



RCCSP Weekly Bulletin April 6th, 2023 Volume Number 68, Issue Number 36

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Welcome to the March 6th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

Head Table: PP Terry Allen, Catherine Brownlee, New Member Cathie Saroka, President Jim Fitzowich, Norm Rose and Joe Connely



President Jim Fitzowich

This weekend is the Easter weekend, but my opening comments are not about Easter, but the end of the Rotary Curling season. I am pleased to make the following announcements and curling trophy acknowledgements.

“C” Event (Calgary league) – Skip Mark Ambrose, Tory Fredeen, Donna Kennedy and Carmen Toole. Mark Brings Trophy to front.

“B” Event (Provincials) – Skip Larry Kennedy, Mark Ambrose, Dale Shurvell, Donna Kennedy. Larry Brings Trophy forward.

“B” Event (Calgary League) - Skips Doug Hood and Art Sumner, Roger Sonntag, Jim Fitzowich, and Greg Smyth. Greg brings trophy forward.

“A” Event (Calgary League) – Skip Al Johnson, Penny Leckie, Jim Bladon and Dale Strukness. Al brings trophy forward. This concludes the Club’s Curling “Hat Trick” +1 for the year.



Please join **Glen Potter** and me for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.





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Announcements:

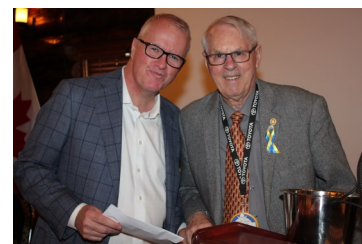
Visitors and Guests: **Greg Smyth** welcomed all guests and they stood as we provided a loud rendition of our Welcome Song!



Health and Wellness: President Jim reported that **Brenda McKinley** advises all is well with the Club. Great news! Health and Wellness contact for April is ; **Brenda McKinley** Tel 403 870 4292
Email: b-mckinley@hotmail.com

50/50 Draw: Michael Zackarki

Michael asked New Member Cathie Saroka to pull the winning number. **Todd Richardson** kindly donated his winning of \$155 to the Ukrainian fund.



New Members Event: Norm Rose



Norm first acknowledged the work of **Darlene Switzer-Foster**, **Todd** and **Natasha Richardson** and **Dale Struksnes** in preparing for this event. The date is April 21 from 7-10 pm at the Lexus Royal Oak.

Lexus Canada is sharing in half the costs. The price per ticket is \$49.95 and the theme is "Wine, Wheels and Jazz". There will be no auction items. Come to enjoy the fellowship, the music and a closeup of the 2023 models. Registration closes on April 17, 2023. **See page 9.**

Invermere Golf and Social Weekend - Mark Ambrose: The first weekend in June, in Invermere. More details to follow.

JWD Event:

Lisa Van-Hemert (Greg Martin's Daughter) from the Downtown Club spoke today, reminding us of the JWD Event happening April 25th. **See page 8**

Rotary Employment Partnership—Inclusion Alberta

Spring Newsletter

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Member Survey

Dear members of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park – we want your feedback on our Club! **President Elect Bryan Walton** would like you to complete this short survey to provide the 2023-24 Board with some guidance in planning and executing the initiatives of our Club.

The survey is only a few questions and there is ample room to provide comments which you are encouraged to offer. We would like all responses submitted by **May 31** so we can have time to assemble the results which will be presented to the Club thereafter. Thank you for your participation as strive to keep this the best Club in Rotary.

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New Member Induction: Cathie Saroka

Catherine Brownlee:

Cathie Saroka is a passionate and thoughtful leader who led her family's business, Goldray Glass, to be one of the most well known and respected architectural glass companies in North America. As Goldray moves into an exciting new future with the next generation of leaders, she has taken on her final role in the company as Executive Chair, advising the team on strategy and organizational development. Cathie's ability to lead an organization that focuses on business results combined with her experience in building a strong and vibrant culture, led her to create her own consulting company. As founder and president of TMWRK Consulting Ltd., Cathie helps executives and managers lead their teams to create functional and highly productive work environments.



