

Rotary

Club of Cochrane



1991 - 2026



35th Anniversary
Commemorative Book
May 2026

The Rotary Club of Cochrane provides opportunities for individuals to give back.

This book shows some of the local and international accomplishments that have occurred over the past 35 years and highlights Rotarians who have been integral in these activities.

Rotary's motto is "Service above Self". This statement has stood the test of time.

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You are invited!



The Rotary Club of Cochrane
was chartered on May 17, 1991.

To honour our Club's beginning, we will be
having a grand celebration at the

Cochrane Ranchehouse
HALL OF VISION

on Thursday, May 28th
from 5:30-9:30 pm.

Tables will be assigned on a first come
first serve basis.

Cost is \$50 for Rotarians and guests.



Celebration program

5:30 - Fellowship

6:15 - Poem by Rotarian Kirsten Spanswick
and Introduction of Dignitaries

6:30 - Dinner

7:45 – Program:

- Congratulations from Mayor Morgan Nagel, MLA Peter Guthrie, MP Blake Richards, District Governor Manon Mitchell
- Paul Harris Fellow Award to Honour Community Benefactors
- Special Awards to Garry Ziegenhagel and Glen Gryzko to Honour their 35 Years of Service to Rotary and our community.
- Special Award to Earl Boon to Honour his 60+ Years of Service in Rotary
- Earl's Pearls
- Top Ten Projects by Martin Parnell
- Sergeant at Arms featuring Scott Grattidge and Julian deCocq
- The first 35 years were great for our Club. Now what? with President Anita McDonald.

Cochrane Rotary Club Charter Night May 1991

Welcome

Jim Willson

O Canada

Grace

Barb Engels

Toast to the Queen

John Witts

Introduction of

Distinguished Guests &

Head Table Guests

Jim Willson

Introduction of Visiting

Rotarians

Jim Willson

Song

Harold Sharlow/Jo

Johanson

Introduction of Guest

Speaker

Al Williams

Guest Speaker R.I. Galbraith

Presentation of Charter

District Governor Al

MacLean

Acceptance and Response

President Ben van der Vegt

Message from the Mayor

Mayor Vern Friesen

Recognition of Donations

Jo Johanson

Presentation of Banners

Closing Remarks

President Ben van der Vegt

Our sponsoring club

Rotary Club of Calgary

West

Charter Members

May 17, 1991

Ben van der Vegt - President

Shelley Mabbott - Vice President

Greg Stevens – Secretary

Judy Trihey – Treasurer

Garney Baker

Warren Davidson

Leslie Ann Duncan

Barb Engels

John Fraser

Bob Gair

Ginette Goulet

Bob Graham

Glen Gryzko *

Donald Koots

Wes Lucash

Warren Lyse

Shelley Mabbott

Sharon Metcalfe

Jack Morrison

Gerry Oatway

Bill Pollitt

Dan Riczu

Lorne Stenseth

Greg Stevens

Scott Tannas

Brian Thomas

Lynn Thomson

Judy Trihey

Ben van der Vegt

Cy White

John Witts

Garry Ziegenhagel *

*Active members today

What is Rotary?

Rotary is a community of friends, representing business and professional sectors, who are committed to creating positive change in the world. Rotary unites leaders from all continents, cultures, and occupations to exchange ideas and take action for communities around the globe.

Building friendships, creating fellowship and highlighting our members strengths allow us, as a volunteer service group, to make a difference in the world while having fun!

The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a non-partisan and non-sectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Avenues of Service

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service.

Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.

Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.

New Generations recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs.

International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.

Vocational Service Using professional skills, ethics, and expertise to help others. Applying the Four-Way Test. Sharing professional knowledge. Mentoring youth and young professionals. Supporting local businesses. Using career expertise in community projects.

