

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the April 30th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Gordon Weicker, and I am honored to be your President for 2025/2026.

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

Head Table (L-R): Jim Hutchens, Wendy Giuffre, Shondell Sabad, Gordon Weicker, Sat Parhar, Catherine Brownlee



**Presentation:
April 30th
Sat Parhar**

**May 14th
International
Service Grants
Committee**

**Next Week:
May 7th
WA Ranches**

Click [HERE](#) to register for upcoming Meetings.

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

Today's Meeting: David Field introduced our guests, followed by the welcome song....

Blake Pelham was our Sgt@Arms. **Blake** runs a humorous meeting with playful fines for rule-breaking and participation, while encouraging better registration. The session focuses on city landmarks and “deceptions,” using trivia questions. Key examples include the Calgary Tower, whose height was understated during construction to mislead competitors, and a Heritage Park locomotive that was repainted to appear as a different engine. **Blake** ends with lighthearted recognition of a member involved in preserving a locomotive, along with more joking fines.

Jim Hutchens highlights the organization’s commitment to supporting disadvantaged youth through YouthLink. In 2025, a \$40,000 grant was given to Youth Centres of Calgary to build a sports shack. **Jim** shared a video introducing the impact, focusing on kids’ confidence, enthusiasm, and sense of purpose, and illustrating the positive difference in the community.

Wendy Giuffre talked to us about the upcoming Business Club Meeting on May 12th more information on the following pages.

Jim Bladon promotes the upcoming Calgary Stampede, highlighting its entertainment and the Stampede lottery. He explains that Rotary shift registration opens May 6 and asks members to sign up, choose roles, and coordinate schedules. He emphasizes that ticket sales support community causes, noting a \$42,000 donation to Hull Services to improve safety for vulnerable children and staff, and encourages strong participation in 2026.

Catherine Brownlee introduces guest speaker Sat Parhar, highlighting his distinguished career with the Calgary Police Service, where he rose from constable to deputy chief. She outlines his broad experience across patrol, investigations, intelligence, and human resources, along with his leadership in community policing. Now serving as chief of the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service, Parhar is recognized for his leadership, continuous learning, and dedication to public safety, and is invited to share insights on leadership and the future of policing.

Sat Parhar, Chief of the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service, speaks about the transformation and future direction of policing in Alberta.

He describes the agency’s evolution into a broader, more flexible policing body designed to support—not replace—existing partners like the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and municipal services. His focus is on building a system that is more affordable for taxpayers while improving consistency and access to policing, especially in rural and underserved communities.

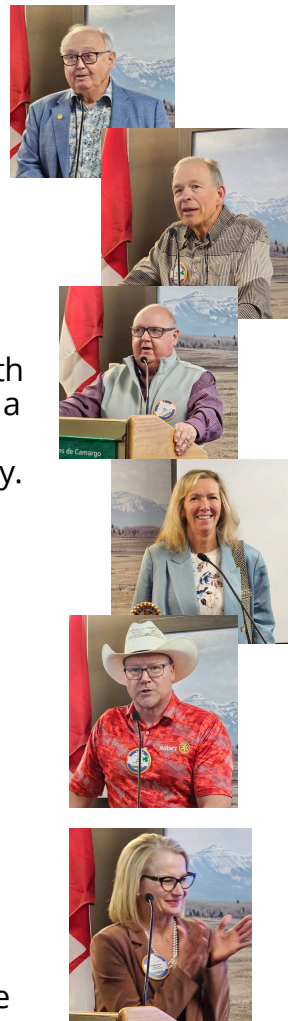
Parhar stresses that modern policing must go beyond enforcement alone. He highlights the importance of working alongside health, education, and social service providers to address root causes such as mental health challenges, addiction, homelessness, and youth vulnerability. He also emphasizes early intervention, particularly in schools, as a long-term investment in community safety.

A major theme of his remarks is partnership—coordinating across agencies rather than working in isolation. He also underscores the need for strong training, professional standards, and safeguards to ensure integrity and independence from political influence.

He concludes by emphasizing adaptability: recognizing that different communities across Alberta have different needs, and policing must be flexible enough to respond appropriately while maintaining public trust and safety.

Shondell Sabad thanks the guest speaker, Sat Parhar and the audience for their engagement, noting the strong community turnout and discussion.

He highlights appreciation for the presentation, acknowledges ongoing interest and unanswered questions, and reinforces the value of having the speaker return in the future to continue the conversation. Shondell thanked Sat Parhar and announced that we will be making a \$100 donation to CRCF in his name.



Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

Announcements

Health & Wellness

Justina Penner celebrated her 100th birthday on April 29th. The Partners honoured her at their Spring Luncheon, and celebrations continue this weekend as her family gathers in Calgary.