Cathie also has a passion for people and supporting communities. As Managing Director of M+D Global Trading Ltd., her talents are directed at supporting the healthcare community in the Cayman Islands with high quality medical supplies. Partnering with the best manufacturers and importing to the islands allows the team at M + D to offer the best products and unparalleled service. Cathie's academic accomplishments include an MBA from the University of Calgary with a focus on Corporate Strategy and Entrepreneurship, certificates in Corporate Governance for SME's from the University of Alberta, and Marketing Strategy from Cornell University. Cathie is also passionate about her family and grand babies. She loves music and dancing and is particularly interested in learning the drums. You will find her on the dance floor or on the stage with the band. She loves it all!



Past President Terry Allen:

President Jim, guests and fellow club members. It's my pleasure to induct **Cathie Saroka** as the newest member of our Rotary Club.

Cathie. I know the membership committee has met with you and carefully explained the expectations for membership in our club including attendance and participation in the club's programs. Today you join a Service Club that has over 1.4 million mem-

bers in 46,000 Clubs around the world whose mission is to provide Service to others ;Promote Integrity; Advance world understanding; and Goodwill and Peace through your fellowship in business and as community leaders.

The members of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park are pleased that you have made the decision to join Rotary and in particular to join our Club. During your time in Rotary you will have opportunities to visit other clubs and each of them has many unique aspects to its culture and membership but there are also those aspects that bind them together. The Four Way Test is one of those encompassing aspects and we urge all members to use the test in their daily lives.

In all the things we say and do:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?



New Member Induction - Continued

The Rotary motto – Service Above Self – is self explanatory. We come together to combine our individual resources and talents to help build and improve local and international communities. Our Rotary Club has been doing this since 1955 in a variety of ways and President Jim, will ask you to participate as a member in a few committees, all of which will give you the opportunity to further your service to the community and help to raise funds to further the work of our Club and Rotary International. When I joined rotary in 1990, I didn't know many people in this room but now they have become acquaintance and friends. As you become involved in the work of the club and our club meetings you will also meet new friends. That is one of the reasons I would encourage you to attend our club meetings on a regular basis Attendance is an important component of Rotary membership However you also have the opportunity to visit other clubs as a guest in order to do a "make Up", in this way you learn about other clubs projects.

Cathie , as I noted earlier, the members of this club welcome you. I hope that the fellowship which you will experience will play an important part in your life and enjoyment of Rotary. Take advantage of the opportunities presented by membership in Rotary and embrace with enthusiasm the committee roles that you will be involved in as well as the many social activities available within our Club. It is my hope that you will get as much personal satisfaction from your membership in rotary as I have had during my tenure. Cathie President Jim will now present you with your Rotary Pin. Members please welcome **Cathie Saroka** to the membership of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.



Main Speaker - Rotary Profile - Don Taylor

Past President **Sherry Austin** - **Don Taylor** Introduction:

What a tremendous honour to have been asked by Don to introduce his Profile. There is so much to be said about this wonderful man, but I must be very careful that I do not replicate what is going to be in his video. We all know Don as this humble caring person who is so welcoming. However, there lurks within this man a fierce and dynamic spirit that is committed to whatever he undertakes and sees it through to the end. Don has served on many committees in this Club since joining in 1990 with his favorite being the World Community Services Committee which he chaired for several years. The Greeter's Committee is also near the top as he believes it is essential for all of us, especially our new members, to get to know one another.





Main Speaker - Rotary Profile - Don Taylor - Continued

Don applied his considerable executive expertise to the District. Beginning in 2013 he served on the District Grants Committee and served as Chair for years after at a time when major policy changes came through from TRF (The Rotary Foundation). This was also the time when the huge Mahood Estate funds started flowing quadrupling available funds. This was already the toughest job at the District level as there was always some kind of controversy when money was involved. Now, it was really tough. Qualification criteria were an issue with RI and the District have opposing views. Using his superior leadership skills, Don led the Clubs and District through this challenging period. This is a fascinating story for another time.



