

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the April 10th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Jim Bladon, and I am honoured to be the President of this Club for Rotary year 2024-25:

Please join me, accompanied by Vitaliia Vash, in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table (L-R) : Allan Johnson, David Bissky, Jim Fitzowich, President Jim Bladon, Krista Edmunds, Shondell Sabad



**Presentation:
Krista Edmunds on
'Cryptocurrency'**

**Next week:
Presentation by our
Exchange Student,
Trini Araneda Alcalde**

**April 24th meeting will
be held in the Blue
Room**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the April 17th meeting.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting video.

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

Today's Meeting:



President Jim Bladon kicked off the meeting by tearing off **Lisa Van Hemert's** red stripe. Congratulations, Lisa, on fulfilling all your nw member duties and responsibilities!

President Bladon called out the newer members for their lack of registration regarding the 70th Gala. To make it easier for you all, sign up [HERE](#).

David Field introduced our guests followed by the welcome song.

The Official Launch of the 2025 Rotary International Convention commenced just before the meeting at the BMO Centre. Big shout out to **Craig Stokke** and everyone else who has worked tirelessly on this big project.

Jim Hutchens, with help from our guest speaker, pulled the 50/50 draw where **Dilan Perera** walked away \$154 richer! **Jim** suggested **Dilan** asks our speaker how to turn it into a crypto investment... we're not sure if it's now worth double or half!

John Fitzsimmons did not take his role as Sergeant-at-Arms lightly, Rotarians learned that the hard way, with hefty fines to prove it! He put in his own happy bucks then made his fellow Rotarians pay up!

We welcomed a new member to our club today, **David Bissky**. He walked into the Rotary office one day, had a chat with Grayce, got the scoop on our club, and just like that was sold! **Allan Johnson** gave an introduction followed by **Jim Fitzowich** who gave the formal induction. **David** gave a heartfelt "Go Jets Go!" as his first words as a member.



Mike Ruttan gave updates on the Calgary Rotary Club Foundation (CRCF), acknowledging those who have become beneficiaries to support our club, our community, and the world. Special thank you's were awarded to our major donors; **Sherry & Steve Austin, Carol & Dan Dunlop, Bonny & Don Gass**.

Ken Farn reminded us about the 'Feed the Hungry' volunteering event on April 20th. Holidays like Easter are the perfect excuse to do some good, and apparently, it's also the perfect time to get a bunch of people to help! More information on the event on the next page.



Sjoert Zuidhof gave us updates on the Kids at Heart Charity Golf Tournament that will be held on July 28th at Cottonwood Golf & Country Club. To sponsor, golf, or support these three children's charities, go to ROTARYKIDSATHEART.CA.

Catherine Brownlee introduced our guest speaker, **Krista Edmunds**.

HOW BITCOIN ENFORCES HUMAN RIGHTS

Krista Edmunds reference to Bitcoin as 'money to the people' was a powerful expression on how cryptocurrency, specifically Bitcoin, presents an opportunity for financial freedom. She emphasized how this decentralized currency could provide a level playing field, particularly for individuals whose finances may be impacted by prejudice or systemic barriers. Krista highlighted the ongoing battle in which money has often been used as a tool of control, shaping the financial landscape to favor the privileged. In contrast, Bitcoin offers a shift in this paradigm, empowering individuals with greater autonomy and access to economic opportunities that were previously out of reach.

For more information, watch the meeting video [HERE](#)

Shondel Sabad gave a big Rotary 'Thank You' to **Krista** and **President Jim Bladon** finished the meeting off by announcing on behalf of our club, we will be making a \$100 donation to CRCF in her name.



Announcements



International Dinner club has enjoyed several fantastic dinners since November- Italian, Greek, Austrian, Indian, Thai and the next one is Mexican! To add to the fun, we have celebrated 2 member birthdays in our trip across the world! We also enjoyed Chinese food at our Larry Kwong Chinese New Year Dinner. Please join us on *April 23* as we journey to the tastes of Mexico!



Feed the Hungry

Easter Sunday, April 20th 2025, is a Special Day so there will be a busy program. They are cooking the food on site again, thus will need volunteers for the day.

Volunteers are divided into teams:

- Morning Set Up Team 10:30 - 12:30 pm
- Afternoon Service Stations 12:15 - 4:00pm (Will Include Kitchen Activities; Desert Service; Table Service & Beverage Service)
- Other Afternoon Teams: Monitors for Front Door; Monitors for Family Door; Recycling Duties

For more information please click [HERE](#)
To volunteer please click [HERE](#)

Health & Wellness

Susan Brick's situation is slowly improving. She has been transferred to the Acute Geriatric Care Unit of Rocky View Hospital. But, just as she is making some progress, the medical gods have put her unit into Covid lockdown for 12-14 days minimum. So, no visitors nor phone calls at this time, requests **Paul**.

We wish **Sue Lasher** a full and speedy recovery from pneumonia.

Condolences to **Krista Rabidoux** and **Catherine Brownlee** on the unexpected death of their personal secretary.

Thanks to those people who have offered to assist **Hugh Delaney** with his transportation needs to Rotary.

Please contact **Dorothea Schaab** tel. 403 660 6232 or email: schaabd@gmail.com for health and wellness updates for the month of April.

