

Rotary



Club of Calgary  
at Stampede Park

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## **MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CHAS**

### **My Fellow Rotarians and Friends:**

It has been a difficult week in light of the official cancellation of our beloved Calgary Stampede. I have been asked to participate in a few interviews on various media and I assure you I tried to represent all of you as best I could. As I've yet to see torches and pitchforks outside my house - perhaps I passed the test?

You will have heard President Elect Nominee Craig Stokke's relaying my meeting announcements in my stead this week. I want to take this opportunity to reinforce the notion that we all must look to contribute - in whatever way that may be - to ensure we are behind President-Elect Penny and her Board for their year!

We are blessed with thoughtful, talented people in our Club. We must be innovative and willing to think out of the "Corral" not just the box!

I have been approached by Presidents of other Clubs pledging their cooperation if needed to lend their ideas as to helping community efforts. The will is there and all we need to do is direct it as best we can. Your Board will have this front and center when we next convene and will bring any ideas forward for discussion and implementation.

Now some members may disagree with this and so is their right, but please get out and enjoy the pleasant weather! If only to sit on your veranda or deck and take in some sunshine.

**Get that BBQ going! Say Hey to EVERYONE! No mumbling! Talk to another human - often!**

Be well all.

**E. Chas. Filipski, Jr.**  
**President**

**Rotary**   
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**We are all familiar with the expression,  
“When One Door Closes, Another Door Opens”  
(stay with me, and keep this expression in mind)**

At the March 7<sup>th</sup> Rotary Leadership Training session, District Governor Elect, Mary Turner revealed Rotary International’s Theme for 2020-21, which she said we could share with our Club Members at an appropriate time.

She described it as

**“Rotary Opens Doors, and we just need to walk through them.”**

I don’t think there could be a more appropriate time to share this theme with you. As one door closes for our Club for 2020-21, other doors will open.

In his speech to Rotary Leaders earlier this year, Rotary International President, Holger Knaack said,

“Rotary is not just a club that you join. It is an invitation to endless opportunities. It opens opportunities to serve... And it opens opportunities for you to live a richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world, based on our core values... Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere.”



I am delighted about the logo and theme for my year as President of our Rotary Club. It’s a theme I can buy into, embrace, be passionate about and promote to others.

I hope you will join me as our Club opens doors, walks through them and opens opportunities for ourselves and others.

**Penny Leckie,  
President Elect**



**Myrna Dube-Thompson** began today's Presentation saying that our Large Grants Committee took very seriously the privilege we have of choosing the recipients of significant funds we have available to give back to our community – funds that result from the diligent volunteer work by all members of this club.

We received 17 applications requesting \$1,115,000 from our Annual Budget and three additional applications requesting a total of \$140,000 from the Mario Stella Fund for transportation vehicles benefiting persons with disabilities.

Large Grant Committee Members are: **Mark Ambrose, Rod Bower, Ken Copithorne, Luke daSilva, Myrna Dube-Thompson, Ken Farn, Tony Fisher, Lynn Grant, Penny Leckie, Bill LeClair, Greg Martin, Steve Mason, Gail McDougall, Benno Nigg, Spencer Tonkinson and Gord Weicker.** Many of these members were champions for one of the organizations applying for funds and assisted them with their submissions.



The deliberations and review by the Committee of the presentations from the three short-listed candidates from both funds was not an easy task. There is much need in our community and all applicants provide amazing service to and were certainly worthy of our funds. Through an all-day review process, the bright minds on the committee settled on the two winners of this year's funds:

1. From the Mario Stella Fund, \$35,000 is awarded to the Father Lacombe Care Foundation toward purchase of a customized accessible bus to provide the 273 residents with the opportunity to lead a less restrictive life and participate in events and activities outside the Father Lacombe Centre and the Providence Care Centre. Their current bus is unsafe and outings have been cancelled.

And with the Covid-19 crisis having the most horrific effects on so many care facilities, how relevant is it for us to be able to bring a little joy to one of these facilities. Val Duggan, who represented Father Lacombe is very appreciative. Thank you to Dorothea Schaab who championed this application.

