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Welcome to the April 4th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, Craig Stokke

As some of you know, **Michael Chiasson** stepped up on short notice to speak with us today. Thank you Michael. I have heard some of your Podcasts and I know Stan was really hoping to fit you in our schedule so I am so happy it worked out. I am very much looking forward to hearing you in person.

Now, I have no doubt our scheduled speaker had a very good reason for having to reschedule, but it made me think... over the years I have come up with a few brilliant excuses to get out of things. And I'd like to share some of my better ones with you today. First of all, I strongly advise you stay away from the old "My Grandma died" or "I'm having car trouble" lines. These ones have been worked to death, plus you'll be screwed when your Grandma really dies, or if they offer to pick you up. Instead here are a few of my gems. Feel free to use them if you need to get out of something: In no particular order:

#1 EXCUSE: "My dog just threw up, I think I need to stay home and make sure they're ok".

This one works great on a number of levels. First, you won't have to explain if you looked fine yesterday or they see you snow boarding tomorrow. Plus, you have the added benefit of being commended for being an "incredible fur baby parent".

#2 EXCUSE: "The Doctor just called and he needs me to go in to get some test results, I'm a bit worried, I will text you later..."

The next day you tell them it was a vitamin B-12 deficiency. This one is failsafe.

#3 EXCUSE: "I have some personal family issues happening at the moment".

No questions will be asked.

#4 EXCUSE: "I pulled my calf muscle this morning (at the gym, at spin class, running, playing football, whatever...)"

They will be totally impressed and inspired with your motivation!

#5 EXCUSE: "Sorry, I must have eaten something bad, I have an upset stomach so I haven't been able to stray too far"

Trust me, no questions will be asked because no one wants additional info.

So remember, if you ever need to get out of something, and you'd like my help, feel free to reach out. I'd be happy to assist. Please join me for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.



HEAD TABLE: Past President Earl Huson (joined the Club in 1998), Club Secretary Lu-anne Whitmarsh (2011), Sjoert Zuidhof (newest transfer), Stan Cichon (1988), Michael Chiasson (Guest Speaker and President Craig Stokke (2008)



GUESTS: Blake Pelham introduced our guests (12 in total this week). **President Craig:** I would like to extend a huge welcome to everyone in person and on Zoom! Let's sing the "**Welcome Song**"



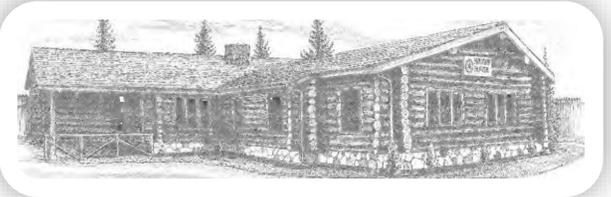
UKRAINE DISASTER RELIEF: Don Taylor informs me that the Club has really stepped up with our financial support of the Ukraine crisis. Thank you.

I would also like to remind you that there is still an opportunity to take advantage of the **Richardson Family's \$100,000 matching grant to Rotary Disaster Relief Fund**. This generous donation is made in loving honour of Jeanette's father, mother and brother (William, Mary & Emil Romanchuk) who immigrated from the Ukraine in the 1930's. This is a terrible humanitarian event and any assistance is much appreciated

50/50 DRAW: Michel Zacharki: awarded \$ 150. to **Bryan Walton** who donated the money back to the Club.



TOMATO PLANTS: Dave Read has asked me to announce he has 100 tomato plants to give away. Please call, text or email Dave to arrange pick up. Some plants are in flower and some are in fruit stage. **Thank you Dave.**



DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Terry Allen encouraged everyone to consider attending the conference.



LORNA HAMM: I have some exciting news I would like to share. I read in an industry publication that the Canadian Real Estate Association has named **Lorna Hamm** as the recipient of the Canadian REALTORS Care® Award 2022. This is a national award. Lorna was one of 47 nominees from all across Canada. And in Lorna's honour, the Canadian Real Estate Association has donated \$5,000 to the Children's Hospital Aid Society on her behalf. Congratulations Lorna.