Community Service

A few of the projects accomplished over the past 35 years:

- Cochrane Public Library - \$100,000:
 - Building - \$75,000
 - Furnishings for Rotary Lounge - \$25,000
- Rotary Park and Trail in Bow Meadows
- Bow RiversEdge Campground - \$250,000
- Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park Foundation
- Spray Lake Sawmills Legacy Football Field - \$25,000
- In partnership with Lindsay Leigh Kimmett Memorial Foundation:
 - Ultrasound imaging systems - \$138,000
 - Urgent Care - \$70,000
 - Stars Air Rescue - \$68,000
 - Warm water therapy pool - \$76,000
- Public skating at Spray Lake Sawmills Recreation Centre - \$6,000
- Cochrane Rotary Youth Talent Festival - \$6,000 annually

From Samson Marcus: *"During the 2024–2025 year, the Rotary Club of Cochrane contributed over \$13,855 and proudly supported 42 community groups, each playing a unique role in helping and serving our community. Together, these efforts strengthened the fabric of our town and made a meaningful difference in lives of so many. I'd like to highlight a few of these incredible organizations":*

- Seniors for Kids Society,
- The Cochrane Men's Bonspiel,

- The Cochrane Bike ‘Hitching Posts,
- The Cochrane Library Match-in Donor Event,
- The House of Oneness,
- Cochrane Immigrant Society.

From Samson Marcus: *“As we look ahead to 2025–2026, we remain committed to continuing this important work, building on our momentum, strengthening our partnerships, and keeping the fire of service burning bright in our community. And we remain open and ready to connect, support, and welcome new opportunities—our door is always open.”*

Many other causes were supported by direct Rotary labour:

1. Labour Day Parade
2. Glenbow Elementary School - Fall welcome BBQ
3. Annual cleanup of 2 km of highway 1A
4. Christmas tree harvest for Boys & Girls Club
5. Community Lunch preparation at St Andrews United Church
6. Big Hill Lodge BBQ, tricycle drivers
7. Mental Health signage for Cochrane trails
8. Meals On Wheels - every Tuesday
9. Canada Day celebrations



New Generations

Youth programs supported by our club:

Rotary Youth Exchange program is directed to 15–17-year-old students currently in High School and who want an international learning experience. The exchange focuses on students who live in Cochrane and on students from other parts of the world who come to Cochrane.

| Inbound Youth | Country | Begin Aug | End July | Outbound Youth | Country |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Femie Wijbrandi | Netherlands | 1998 | 1999 | Rachel Matti | Germany |
| Jacob Flintholm | Denmark | 2000 | 2001 | | |
| Serina John | Germany | 2001 | 2002 | Amanda Wildeman | France |
| Natália Duarte | Brazil | 2006 | 2007 | | |
| Linda Alarova | Finland | 2007 | 2008 | Lisa Larsen | Japan |
| Sinan Sarisoy | Turkey | 2008 | 2009 | Morgan Nagel | Brazil |
| Vinicius dos Santos Resende | Brazil | 2009 | 2010 | | |
| | | 2010 | 2011 | Gina Long | Thailand |
| Hanna Pereira | Brazil | 2011 | 2012 | Reagan Nagel | Venezuela |
| Fredrik R Haugland | Norway | 2012 | 2013 | Dylan Kerfoot | Finland |
| Akiko Yonezawa | Japan | 2013 | 2014 | Madison Nagel | Switzerland |
| Elena Löhndorf | Germany | 2015 | 2016 | Kassia King | Germany |
| Celine Hof | Netherlands | 2016 | 2017 | Sylvie Legary | Netherlands |
| Giorgia Frigerio | Italy | 2017 | 2018 | Tianna Davidson | Italy |
| Alice Ibarguen | Belgium | 2018 | 2019 | Luis | Belgium |
| Tomas Jandik | Czech Rep. | 2019 | 2020 | Arrie Beda | Czech Rep. |
| Silas Bernlow | Denmark | 2023 | 2024 | Sofia Terriano | Germany |
| Ria Luttkus | Germany | 2024 | 2025 | Bella Nighingale | Germany |
| Rachelle van Dam | Netherlands | 2025 | 2026 | Oscar Lizcano | Brazil |
| Andri Keller | Switzerland | 2026 | 2027 | Lucy Jackson | Switzerland |

RYPEN – Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment is open to high school students between the age of 13 and 17. It brings together students from across District 5360 to attend a weekend long camp designed to develop their potential through a mixture of lecture style sessions and adventure-based learning

RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is open to high school students between the age of 15 and 18. The annual RYLA conference is geared toward young people who are poised to make significant impacts in Cochrane.