2. From our Annual Fund, \$100,000 is awarded to the University of Calgary, Cumming School of Medicine, Centre for Health Informatics (CHI), for the Health Informatics Research and Education Innovation Fund, which will create sustainability within the CHI to be able to provide continuous funding to enhance their research work. It is important to note that the work being done by the CHI is on the forefront of assembling data and harnessing it to vastly improve and understand the delivery of health care and policy, in "ordinary" time and even more so in this time of Covid-19 crisis. Their work is recognized world-wide. And specifically, the CHI is tackling the great challenges in medicine in Calgary, which of course currently is the Covid-19 crisis. As you will hear now in Dr. Tyler Williamson's presentation, the modelling and projections on the status of this crisis is the information being used by the Government of Alberta, Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services and Mayor Nenshi. We could not have better validation on the relevance of our decision to award this organization.

I would like to thank **Andrea Ostergard** from the Cumming School of Medicine, Office of Advancement for the CHI application and **Bill LeClair** for being their champion. And it is my pleasure to introduce **Dr. Tyler Williamson** who is the Associate Director, Centre for Health Informatics, An Associate Professor, Department of Community Health Sciences Cumming School of Medicine and the University of Calgary, Dr. Williamson's Institute Memberships are: O'Brien Institute for Public Health and Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute

## LINKS TO TODAY'S PRESENTATION

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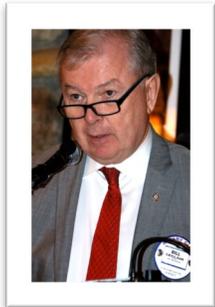
[Zoom Meeting: University of Calgary Large Grants Presentation: Dr. Tyler Williamson](#)

[Dr. Williamson's Presentation:](#)

[April 30 2020 U of C Presentation from Dr. Tyler Williamson](#)

Website Information provided by Dr. Williamson: <https://www.chi-csm.ca/>

After an excellent and informative presentation Dr. Williamson took question submitted to Kathyann via the Zoom Chat. Questions came from Janet, Joe, Bryan, David and Corrine and covered a wide range of Covid issues. Please see the meeting link above to review the Q&A Period.



**Past President Bill LeClair** was then called on to thank the Speakers. Tyler, great to see you again and glad you have not lost any of your enthusiasm. At one of our meetings of The Large Grants Committee, we were discussing possible sources of grant applications. I suggested contacting the Cumming School of Medicine to see if they had any cutting edge projects that we might consider. I contacted Andrea Ostergard to discuss. The result was the project which Dr. Williamson spoke of today. Words such as precision medicine and precision public health have been used as well as real time delivery which we certainly understand as a result of your presentation.

Tyler, I want to thank you for your presentation and, in particular, your reference to the Covid pandemic. It was both informative but more so inspiring because it shows that analysis and research regarding health information is being done right here in Calgary that will benefit the people of Alberta through the medical personnel that deliver our health care services. The results of your work at CHI (The Centre for Health Informatics) are beneficial in real time through instant information as you have referred to with Covid. All of the work you are doing will go well beyond the Covid pandemic. We are very proud to support your initiatives.

As a final comment, I would like to read a letter sent to me by Doctor Jon Meddings, Dean of the Cummings School of Medicine.

***We are incredibly grateful to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park for selecting the Centre for Health Informatics as the recipient of your Large Grants funding. Your support of CHI has never been as important as it is now, given our trying circumstances. Our team continues to be a valuable resource in helping policy makers get through these times.***

***Giving through the Cummings School of Medicine changes lives. It enables transformative research, supports the medical leaders of tomorrow, and improves the health of our communities.***

***We thank you for your generosity around a shared vision for a better tomorrow. Together, we are creating the future of medicine.***

***Jon Meddings, MD, FRCPC, FCAHS  
Dean, Cumming School of Medicine  
University of Calgary***

**Craig Stokke** responded as follows: From the chair, I would like to thank Dr Williamson, Andrea, and their team for the great work they do. We are so fortunate to have talent like this in Calgary. And there is no doubt the work you've able to do, with your data, will make tremendous impacts on the lives of many, many people. Our club is proud to be a small part of that. Thank you

*Welcome to the April 30 meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Craig Stokke (President-Elect Nominee) and I am honoured to be filling in for our esteemed President Chas today. President Chas is currently on-route to Kelowna to spend some time with his son Will - so you're all stuck with me.*



Since this is the first time that I'm chairing a Rotary meeting, I'm sure it's going to go like the Covid-19 pandemic. My goal is not to "wow" you, I'm just trying to keep my head above water and make it through this damn thing, so I hope you'll bear with me.