NEW MEMBER TRANSFER: Luanne Whitmarsh: introduce our newest member **Sjoert Zuidhof**

Sjoert Zuidhof was born in the Netherlands and has been a Rotarian since November 1, 1988. He has been a member in several clubs as he has moved several times over the last 30 years. He is happily married to Ingrid, a retired social worker, and they have two children and 5 grandchildren and their daughter is expecting grandchild number 6 in the beginning of May.



Sjoert has enjoyed being active as a Rotarian and has held several positions, including President. Currently he is involved in the District with the Foundation looking after endowments, the Paul Harris Society, and benefactors and he is working with our Jamie Moorhouse in this capacity. Sjoert is a veterinarian by trade, mainly focused in dairy farming and he has continued his education in that field after graduation. He is certified in Dairy Herd Management with The University of Guelph and has a MBA in agriculture.



SJOERT ZUIDHOF

He has worked at the University of Utrecht in Holland, practiced veterinary medicine in Vegreville and Picture Butte, worked in the animal Health Industry and is now consulting on a part time basis with a few companies. He continues to be active in his professional associations and have been a Board member in a few of them. He is excited to become a member of our Club and is looking forward to get to know us all.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS: No news is good news?

SONGS AND STUNTS: Debbie and Darlene Whitmore led us in the old British Folk song "What Shall we do with the Drunken Sailor". Deb and Darlene "dressed up" complete with caps and led the two sides of the club in the refrains and verses of the songs. At the end Deb asked, "who knows what a scupper is? Only one person knew, so everyone was asked to contribute \$2 to the pot. Great participation by all!



NEXT WEEK'S MEETING: We are back at Rotary House. **Our speaker is Dr. Tyler Williamson, Associate Director for the Centre for Health Informatics providing us with an update.** This should be yet another great meeting. If you have a friend or Rotarian from another club who may be interested please consider inviting them to our meeting. Please remember to register online for a meal by tomorrow am at 9:00 am. We will have sandwiches available until they are sold out. Thank you



LUNCH AT ROTARY HOUSE ON APRIL 14TH (program change)

Dr. Tyler Williamson, Associate Director: Centre for Health Informatics Update

Please go to: www.rotarystampedepark.com and register in advance

Please contact Kathyann Reginato if you would like a username and password to do so

Final words: As always, I finish by encouraging you to ask yourself:

**What do you need from our Rotary Club this Week?
What does our Club and Community need from you this week?**

And with that, our meeting is adjourned Thank you for coming. Have a great week!

MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/9XGwdHoKx0o>



MICHAEL CHIASSON: CHIASSON GROUP: ACCESS 52

SPEAKER INTRODUCTION: Stan Cichon: I have two tasks to perform today. The first involves dealing with guilt money. Now some of us here today missed out not having a meal at last week's meeting even though we had pre-ordered the same. Our club administrator Kathyann with a slip of a typing finger ordered 19 meals when 29 were required...uh oh. She has fessed up to the mistake and has donated \$20.00 of her funds to the Sargent at arms tin. So here it is Kathyann and I am sure the Sargent thanks you. In the same vein I had confirmed with Rollie Cyr that he would be our guest speaker today. So because he cancelled two times and the last this past Monday afternoon here is my \$20. So my second task is on a positive note.



Ladies and gentlemen, it is with great personal appreciation that I am here to introduce Mr. Michael Chai-son . Michael ,as is his way when called upon, has stepped up to help others when they face some adversi-ty. He is no stranger to Rotary as he has shared his talents as a keynote presenter at numerous district RYLA conferences. He has also been invited to share his experiences with the Rotary club of Calgary West . Over the past 12 years he has spoken with over 350000 students .

Michael Chiasson is a speaker, musician, television host and author who has been inspiring people for over 20 years. His core message is to encourage people to get inspired and dream big. Michael convincingly communicates a message that is clear and transformational. He insists that regardless of position, age, background, or education, we each have a purpose in life that we need to discover and be intentional about achieving.

As the founder of The Chiasson Group and a Canadian registered charity (Access 52), he exudes an unpar-alleled passion for helping others on and off-stage. It is more than a career, it is his life's work. Fellow Rotarians and guests, will you please join with me in extending Michael a warm Rotary at Stampede Park welcome .