Rotary Alberta Youth Entrepreneurship Camp [RAYEC] is a week-long camp that takes place every August for youth ages 13 to 15 who are interested in learning about business planning and entrepreneurship.

Rotary Club of Cochrane EarlyAct Club provides elementary aged students the opportunity to gain an increased awareness and knowledge of their community and the world.

· **High School Interact Clubs** are designed for young people, ages 12-18, to have the opportunity to meet and develop leadership skills, while discovering the power of the Rotary motto “Service Above Self.”

Membership Services

Our Membership Committee works actively to assess member satisfaction within the club, and to recruit and welcome new members. Surveys are done, analyzed and reported. New members are placed in the Blue Dot Program to help them become active.

Club Services

Members and guests enjoy a variety of topics at our meetings. They are mostly held on Tuesdays at noon at the Legion. Optional lunch service is available. Once per month, we have an evening meeting or social. Special events through the year include bowling, a pool tournament, a golf tournament, and tours like to the STARS facility and Common Works.

Communications

Our weekly news bulletin provides members and other interested people with news about upcoming events, notes from past events, and other community activities. We also use social media to communicate our activities and invite people to meetings and possibly join.

Rotary Foundation

Rotarians around the world support Foundation's work with donations. Currently, our club is on pace to meet this year's goal of \$8,000. Our club has 3 major donors of \$10,000 US or more.

The club holds an annual "Putting for Polio" fundraiser at the local mini-golf course. This is followed up by awards, announcements, and food.

PolioPlus: Since 1988, Rotary and our partners have immunized nearly 3 billion children against polio.

Each year, the Foundation supports the training of peace fellows at Rotary Peace Centers.

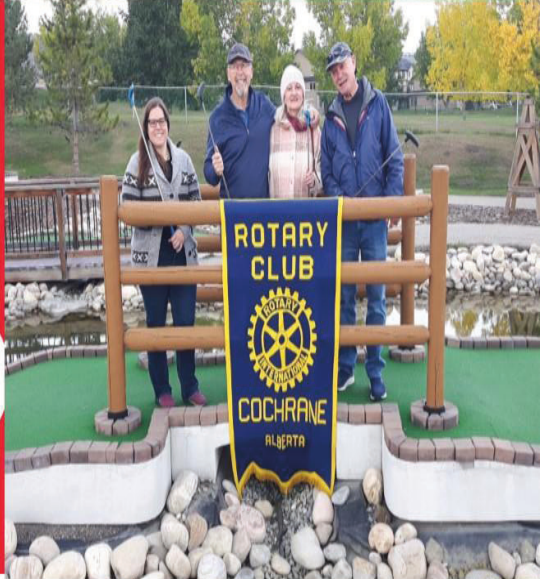
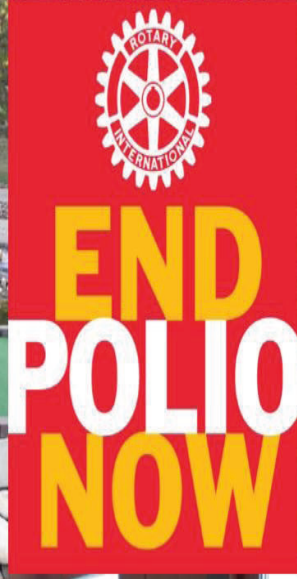
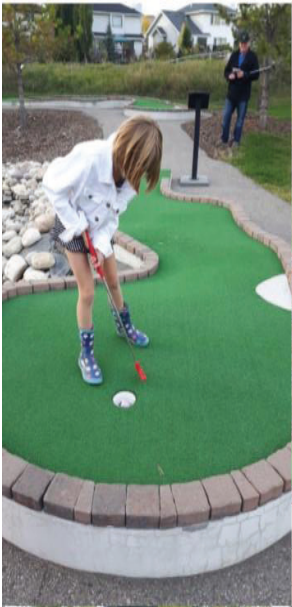
District grants support small-scale, short-term projects related to the Foundation's mission.