I'd like to thank everyone for taking time out of their day to join us. It's great to connect and great to see everyone. I'd especially like to offer a special welcome to today's guest speaker; Dr. Tyler Williamson, who will be introduced formally a little later in the program.

**Bulletin Editor - Sandy Dougall**

**Head Table:** everyone you see in "gallery view" in zoom has earned the right to be at the head table today for all the great work they do in the community. So thank you to everyone.



**National Anthem: President Chas** raised the question last week about whether or not to continue with the national anthem during our zoom meetings. Well, it appears the Club can't get enough of Lisa Fernandes and her amazing voice. So, starting next week, Lisa will be back in her familiar role. Of course, we won't be able to unmute everyone's mikes to join in but we invite you to sing along in your living rooms!!



The news of the **Stampede Cancellation** is still weighing on all of us. It is very disappointing for all Calgarians. I wanted to offer special mention to all the members of our club who are also Stampede volunteers. As we all know, the Stampede and our club have a very long history and I am confident that our Club, and our members will play a very important role in the Stampede's triumphant return in 2021.

Of course, with no Stampede this year, there will be no Stampede Lotteries - which means no Rotary Dream Home. So what does that mean for our club? It means this will be a pivot year.

I think it's important to remember there are approximately 33,000 Rotary Clubs around the world that do not have a Dream Home lottery, and all of these clubs do amazing work in the community. And so will we. As **President Chas** said so eloquently in his radio interview the other day, our Club is made up of 130 type A personalities - which means there is no shortage of great talent, great ideas and a great willingness to share them! The good news is that the members of our club stepped up big time in the past and have been great supporters of the CRCF, and your past support is going to be of tremendous benefit this upcoming year. So I would like to acknowledge everyone who has contributed to the CRCF and **PP Sherry Austin** and her entire CRCF committee for all the great work that they've done. Thank you.



**President Elect Penny** is already tossing around some very innovative ideas, and of course it's always exciting to watch her energy, so let's get behind Penny - and her Board - to offer our full support and share some ideas to make sure we have another amazing year.

**Health and Wellness: Justina Penner** turned 94 yesterday. **Dorothea** visited Justina and Penner on Monday. They are in good spirits and say hello. Doreen Devitt is also celebrating her birthday year of choice? As well. **Marianne Jost** is still recovering at home.



**Sergeant at Arms: Joe Connelly** looked after this duty today. Since it is a known fact that alcohol consumption has increased over the last seven weeks what could be more appropriate than some facts and fiction about the different types of Alcohol.

Joe asked for a show hands to identify the Beer, Vodka, Wine, Whiskey and Tequila drinkers. Joe pointed out the Pros and Cons of each them and fined everyone \$2.00. What if Don't Drink? Then \$5.00, Cannabis? \$10.00.

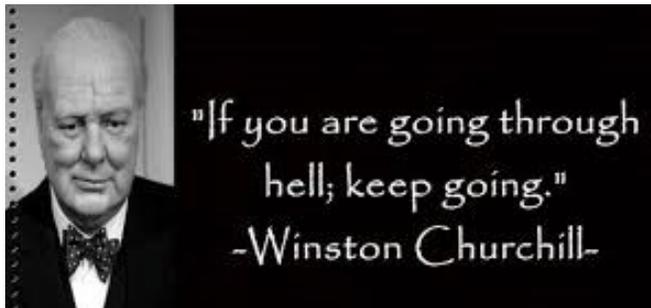


Editor's note.... Along with about 20 others my camera was off ...so no proof that we were telling the truth!