SPEAKER: Michael Chiasson began his talk with the fact that he felt privileged to be in a "room with leg-ends". He provided us with information about his own background. He grew up in Texas and had a mother who had a criminal history and that he had failed grade seven. This led him to talk about how one can turn possible failures into positive motivational forces.

He then focused on the story of Jason: A young boy who wanted to play on the school basketball team, but in grade ten "fear" kept him from trying out. Finally in grade twelve he overcame his fear, and went to the coach and asked to be part of the "try-outs". The coach discouraged him and Jason walked away, but then changed his mind and came back and indicated he could be part of the team by be- ing its manager. He pledged to be there day and night. The coach gave him the po- sition and Jason became a vital part of the team.



Michael played us a video of Jason's role and importance to the team. In the final game of the season, the coach allowed Jason to wear a "team jersey" and then inserted him into the lineup. Jason entered the game and his first shot was a "floater", he second just missed the rim HOWEVER on his third shot he sank a 3 pointer. He then went on to sink six more 3 pointers. The video then pointed out that Jason was "autistic". He was used to "feeling different", but his determination carried the day and he enjoyed a great deal of success as a "member of the team!"



MICHAEL CHIASSON: CHIASSON GROUP: ACCESS 52

Michael reflected on how life can throw you a few “curves” but it’s important to look to those who have gone before for a sense of purpose and motivation for the future. Even though his mother had left him, he always wanted to be married and he finally accomplished that goal and moved to Canada, where he’s been for the last sixteen years. Shortly after arriving his wife was diagnosed with cancer and he was quite frustrated because he “couldn’t fix her!” With treatment she recovered and now leads a very healthy life. Together they had to overcome the loss of their first born child. Michael shared how he only had 24 minutes with his son, however, they went on to have two more children the oldest of which is a daughter thirteen.

Twelve years ago, he formed his Charity and during the last four years he has taken time to write a book which will be out shortly and he’ll provide copies to the club. He wanted to do more so he created a video. He’s often asked why he’s always so “happy” to which he replies, “I don’t like sad!”

His latest creation is to ask kids attending his talks to take time and fill in a page with, “Things I wish my parents knew.” He then reads these stories back to them. He wants the students to be more inspired than when they came into the room. He hopes to take his message to more students across Canada and the US and to ultimately travel to other parts of the world. He really feels that people want to be “heard” and they need to know that THEIR story is important. “Gratitude is an anthem for our generation.”

Michael requests that the club keeps his message in our thoughts and he offered a challenge to us all. *“Write to someone important in your life and let them know how much they mean to you.”* Remember a “setback can be a setup”

He feels that kids today need to be, “seen, heard, - and loved”.

Ken Copithorne informed Michael about his experiences talking to Rotary RYLA members and how important it is for all Rotarians to support this program. He thanked Michael for his involvement.

Thanks: Joe Connelly thanked Michael for stepping in at the last minute and providing us with a very a passionate, enthusiastic and inspirational message.

In Closing: President Stokke: Michael, thank you for taking the time to visit us today. And once again, thank you for stepping up on short notice. You have inspired us and given us some food for thought. In recognition of your time today, our Club will make a \$100 donation to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. This gift will help support our community. Thank you.

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District 5360 responds in a big way for Ukraine!!!

It only took 1 week for the Rotarians of District 5360 to reach the \$30,000 matching goal prompting us to expand the matching by \$10,000.

The District will match up to \$40,000 of donations to the Rotary Disaster Response Fund.

Not only are we expanding the matching program to \$40,000 but we're also announcing a \$100,000. Donation to Rotary's Disaster Response Fund with a challenge to the district and its members to match it.

Donated by the ever-generous RICHARDSON FAMILY from the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park - in loving memory of Jeanette' Richardson's Father, Mother and Brother (William, Mary & Emil Romanchuk) who immigrated from the Ukraine in the 1930's.

"We stand with the people of Ukraine during these terrible times, in their defense of democracy".

You can accept this challenge by [making your donation here](#) or by going to my.rotary.org clicking Donate and choosing Disaster Response Fund.

Your donation to the Disaster Response Fund is recognized with Paul Harris points and counts towards PHF, PHS, Major Donor and Arch Klumph awards.

