# **ROTARY NEWS**



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Welcome to the April 25 meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park and it's going to be a good one. My name is Bryan Walton, and I'm honoured to be the President of this Club for 2023-24.

Please join me in the singing of 0'Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table (L-R): Gord Weicker, Benno Nigg, Bob Brawn, Alison Jackson, Tom Jackson, President Bryan Walton





Speaker: Tom Jackson

Information about Rotary Friendship Exchange to Brazil Next week: St. Marys Partnership & Bring a Guest

Click <u>HERE</u> to register for next week's meeting and <u>HERE</u> for this week's meeting link

# **Today's Meeting:**

Greg Smyth introduced our many guests, followed by the Welcome Song

\$230 was up for grabs in the 50/50 draw. Michael Zacharki, with help from Toby Oswald-Felker, pulled the winning ticket, which ended up being Bob Wiens.

72 days until Stampede! **Brenda McKinley** made a Dream Home announcement, reminding members they must complete at least 8 volunteer shifts, or have someone complete them on their behalf. Registration opens May 9th- with more information to come soon.

Gord Weicker introduced the charities for the Kids At Heart golf tournament this year and sponsorship opportunities.

Nicky Nash from Kids Up Front joined our meeting explaining the opportunities the program gives. It treats kids with an evening out from front-row tickets to their favourite sports games, concerts and plays to learning to ski.

# **Youthlink Police**

Youthlink Calgary Police Interpretive Centre teaches students about the dangers of current problems such as AI or online safety. **Tara Robertson** explained the importance of the program and how over 7000 students pass through the program a year and 90 more schools are wait-listed.

Kevin Webster talked about the importance of kids having the opportunity to play sports. KidSport helps kids to play and supplies equipment to them.

Kids at Heart Golf Tournament Committee Chair, Dale Struksnes left us with 4 things we can do to help.

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1) Sponser

- 2) Donate Auction / Prize items
- 3) Golf
- 4) Volunteer

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Bob Brawn

Leap • Learn • Laugh • Love



"There is nothing more important for me to tell you than this... that I love you."

We had the honour to have **Tom Jackson** join us at our meeting. We all shared some laughs with the 'Sullivan's Crossing' star and got to hear the story of Tom's life and how that resulted in his successful career. He is an actor and a prominent country folk singer. He has made his mark as an entrepreneur. Born on the One Arrow Reserve in Saskatchewan, Canada, Jackson's heritage reflects his mother Rose, who is Cree, and his father Marshall, who is of English descent. Tom's message helped us get in touch with ourselves, as he told us to close our eyes and think of three things that 'tickle your soul.' When you open them, you are guaranteed to feel better.

Anywhere you go, you need trust. To help others, there must be trust. The value of that is world changing.

To watch the full presentation click **HERE** 

Thanking Speaker: Benno Nigg

Tom, in recognition of your time with us today we will be making a \$100 donation to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation which supports local initiatives here in our community.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# **Tomato Plants**

**Dave Read's** tomato plant supply is going quickly! Please contact him in the next few weeks to arrange pick up of 2, 3 or 4 plants. He would like to get rid of them by the end of April.

Call or text 403-271-5856 Email nread@telusplant.net

## **New Member Event**

The new member event was a success. Check out the event photos by clicking <u>HERE</u>. Another thank you to our amazing <u>sponsors</u>.

## **Health & Wellness**

Get well wishes go out to **Jim Cairns**, who is recovering from a broken femur because of a bad fall in his home. **Carol Cairns** has advised that Jim was transferred from the Rockyview Hospital to Glenmore Auxiliary Hospital (beside RVH) yesterday, where he is slowly improving with pain management. She suggests we wait to visit him until next week. He is in room 215 Glenmore Auxiliary Hospital.

Speedy recovery to **Max Feldman,** who is recovering from pneumonia.

We are happy to have **President Bryan Walton** back after his sickness.

Greetings from your friends at District 4760 in Minas Gerais, Brazil!

We are thrilled to invite you to participate in a Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) between our two districts. This exchange promises to be an enriching experience, fostering cultural understanding and friendship while promoting the ideals of Rotary. The dates for this exchange are as follows: November 9 - 24 for the Canadian group visiting Brazil, and June 29 to July 14 for the incoming group visiting our district. To ensure seamless coordination and planning, we kindly request that interested Rotarians submit their applications by May 6th. We have carefully chosen this deadline to provide ample time for those who may wish to deliver their applications during the district conference in Drumheller. We'll have representatives of RFE at the House of Friendship, offering an invaluable opportunity for you to learn more about the program firsthand. Acting promptly is paramount, as our committee is eager to plan the itinerary and coordinating with our counterparts in Brazil. Your swift response will be immensely helpful in ensuring the smooth organization of this exchange. Click HERE for the aplication form. Please take a moment to complete it and return it to my email address as soon as possible. We look forward to welcoming you to Minas Gerais, where you'll discover the beauty of our region, engage in meaningful cultural exchanges, and forge lasting connections with fellow Rotarians. Besides the invitation above, if you'd like to take part in hosting our incoming guests, please send me a message. By doing so, you'll have the opportunity to add your club to the list of hosting clubs and include your city in our itinerary. Should you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to reach out. With warm regards, Felipe Guerra Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair District 5360.

