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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**

Michael Broadhurst	February 22
Dave Owens	February 24
Felicity Lof	February 26
Sandra Davies	February 27

### **Anniversaries**

Paul Chave	35 years
Ron Hymers	10 years

### **Inspirational Quote**

*"Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights"*

– Pauline R. Kezer

### **New Member Alert**

**Diane Macdonald**

Nathan Koenigsberg was introduced by his friend, Dennis Tran, at the lunch meeting last week. Nathan has a long history of community giving, as he has his fire/medic certification and served with the Foothills Fire Department. As a young man just out of high school, he worked in the oil and gas industry and was able to begin investing in real estate, which led to him obtaining his real estate license. For the last decade, that has become his life work – he has been recognized as one of Calgary's leading real estate agents. Welcome to the Club, Nathan!



## CONVENTION: MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Madeleine King

Only ONE 4-hour SHIFT per person required

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER](#)

**Reach out to your family, friends, neighbors, work colleagues to promote volunteer opportunities**

Convention volunteering won't conflict with volunteering for our Club's Host Hospitality BBQ!

**All these Volunteer Opportunities are available for those not registering for Convention:**

- C-Train Platforms
- Calgary International Airport
- Calgary Pathway to Convention Campus
- Convention Grounds
- Hotels
- Signature Events

- Uniform Distribution

**These Volunteer Opportunities (at Saddledome & BMO Centre) are only for those registered for Convention:**

- Registration
- General
- Breakout sessions
- House of Friendship

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER](#)**

**Note:** Volunteer shift schedules, position descriptions and training **expected in May Submitted by Madeleine King, Convention Club Champion; 403-400-4404**

## Our Big Book Sale!

Natalie Appleton

With early literacy as one of our club's key focus areas, the upcoming Calgary Reads Big Book Sale is an exciting opportunity for members to give books and time—and help children becoming thriving readers. Today, the dates for this highly anticipated sale that we steward are being announced. So, here is your guide to Big Book Sale 2025!

[Read more...](#)

## Let's Make it the Best Home Host Event Ever!

By Doug Webb and Diane Macdonald

The evening of **Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>** is the **Home Host Event** for the 2025 RI Convention. If you're not hosting out of town guests in your own home and you would like to be involved in our **Club's big BBQ event**, read on. We'll have room for 250 out of town guests and about **50 volunteers**, so watch for the Volunteer Sign-up list, which will be coming soon on Club Runner. Our guests will be transported by bus to Bucars RV in Balzac, where we will be serving our famous Beef on a Bun dinner and providing some entertainment. As a volunteer, you will be able to eat with our guests and perhaps even get in on a line dance or two! It will be a memorable evening, so mark the date in your calendar and watch for the email letting you know that the sign up list is ready for your name to be added.





## The District Governor Story - Part 1

Manon Mitchell, District Governor Elect

Hello Rotary family. This past week I really felt like the District Governor Journey was in full



gear as I attended the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida from Sunday through Thursday. In attendance were 493 District Governors Elect from around the world as well as all Rotary International Directors and Rotary Foundation Trustees; there were lots of staff from Rotary Headquarters including our favourite, our Club and District Support person, Sophie Dangerfield. Each day was packed with keynote speakers and break out sessions that challenged our minds and

expanded our thinking about how we do Rotary. This was world class learning and I'll be



bringing back many great ideas to our district and our district leaders in the upcoming President Elect learning sessions.

Making connections with fellow District Governors Elect was key. I managed to find the DGE of the district where our next International Ski fellowship trip will take place in Japan (thank you google translate!). I connected with the DGE for Cambodia and the Dominican Republic where I oversee projects. I spent a lot of time with DGE of districts right next to us (5370 to the north and 5550 to the east). Most of the time it felt like I was at the United Nations as our breakout sessions would include many nations. As an example my last break out session had DGEs from Nigeria, USA Denmark Pakistan United Kingdom Phillipines Iceland and India). I connected with the DGE from Hungary and reignited my own cultural heritage.

This year RI tried something new: they grouped us in cohorts with other distant Districts. My cohort included the United Kingdom, the USA, Puerto Rico and Uruguay. We were challenged with doing fun activities (flag puzzles, paper cranes, lego animals). It may sound easy but when you have to deal with multiple languages things get tricky very quickly! Of course every time I bumped into Leonel (Uruguay) or Dawn (USA) or Luz (Puerto Rico), we would recognize each other and say hello, how are you doing? It made this overwhelming assembly a little more friendlier and enhanced the feeling of connectivity.

I am really looking forward to bringing vision and leadership to our district which, by the way, keeps increasing it's membership numbers. We are on the upswing! Why is that so important? That's a good questions and one which we explored at length at the Assembly. The bottom line is this: to do more, to have a great impact in the lives of people in our community and abroad, we simply need more people to be engaged at a level that works for them.

Now more than ever, the world needs Rotary as together, in all that we do for our communities right here at home and around the world, we unite for good and that is just the right thing to do.



Lunch with President Elect

Mario Caesar Martins de Camargo

## New COG Editor

Manon Mitchell

Thanks Madeleine Kiing for stepping up to be the new COG editor!

Madeleine has a wealth of Rotary knowledge and will bring all kinds of great articles to the table. Please send her your submissions from this moment forward.

All the best Madeleine, there's a great team behind you with Diane, Doug and Ebenezer.

## Our New Website is HERE Check it out!

[www.rotaryclubcalgarydowntown.org](http://www.rotaryclubcalgarydowntown.org) (This is a temporary name ... more to come)

## Club Assemblies: March 4th

Manon Mitchell

SAVE THE DATE: March 4th is our first CLUB ASSEMBLY of 2025! This is an alternative Tuesday club lunch with no guest speaker but lots of opportunity for sharing club and club member information. Stay tuned for more news!

## When is the COG published?

Manon Mitchell

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 the remaining publication dates for the first half on 2025:

Feb 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 \(3rd TUESDAY\)](#)

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

*Feb. 18, 2025*

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

### [Luncheon - Guest Speaker Rob Roach](#)

133 9 Avenue Southwest

*Feb. 25, 2025 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (UTC-07:00)*

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

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

*Mar. 04, 2025*

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

### [Luncheon - Guest Speaker Deputy Premier Mike Ellis](#)

1334 Sarmiento

*Mar. 11, 2025 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (UTC-06:00)*

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

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

*Mar. 18, 2025*

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

### [Pickleball Night & Fellowship!](#)

1108 53 Avenue Northeast

*Mar. 19, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (UTC-06:00)*

### [Luncheon - Guest Speaker Mayor Jyoti Gondek](#)

133 9 Avenue Southwest

*Mar. 25, 2025 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (UTC-06:00)*

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

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

*Apr. 01, 2025*

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

### [Luncheon - Guest Speaker Duane Bratt](#)

*Apr. 08, 2025 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (UTC-06:00)*

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

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

*Apr. 15, 2025*

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

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