Clubs are also able to rise to the challenge and donate to the Disaster Response Fund as well. To send a cheque simply use the attached form. Also attached are the directions if your club would prefer to wire transfer the funds.

District 5360's clubs and members lead the way with their continued support of Rotary's humanitarian efforts and in particular their support for the people of Ukraine.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you all.
JAMIE MOORHOUSE, District Foundation Chair

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Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park 2022 Kids at Heart Golf Classic Presented by



CHARLES GLEN



Alberta's Celebration Destination

EXCITING NEWS!!! NEW FOCUS! NEW NAME! SAME GOAL! SAME PASSION!

NEW FOCUS: At last year's golf tournament, The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park announced the launch of the Rotary Kids at Heart Program. It began with a simple idea – addressing the issues that children face as they navigate through their school years, allowing them to focus on their learning priorities. It developed out of our Stay in School program which focused on ensuring kids can access higher education. That program has now met its funding objective. It was evident as we looked around at what was happening in our community and around the world that Kids needed us now more than ever. That gave us a golden opportunity to expand our scope and focus our fundraising efforts on helping more kids deal with the many issues they face every day. Rotary Kids at Heart will focus on:

- Kids who have nowhere to sleep at night
- Kids who are being bullied in person or taunted on social media
- Kids who are facing Family turmoil
- Kids who are trying to fit in
- Kids who go to school hungry

NEW NAME:

2022 ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK KIDS AT HEART GOLF CLASSIC

They say that with change comes progress. Your golf tournament committee is moving forward to an exciting new chapter for our golf tournament. The new name, Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park Kids at Heart Golf Classic encapsulates what our club is focusing on in our community, Kids, and clarifies our focus. At the same time, we welcome on board our new Presenting sponsor, **Charlesglen Toyota** who share our dream of making a real difference in kids' lives.

SAME GOAL/SAME PASSION: Kids will always be passion for and at the heart of everything we do at the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. Our Rotary Kids at Heart program will invest in the lives of children and youth to create real, long-lasting change for kids, families, and our community. We will partner with amazing organizations whose mission it is to help provide children with an opportunity to be safe, to be fed, to be loved and supported, to learn and the ability to have a bright future.

“There can be no keener revelation of society's soul than how it treats it's children” - - Nelson Mandela

2022 RCCSP KIDS AT HEART GOLF CLASSIC FUNDING RECIPIENTS



The Safe Haven Foundation- Haven's Way Program

“Helping give Calgary and Area homeless and at-risk girls their future back”

Havens Way provides a healthy loving family environment for homeless and at-risk girls between the ages of 14-24 who do not have child welfare status. Our donation will be critical to helping Havens Way continue their work with at risk girls. <https://www.safehavenfoundation.ca/>



Dare to Care- Mission:

“Equipping schools (students, parents, teachers) with the skills and courage to prevent bullying so all children can thrive in life, learning and play” 150,000 children miss school each day because of Bullying. Our donation will bring this amazing program to 50 additional Calgary schools next year.

<https://www.daretocare.ca/>



PREP Society for individuals with Down Syndrome

“Dedicated to inclusion of individuals with Down Syndrome in home, school and community life”-

“I do Belong” PREP Provides teens age 12-18 with the critical skills they need to successfully transition into adulthood. Our donation will add an 4th Teen program class and increase staffing hours of the teaching and Therapeutic team time to develop critical teaching resources. <https://prepprogram.ca/>

Join us this year at THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK KIDS AT HEART GOLF CLASSIC to really make a difference!! JUST 111 DAYS AWAY!!!

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- The new edition of the Club Handbook is now available on the Club website.
- Budgets for the 2021-22 Club Service fund and the Charity Fund are now posted on the website



Rotarians

Do you have new additions to your FAMILY? Children? Grand Children or Great Grand Children?

Each year District 5360 at the District Conference part of the program includes a Celebration of Life where we recognize those members of Rotary who have passed away during this last year. Also; they honour new additions to the families of Rotarians.

Have you had new additions to your family, children, grand children or great grandchildren? If so, please send the information to Terry Allen who is gathering this information for inclusion in the program with details including their name, relationship, date of birth and a picture.

