E-CLUB GLOBAL TRAVELERS Rotary

# Global Travelers E-Club

## June 24, 2025

## Welcome!

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# OUR MISSION

## We serve the world. We travel together.
## We meet people. We have fun.








# HOUSEKEEPING

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We are a Rotary E-Club within District 5950 (Minnesota) with Members and Associates all over the world.

Does the idea of joining 150 fellow Rotarians from all over the world, interested in international service and travel appeal to you? We have both full Rotary membership and associate membership available (for those who are Rotary members of other clubs.) Just ask! paularotarygh@gmail.com.

If you are a guest, WELCOME! Please put your name, where you are from and your email in the chat so we can put your name on our mailing list.

Please mute yourself unless you are talking and change your screen name to include your name and state or country you are from.

**Questions** If you have questions of our guest speaker, please type them into the chat and we will get to all questions as time allows.

# OUR AGENDA

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Announcements

Meet the Member

Welcome New Members

Where are Global Travelers

Speaker / Focus Topic

Rotary Minute & Club Updates

What’s Coming Up

The 4 Way Test

# Meet the Member

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Debbie Kornhauser
- full member
Plymouth MN




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INTERNATIONAL



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Helmut Schildknecht - Associate Member, Charlotte, NC

Alice Hannam - Full Member, Carmichael, CA

# Speaker/Topic

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## Virtual Visit to the Rotary International Convention

At the convention, you'll:

- Participate in engaging breakout session discussions
- Attend motivating general sessions
- Network with fellow changemakers
- Mingle with old and new friends
- Browse exhibits and visit the House of Friendship
- Explore an exciting host city
- Enjoy live entertainment and enriching attractions



# Enjoying Beautiful Canada!

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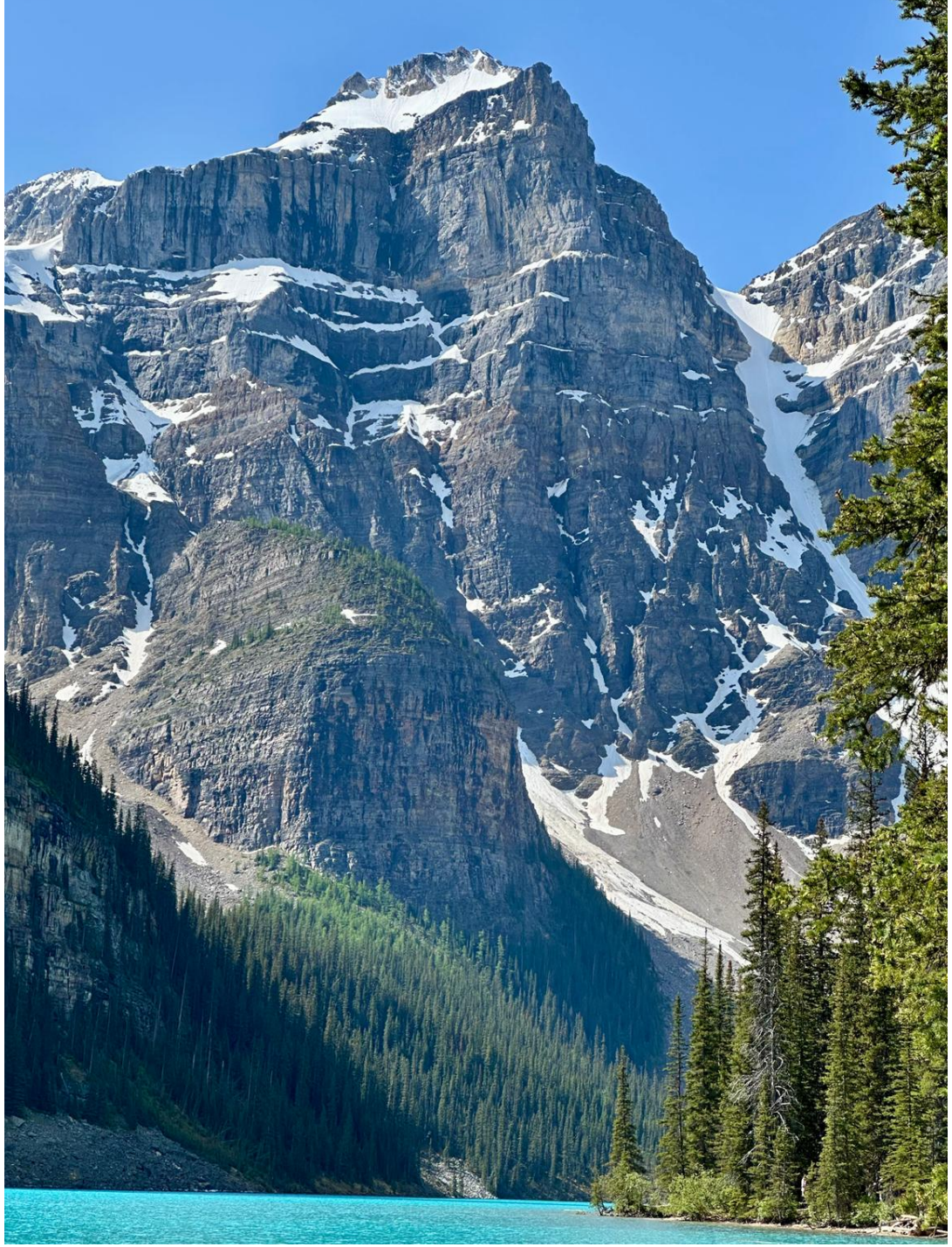
For many attending RI conventions - pre and post travel in the host country adds to the fun!  Melanie, Mike and Amy explore Banff National Park and iconic sites near Calgary.  We met many Rotarians doing the same and made friends with a Rotarian in Canmore. Kristine Martin - a member of our club found us in Banff. Even our tour guide was a former Rotary YE student!






