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Message from the President

November 2025

Hello everyone. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Halloween. Our last meeting was held on October 14th, and we had 56 people in attendance. A big thank you to Helen Gale, Hayde Diell, Monique Kovacs, and Don Northam, for preparing, serving and cleaning up the delicious sausage lunch. Also, a big thank you to Darrel Sundholm who donated several items for the door prize raffles.

Congratulations to the winners of the 50/50 (\$95), the Wine draws, and the Bonasera Pizza gift certificates door prize. As always, we appreciate your continued support and participation!

We had 20 people attend bowling at Toppler Bowling in Fairview on Thursday, October 23rd. Thank you to everyone who came out. I think everyone had a great time and we look forward to doing this again.

At this coming meeting on Monday, November 10th, we will have our normal wine raffles and door prize draws, but we will also sell raffle tickets for an upcoming Calgary Wrangler's game. We have 3 separate packages of 4 tickets for the Wrangler's game at the Saddle Dome at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, Nov 12th. The seats are in the CPKC Suite and each set of 4 tickets includes a parking voucher.

Yes, there are 12 tickets in total!





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It is with heavy heart that we offer our condolences to Marian Benner and family for the loss of Bill Benner on October 20th. Bill was a member of our Calgary club since retiring in 1990 and held board positions for many years. A reception will be held on Sunday, November 9th at the Knox United Church downtown from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm per the details emailed to everyone earlier this week. We are also saddened by the loss of another long-term member, Roy Lindblad, who passed away on October 31st, and our condolences go out to the Lindblad family. The information about the service was emailed earlier this week as well.

As of earlier this week, there was still road construction on Ogden Dale Road. However, the crossing at 69th Avenue is still open and the new tunnel at 78 Avenue is now open and connects directly to Ogden Dale Road. The upper parking lot is open now, albeit a bit smaller than before.

With respect to Remembrance Day, no words can compensate for the loss of the brave men and women who served our country. My wife and I had the opportunity to visit a



Canadian cemetery in Ortona, Italy a few years ago. This is only one of hundreds of Canadian cemeteries across Europe. This cemetery had 1,700 plots which included about 100 Calgary Highlanders and about 400 PPCLI Edmonton. Over the course of 3 hours, we walked the

entire cemetery and read almost every plot. Canadian and Commonwealth soldiers in Ortona faced some of the fiercest fighting in WWII. We were stunned to see boys who were only 16 or 17 years old that never got to go home making the ultimate sacrifice with their lives so that we can enjoy our freedoms today. Some 30 kilometers down the road in Torino Di Sangro is another cemetery with 2,500 plots. For all who served and those that currently serve, let us respect them, honor them, and remember them forever.

Respectfully, your President

Joseph Dragani



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Jason Thornhill from Aspen Crossing at the October 14th Luncheon



Bowling Event October 23:





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