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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

Yegana Alasgarova **July 29**
 Nadia Maarouf **August 1**
 Mark Starratt **August 2**
 David Mears **August 3**
 Donald Ross **August 4**
 Randy Topolnitsky **August 4**

Anniversaries

Bob Junker -- **61 years!**
 Michael Broadhurst--**40 years**
 David Mears -- **15 years**

Inspirational Quote

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its joy."

President Joe's Inaugural Meeting

Diane Macdonald

The Oak Room at the Palliser Hotel was crowded for President Joe Fras' first meeting of his Rotary year. There are some changes from the past few years, one of which is a plated meal, rather than a buffet lunch. One reason for this is to allow for more table talk and fellowship. President Joe felt he had very good control of the meeting through the usual Land Acknowledgement, singing of Oh Canada and the Invocation, but little did he know that there were plans to way-lay his organization! The Fras Four (George Brookman, Tim Heaton and his guitar, Michael Pierson and Dennis Tran) took the stage and sang a great song they had written in honour of our new President.

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Landscape Revamp at Marmie's House

Manon Mitchell

Rotary volunteers revamped the front and back yards last Saturday at Marmie's House, the new Youth Centres of Calgary location in Forest Lawn! With sheer determination and sweat, they mowed, whipper-snipped, and shoveled soil to overhaul the outdoor space.

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Celebrating Rotary Impact in Our City

Franco Savoia

The community service directors of Rotary clubs in Calgary have been meeting monthly for the past five years. The focus is to share and understand the service priorities of the various clubs and look for opportunities to collaborate. Read more to get a better understanding of how we are making an impact.

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How do we know?

Steady Pinney

Our club has chosen early childhood literacy as one of our focus areas and this article from the Edmonton Journal explains why this is an important issue to support. No child should be 'Left Unread' (the title of the advocacy work we help resource). Early identification of struggling readers through data collection helps children get the help they need. The early literacy network that Rotary is a part of supports the government's move to reinstate testing in the early grades.

Check out this great article by David Staples in the Edmonton Journal entitled: Alberta government is fixing the grossly irresponsible mistake to axe elementary school testing

<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/politics/david-staples-alberta-fixing-mistake-of-axing-testing>

Here's what our Rotarians are saying about the article

"Glad to see this issue is getting the right attention." Randy T.

"Good article indeed." Vern K.

"It is a good basic article. Without the testing there is no way of having an objective way of knowing where we stand."

Early screening is important grade six is to late. So glad to hear that according to the article they will start testing in grade 1 to 3. Programs are only as good as their evaluation.

Yes we do have our work cut out for us and it is very important" Dorothy L.

"This is why our work is so important and why Left Unread has a lot of advocating to do!" Steacy P.

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Upcoming Events

[Ronald McDonald House Breakfast](#)

Ronald McDonald Calgary House

Jul. 24, 2024

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

[Luncheon - Guest Speaker Jeromy Farkas](#)

Fairmont Palliser Hotel

Jul. 30, 2024 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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

The Canadian Brewhouse

Aug. 01, 2024

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

[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.

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

The Canadian Brewhouse

Sep. 05, 2024

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

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

The Canadian Brewhouse

Sep. 19, 2024
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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