CANMORE HOTEL







# Pre Conference

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Prior to the convention starting - special interest groups host preconferences such as for Youth Exchange.  Mike DeLuca was a presenter for the “New to Rotary Youth Exchange” track in his role as incoming President of NAYEN (North American YE Network)



# Pre Conference

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Youth Exchange celebrates 50 yrs of being an official Rotary program







Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick addresses attendees

# Opening Event Excitement

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A big celebration of the host city gets all convention attendees excited for the days ahead








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Indigenous relay teams race for a chance to compete in the Calgary Stampede



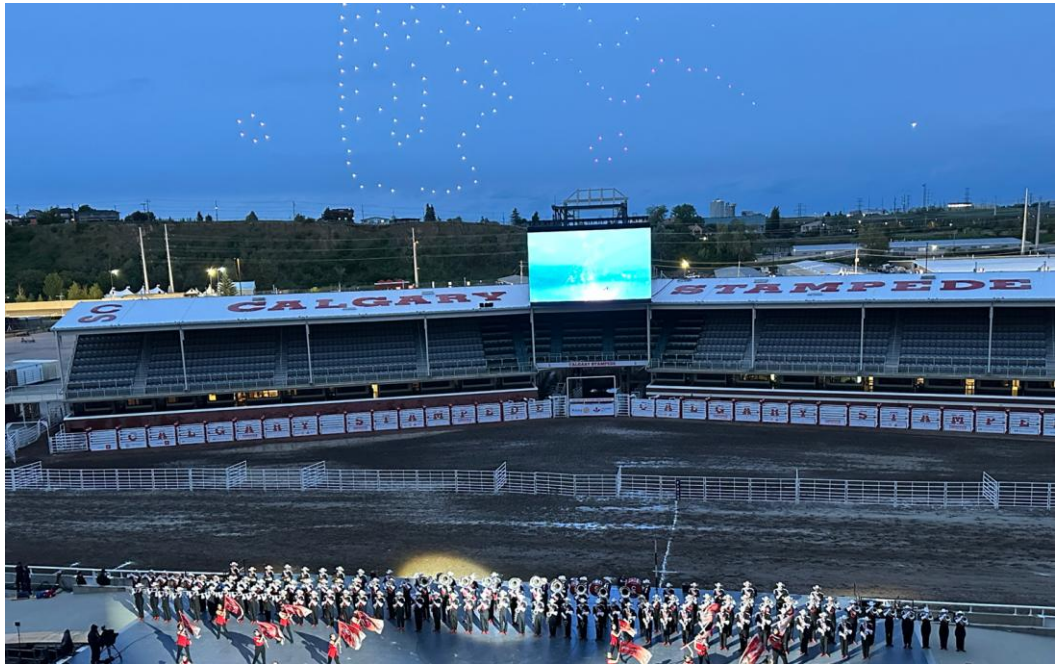


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Bands, drones and fireworks light up the night and fire up the crowd!



