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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.

CREATE LASTING IMPACT



Rotary International's theme for the 2026-2027 year

Birthdays

Bawardi St. Laurent	July 10
Madeleine King	July 11
Gene Edworthy	July 15
Deb Hymers	July 16
Tim Heaton	July 16
Al McMillan	July 17
Michael Pierson	July 18

A Standing Ovation for President Bill

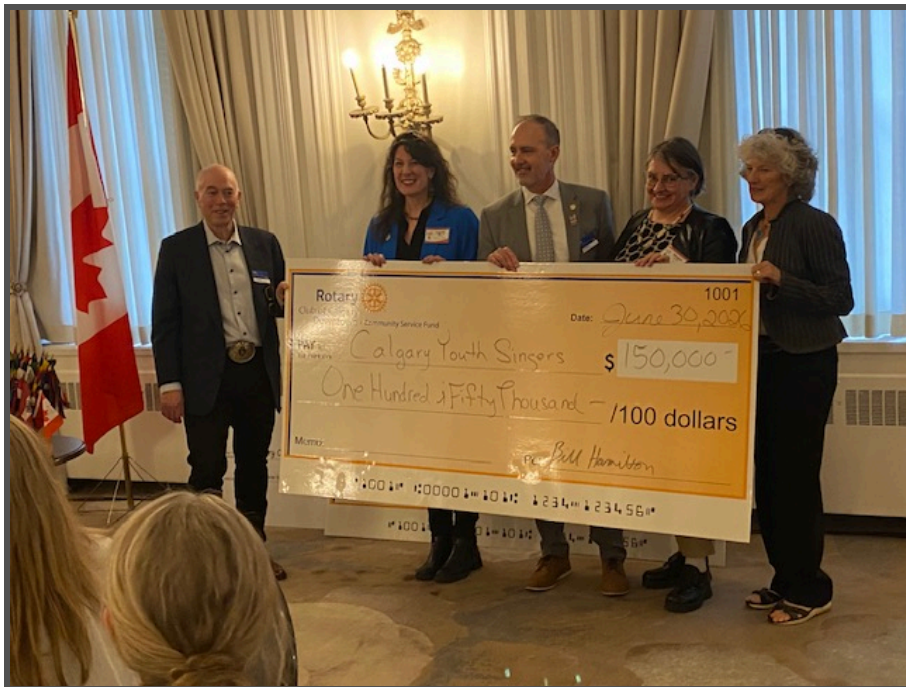
Diane Macdonald

At President Bill's final meeting on June 30th, a good crowd gave him a standing ovation. Following the singing of "O Canada", a meaningful invocation by Manon Mitchell began a meeting of fellowship, year-end information and many a "Thank You". The first of the Thank Yous were for William Friedson and Michael Pierson for manning the piano for "O Canada" and "Happy Birthday" at all our meetings. Thanks also to our front of house volunteers today – Ann Haessel, new member John Wilson and Dorothy Loucks. There were a few Happy Bucks announcements and some information about the up-coming Stay in School Golf Tournament. Peter Harrison mentioned that the tourney can use some more sponsors and golfers. Donations for prizes and the silent auction are also being gratefully accepted.

The Legacy Project Committee was next on the agenda. Vern Kimball reminded us that this committee deals with grants over \$100,000, with an annual budget of \$500,000. The focus is

on supporting groups which deal with Early Childhood Literacy, Education, Mental Wellness and Food Security. This year, they emphasized mental wellness and youth, favoring projects with an indigenous component and those aligning with existing initiatives like Stay in School. Please note --If anyone is interested in joining the Legacy Projects group, they are looking for four new members.

Vern then introduced Krista Poole from the Can Learn Society, one of the Legacy Projects initiatives that was funded this year. Can Learn serves 2,000 individuals annually, supporting children's literacy and mental well-being. They help children, youth, adults and families with literacy challenges, learning disabilities, ADHD, autism and related mental health concerns. Our funds went towards completing a new, thoughtfully designed space for the program.