**CALGARY PHILHARMONIC UPDATE**

Last week we had 70 members, 4 visitors from the Calgary Philharmonic and 2 Rotarian guests attend our Rotary Zoom meeting. Of the 70 members, we did a random draw and **Bob Brawn and Steve Mason** were each the lucky winners of 2 tickets to a Calgary Phil concert in the 2020/21 season. Congratulations to Bob and Steve, and a big shout out to the Calgary Phil for donating these tickets. Of interest to many of you might be Calgary Phil's brand new link to videos, live-streams and blogs: <https://calgaryphil.com/all-access> In the Words of the Calgary Phil "As we continue to practice physical distancing measures, our online "Music To My Ears" series is a chance to discuss music and connect with each other virtually. We will enjoy recordings and explore how composers reached milestones in the history of music thanks to their resilience in difficult times. You will be able to listen to this week's "Music to my Ears" with Gwen Klassen, Assistant Principal Flute, and Alex Klein, Principal Oboe. They'll take you through Mussorgsky's masterpiece 'Pictures at an Exhibition', admirably orchestrated by Maurice Ravel." Thanks—Janet Matthews

**President Elect Craig Stokke** ended by thanking everyone for joining us today. And with Covid still top of mind I leave you with a quote from Winston Churchill;



**Have a great Rotary week, the meeting is adjourned**

**NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL**

Please be advised that **Marilyn Balfour** has been proposed for active membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Wendy Giuffre** and Seconded by **Dilan Pereira** with a proposed Classification of Career Coach

**Marilyn Balfour's** membership has been approved by the Board of Directors on the basis of the recommendation of the Membership, Qualifications & Classifications Committee subject to completion of a formal application and communication of her name and proposed classification to the membership.

If any Member objects to Marilyn Balfour joining our Club or to her proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary at [larrystein@shaw.ca](mailto:larrystein@shaw.ca) prior to May 7th, 2020

HOME COOKED COMFORT FOOD

**NO-CONTACT  
DELIVERY  
FOR  
FRIDAY, MAY 8**

THIS WEEK'S MENU:

**1L MAPLE BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP  
(4 PORTIONS)  
SAUSAGE & PENNE PRIMAVERA PASTA  
(2-3 PORTIONS)  
SMALL LOAF WHITE RUSTIC BREAD  
\$25 PER ORDER**

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**Please place orders by  
email or phone  
before Wednesday, May 6**

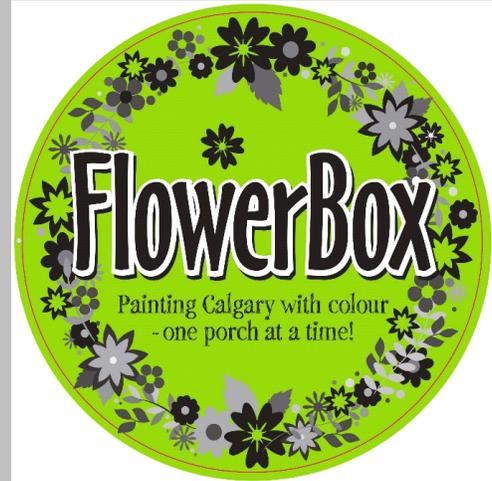
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email: [info@reflectivecatering.com](mailto:info@reflectivecatering.com)  
phone: 403-831-4498



**Flowerboxyyc** is a small pop-up business that my daughter and I have decided to provide locally during COVID-19.

The intention is to assist people who are quarantined and socially distancing and are trying to source garden centre plant material from the store.



[www.flowerboxyyc.ca](http://www.flowerboxyyc.ca)

**FlowerboxYYC** is a student-led pop-up business which delivers pre-made flats of flowers, vegetables and / or Herbs from Calgary Garden Centres to people who want to garden but need a safe, contactless, delivery option.

Each flat contains at least \$100 in retail plant material delivered to your door with a 20L bag of soil for \$ 99.00 + GST.