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#### **Book Club**

Our next Book Club is on Monday, May 13th (a week earlier because of the long weekend). It is at 9:30 at The Calgary Golf and Country Club. The cost is \$20. (pay when you come). You'll need to email janetopp@shaw.ca to confirm your booking. A delightful brunch of muffins, scones, fruit and cheese with coffee and tea is included. We will be discussing "A New Season" by author Terry Fallis. We will have time to review one book per person too. We like to think of our book club as a place to enjoy "book talk" and visit with our dear Rotary friends. We welcome new members. Jane Topp and Maureen Hutchens.



# 2024 Invermere Golf & Social Weekend May 31st, June 2nd & 3rd 2024

We are looking forward to another fantastic weekend of fun, golf and fellowship in the beautiful Lake Windermere Valley hosted at CopperPoint. Please return your <u>registration sheet</u> along with your payment of the total of your choices for these events to Mark Ambrose (<u>markambrose@shaw.ca</u>), At your earliest convenience so we may plan for a successful weekend.

I'd like to thank Mel & Wilma Gibson for their dealings with CopperPoint, Sherri and Steve Austin for their blessing once again this year in hosting Sunday brunch And Stacey Johnson at Print Three, for their production of the registration form.

We can't wait to see you there for another terrific weekend!

-Mark Ambrose



# Does Ronald McDonald House Hold a Special Meaning For You?

Ronald McDonald House Calgary (RMHC) is a home where families can stay while children undergo critical medical care. Our club has supported RMHC financially, and in volunteering to prepare and serve family meals. Brick by Brick is a new soon-to-be public campaign and cornerstone effort to fund the expansion of RMHC by selling individual bricks to the public. Each brick will be placed on the outer wall of the new building and can be personalized, making this contribution





uniquely yours. The goal is to raise \$4M. As a dedicated volunteer and past major event contractor with RMHC, I have received an early invitation and a "friends and family" introduction price of \$1,000/brick. On May 23, the campaign launches to the public, and the brick cost will double, selling from that point on for \$2,000/brick. I am sharing this information because I received permission from the CEO of RMH to include my "Rotary Family" in the pre-launch price of \$1,000/brick. If you are interested in purchasing a personalized brick, please let me know and I will ensure you receive the cost of \$1,000/brick before May 23. You will then work with RMHC directly on what you'd like your brick to be engraved with.

-Thanks everyone, Corinne Wilkinson

# From the desk of the Secretary

- 1. Please make note: emails for the following all go to admin@rotarycs.org
  - a. Meeting make up notices
  - b. Meal ordering matters
  - c. Bulletin matters
  - d. Communication that needs to go out via Club Runner
- 2. The office still has some needs please help if you can!
  - a. 2 office chairs
  - b. Shredding paper (we have a large box to be shredded)
- 3. As we continue to orient Grayce, please reach out to introduce yourself.
- 4. Please remember to thank Megan for all of her hard work and skills she continues to be active!
- 5. As we plan for the next Dream Home/Stampede, please remember to do your 8 shifts, have fun, stay safe and remember the 4-way test!







This week's meeting link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">https://www.youtube.com/watch?</a>
<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">v=\_019WpDCB8M</a>

#### **Closing:**

Next week's meeting: May 2 we are back at Rotary House for the St Mary's speech contest winner and some club history by George Deegan. It's also Bring a Friend – so remember to register in advance.

### **Closing words:**

As you go about your business this week remember performing those simple acts of kindness go a long way to Creating Hope in the World. Have a great Rotary week.

# Calendar

#### APRIL

1st: Easter Monday

4th: What Happening with Artificial Intelligence

5th: Wine Club

10th: Rotary Connect Comedy Night

11th: Rotary Profile

18th: New Member Event (in lieu of our meeting)

25th: Tom Jackson (Blue Room)

26th: Dinner at the Danish Canadian Club

30th: Partners Spring Event

APRIL										
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT				
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#### MAY

2nd: St Marys Partnership

9th: Rotary Profile/ Kids At Heart Info 16th: Annual Stay in School luncheon

3rd: Telus Feedlot Health Management (Blue Room)

25th: Glow Bowling 30th: PPCLI Officers Club

31st: Invermere Golf & Social Weekend

May									
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### **HELPFUL INFORMATION**

Sign up for meetings **HERE** 

May 25th Glow Bowling: Location:Splitsville 3919 Richmond Rd. SW Food and refreshments: Lennox Irish Pub 5909 Signal Hill Centre SW. Join us by contacting: **Sjoert Zuidhof** (zudhofsjoert@gmail.com) or 403-471-6275. Payment can be made by cash, check or etransfer.

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