The second recipient of a Legacy Project Grant is Youth Singers of Calgary. Ingrid, the Director of Development for the organization, told us that our funds will replace the roof of their home- the ATCO Performing Arts Centre. She read us the testimonial sent by the mother of one young boy who was born with a rare chromosome abnormality. He had no club or support group for his type of abnormality but who found the Youth Singers of Calgary where he was

was welcomed with open arms. She said that this group helps the kids to find joy in music and dance and supports the adults they're growing up to be.

Moving on to Club business, Rick Erven reported on the Rotary Foundation (TRF) and the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF). He announced that 50% of the revenue generated by the Mayhood fund is given to The Rotary Foundation each year – this year that amounts to \$1,028,470.94. From the CRCF is a cheque for our Club which will fund our activities for the 2026-2027 year, in the amount of \$1,360,878.03.



Joel Snodgrass, our Treasurer, presented the highlights of the financial situation as of May 31 of this year, with an estimate for June 30. [CLICK HERE](#) for his report.

President Bill told us his objectives for his year and how he planned to address them. One thing he wanted to do was inject some fun in to our meetings, so he introduced the Happy Bucks. Well done, Bill! We had many reasons to smile and we learned new things about our fellow members along the way! We also had the 50/50 draws which provided a little anticipation towards the end of each meeting.

After ringing the bell for the last time, President Bill then turned the gavel and the meeting over to our incoming President, Doug Webb.

Doug recognized the efforts of the outgoing President and Board members and highlighted the success of some of the projects over the last year. He outlined plans for the upcoming year,

mentioning continuity with past initiatives and introducing new traditions like “Did You Know”. You will have to attend the meetings to find out what that’s about!

New President Doug introduced the new Board members pictured below.



Doug once again thanked Bill Hamilton for his leadership and dedication.

[Sneak-a-Peek July 2 and Chartering of First Rotary Indigenous Club - Mohkinstis](#)

Madeleine King

Many club members and others (numbering a record 150) enjoyed a grand event in the Grandstand Clubhouse of the Stampede - thanks to all who make this excellent fellowship event possible year after year!



Several of us attended the chartering of the Mohkinstsis Rotary Club at the Horton Road Legion here in Calgary. It is the first Indigenous Rotary Club in the world and, as such, was warmly celebrated by our new Rotary International Board Member, Marty Helman (photographed in the blanket & also being thanked for her presentation by President Doug at Sneak-a-Peek).



Lou MacEachern Fund Supports Junior Achievement

Al McMillan

Over the past year, the Lou MacEachern Fund has helped Junior Achievement deliver powerful programs in entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and career readiness to local youth.

Thanks to this support, **296 students** gained valuable real-world experience by forming and running **14 student-led companies** through the Company Program. These young entrepreneurs are building skills and confidence that will serve them for a lifetime.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more about Rotary's investment in the entrepreneurs of tomorrow.



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Club Meeting Dates

President Doug Webb and Program Director Terry McMahon

Summer lunch meeting dates: July 14 and 28
August 11 and 25

September 9- Mayor Jeromy Farkas guest speaker (note corrected date)

Proudly Presenting Our Corporate Members



Upcoming Events

[Club Business -luncheon](#)

Jul. 14, 2026

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

[July 14 – Presidential Vision Luncheon](#)

Jul. 14, 2026 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (UTC-06:00)

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

Jul. 16, 2026

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

[Youth Committee Monthly Meeting](#)

Jul. 22, 2026

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

[Fellowship Committee Meeting](#)

Jul. 22, 2026 4:30 p.m.

[July 28 - Club luncheon](#)

Jul. 28, 2026 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (UTC-06:00)

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

Aug. 06, 2026

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

[August 11 - Guest Speaker DR Mark Berry](#)

Aug. 11, 2026 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (UTC-06:00)

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

Aug. 20, 2026

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

[August 25 – Club Luncheon - Guest Speaker \(Gerry Darichuk \)](#)

Aug. 25, 2026 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (UTC-06:00)

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