Murray Flagel remains in South Health Campus, where he reports he is making progress on his recovery. He welcomes phone calls and visits. If you want to visit, please call Murray's cell phone beforehand.

Dahlia Mostafa has renewed her membership, but ongoing health issues are keeping her close to home at this time.

Seems to be the season for broken bones ... Jane Topp and Mary McGee have an arm in a cast as a result of recent falls.

Do You Like Giving Wine Away?
OK – A Rephrase.

Do You Like Giving Wine Away for 3 Great Causes?

The Rotary Partners are excited to initiate a new way to help raise funds for the Kids At Heart (KAH) Golf Classic in support of three great community charities: Firefighters Burn Treatment Society, CP Kids & Families, and Calgary Counselling Centre. The Partners volunteer extensively on tournament day, but this is a way Partners can contribute financially – and it's so fun!

Partners have been invited to donate a bottle of wine that will be wrapped and sold at the KAH Leader Event on May 21. It's not a raffle. It's not an auction. It's the good old-fashioned "grab bag" for \$25, and inside will be a lovely bottle of wine.

The Partners are organizing this: collecting wine, wrapping, decorating, and selling each wrapped bottle for \$25. This is an important evening for KAH, and Partners would like to contribute. As a new fundraiser, the sales are matched 100% by a donor, and all proceeds go directly to the charities.

If you have a spouse in Partners, please don't worry about donating – Partners are not trying to "double dip" ☐. But if you don't, we didn't want to leave you out if you'd like to participate. You can bring wine to a Thursday meeting, or I can pick it up from you. For the next 2 Thursdays, please give Your wine to **Sharyl Madigan**.

Some of you may remember my "ungraceful" setup of a wine tree at a Rotary Stay in School auction. My strong metal tree collapsed. Only a few bottles were lost after several of us performed Olympic-worthy gymnastics to avoid every bottle hitting the ground. It was a scene! Trust me, this is a MUCH safer, more affordable, and more enjoyable way to "get involved with wine".

Thank you for reading about this Rotary Partner project!

Corinne Wilkinson

Announcements

Dear Friends, You're invited to another fun and informative evening with fellow members, hosted by **Lisa Maragh** of Your Senior's Concierge, from 6 to 8 pm on Tuesday, May 12th. Join us at The Edward at 3023 16th St SW.

Lisa will be discussing Empowering Seniors Through Life's Transitions.

We'll hear **Lisa's** story, get a chance to see The Edward space, and experience a potential living option firsthand! As always, we'll enjoy networking time along with snacks and refreshments.

Register at <https://rotarystampedepark.com/>



ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK BUSINESS CLUB MEETING



Empowering Seniors Through Life's Transitions Networking & Refreshments to follow



6:00 to 8:00pm

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Join us at: The Edward
3023 16 St SW



Get your \$20 tickets by May 8th at:
rotarystampedepark.com

Rotary



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park

Wonderful Fun and Fellowship for All to Enjoy!

2026 Invermere Golf & Social Weekend

June 5th, 6th and 7th

At the Newly Renovated Copper Point Golf Club

Save the date and start planning now!

Friday, June 5th

Golf on The Point

9 Holes

\$65 Including Cart

Dinner Welcome Cocktail Party Reception 6:00 PM

Beef burger with choice of
salad or fries **\$28**

or

Chicken burger with choice of
salad or fries **\$28**

Saturday, June 6th

Golf on The Ridge

18 Holes

\$100 Including Cart

*Afternoon shopping and sightseeing option
for those not golfing is a big hit for your
consideration.*

Evening Dinner Reception 6:00 PM

3 Course Plated Dinner with choice of
Chicken, Fish, or Steak **\$40-48**

Sunday, June 7th

Hosted Brunch at Austin's Cabin

With all the trimmings.
Fresh food, coffee, champagne
and orange juice, etc.

PRESIDENT GORD'S GALA

Dinner and Concert with Soprano Robyn Hauck



MAY 28 | 6:15 PM - 10:00PM
THE WAINWRIGHT HOTEL AT HERITAGE PARK
1900 HERITAGE DRIVE SW
COCKTAIL OR BUSINESS ATTIRE

Price: \$95 per person

KinFest

Music Festival

MILLARVILLE RACE TRACK ISLAND CAMPGROUND

June 19-21st 2026

CELEBRATING SUMMER SOLSTICE

15 BANDS!
CAMPING,
FOOD AND
MORE!

FATHER'S DAY
FREE PANCAKE
BREAKFAST
LIVE MUSIC!

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CALGARYKINSMEN.CA

Announcements

Ultimate Mountain Getaway Raffle **WIN THE ULTIMATE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ESCAPE**

The Experience

Morning walks along the river. Open roads through the mountains. Iconic bike rides through breathtaking landscapes. Evenings in a quiet alpine setting. This isn't just a getaway — it's a story waiting to be lived.