**We will be featured on “Let’s Talk Gardening” this Sunday at 10:00 am chatting about it!**

If you know of anyone who could benefit from this service do not hesitate to contact me

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**President Chas** asked for quotes, music and thoughts so we have created a Music Playlist on youtube that can be listened to by clicking the link below. Remember you can skip ads, go to next song, pause or listen later if you want to

### [Quarantina With Friends Playlist](#)

Here is the Stampede Calgary Clip called: We'll Ride Again submitted by **Bryan Walton** that was sent out by separate email:

<https://youtu.be/JQ4QbPcxV6w>

**Here is an interesting link from Bob Wiens:** For those starved for entertainment, Cirque du Soleil has a free 1 hour special - look for it at: <https://www.cirquedusoleil.com/cirqueconnect>

**Here is a really amazing piece of work that Lisa Fernandes has done: I Will Praise You In The Storm ...** This has been added to the **Quarantina With Rotary Friends Playlist**

<https://youtu.be/6XbINjvBMUA>

Here is David Foster and Jackie Evancho submitted by: Bryan Walton that has been added to the Quarantina with Rotary Friends Playlist:

<https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=isQWXmbwURw&feature=share>

If you are wondering what to do with your time go to You Tube and search Planet of the Humans which is Michael Moore's latest documentary. This one is on Climate Change and is very interesting . That said, it may not be everybody's cup of tea which is totally fine. It lasts an hour and 40 minutes and should be watched even through the credits. It is on You Tube for a month for free. Stay well—Bill LeClair

And a little something submitted by **Dorothea Schaab**: <https://youtu.be/37nGeXn2K9c>

**David Young thought this might be interesting for members:**

Amazing free concerts of Andrew Lloyd Weber's music ! Andrew Lloyd Weber, every Friday on " The show must go on" you tube channel is posting one of his shows and concerts.

These are wonderful live productions that are being made available free of charge. They can be watched for 48 hours after noon on Friday.

On Friday, you can view a live celebration concert of his music from the Royal Albert Hall, London. It was filmed in 1998.

To see the trailer go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AONIXETJ7n8>

**Thank you Andrew Lloyd Weber!**

**My Fellow Rotarians and Friends:**

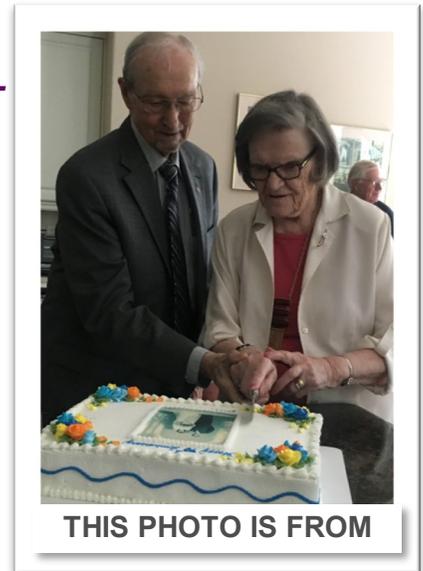
*It was not even a month ago that we marked the 95th birthday of Peter Penner!*

*We'll never be outdone, today marks the 94th Birthday of Peter's wife and soulmate Justina Penner!*

*It is fitting their birthdays are so close as their lives have been intertwined for all these years. May we all be so fortunate to live with our true love so long!*

*From all your friends at Rotary - Happy Birthday Justina!*

**E. Chas Filipski, Jr.,  
President**

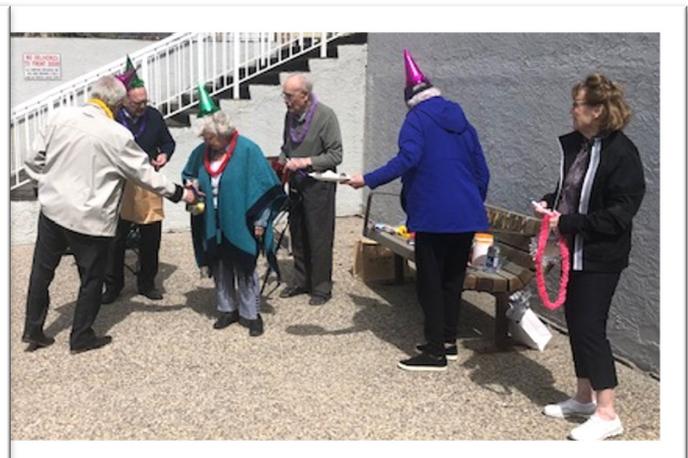


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**Doreen Devitt** celebrated her birthday in style with the Fire Department coming by. It was a total surprise for Doreen (she hates surprises, but this one was good). **The Nigg's. The Brawn's. The Dunlop's and The Legare's** were there to help celebrate. She celebrated her ? year. Doreen was also surrounded by her Great Grandson, Grandsons, Grand daughters and her sister.