Global grants fund large-scale international activities with sustainable, measurable results that support Rotary's areas of focus.

Disaster response grants support relief and recovery efforts in areas that have been affected by natural disasters

Programs of Scale grants empower Rotary members to work with experienced partners to implement large-scale, high-impact projects over three to five years to benefit many people.

Pathways to Peace and Prosperity in Colombia aims to establish Positive Peace hubs in four urban and rural communities in Colombia.



International Service

1996 R C of Calicut East, Kerala, India

Project provided computers for 10 schools to assist 2,650 students (about 1,150 are female) to become computer literate.

Total cost of \$21,700. RC of Cochrane donated \$1,500.



1998 RC of Cochin South, Thiruvankulam School, Ernakulam District, Kerala, India. Provided latrines, furniture and potable water to aid 700 students at Government High School.

Total project C\$9,750. Funding provided by RC of Cochin South, Rotary Foundation, and RC of Cochrane C\$2,322.



1998 R C of Ankara-Maltepe, Turkey

Project Title: Model rehabilitation centre for occupational therapy Project: To help disabled people in acquiring an occupation. Vocational training to provide computer-based textile machinery use and associated computer programming.

Total cost: C\$15,000. \$1,500 donated by RC of Cochrane, \$3,000 provided by RC of Ankara-Maltepe and remainder were matching grants including \$7,500 from Rotary Foundation.

1999 Rotary Clubs in Cochin, Kerala, India

Project: to provide 41 ambulances for Cochin and the surrounding state of Kerala.

Undertaken by District 5360 Development Society; The cost of each ambulance was about \$6,500. The RC Of Cochrane donated \$640 for one ambulance, and the remaining amount was from matching grants and donors in Cochin.



2000 RC of Kalamassery, Kadamakudy, India

Project: to provide potable water, sanitation facilities, marine ambulance and vocational training for a village on an island near Cochin. Total project C\$92,000. Six Rotary Clubs in Kerala contributed \$12,000, the RC of Cochrane \$7,500 and the balance was matching grants from Wild Rose Foundation, the Rotary Foundation and CRCID.

2007 RC of Kodungallur, Kerala, India

Project title: Kodungallur safe drinking water

Project: Worked with the Rotary Club of Kodungallur to provide safe drinking water to help 1000 residents of Kodungallur Town who are below the poverty line. Project cost US\$24,000. The RC of Cochrane donated US\$5,700.

2009 RC of Laverton Point Cook, Victoria, Australia

Project: ShelterBoxes Project title: to provide Shelterboxes for families who had lost their homes in the bushfires. The Laverton Point Cook club held a fundraising to collect money for Shelterboxes and the RC of Cochrane made a donation for the purchase of an additional 3 Shelterboxes. Total donated by RC of Cochrane C\$3,600.

Fairfax Community Network

News

Fire help from near and far

THE Rotary Club of Laverton-Point Cook last week provided a \$8400 donation to purchase eight shelterboxes for bushfire survivors.

Hoppers Crossing Sports Club contributed \$1200 and Point Cook Primary School was another major supporter.

There was a surprise \$3600 pledge from the Rotary Club of Cochrane in Alberta, Canada,

which resulted from a visit by one of its members, David Werrett, to a Laverton-Point Cook club meeting last year.

Club president Kay Keamey said she was overwhelmed by the generosity.

"Out of the blue he [Mr Werrett] rang one of our members and said 'your bushfires are big news over here, how can we help?'," she said.

"Shelterboxes is one of the most valuable projects that can be offered in the immediate aftermath of any disaster.

"Each shelterbox provides a rugged 10-person dome tent, 10 thermal blankets, tools and other survival, including cooking equipment."

Details: Visit www.shelterbox.org.au

2012 RC of George, South Africa

Project: To provide 3,150 Lapdesks to students in the Southern Cape area. Due to lack of finances the schools are unable to provide desks for the students, so the lap desks enable a student to learn and to write even if they are sitting outside under a tree. Total project approximately C\$42,000. RC of Cochrane donated \$500 along with the RC of George and clubs in Australia, England and U.S.A.