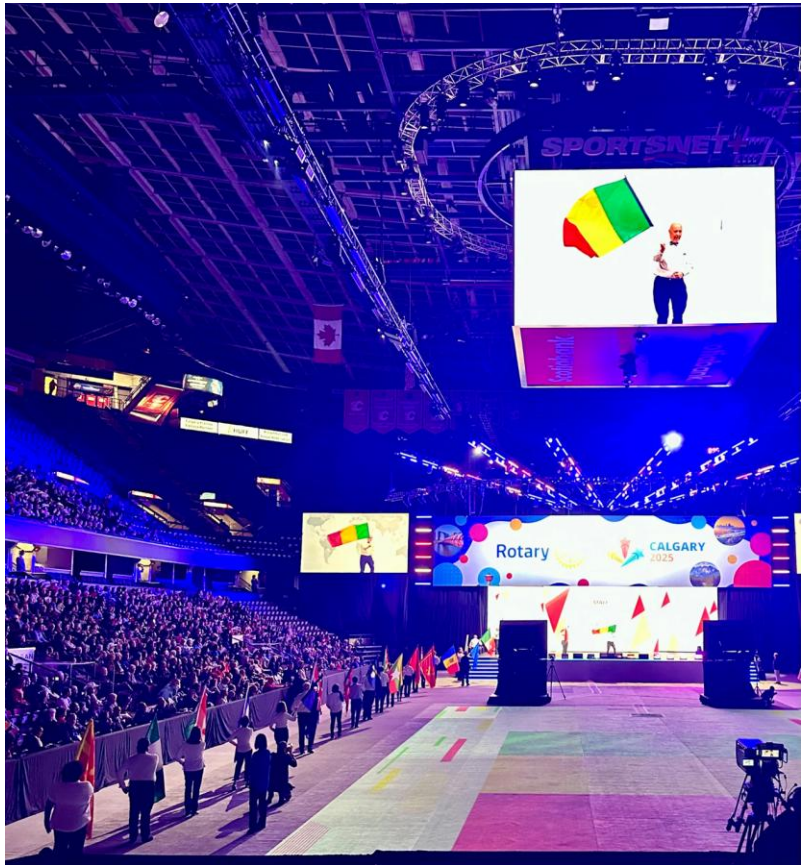



# Opening General Session

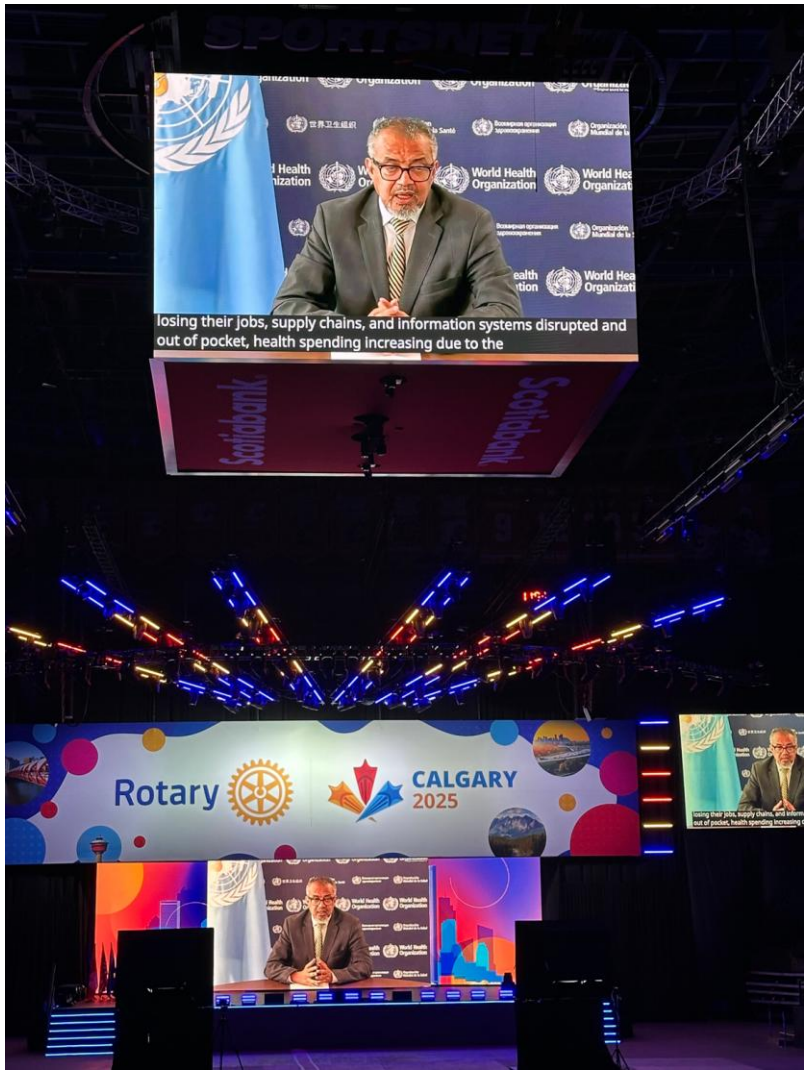
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The RI President takes the stage along with speakers designed to inspire and kick off the 2025 Rotary Convention