Thanks To All. Play Safe and enjoy.

**Doreen's husband, Norm**



## **CALGARY FOOD BANK RECEIVES MUCH NEEDED HELP**

**Six Toyota Dealers in Calgary donated \$ 10,000.  
Each for a total of \$60,000.**

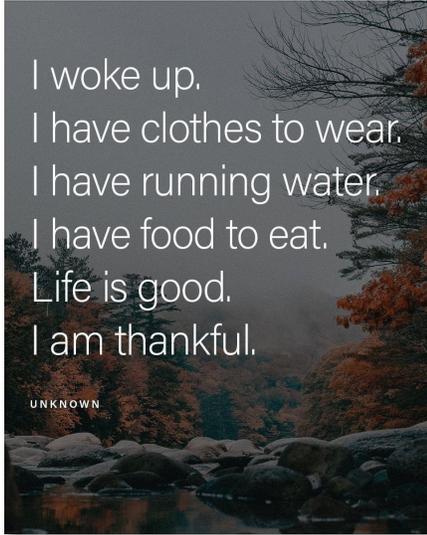
**This will be donated to the Calgary Food Bank.**

**Toyota Canada contributed \$30,000 of the total.**

**Thank you to Glen Richardson and all of the  
Toyota Dealerships**



Ah,  
kindness.  
What a  
simple  
way to  
tell  
another  
struggling  
soul that there  
is love to be  
found in this  
world.



I woke up.  
I have clothes to wear.  
I have running water.  
I have food to eat.  
Life is good.  
I am thankful.

UNKNOWN

This is what  
I like about  
photographs.

They're proof that  
once, even if just  
for a heartbeat,  
everything was  
perfect.

Jodi Picoult

*If you have a dream go chase it  
If you feel hope don't waste it  
If you find love embrace it  
And never take a single breath for granted  
The story's yours, go write it  
Tomorrow's undecided  
Our days are counted on this planet  
Never take a single breath for granted*

**IF YOU THOUGHT  
TOILET PAPER WAS  
CRAZY... JUST WAIT  
UNTIL 300 MILLION  
PEOPLE WANT THEIR  
HAIR AND NAILS DONE  
AT THE SAME TIME!**

MoreCrazyStuff

**You think it's bad  
now? In 20 years  
our country will  
be run by people  
home schooled  
by day  
drinkers....**

**AND JUST LIKE THAT:  
HAVING A MASK,  
RUBBER GLOVES,  
DUCT TAPE,  
PLASTIC SHEETING  
AND ROPE IN YOUR  
TRUNK IS OKAY.**

**HOME SCHOOLING  
UPDATE:  
MY CHILD JUST SAID  
I HOPE I DON'T  
HAVE THE SAME  
TEACHER NEXT YEAR**

**Stay at homeschooling  
tip #102  
Anyone who talks back  
or rolls eyes is now a  
janitor until further  
notice.**

Returned from the  
grocery store with  
the hubby. Took  
masks off. It turned  
out it was the wrong  
hubby! Be attentive!

Quarantine is going well but I'm  
pretty sure the cat is cheating



**DAY 10 OF QUARANTINE**

Just one Goat  
Just one Goat & Kid  
Just one Flying Goat  
Just one Drink  
Just one Drink More



**HAD THE GIRLS OVER FOR  
COFFEE.**

This week is not about adventures, but about history being encapsulated into history.