What You Win

- ✓ One-week stay in a private Canmore home
- ✓ Two-week use of a Lexus GX 550
- ✓ Unforgettable access to the Canadian Rockies

♥ In Support Of

Rotary Kids at Heart

Every ticket purchased helps support children and families in our community.



Get Your Tickets

One ticket \$50.00

Three Tickets for \$100

Draw May 21, 2026 7:30 pm

Your Private Canmore Retreat

Tucked into the trees on a sunny southwest corner lot, this warm and inviting South Canmore home captures the essence of mountain living. Thoughtfully renovated to offer modern comfort while preserving its alpine character, the three-bedroom, three-bathroom home features open beam ceilings and a timeless, rustic ambiance. Expansive outdoor spaces — including a wraparound main floor deck and two private upper balconies — invite you to fully embrace the beauty of the surroundings. Ideally located, this home offers immediate access to Canmore's renowned trail system, parks, and pathways, and is just a short stroll to Main Street and the Bow River. From local cafés and restaurants to galleries, festivals, and mountain adventures — everything that makes Canmore special is right at your doorstep.

Your Luxury Driving Experience

Experience the all-new 2026 Lexus GX 550. One of the most in-demand luxury SUVs today, the GX 550 has quickly become one of the hardest vehicles to acquire, with waitlists stretching years — making this a truly rare opportunity. Boldly redesigned, it combines refined luxury with true capability. Whether cruising through Canmore or exploring the winding roads of Banff and Kananaskis, every drive becomes part of the experience. 🏔️ Your Two-Week

Rocky Mountain Escape

This exclusive package brings together the best of relaxation and adventure. Spend one week unwinding in your private South Canmore retreat — enjoying peaceful mornings by the Bow River, scenic walks, and the charm of downtown just steps away. Then, take full advantage of your second week behind the wheel of the GX 550, exploring some of the most breathtaking landscapes in the world — from Banff to Lake Louise and beyond. License #777211

Full Details and ticket purchases at:

[Ultimate Rocky Mountain Escape | Rafflebox DRIVE FOR FIVE](#)

Double the Impact. Double the Healing. Double the Hope.
The DRIVE FOR FIVE continues with this new raffle,

A generous anonymous community leader will MATCH every NEW and INCREASED sponsorship dollar raised up to \$100,000.

That means when we push beyond last year's total, your support doesn't just help — it doubles.

Your Sponsorship Makes Possible:

Life-changing youth mental health counselling.
Recovery and healing for young burn survivors.
Mobility programs that transform a child's daily life.

This is not a hard ask. It is a heartfelt invitation.

An invitation to stand with us. To lead with purpose. To demonstrate that when business leaders lead with heart, communities grow stronger.

In our **Drive for Five**, every new dollar carries twice the impact. Twice the healing. Twice the hope. Let's drive this across the finish line — together. With your sponsorship. With your donation. With your leadership.

Sponsorship Packages information is available on the website

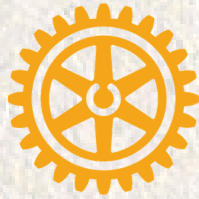
[Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park – Event Ordering Page](#)

Let's Drive for Five — and make it count.

Contact: Sjoert Zuidhof, Chair: Sharyl Madigan, Co-Chair: Kim Hickson, Sponsorship

Rotary

Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



Closing:

Next week: May 7th - WA Ranches (OFF SITE - No walk-ins)

The week following: May 14th - International Service Grants Committee

Thought of the day!

The greatest compliment you ever receive from another person is that you made a positive impact on their life.

*Please think about this as we
"Unite for Good!"*

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

[Facebook](#)

[Linkedin](#)

[Instagram](#)

Calendar

APRIL

April 2nd - Grants & Endowments

April 9th - Jessica Janzen

April 16th - Destiny Whitney, General Manager of the 7 Chiefs Sportsplex on the Tsuut'ina Nation.

April 23rd - Alex Fitzowich

April 30th - Police Chief of the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	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

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May 7th - WA Ranches (**Off Site**)

May 14th - International Service Grants Committee

May 21st - Annual Stay in School Scholarship

May 28th - Presidents' Social (**Off-site**)



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	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
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

DATES TO REMEMBER - SAVE THESE!!

April 8th - International dinner

April 19th - Feed The Hungry

April 24th - "The Barber of Seville" Opera

May 8th - International Dinner

May 1,2 3 - District Conference

May 11th - Fireside

May 28th - Presidents Gala

June 5, 6, 7 - Invermere Golf Weekend

June 12th International Dinner

June 21st - Okotoks Dawgs

July 2nd - Dream Home Kick off party