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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.



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Birthdays

Paul Gagnon	September 17
Randy Borisenko	September 17
Robert Brookwell	September 23
Sid Mark	September 26
David Holden	September 27

Anniversaries

Our Lunch Meeting on September 9th

Diane Macdonald

There was quite a good turnout of members and guests who gathered for the meeting last Tuesday. After the traditional beginnings and time for fellowship while we ate lunch, President Bill continued the meeting by asking Michael Broadhurst to honour our Birthday folks for October.

When Happy Bucks were called, Michael Broadhurst told us the wonderful story of a Syrian family whom he and Patti "adopted" a few years ago when they first arrived in Canada. Michael was so pleased to tell us that the family is now settled here in Calgary with employment and appropriate schooling, and are forging ahead with their life.

We heard that George Edworthy is recovering from surgery and is now home, but doesn't wish to have visitors or phone calls at this time. A card was circulated and will be sent to George. Sadly, we learned that Honorary Member Ann Toombs passed away recently. A card will be sent to the family on our behalf.

President Bill then had Peter Harrison report on the Stay in School Golf Tournament, which had taken place the day before. Peter related that everyone enjoyed the beautiful, warm September day at the Glencoe. For the first time ever in our tournament, one of the golfers

scored a Hole-in-One! He certainly went home happy! There were lots of prizes and money was raised with the “Heads and Tails” game, the silent auction and the 50/50 raffle. Peter promised to give us a final accounting soon.

Diane Macdonald reported from the Bar-B-Q Committee that there are still some vacancies for volunteers at the Valley View/ Ian Bazalgette School function on September 25th. The teachers at the schools are so pleased that, since we started doing these Bar-B-Qs to coincide with their Meet the Teacher night in September, the number of parents who attend has increased tremendously. It means they are able to meet those parents face to face and develop a connection. They say it has made a difference for the entire school year.

Past President Joe Fras introduced our Guest Speaker, Jason Robeiro, who happens to be a next-door-at-the-office neighbor of Joe. Jason is the Vice Chairman and President of the Calgary Surge of the Canadian Elite Basketball League. He told us the story of hearing via a news leak from Guelph, Ontario, in 2023, that the Guelph basketball team was moving to Calgary. He jumped into action and within two months had set up an organization and was involved in getting the Surge established here. It is important to Jason that the community be united and entertained through basketball, and that everyone is included. To that end, students from Jack James High School were part of the official introduction of the team to Calgary. He involved the Siksika community in developing the team mascot, now named Red Hawk. They have a program whereby needy kids and their families can attend the games for free and they have been involved in developing a basketball court and related programmed activities at Century Gardens in downtown Calgary. The home court of the Surge is at WinSport, but they have played a game at the Saddledome during Stampede week in front of a record-setting 12,000 + people, and they moved a playoff game against Edmonton from WinSport to Red Deer. Jason is excited about the Surge and the way in which they have become a part of our community. He was happy to pass on to us that they have learned that 93%+ of those who attend a Surge game would recommend it to a friend.

The audience was certainly engaged in Jason’s presentation, as evidenced by the number of questions from the audience following his presentation. He was thanked by Joe Fras and presented with our Certificate of a donation to Wellspring.

Al McMillan was the lucky ticket holder for the 50/50 draw but he didn’t find the white marble in the bag, so received the consolation prize of a package of chocolates.

The next meeting will be on September 23rd at the Palliser when Allan Klassen will be the Guest Speaker, speaking about Living Your Life with Intention and Clarity.

Club Meeting Dates - updated

The Board has recently confirmed that our in person meetings will occur on alternate Tuesdays, so enter the following dates in your 2025 calendar:

Sept. 23

Oct. 7 and 21 plus a Club Assembly Oct 28

Nov. 4 and 18

Dec. 2 and 16

Stay in School Golf Tournament

Monday September 8th was our club's 29th annual Stay in School golf tournament, taking place at the Glencoe Golf and Country Club. The title sponsor was Carter Cadillac, and all the golfers got a chance to check out some brand new cars displaying at the golf course.

The weather was perfect for a great day of golf; there was excitement in the air as lunch was served and the start time of 1pm neared. 75 total golfers participated in the event, and many of those golfers heard a lot of shouting and celebration around 3pm - for the first time in the history of our tournament, a hole in one was scored with a hole in one prize!

As the golfing drew to a close, all players arrived at the clubhouse for a banquet dinner and presentation by members of the Stay in School Committee, Golf Committee, and host Kathy Le. Draws were performed for various prizes, as well as numerous silent auctions and 2 raffles (a 50/50 and a Wine Raffle). The evening ended with a Heads and Tails game, raising additional funding for our Stay in School program. At time of publishing we are still tallying all funds collected through our generous sponsors, player registrations, donations, auctions, and raffles, and expect to have the results to share with the entire club in the next 2 weeks.

Overall, this event was a great success largely thanks to the time and effort of our volunteers, committee, and especially our Program Coordinator Iman Saad. For Iman, this was the first golf tournament in which she has ever been involved. She learned quickly and rolled with the punches on September 8; we're lucky to have her involved.

I know from experience that the kids in our program really appreciate the fundraising we do to ensure the program can continue long into the future, even if it isn't always easy. I hope that we all recognize that the hard work we do as Rotarians has a real benefit and positive impact on society.

Here's to another great event.











Youth Centres Calgary Invite Update

Madeleine King

Our partners at Youth Centres Calgary (Marmie's House) have invited us to the Forest Lawn house at 2620 40th St SE on Thursday Sept 18, 4-7pm (invitation in previous COG

issue).

Jane says: It would be lovely if you were to reply so that we can have name tags prepared in advance, but of course they are most welcome no matter whether they know of their availability.

Economics For Success – Junior Achievement

Allan McMillan

Last Spring, funds received by our Club from the Lou MacEachern Fund were used to support Economics for Success – a three-day series of programs at SAIT organized by Junior Achievement to equip students with essential skills for post-secondary success.

Through interactive sessions, the programs connected students with mentors and industry professionals who offered key insights into the workforce, financial planning and the post-secondary landscape.

What were the outcomes? Contact Al McMillan to receive the Impact Report from Junior Achievement.



Recently passed long-time club member Lou MacEachern at Junior Achievement.

Update on Convention Article in Rotary Magazine for the Central American Countries

Lori Forand and Madeleine King

Please note the first author is Rotary Champion for our Club's Guatemala Cervical Cancer Project. These pictures are from the Rotary Magazine for all of Central America! During the Convention, Guatemalan Rotarian Esther Brol stayed with Dave Leslie and his wife Diana Bloom who are pictured with Esther.



For the original article please read following page.

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Upcoming Events

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

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

Sep. 18, 2025

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

[Club Luncheon: Intentional Living – Achieving Clarity and Fulfillment](#)

133 9 Avenue Southwest

Sep. 23, 2025 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (UTC-06:00)

[Valley View/ Ian Bazalgette Schools Bar-B-Q](#)

Sep. 25, 2025

1:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

[You're Invited: Rotary Wine & Pizza Pairing – Sept 26](#)

4109 University Avenue Northwest

Sep. 26, 2025 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (UTC-06:00)

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

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Oct. 02, 2025

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

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

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Oct. 16, 2025

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

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

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Nov. 06, 2025

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

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