While the world battles Covid-19, history swallowed history on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 3:00 pm MST. Dana Peers, President and Chairman of the Board of the Calgary Stampede, and Mayor Naheed Nenshi held a virtual news conference to sadly announce cancellation of the 2020 Calgary Stampede. Our local history woven into the world's history is one more win for Covid -19. But we'll beat you in the end Covid. Karma always wins, and wins big.

As someone who has worked in the tourism industry for two decades, promoting Calgary and Alberta as world-class destinations to visit, conduct business, and host sporting and cultural events, April 23 in my 2020 "white berry" (to borrow a term from GR) has "CALGARY STAMPEDE 2020 CANCELLED TODAY" in it. A calendar I won't ever toss away.

The Stampede has been my partner in crime – so to speak – for 20 years. I probably own as many western clothes as non-western, three beautiful Smithbilt cowboy hats, and four pairs of cowboy boots. I have been a rodeo clown in two Stampede Parades, and in Washington DC during Alberta Days at the Smithsonian. While our tourism industry held its breath, but knew in our hearts the Calgary Stampede couldn't win this Covid-19 ride, the news was still heart breaking. My partner bucked off and forced to the sidelines for a year.

Rather than my adventures this week, I needed to honour our iconic partner who I share not only with my tourism colleagues, but more importantly, who is also the life-blood of my Rotary family.

## Ode to the Calgary Stampede

She was born in 1912 and is responsible for putting the city we call home on the world's stage.

For 10 days we don Wrangler jeans, Cinch shirts, Smithbilt cowboy hats, Stampede belt buckles, and Alberta Boots.

To become the cowboys and cowgirls our heritage is born of – risk takers, entrepreneurs, and adventure seekers.

A festival steeped in history, born out of passion of Guy Weadick and Florence Ladue, founded by the Big Four.

Her parade brings thousands onto the streets the first Friday of July, many camping out overnight for the best spot.

The Parade Marshall is a closely guarded secret launched with much fanfare – honouring someone who has "done good in the world" - someone worthy of a cowboy's appreciation.

The Stampede Canvas Auction every March is a temperature gauge of Calgary's economy.

Names like Glass, Sutherland, and Bensmiller who we've cheered over multiple generations of family competitors.

Drivers auctioned off to the highest bidder who in turn get one-of-a-kind very fun, and very exclusive advertising.

The rodeo – when 8 seconds is an eternity, and where clowns hold the responsibility of human safety.

Animals raised year-round at the Stampede Ranch, ready for their peak performance over ten days.

Athletes travel the globe to compete in the world's richest rodeo, riding our animals with the utmost respect.

Cowboys who can teach the world SO MUCH about integrity, honesty, respect, and politeness.

Chuck wagons thrill audiences every night as they come thundering down the home stretch.

Kids grow up betting quarters on the winners, then carry on that tradition with their own kids.

Nine heats followed by a spectacular outdoor stage performance that rivals any show in Los Vegas.

With the thrilling conclusion each night being the fireworks spectacular.

The Stampede Showband, The Outriders, Harry the Horse, our crowned Stampede Queen and Princesses, the Indian Princess, Young Canadians – all competing and practicing year-round for the crowning glory of our ten days.

Thousands of volunteers who are the heroes of the Stampede – many using their annual vacation time to proudly share our western hospitality with over one million visitors.