This must be received **no later than April 15th**. Send all information by email to Terry at tgallen1@telus.net.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO LVIV UKRAINE:

WSC budget = \$10,000

Member donations \$14,700

for a total of \$24,700.

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PARTNERS in PRINT



Rotary Partners Book Club News

Our next Book Club is at 9:30 at the Calgary Golf and Country Club on Monday, April 11th. Please reply to janetopp@shaw.ca by April 8th to reserve for your breakfast buffet. The cost is \$20. for a delightful supply of cheese, fruit and muffins along with coffee and tea.

We will wait until our May meeting to discuss "Miss Benson's Beetle" since so many of our snowbirds will still be away in April. **Hope to see you there. Jane and Maureen**

YOU ARE INVITED TO:
The Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park

" FINALLY SPRING " LUNCHEON

Date: Friday, April 22, 2022
Location: The Glencoe Club Downtown
636 29 Avenue SW - map on page 2
Please enter through the front door.
Time: Registration 11:30am
Cost: \$45.00 per person (Guests Welcome)
Three course plated lunch:
SEARED SALMON OR ROASTED CHICKEN

CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE
AND ENTREE PREFERENCE TO:
KAREN GRANT NO LATER THAN APRIL 15th, 2022
lkgrant@shaw.ca or 403 239 8987
(SPACE IS LIMITED)

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 by cash at door.

GUEST SPEAKER:
JENNIFER BROOKMAN FROM "BASICALLY BABIES"
Jennifer's organization provides for infants born into families in extreme need.
They present layettes consisting of supplies of baby clothing and accessories.
**Donations made at the luncheon would be most appreciated
of new or gently used clothing or items (0 to 24 months).**
Refer to page 2 of invitation.

ANY FOOD ALLERGIES CONTACT KERRY STACK AT 403 256 7201 or kerryystack@gmail.com



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Calendar *of Events*

LUNCH AT ROTARY HOUSE ON APRIL 14TH (program change)

Dr. Tyler Williamson, Associate Director:
Centre for Health Informatics Update
www.rotarystampedepark.com



LUNCH AT THE "BLUE ROOM" AT STAMPEDE PARK ON APRIL 21ST

Don Bacon: Rotary Profile
www.rotarystampedepark.com



ROTARY PARTNERS SPRING LUNCHEON ON APRIL 22ND
The Glencoe Club—See Bulletin for more information



LUNCH AT ROTARY HOUSE ON APRIL 28TH
Janelle Wakaruk, Dr. Chan and Dr. Morris: OWNcancer
www.rotarystampedepark.com



LUNCH AT ROTARY HOUSE ON MAY 5TH
St Mary's School Annual 4 Way Test Contest
www.rotarystampedepark.com



LUNCH AT ROTARY HOUSE ON MAY 12TH
Annual Dream Home Kickoff
www.rotarystampedepark.com



LUNCH AT ROTARY HOUSE ON MAY 19TH
STAY IN SCHOOL ANNUAL LUNCHEON



LUNCH AT ROTARY HOUSE ON MAY 26TH
OFFSITE Meeting: U of C School of Veterinary Medicine
Dean Renate Weller



LUNCH AT ROTARY HOUSE ON JUNE 2ND
Annual Stampede Board Presentation



LUNCH AT ROTARY HOUSE ON JUNE 9TH
Jim Smith: Rotary Profile



LUNCH ON JUNE 16TH
Annual Charity Day Presentation





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Download SkipTheDepot from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) or visit our web app. Share your sign-up link with friends, family, and potential donors

You book a pickup time and the depot will come to your home or office and pick up your recycles (including old electronics and clothing) <https://skipthedepot.com/locations/calgary-recycling>



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY !!!



Volunteers are required. Click on [Sign Up](#) to view available slots and book yourself directly online

Tuesday May 17th:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Monday June 13th:	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tuesday July 12th:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Monday September 12th:	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tuesday October 18th:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Monday November 21st:	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tuesday December 6th:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Earl Huson (403) 686-0828/ ehuslink@telusplanet.net Ken Farn: (403) 560-6770/ kgfarn@telusplant.net

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING !!!

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