Micro banking. \$1,750 sent to RC of Calgary West March 2001

Equipment for Asadeepam School Project, Kalamassery, Kerala, India

Support for a girl's school in Mali

2014 Mto wa Mbu, Tanzania

Project title: Water - 2014

Project: Rotary Club funding allowed us to identify a water source and install hardware to transport water to the LK Kindergarten, Boma la Mama site, and the community. This included a water pump, solar panels & accessories and manual labour. Rotary Club of Cochrane donation of \$13,000.

2016 Mto wa Mbu, Tanzania

Project title: Playground - Jan 2016

Project: Rotary Club funding contributed to the Sue & Martin Parnell playground at the LK Kindergarten. RC of Cochrane donation: \$3,000.

2016 RC of Cotonou Airport, Cotonou, Benin, West Africa

Project: The Advancement of Quality Education (PAQE) program for children and youth in Benin, which Right To Play has been working in since 2001 with their SportWorks program. The money raised will be funding the training of 752 teachers and volunteer coaches in 2016 so that they can help provide programs to 27,450 primary school students, nearly half of whom are girls, and engage 14,000 youth aged 15 to 18 through sports clubs, which will include rehabilitating play spaces, classrooms and sanitation facilities.

Project cost is \$2M. The RC of Cochrane and Calgary Clubs of Calgary, Chinook, South and Olympic donated \$50,000.

2025 and Beyond - Shelter Box annual donation

The RC of Cochrane pledged and budgets \$1,200 annually to donate to ShelterBox to provide emergency housing and supplies where needed.

2018-2023 Pakistan – Himat Project - Community Development



A community development project is that which adheres to the adage: If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. Teach him to fish, and you've fed him for a lifetime. The first community development project initiated by the Club was built on 10 years of work already in progress as the Himat Project developed from the grass roots. It focused on small

villages in the Hunza district of Pakistan. Here we were able to empower women to become business owners and influential members of their communities. This has created strength recognized and valued by the male contingent as contributing to their social and economic wellness. As a result of our influence, this area continues to demonstrate resilience despite catastrophic setbacks such as major earthquakes and floods.

2019 – 2026 Belize - Maya Villages Social and Economic Empowerment Project

Following the same philosophy outlined in lesson plans developed by Michael and Judie Bopp and implemented in Pakistan, we are focusing on three Maya villages in the Toledo district of southern Belize. Impoverished as many indigenous peoples are, we are working with women and youth to teach them business management skills, empower women to become voices within their communities, and create local money borrowing opportunities not otherwise available to them at banking institutions through implementation and support of savings and loans programs.



The third Phase of this project closes in the fall of 2026 at which time we expect to hand over management of these programs to Village Development Committees within each village, made up key individuals from within the respective villages.

Beneficiaries of Monumental Tournament of Aces

- 2025 Cochrane & Area Health Foundation, Cochrane Public Library
- 2024 Cochrane & Area Health Foundation, Bethany Care Cochrane Centre
- 2023 Big Hill Lodge, BGC Cochrane & Area, Glenbow School Playground, Westbrook School Playground
- 2022 Helping Hands, Frank Wills Hall Kitchen, Cochrane Indigenous Centre, Cultivate Cochrane
- 2021 Big Hill Haven
- 2020 Cochrane Activettes Facility Fund
- 2019 Girl Guides Camp Jubilee Playground
- 2018 Variety Children's Charity Playground
- 2017 Cochrane Search & Rescue, Lindsay's Kids Sport Sponsorships, Rotary Youth Exchange Program
- 2016 Cochrane Search & Rescue, RancheView School Playground
- 2015 Warm Water Therapy Pool
- 2014 Urgent Care and STARS
- 2013 Mitford Project
- 2012 Boma la Mama and Five for Five
- 2011 The Lindsay Project – U of C School of Medicine
- 2010 Arts Centre
- 2008 and 2009 Recreational Centre Twin Arenas