Scary rides, fun rides, kids rides, skilled games, games of luck, and games of chance.  
Culinary delights of corn dogs, ice cream, elephant ears, and the annual growing menu of deep-fried anything.  
Markets and vendors selling products and services, artisans proudly showcasing and selling their craft.  
Spectacular western art on display in the Western Oasis, cooking demonstrations, and even dog shows.  
She is Calgary's economic generator, responsible for \$540 million every year to our little city.  
Taxi and uber drivers who have seen the best in people and... well... sometimes the worst if they stayed a little too long at the hoedown.  
Nashville North's beer gardens that entertain and rescue thirsty cowboys and cowgirls.  
World famous western performers who, for a night, call the Saddledome home.  
But to us, the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, she is not just a partner.  
The Calgary Stampede is our "Service Above Self" partner.  
For 11 nights and 10 days, the Rotary Dream home is *our* Dream.  
We gather as a family to fill thousands of shifts in our labour of love, love that breathes life into our community.  
But just as we are seeing all over the world, necessity is the mother of invention.  
Creativity and ingenuity is the karma against Covid-19.  
The loss of our partner for a year does not mean the loss of "Service above Self".  
It means we find new ways to keep our promise to our community.  
If anyone can do that, our Rotary club that proudly carries the name of our partner can.  
For the first time since 1977, our means of raising funds will look different.  
But our hearts, determination, and commitment will not.  
We have all done the right thing, and as much as it hurts to sideline a year,  
Imagine what the "Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth" will be in 2021.  
She survived the Second World War, the Great Depression, and Calgary's 2013 Flood in late June,  
But COVID -19 was bigger than the Calgary Stampede could have ever thought possible.  
So here's to 2020, the year of No Stampede - we will celebrate and dress western the way we always do.  
We will raise a glass of Budweiser to our partner who makes our city famous, and our community stronger.  
We will thank the Stampede Board and management who have wrestled down the toughest steer they've known.  
We will cheer on the thousands of volunteers who feel an even larger isolation in their life than Covid-19.  
We will honour the athletes – two-legged and four-legged – who will wait an entire year to compete.  
And to us – the Rotarians of our club - we will roll up our sleeves and get 'er done this year like we always do.  
Here's to the Calgary Stampede. Our partner. Our friend. Our Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth.

**Corinne Wilkinson**  
**White Hat Hospitality**





**Hello everyone:**

The Executive Committee had a zoom meeting on April 13th and a motion was made to have me stay in the position as President instead of operating as a Modified Board for the upcoming year as I was not able to complete a full year due to the outbreak of the virus. I am happy to serve for another year!

Karen Gallagher-Burt has decided to step away from the Executive Board as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President. After a lengthy discussion about the guidelines and timeline, she realized that she is unable to give the appropriate time commitment that this position needs and deserves.

Rhonda Yaskowich had agreed to come in as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President but has since stepped up and will be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President! I am very happy to have her on board and know she will be a great asset. With this decision, I am now looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. We can operate with this position not being filled but it is not what any of us prefer. Please contact me if you would like to discuss joining us.

Kelly Brittain is staying on as Secretary and Donna Mintz as Social Chair. Susan Brick is joining the Board as the Executive Advisor and we are honored to have her with us.

Karen Grant has agreed to stay on as Treasurer and Past President. Karen gives more than 100% to the Partners Club and is personally one of the greatest ladies that I know. She is my mentor and my dear friend.

I am still looking for people to be on the Family Bereavement Assistance Committee. This does not require contacting the family. The Committee members would share duties required if the family uses our services.

Maureen Watson would like to step away from being Chair of "Lunch Bunch" if anyone would like to take that over. It's a good way to get involved. If you and another Partner would like to share it, that is an option as well. Please contact me.

I wish you all the very best. Stay safe, happy and healthy.

**Denise MacLeod,  
Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park Partners President**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>- WE WILL CONTINUE TO UPDATE YOU AS THINGS EVOLVE -</b>		
April 30	WINE CLUB MEETING BY ZOOM: Brett Albers/CareyAnn Ramsey	ONLINE
May 7	ZOOM MEETING: Stuart Cullum: Olds College	ONLINE MEETING
May 14	ZOOM MEETING: To Be Determined	ONLINE MEETING
May 21	ZOOM MEETING: Rotary Peace Park Presentation	ONLINE MEETING
May 28	ZOOM MEETING: TBA	ONLINE MEETING
June 4	ZOOM MEETING: TBA	ONLINE MEETING
June 11	ZOOM MEETING: TBA	U of C
June 18	Annual Charity Day Presentations	Rotary House?
June 25	Changing of the Guard, Large Grants and WCS	Rotary House?
July 2	ZOOM MEETING: Canada Day Celebration	
July 9	ZOOM MEETING: Stampede Spirit: Celebration of Cowgirls	
July 16	ZOOM MEETING: Inaugural Address	
July 23	TBA	
July 31	TBA	

## RCCSP 2019 2020 Officers and Directors

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**Community Service Ways and Means**  
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