# Opening General Session




Rotary partners including the director of the World Health Organization and the Gates Foundation challenged us all to stay in the fight to end polio

Entertainment celebrates the family of Rotary coming back together

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# Global Travelers Meet

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To help us all recognize our fellow club members - we gathered on Sunday for a meet and greet






# Global Travelers Connect

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Jess, Larry, Chris and Amy



Jack and Silvia

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Eric, Jelan and Silvia meet a new friend




Mike, Brenda, Amy, Melanie, Trish, Patty, Ingrid, Greg

# Global Travelers Connect

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Mark, Chris, Jess, Larry, Steve, Corrine and Nancy

Melanie, David, Jelan and Mike make a friend from the Caribbean



# Workshops & Speakers

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Throughout the convention - workshops provide information on key aspects of Rotary.  Check out our member - Silvia Johnson presenting to a full house



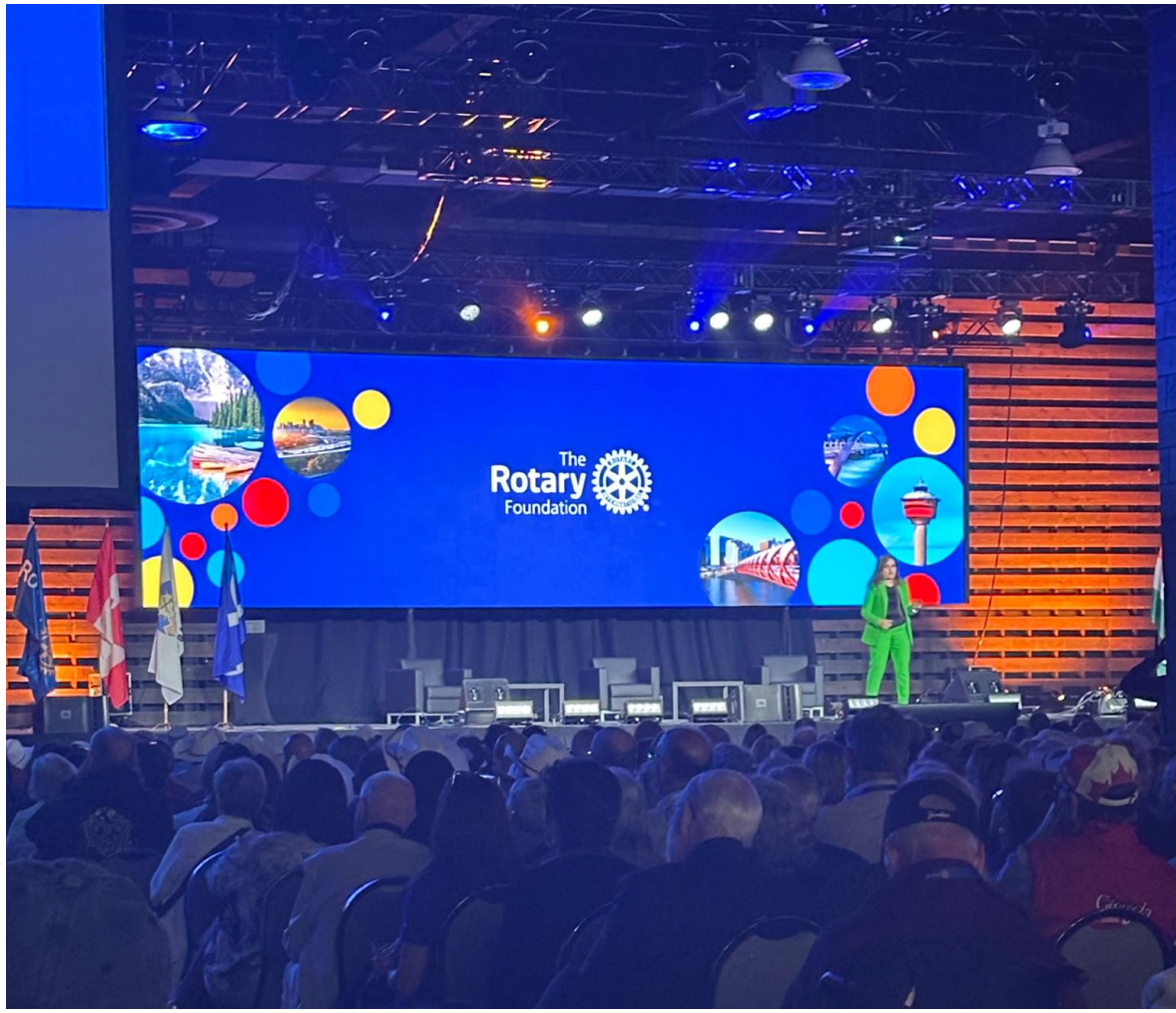


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Associate Member Dr. Amal El Sisi spoke at the Donor Summitt regarding her program of scale to end cervical cancer in Egypt





# House of Friendship

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Throughout the convention - people gather and learn in the House of Friendship offering booths and displays for projects, non-profit partners, vendors and more.  It is the heart of networking at every convention!