Milestone Events and Projects

1. **Monumental Tournament of Aces** event started in 2008 by the Lindsay Leigh Kimmett Foundation in memory of Lindsay Leigh Kimmett. Our RC of Cochrane joined this major event as a partner in 2013 for a fundraiser to support local organizations. The last MTA event was held in 2025 after a very successful run.
2. **Bow RiversEdge Campground** is owned jointly by the RC of Cochrane and the Lions Club of Cochrane. It opened in 2005 with 144 fully serviced sites. The Bow RiversEdge Campground Society Board is comprised of 4 Rotarians and members of the 4 Lions Club. BRECS donates a large portion of their profits to local organizations every year.
3. **The Trail Project**, aka Connecting the Trails, aims to connect the Trans-Canada Trail from Calgary to Cochrane. This is Stage 1 of a multi-year signature project for our club. Stage 2 links the Trail from Cochrane to the Legacy Trail in Canmore and is being managed by the Canmore RC.
4. **Rotary Youth Talent Festival** had the mission to foster love of the arts in children through a safe yet educational environment. Since inception, it was a vehicle for over 3,000 young people to gain performance skills and foster opportunities to explore themselves through the arts. The festival placed over \$80,000 into scholarships, instruments, and fine arts training for local families and youth.
5. **Girl Guide's Camp Jubilee Playground**. Our Club raised the funds in 2019 for a new playground after the previous playground was destroyed in the flood of 2013. A team of volunteers helped install the new playground in 2023.
6. **Wazin House of Oneness Indigenous Centre**. Rotarians led the drive to form a new Indigenous Centre in Cochrane. This included making requests to the Town for the soon to be vacated Visitor Centre to be turned into the new Wazin Ichinabi Ti Centre. The Wazin Centre was opened and continues operations.

7. **Dan's Ride for Polio, 2025.** Dan Paarsmarkt cycled 1,600 kilometres from the northern tip of Alberta to the southern border. He raised \$8,000 for Polio Eradication; which was matched 2 for 1 by the Gates Foundation. A total of \$24,000 was donated to the cause. Hank Pilotte accompanied Dan on the trip providing supplies and safety using a loaned Cochrane Toyota vehicle. We held a grand celebration for Dan's arrival on June 17th.



8. **Rotary International Convention** – Calgary, June 21 – 25, 2025. This was a unique opportunity to connect, share ideas, and engage in global initiatives with Rotarians from around the world. Eighteen members and guests from our club attended.
9. **RI Convention Hosted Western Event** – Our club hosted a western event for Convention attendees and club members on June 23, 2025. The evening was well attended. It was a great success featuring a pig roast, lassoing lessons, country music and dancing, plus Rotary hospitality.
10. **Cochrane Outhouse Races** will be hosted by our club in 2026. They were previously run by the Cochrane Rocky Mountain Rotary Club. Our fundraising beneficiary is Cochrane and Area Boys and Girls Club, who have designated the funds raised to purchase another bus to support their transportation needs.

Past Presidents of our Club

| <u>Year</u> | <u>President</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|
| 1991 / 1992 | Ben van der Vegt |
| 1992 / 1993 | Shelley Mabbott |
| 1993 / 1994 | John Witts |
| 1994 / 1995 | Garry Ziegenhagel |
| 1995 / 1996 | David J Werrett |
| 1996 / 1997 | Barb Engels |
| 1997 / 1998 | Glen Gryzko |
| 1998 / 1999 | Donna Hawes |
| 1999 / 2000 | Perry Wilkes |
| 2000 / 2001 | Kevin Akre |
| 2001 / 2002 | Julian de Cocq |
| 2002 / 2003 | Claudette Steier |
| 2003 / 2004 | Patrick Maguire |
| 2004 / 2005 | Richard Benedictson |
| 2005 / 2006 | Peter J Van Maarion |
| 2006 / 2007 | Perry Wilkes |
| 2007 / 2008 | Scott Grattidge |
| 2008 / 2009 | Dan Paarsmarkt |
| 2009 / 2010 | Ken Hutchinson |