Then it was off to serve as the District Foundation Chair when a surprising conflict became apparent – who controls the Foundation? TRF does not report to RI, they are two separate organizations, and one must tread carefully through the politics. Don is a master of collaboration but knows when to apply a firm hand. Women, we owe Don a debt of gratitude as he and Neil Magee were huge proponents for integrating women into our Club. Yet another story for another day. As an avid supporter of all things Rotary, he has attended eight international conventions and numerous district conferences. He has twice served on our Board. His generosity is amazing. He is a +8 Paul Harris Fellow and a regular contributor to CRCF and TRF. He believes in supporting youth and has hosted an exchange student from Australia, mentored his SIS student for 13 years and counting, and mentored a Rotaract student from U of C. He believes our new Rotarians bring much to the table with new ideas and approaches that enables our Club to improve with the times. Our specific focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is something Don wholeheartedly endorses. In closing, Don is loving and kind and wears the Four Way Test as a testament to all he does. I feel most fortunate to have walked through his life. To have a friend like Don is to have a beautiful relationship that transcends time. One knows he will always be there for you. Always, with that special twinkle in his eye.

With love and admiration, Sherry.

Don thanked the Club for this honour.

To watch the Rotary Profile click [here](#)





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THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/aJ0AbzkSZjM>

In Closing:

Next week's Meeting: Will be a visit from Alberta Premier Danielle Smith.

The doors will open at 11am, and the Premier will be available for Q&A until 1:45pm.

As tomorrow is a Stat Holiday, Registration deadline is this afternoon at 3pm, so please register right after this meeting if you have not already done so. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

Final words:

Thoughts for the coming week are from Helen Keller:

"Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light."

And with that, our meeting is adjourned.

Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week!

Registration is closed for next week. See you then!

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.



Are you going to the 2023 Rotary International Convention? This time in Melbourne, Australia! If you are planning to go please let me (admin@rotarycs.org) know so I can update the names on our Website. <https://rotarycs.org/page/who-s-going-to-the-convention/> As well as the District Convention in Lethbridge.



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY !!!

Volunteers are required to build Good Food Boxes.

April 17th, 2023 - 5-8pm Monday evening shift

June 6th, 2023- 1-3pm Tuesday shift (usually a daytime shift but I could make this an evening shift starting at 5PM)

Email Earl or Ken to sign up for a shift.

Earl Huson (403) 686-0828/ ehuslink@telusplanet.net Ken Farn: (403) 560-6770/ kgfarn@telusplant.net **EARL AND KEN REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!! THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!!!**



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HYGIENE KITS FOR THE CALGARY DREAM CENTRE

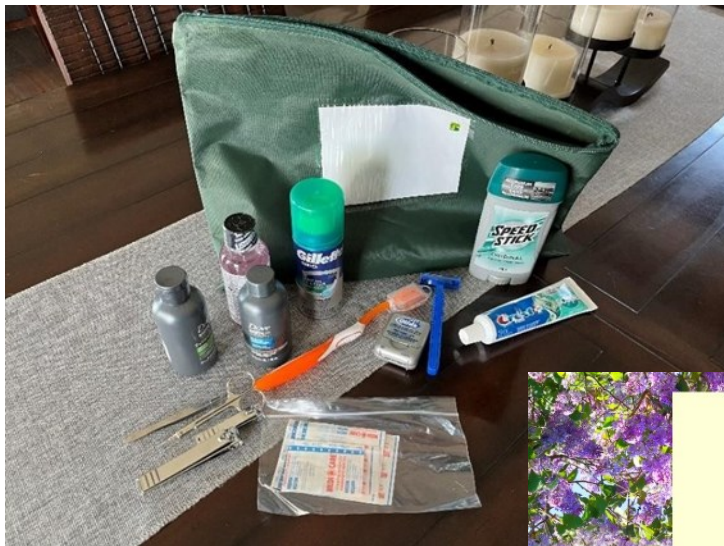
The Executive Board purchased and put together 140 kits for residents at the Calgary Dream Centre with proceeds from the 2021 Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Winnings.

The Calgary Dream Centre has helped over 8000 men who have struggled to overcome addiction and homelessness since they opened their doors. They believe in the power of restoration.

