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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

George Brookman	December 19
David Hood	December 27
Alexandra Runge	December 28
Lori Forand	January 1
Tamara Smith	January 1
Bruce Graham	January 3
Sonny Belenkie	January 5

Anniversaries

(None at this time)

Inspirational Quote

"You have everything you need, right inside you, in order to do great things."

– Barbara Humpton

Our COG Committee wishes all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

May 2025 bring you JOY, GOOD HEALTH, and amazing Rotary OPPORTUNITIES!



Manon Mitchell, Diane Macdonald, Doug McMillan, Ebenezer Mensa

Mentors & Students Celebrate the Holiday Season

Alana Sargent, Program Coordinator, Carl Smith Stay-in-School Program

The Stay-in-School Program had a very successful Christmas Party on December 6th, 2024 at Carya Village Commons. We had over 60 mentors and mentees attend, which is the most we've ever had! Program participants enjoyed decorating and baking croissants, making cards and putting together care packages for individuals at the Drop-in Centre, an adult vs. youth jeopardy game, and lots of food, chocolate and video games. It was a great evening and fun was had by all.

Check out the photos by clicking [Read More...](#)

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Generators NOW in Ukraine

Sonny Belenkie

Dear All,

I just received the final report regarding the number of generators provided to the Ukraine made possible by your incredible generosity. We raised approximately \$90,000 locally and, through this initiative, our European colleagues contributed substantial additional donations. A total of **170 generators** were purchased and transported to the Rotary depot in Lviv from which the generators are being distributed to the most needy recipients.

Thank you so much for your most generous support that made this possible.

Sincerely,

Sonny Belenkie and Gerry Darichuk,

The Rotary Clubs of Calgary Downtown and Calgary North

A Letter of Thanks

Dear Rotary Club of Calgary Downtown,

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for hosting me and giving me the incredible opportunity to speak at your esteemed club. Thank you, Mr. President and the Club Manager, for your warm welcome and thoughtful engagement.

This experience has been truly unforgettable — a lifetime memory that I will always treasure. Your hospitality, passion for service, and dedication to making a difference left a profound impression on me.

Thank you once again for this wonderful honor. I look forward to staying connected and seeing all that your club will achieve in the future.

With appreciation,

Charter President Rotary Club of Juja

Jeremiah Mathai Chege

(The Rotary Club of Juja is located in Juja, Kenya)



Make A Donation ... Make An Impact

Terry McMahon

The Mayhood Honour Roll displays the names of Rotarians who have contributed their treasure to either the [Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation](#) and / or [The Rotary Foundation](#). It's nearly the end of the year and still time to make your donation to HAVE AN IMPACT and get that CHARITABLE DONATION receipt.

The Mayhood Honour Roll Legacy Circle:

Recently we have recognized Barbara and Michael Colborne for their reaching the legacy circle on the Mayhood Honour Roll through regular donations; Michael indicated that it was smaller donations over time that have had a major impact.

At our December 17th meeting, we recognized and celebrated the late Walter Chayka's generous support of Rotary's two foundations and his reaching the legacy circle as well. It was lovely to meet with his wife Gloria and son Michael at our meeting.



CRCF and TRF, our two Foundations, provide the fuel for our club and Rotarians in our District to execute projects of IMPACT in our community and abroad. Every contribution counts- big or small. Make a donation ... make an impact!



When is the COG published?

Manon Mitchell

The COG team is taking a short break. We will resume in January with the first 2025 issue on January 7th.

You can find past issues on our website under [Members > COG Bulletins](#)

If you'd like to have us publish an article or have an idea about what we should be publishing, please forward your ideas to [Manon](#) or [Diane](#) by the FRIDAY before the Tuesday publication date.

You are also welcome to contact either Manon or Diane to discuss any idea you may have.

Here are this year's publication dates:

Jan 7, 21
Feb 4, 18
Mar 4, 18
Apr 1, 15, 29
May 6, 20
June 3, 17

If you enjoy reading the COG, [let us know](#) because your comments are the only way we know we are hitting the mark and it is our reward!

Proudly Presenting Our Corporate Members



Upcoming Events

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

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

Jan. 07, 2025

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

[Luncheon - Guest Speaker Tom Keenan](#)

Jan. 14, 2025 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (UTC-07:00)

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

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

Jan. 21, 2025

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

[Luncheon - Guest Speaker Lisa Davis](#)

133 9 Avenue Southwest

Jan. 28, 2025 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (UTC-07:00)

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

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Feb. 04, 2025

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

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

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

Feb. 18, 2025

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

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