# House of Friendship

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Global Travelers find each other in the House of Friendship!



# House of Friendship




Associate member Rahul from India enjoyed taking photos with fellow members at his booth in the house of friendship

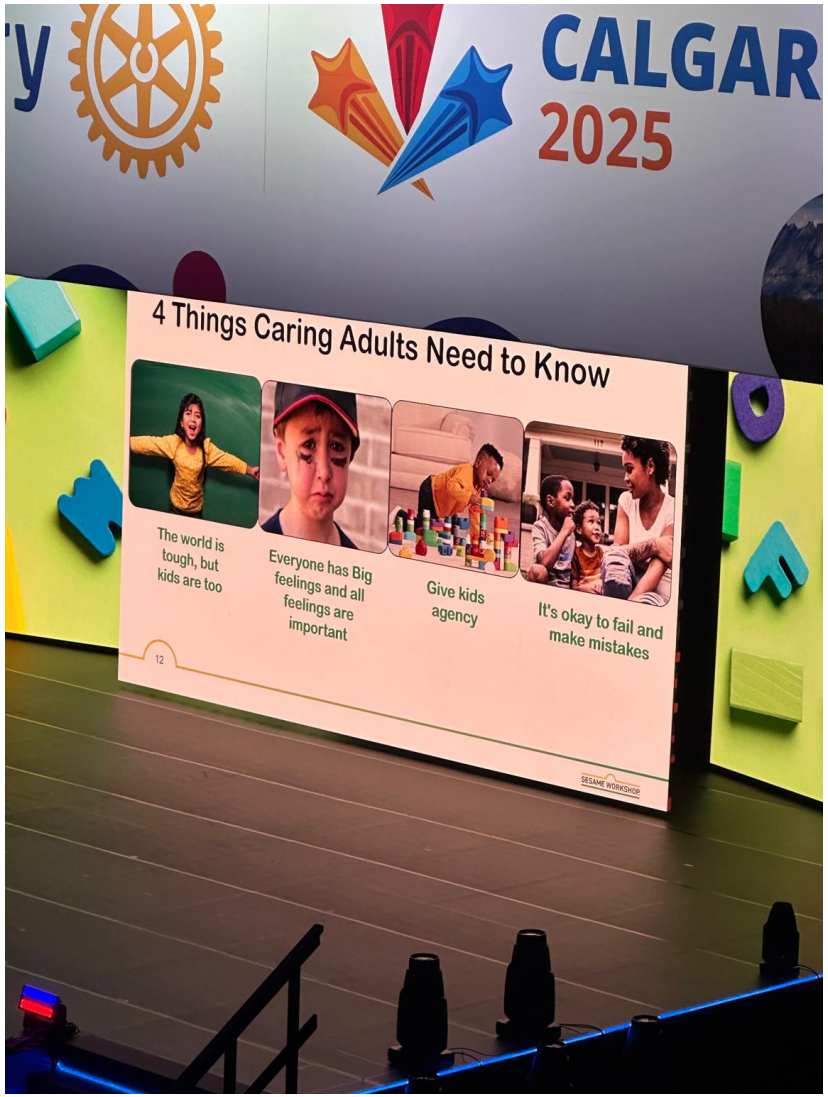
Associate member Rick Istead from the Fish Creek club in Calgary was our local contact



# Content Rich General Sessions

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# Host City Events

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On Monday evening - events are hosted throughout the Calgary area by Rotarians to provide a smaller venue to connect and meet others.