| <u>Year</u> | <u>President</u> |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 2010 / 2011 | Derek Begin |
| 2011 / 2012 | Steven Peach |
| 2012 / 2013 | William Hartman |
| 2013 / 2014 | Tom Wilk |
| 2014 / 2015 | Steve Cook |
| 2015 / 2016 | Robert MacLeod |
| 2016 / 2017 | Paul Kennedy / Robert MacLeod |
| 2017 / 2018 | Martin Parnell |
| 2018 / 2019 | Stephen Simms |
| 2019 / 2020 | Alex Baum |
| 2020 / 2021 | Anna-Marie Joubert |
| 2021 / 2022 | Kevin Shier |
| 2022 / 2023 | Clark Drader |
| 2023 / 2024 | Monica Walker |
| 2024 / 2025 | Keith Johnson |
| 2025 / 2026 | Anita McDonald |
| 2026 / 2027 | Hank Pilotte |
| 2027 / 2028 | Allan Carr |

Board of Directors, plus other roles

Officers:

2025/2026

2026/2027

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| President | Anita McDonald | Hank Pilotte |
| Secretary | Cyndie Baum | Robert MacLeod |
| Treasurer | Glen Gryzko | Glen Gryzko |
| President Elect | Hank Pilotte | Allan Carr |
| Past President | Keith Johnson | Anita McDonald |

Directors:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Membership | Sue Carpenter-Parnell | Lorissa Meisner |
| New Generations | Steve Peach | Steve Peach |
| Community Service | Samson Marcus | Samson Marcus |
| Club Service | Hank Pilotte | Miles Chester |
| Communications | Bill Belsey | Bill Belsey |
| International Projects | Chrystal Skead | Chrystal Skead |
| Rotary Foundation | Dan Paarsmarkt | Dan Paarsmarkt |
| District 5360 Governor | Manon Mitchell | Darcy Mykytyshyn |

Members serving District 5360:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assistant District Governor | Sue Carpenter-Parnell |
| DEI Committee Chair | Judie Bopp |
| Indigenous Relations Committee | Michael Bopp |

Members serving on BRECS Board:

Allan Carr, Anna-Marie Joubert, Stephen Simms, Terry Moore

Current Members of our Club

| | | | |
|------------|-------------------|----------|----------------|
| Vincent | Andrusiak | Lorissa | Meisner |
| Alex | Baum | Sean | Melia |
| Cynthia | Baum | Terry | Moore |
| Bill | Belsey | Gerard | Nugter |
| Earl | Boon | Dan | Paarsmarkt |
| Michael | Bopp | Martin | Parnell |
| Judie | Bopp | Stephen | Peach |
| Sue | Carpenter-Parnell | Andre | Pepin |
| Allan | Carr | Hank | Pilotte |
| Miles | Chester | Tara | Poudel |
| Paul | Clark | Verna | Raab |
| Julian | deCocq | Alison | Robb |
| Clark | Drader | Stephen | Simms |
| David | Falconer | Leslie | Simms |
| Juliet | Goveia | Chrystal | Skead |
| Scott | Grattidge | Susan | Snell |
| Cathy | Groenland | Chris | Spanswick |
| Glen | Gryzko ** | Kirsten | Spanswick |
| William | Hartman | Bruce | Tannas |
| Keith | Johnson | Cindy | Tester |
| Anna-Marie | Joubert | Monica | Walker |
| Kelly | Kimmett * | Garry | Ziegenhagel ** |
| Robert | MacLeod | | |
| Richard | Maillet | | |
| Samson | Marcus | | |
| Anita | McDonald | | |

47 Active members
 1 Honorary Member *
 2 Charter Members **

2019-2020 ROTARY CITATION PLATINUM



Awarded to the Rotary Club of

Cochrane

for helping **Rotary connect the world.**



Mark Daniel Maloney
President, Rotary International

What the Rotary Citation Means

- Achieved nearly all the priority goals set for the year
- Often surpassed baseline targets in several categories
- Demonstrated balanced excellence across service, membership, foundation giving, and leadership development

In practical terms, it signals that the club is functioning at a very high operational and service level.



