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"Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves!"

The Rotary Club of Calgary comprises professional and community leaders brought together in fellowship to make a better future.



Birthdays

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| Marc Staciw | August 7 |
| Tina Mao | August 9 |
| Bill Hamilton | August 12 |
| Wing-Kee Chan | August 17 |
| Ginny Sparks-Kellough | August 17 |

Anniversaries

Ralph Lundberg -- 25 years

Inspirational Quote

"There is no better exercise for the Heart, than reaching down and lifting people up"

- John Andrew Holmes, Jr

Rotary Rebound: Membership Growth Breaks New Ground

Kurt Kowalchuk, PDG

I have great news to share!

I just received the official July 1st membership numbers from Rotary International and wanted to share them with you.

On July 1st, the start of the new Rotary Year, **our district is up 10 members** compared to July 1st last year. We have gone from 1,517 to 1,527 members! This is after many years of declining membership.

Our club has directly contributed to this success. **We are up 2 members** compared to last year, and, just like the district, this is after many years of steady decline.

I am so proud of the work that we are doing to attract and retain new members.

Sharing Rotary History and Impact

Franco Savoia

The Chinook County Historical Society reached out to Bob Holland to have Rotary be part of Historic Calgary Week 2024 with the theme of Community Builders. Bob convened a Rotary panel to share the role of Rotarians and Rotary in community building in Calgary. The panel was composed of Dr. Robert Lampard (Rotary Club Red Deer) and Dr. Nadia Maarouf, Franco Savoia and Randy Topolnitsky from our club. On Tuesday July 30th; Noon – 1:00 pm about 20 Calgarians gathered in the 120-year-old Central United Church and heard about the history and impact of Rotary. F. Savoia overviewed the first 100 years; Dr. Robert Lampard outlined the impact of James Wheeler Davidson on Rotary globally; R. Topolnitsky detailed the projects and impact on Calgary of Rotary over the past decade; and Dr. N. Maarouf, one of our newest Rotarians, outlined her hopes and aspirations for her engagement in Rotary in the years to come. The presentation ended with some questions and an invitation to join Rotary and partner in continuing to build our community. The feedback was positive. A next step is to record the presentation and make it available to Rotarians and potential members.



Left to right: Randy T., Dr. Robert L., Dr. Nadia M., Franco S.

September Bar-B-Qs

Diane Macdonald

Unfortunately, the Bar-B-Q that was planned in June for the Father Lacombe Seniors facility had to be cancelled due to an outbreak of Covid/RSV. We'll let you know when it is re-scheduled. We do have some Bar-B-Qs coming up in September, though.

September 12

Marmie's House will be having their opening and have asked for a Bar-B-Q as part of the celebration.

September 26

Valley View School and Bazalgette School have planned a combined dinner for both schools on September 26th.

Check your calendars and, if you don't currently have commitments for those dates, mark in the events then watch for the sign-up sheets, coming soon!

Have a Look at Marmie's House

Manon Mitchell

In our last issue, we promised to show you more pictures of the service project we conducted at Marmie's house in July. It was a very hot day but our volunteers made a huge difference in the appearance of the property. Just "read more" to have a look.

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Proudly Presenting Our Corporate Members



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Upcoming Events

[Luncheon - Guest Speaker Alkarim Devani](#)

133 9 Avenue Southwest

Aug. 13, 2024 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

[Frank n' Stein \(3rd Thursday\)](#)

The Canadian Brewhouse

Aug. 15, 2024

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

[Annual Rotary Pedal Pub!](#)

National on 10th Ave

Aug. 22, 2024

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

[Luncheon - Guest Speaker - Christina Hassan](#)

133 9 Avenue Southwest

Aug. 27, 2024 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

[Luncheon - Guest Speaker Kate Thompson](#)

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Sep. 03, 2024 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

[Frank n' Stein \(1st Thursday\)](#)

The Canadian Brewhouse

Sep. 05, 2024

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

[Luncheon - Guest Speaker Susan Graham](#)

133 9 Avenue Southwest

Sep. 10, 2024 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

[Luncheon - Guest Speaker Aly Bandali](#)

Sep. 17, 2024 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (UTC-06:00)

[Frank n' Stein \(3rd Thursday\)](#)

The Canadian Brewhouse

Sep. 19, 2024

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

[Luncheon - Guest Speaker Diane Francis](#)

Sep. 24, 2024 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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