# General Session Learning

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Polio survivors spoke to the enduring commitment to end Polio







Polio is still present in Afghanistan and Pakistan

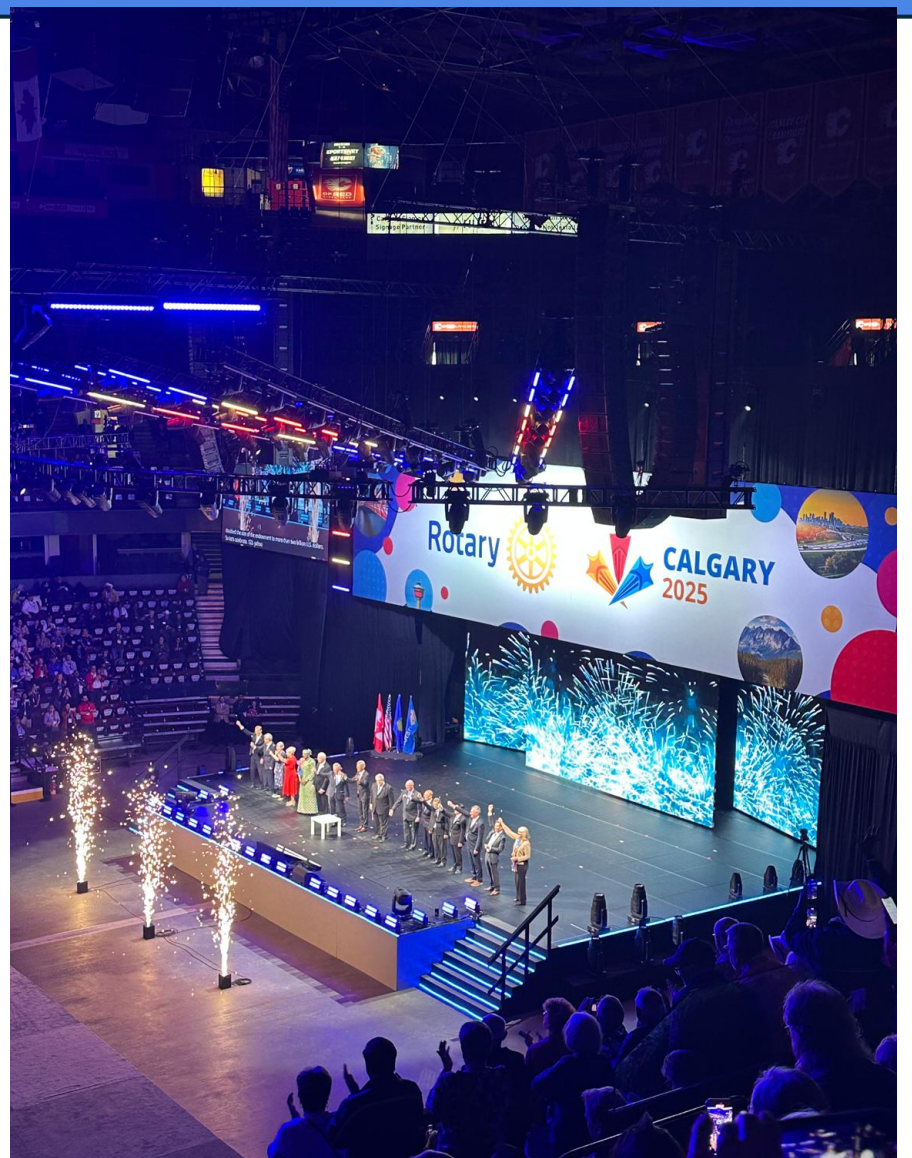
# General Session Learning

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Celebration of the Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund reaching 2 Billion USD




Newest Project of Scale announced for a project in Colombia



# Global Travelers Social

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Today - 40 Global Travelers and guests gathered for lunch and fellowship - sporting our GT apparel and getting to know each other in-person.  For our international members - this is an important way to meet others in the club.



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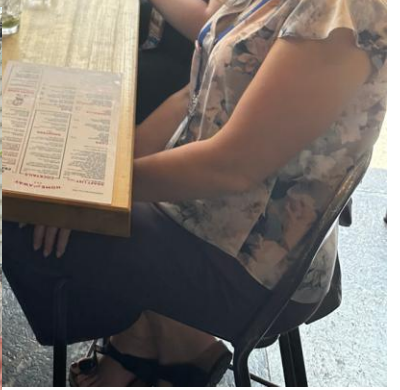