Each kit contains a toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, razor, shaving cream, deodorant, mouthwash, nail clipper set, shampoo, body wash and a small package of band aids. The bags have a space for each individual to write their name.

When I delivered the bags, a group of individuals saw them and were so grateful and appreciative that we were giving them something to have as their own. Seeing that impact reinforced the good we are putting out there in the community.

Thank you to Rotarians and Rotary Partners for all their contributions to the Food Bank that make it possible for us to achieve this goal.



Submitted by Denise MacLeod

SPRING BRUNCH INVITE



You're Invited

Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park

"Spring Brunch"

May 2, 2023

Registration Starts 10:00am

The Glencoe Club , 636 -29 Avenue SW

Cost \$35.00 per person

Please feel free to bring a Guest.

Confirm your attendance to:
 Karen Grant NO LATER THAN April 24, 2023.
partners@rotarycs.org or 403 239 8987
 Payment via e-transfer to:
 Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park
partners@rotarycs.org
 Payment by cheque. Made out to:
 Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park
 Mail cheque to: 3927 Vancouver Crescent NW,
 Calgary, AB T3A 0M2
 Attention Karen Grant
 or pay CASH at the Door
 Any Food Allergies contact Kerry Stack
 403 256 7201 or kerrystack@gmail.com

50/50 Draw

Jewellery Raffle

Door Prizes

Ticket Auction



WATER CHANGES EVERYTHING

Lisa Van-Hemert (Greg Martin's Daughter) from the Downtown Club spoke today, reminding us of the JWD Event happening April 25th. See details below

Apr 25, 2023 11:45 AM - 2nd Annual James Wheeler Davidson Luncheon (JWD)—**Downtown Rotary Club (optional)**



We celebrate the legacy of James Wheeler Davidson by focusing on the impact of clean water and sanitation projects around the world.

Without JWD's persistence and diplomacy where would we be as an international organization? Many of the clubs in our district partner with Rotary and organizations such as CAWST to provide the education and services needed to provide a basic human right: clean water.

Join us as we connect learn and grow in celebration of JWD and all the WASH (Water and Sanitation and Hygiene) projects we've run Internationally. Get your tickets [here](#)

Let's Get Larry Kwong Into the Hockey Hall of Fame!

Please sign the petition "**Induct Larry Kwong into the Hockey Hall of Fame #ITSLARRYSTURN**" The goal is to reach 10,000 signatures and we need your support. You can read more and sign the petition here: <https://chnng.it/2xfDKTtJR4>



Tomato Guy - Dave Read has tomato plants ready for pick-up end of March. Please phone or text if you are interested. Limited number available. Thank you.

Cell 403-921-5856
Home 403-271-5856





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ROTARY STAMPEDE PARK

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A
NEW MEMBERS EVENING OF

WINE WHEELS & JAZZ



APRIL 21 | 7:00PM-10:30PM |
7677 112 AVE NW |
COCKTAIL ATTIRE |



LEXUS OF ROYAL OAK

You are invited to attend our New Members Event "Wine Wheels and Jazz" April 21 from 7 to 10:30 pm at Lexus of Royal Oak.

Special thanks to Todd and Natasha Richardson for hosting us in their beautiful Lexus showroom and to **Lexus Canada** for sharing in 1/2 the costs!!! This means you are getting a great deal at **\$49.95 pp!** Once you get your registration done, there will be no further costs... in other words, "Leave your wallet at home!!"

Remember-**NO REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 20** - this event takes the place of our regular lunch. Register now: www.rotarystampedepark.com it is only \$49.95pp!! **Registration closes on April 17**

Check out our You Tube video!! <https://youtu.be/xriwoE0R-Y>

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Calendar of Events

April 13th: Premier of Alberta - Danielle Smith
Meeting has been moved back to Rotary House
Parking is \$15 unless you have a pass.



April 20th: **No Meeting** in lieu of New Member Event on April 21st.



April 21st: New Member Event. Get your tickets today at;
<https://rotarystampedepark.com/product/rccsp-new-member-event-april-21st-new-member-event-lexus-royal-oak/>



April 27th: Calgary Foundation - Eve Friesen CEO



District 5360 Convention in Lethbridge - May 5th and 6th