Membership Survey

Annual Membership Survey is out so please take a few mins and complete it!



Invitation to the

“70 YEARS OF ROTARY” GALA

CELEBRATING THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK
& ROTARY PARTNERS

\$100.00 PER PERSON

MAY

FRIDAY

9

AT 5 PM

2025

CALGARY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

919 50 AVENUE SW

Ticket Sales Begin March 1, 2025

Visit: Rotarycs.org



Rotary Partners Save The Date


Tuesday, April 22,
2025

Spring Lunch and Jewellery Sale

Willow Park Golf and Country Club
639 Willow Park Dr SE, Calgary

BRING A FRIEND

Invitation and Menu to Follow



REMINDER:

Grayce is away from April 7th to 15th



Closing:

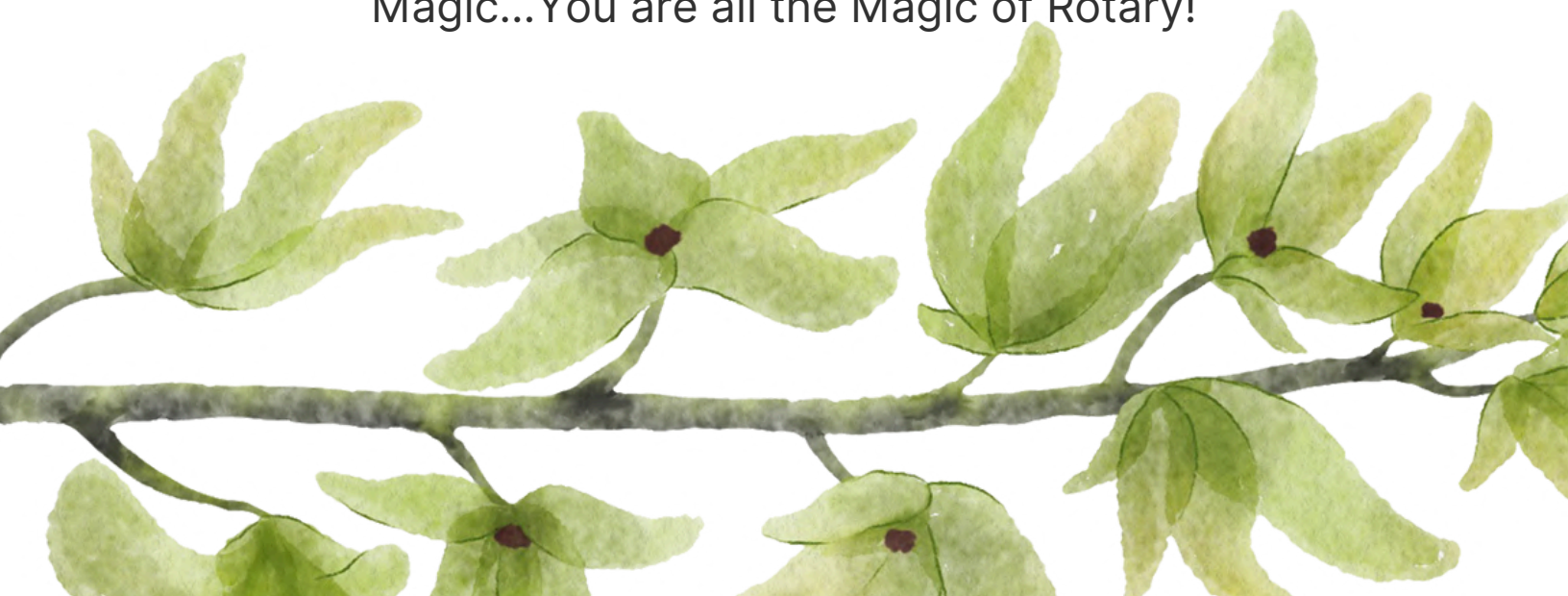
Next week: **April 17th – Exchange Student Presentation**

The week following: **April 24th - Minister Mickey Amery (Blue Room)**

Closing words:

Words of Wisdom from the Blue Paint: Remember...“Never approach a Bull from the front, a Horse from the rear...or a fool from any direction!”

You create the Magic. You unlock the Magic. You advance the Magic...You are all the Magic of Rotary!



Calendar

APRIL

April 3rd - St Marys High School (4- way speeches)

April 10th - Krista Edmunds

April 17th - Trini Araneda Alcalde (Exchange Student)

April 24th - Minister Mickey Amery

APRIL						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

MAY

May 1st - Tommy Wheeldon Jr

May 9th - 70th Anniversary Party

May 15th - Annual Stay in School Luncheon

May 22nd - MRU President and Vice Chancellor

May 29th - Richard GotFried

May						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

Dates to Remember - Save these!!

March 5 - South Indian Int'l Dinner

March 13 - St. Paddy's Day Fun at Lunch

March 22 - 5 pin bowling

Mar 28 - Thai Int'l Dinner

April 6 - Jubilations Dinner theatre

April 23 - Mexico Int'l Dinner

May 9 - Club Anniversary

May 23 - Japan Int'l Dinner

June 5 - Jerseys and Jeans (Pres Jim's party)

June 21- 25 RI Convention Calgary

July 3 - Kick off for Dream Home