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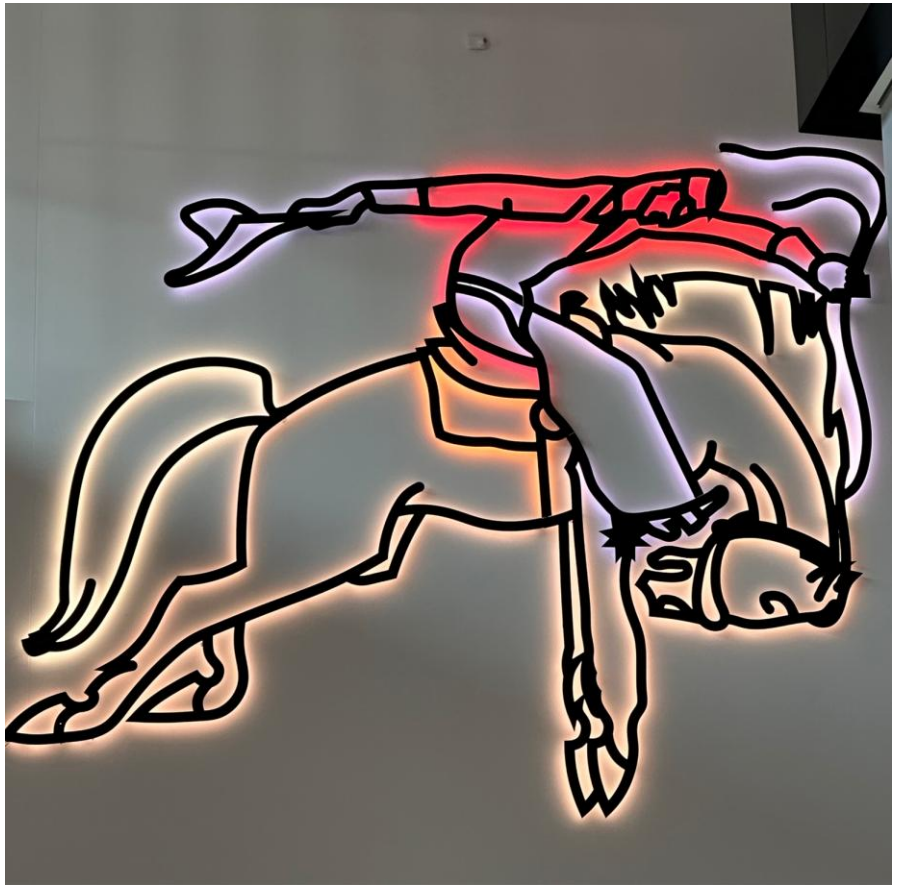
# Global Travelers Social

Such fun to gather as a club and invite some new potential members to join us!

Big thanks to Rick as our Calgary host and Greg for helping coordinate our gathering



# Convention Ends on Wednesday



The last day of the convention will feature many more workshops, gatherings and Hall of Friendship activities ending with the general session titled Leaving a Legacy.

As Global Travelers start heading home- we take with us memories, ideas, connections and challenges for making a difference in the world as Rotarians!

# The Convention in Action!

Please enjoy this short video to experience some of the Magic of Rotary at the 2025 Calgary Convention.

Link to video
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eshV1wU_d4eQdgANoHqYa6Ybn7ld6Voo/view?usp=drive_link

**2026 in Taiwan** (Compton's are registered!)
2027 in Dubai ~ 2028 in Minneapolis!

# Rotary Minute

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The International side of Rotary International is most visible at the Rotary convention.

Starting in 1910 - the convention has been an annual celebration and learning opportunity for Rotarians worldwide

In addition to Rotary Clubs - there are fellowships and action groups that get together at the convention and network throughout the year.

# Because of you - Service Update

*Because our members contribute to our club foundation account and projects,* **Global Travelers will be contributing $1000 to a $19,000 project sponsored by the Edina Rotary Club to purchase & install equipment for four online smart classrooms at the University of Iringa, Tanzania**

This grant will enable students to participate in research, connect with other students and participate in classes offered by other universities.

# Fall Social Minnesota Sept 19-21

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***Its time to RSVP and make lodging plans!!!***
***If you haven't stayed at the Schwartz's, sign up for the guestroom lotto to win a free weekend stay!!***

RSVP and Lottery Sign up (for room) to Paula:

1. paularotarygh@gmail.com or
2. text to 612-616-1002 or
3. DACdb Calendar and register

Event FLYER with all details is available on the DACdb calendar, GT website and also the most recent newsletter!!!

Who's joining us this fall?



# Service project in Minnesota!

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Prior to the fall social at Paula's there will be a two-day Habitat for Humanity house build in Alexandria, MN on Sept 17-18.

Please RSVP on DACdb or to Melanie at rotarymelanie@gmail.com

We are at 31 so far so this will be fun!



# HAWAII - December 2025

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**SOCIAL:** December 4-5, experience the culture of the Islands

**SERVICE:** December 6 am - Service Project to help clean up a local waterway

**OPTIONAL CRUISE:** December 6-13
Add on Cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. Meet with local Rotarians.

