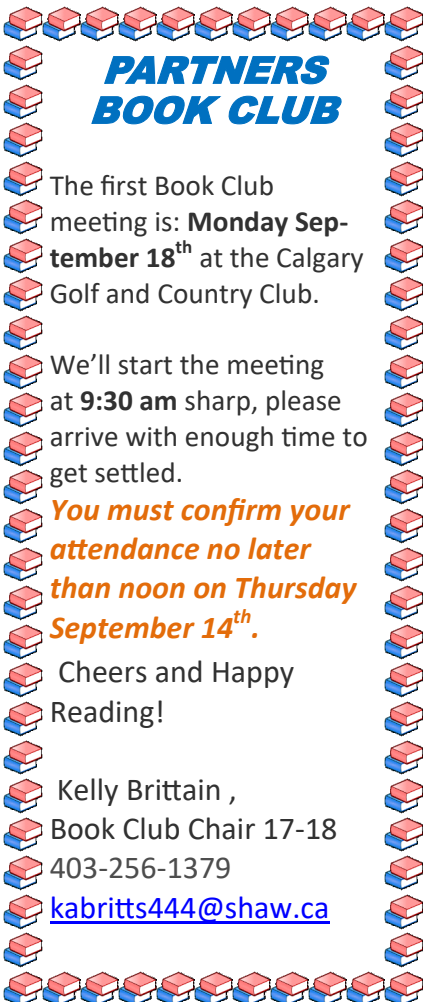
Thanks in advance for your support! Just click the link:

<http://cibcrunforthecure.supportcbcf.com/goto/DeniseMacLeod>



It's that time of year again for our Calgary South Rotary Partners' Annual Membership Coffee Party & Book Sale

Please bring current books that will be of interest. Hardcover books are \$3.00, soft cover books are \$2.00. All proceeds from the book sales will be donated to "It's A Crime Not To Read".



**PARTNERS
BOOK CLUB**

The first Book Club meeting is: **Monday September 18th** at the Calgary Golf and Country Club.

We'll start the meeting at **9:30 am** sharp, please arrive with enough time to get settled.

You must confirm your attendance no later than noon on Thursday September 14th.

Cheers and Happy Reading!

Kelly Brittain ,
Book Club Chair 17-18
403-256-1379

kabritts444@shaw.ca

*Calgary South Rotary Partners'
Annual Membership Coffee Party*

Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.
Calgary Winter Club (Skyline West Room)
4611 - 14 Street N.W.
Tickets: \$20.00 (full breakfast)

Guests Welcome
Membership Fees: \$35.00

RSVP by September 5 to Millie Huson
403-686-0828 or ehuslink@telusplanet.net
Send payment to: Donna Kennedy
37 Mahogany Manor SE, Calgary AB T3M 0Y3
payable to "Calgary South Rotary Partners"

Book Sale: Bring your donated books to the Coffee Party and we request "novels" only. Books will be sold for \$3.00 (hardcover) and \$2.00 (paperback). Bring change please. Proceeds to go to "It's a Crime Not to Read".



SEPTEMBER 2017

Sept 14: Mac Logan: City of Calgary Transport

Sept 14: Partners Annual Membership Coffee Party: See Page 10

Sept 17: Terry Fox Run (Volunteers Needed: Contact Glen Godlonton)

Sept 18: Board Meeting

Sept 21: General John de Chastelaine: Peace Day

Sept 22-24 Waterton Peace Park Assembly: See Page 8

Sept 25: Dinner Service: Drop In Center (5:45-7:00 pm)

Sept 28: CRCF Presentation

OCTOBER 2017

Oct 5: Paul McIntyre-Royston: Calgary Library

Oct 12: Artistic Director: Alberta Ballet

Oct 13: Oktoberfest Event (see Page 7)

Oct 16: Board Meeting

Oct 19: Ken Keelor: Calgary Co-op

Oct 26: District Governor Rick Istead's Visit

NOVEMBER 2017

Nov 2: Amarock 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: TBA

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: Mid-Year State of the Union Address

Jan 11: Brian Farrell: REVV52

Jan 18: Robbie Burns Day

HEALTH, WELLNESS, TRANSPORTATION

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

DID YOU KNOW?

We have posted the Financial Statement for 2014, 2015 and 2016 on our Website?

Go to: www.rotarycs.org and on the main page under "Member Resources" There is a tab that says "Financial Statements"

See the Screen shot to the right

Please note that you must be logged in to see this.

Our Minutes from June 2017 are posted here as well as Past Bulletins etc..

We are working together to always improve our website and information technology.

Next we will be upgrading and adding some Club Forms

Member Resources ▾

- Attendance Reports
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