ROTARY CLUB OF COCHRANE

Rotary Integrity Award Recipients

| RECIPIENTS | ACCOMPLISHMENT | YEAR AWARDED | DATE AWARD PRESENTED |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------|----------------------|
| Neil Harvie | Cochrane Rancher Philanthropist | 1998 | 1999 |
| Hon. Judge John D. Reilly | Cochrane/Canmore judge who brought political awareness of the First Nations Reserve problems | 1999 | 2000 |
| Celina Hlidek | Community Organizer Grandparent Program | 2000 | March 24, 2001 |
| Hugh & Vernice Wearmouth | Cochrane Rancher Community Builder | 2001 | March, 2002 |
| Chester Mjolsness | Founder of Spray Lake Sawmill Philanthropist | 2002 | April 5, 2003 |
| Hank Biesbroek | Cochrane Developer Community Organizer Philanthropist | 2003 | January, 2005 |
| Dr. William Hanlon | Cochrane MD/International Health Foundation for High Altitude Communities Philanthropist | 2004 | June 21, 2005 |
| Melva Blood | Community Volunteer Girl Guides and other groups | 2005 | June 24, 2006 |
| Harvie Family Robin, Tim & Carole | Gift of Lands to Albertans Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park Family Philanthropy | 2006 | May 17, 2007 |
| Robin Whenham | Community Volunteer Started the 2007 "Million Penny Drive" expansion for Spray Lake Recreation Center | 2007 | 2008 |
| Yvonne DePell | Superintendent of Schools, Morley, Eden Valley, Big Horn, Designed & Implemented Literacy unique to First Nations. | 2008 | May 20, 2009 |



ROTARY CLUB OF COCHRANE

Rotary Integrity Award Recipients

| RECIPIENTS | ACCOMPLISHMENT | YEAR AWARDED | DATE AWARD PRESENTED |
|--------------------------|--|--------------|----------------------|
| Chris Lees | Principal of Cochrane High School, recognized role model for integrity and leadership for students, staff and School District | 2009 | May 14, 2010 |
| Martin Parnell | In 2010 ran 250 Marathons and raised over \$300,000 for the children's charity "Right to Play" | 2010 | May 13, 2011 |
| Merrilie Stonewall | Music teacher and advocate for music programs in the community | 2011 | May 11, 2012 |
| Dianne and Kelly Kimmett | Community organizer and family philanthropy through the Lindsay Leigh Kimmett Memorial Foundation | 2012 | June 13, 2013 |
| Dr. Cyndie Baum | Contributions given for her years of service, specifically the Cochrane Rotary Youth Talent Festival | 2013 | June 2014 |
| Barry Mjolsness | Numerous donations and support for many projects in Cochrane and the surrounding area. Major contributor to the Family Sports Center, Legacy Field, new Pool, Boy & Girls Clubs and many more. Barry lives his life with humility, grace, optimism and generosity. | 2014 | May 12, 2015 |
| Gordon Davies | High school teacher and community supporter | 2016 | |
| Tim Giese | Environmental investment in our community | 2017 | |
| Tina Fox | Lifelong Community Service | 2018 | |
| Warren Harbeck | Lifelong Community Service | 2019 | |

Our Club Poem by Kirsten Spanswick

We're Rotary of Cochrane - that's a Rotary fact.
For 35 years now, to be exact.
There are longtime members and others are new.
And over those years our club just grew.

We meet on a Tuesday around about noon,
Finishing at 1 - all over too soon.
The fellowship starts and continues through lunch.
"Cos really we are, quite a friendly bunch.
The Legion is where our meetings take place.
Suits us so well as there's plenty of space.

Our purpose for joining - to help others where we can.
Each with our reasons, both woman and man.
We have several committees, our club can say,
All special and different in their own way,

Each to make a change in the world out there.
Both local and international - we help 'cos we care.
At the end of our meeting the Sarg has their time -
To disclose misdemeanours - and charge those members a fine.
And a dollar is what those members should pay,
Then it's happy bucks time and we are soon on our way.

We recall here now the projects we've known.
International with some and others nearer home.
And so, here's to the Cochrane Rotary Club,
And to many more meetings in our Legion room hub.

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Thank you!



Outhouse Races Are Back!



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