Contact: Colette Coty or Silvia Johnson land portion or Mike Philson for the post tour



# Future Socials/Service- Hold the dates

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**February 6-8, 2026  Tampa Florida**

Winter Social Super Bowl Party hosted by Robyn and Colin

**May 22-24, 2026 Alaska Social- Seward, Alaska**

hosted by Jess Gutzwiller and Adam Hays

**Other regional socials being considered for 26-27-28**

- Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Phoenix, Arizona
- Nova Scotia, Canada
- Interested in hosting a social-contact us

# Future Travel - Hold the dates

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Northern Lights Quest of Iceland, 6 days
Feb. 22-27, 2026



CIE Tours

Hunt the horizon for the chance to see the mesmerizing aurora borealis on this Iceland tour. Along the way, explore the breathtaking landscapes of the Land of Fire and Ice, from the Golden Circle to Diamond Beach

Itinerary

Feb. 8: Reykjavik arrival, city tour

Feb. 9: Golden Circle, Secret Lagoon, Froheimer Tomato Farm

Feb. 10: Lava Center, Skogar Folk Museum, Skogafoss Waterfall and Black Sand Beach

Feb. 11: Jokulsaron Glacier Lagoon, Diamond Beach and Wilderness Area

Feb. 12: Saljalandsfoss Waterfall, Reykjavik, and Blue Lagoon

Feb. 13: Depart Reykjavik




Price Per Person:
$3345 (double occupancy)
$4540 Single*
(*only 1 single room available)

For more information contact
mike@worldtravelbucketlist.com
or click on the QR code

## Fundraiser Opportunity

## February 22 - 27, 2026

# Iceland

Contact Mike Philson
mike@worldtravelbucketlist.com

# Upcoming Global Travelers Trips

## all trips have a service component

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- Ecuador- October 24-November 3, 2025 (Lenet Compton)
- Cuba- Dec. 2-10, 2025 (contact Merna Gill to get on the list for future trip dates)
- Hawaii- Dec 3-13, 2025 with NCCL (Mike Philson, Colette Cody, Silvia Johnson)
- Alaska Cruise on RCCL from Vancouver to Seward May 15-22, 2026 with May 22-24 service event
- and social (Cruise Mike Philson, Service/Social Jess Gutziller and Adam Hays)
- Tahiti Fund Raising Cruise - December 3-10, 2026 (Mike Philson)
- Amazon River Cruise- March 2027 (Mike DeLuca)

**In the planning or exploration stage**

- Costa Rica
- Mexico Butterfly Journey
- Japan
- Cambodia
- England/Ireland
- Nepal/Bhutan
- Nova Scotia

*Interested in any of these and other Rotary travel opportunities- check the web site, latest newsletter and/or contact the member listed. Want to plan a new trip- contact the Trips Committee for assistance - contact Mike DeLuca via DACdb*

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

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**Tuesday July 8 - Welcome message for the new Rotary Year & information about grants**

**Tuesday July 22 - Strategy & Goals for this fiscal year, Grant reviews**

**Does “fiscal year” sound boring? Not if you get to play Jeopardy!**

# THANKS

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**Thanks to all who could attend tonight**

**- especially guests - we hope to see you again!**

***MY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE MADE THIS YEAR SUCH A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. I AM HONORED TO HAVE SERVED AS YOUR PRESIDENT AND AM EXCITED TO WELCOME LENET AS YOUR NEW PRESIDENT FOR 2025-26!***

# The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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# FOUR-WAY TEST

FOUR QUESTIONS – 24 WORDS

| THE UNIQUE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS | PROCESS TO ACHIEVE DESIRED OUTCOMES THAT ARE ETHICAL, FAIR AND BENEFICIAL TO ALL |
|---|---|
| **IS IT THE TRUTH?**<br>• Clarity<br>• Transparency<br>• Fact checking<br>• Ethical behaviour | That we do our homework to collect information and to apply critical thinking by asking questions to know the difference between facts, beliefs, assumptions, and opinions as well as know what we don't know. |
| **IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?**<br>• Inclusion<br>• Empathy<br>• Acceptance<br>• Belonging<br>• Accountability | That we use empathy to see other points-of-view in the context of the problems to be solved and the goals to be reached. |
| **WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**<br>• Trust<br>• Do good<br>• Feel good<br>• Have fun | That the process is civil, and there is a feeling of respect and openness to ask the "dumb" question, they can lead to creative and innovative answers. Also, people prefer to work with people they like, respect and trust. |
| **WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?**<br>• What if scenarios<br>• Trade-offs<br>• Being creative and innovative<br>• Better decision making | That these are the conflict transformative answers and decisions that can lead to mutually satisfying solutions, that are sustainable and scalable. This can be an iterative process as we learn more from doing and continuously improving with time. |

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