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Welcome to the August 11th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. It is my pleasure and honour to be the Club's President, Jim Fitzowich.

Head Table: left to right; President Jim Fitzowich, Jim Gray, Bob Brawn, Pat Neuman, Greg Smyth and New Member David Field.



Announcements: Jim Fitzowich

Today's speaker topic is the Green Line C-Train expansion. President Jim even wore a green tie to match the topic today! Some Transit Trivia:

1886 – Windsor ON had its first electric street car system in 1886.

1909 – Calgary followed Windsor's lead in 1909, after Edmonton (1908), Winnipeg (1891), Vancouver (1890)

1978 – Was the date Calgary's modern C-Train system started: Anderson to Downtown (7 th Ave station)

Health and Wellness:

Tommy Low – John Fitz advises he is in South Campus Hospital and can take visitors. Additionally, John Fitz recommends a personal visit rather than a phone call and asked for any photos of Tommy at the Club or a Club function as they are compiling a scrapbook for Tommy.

Don O'Dwyer is in Foothills Hospital recovering from heart surgery. WE wish him a speedy recovery.

Welcome back to Tony Ng!

President-Elect Bryan Walton has been called away as his father is not doing well and has now been moved to Hospice. Please keep Bryan and his family in your thoughts.

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

Enjoy your lunch and we'll be back soon.



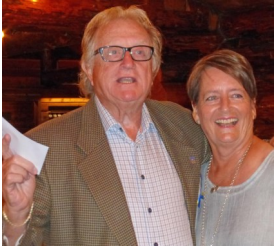


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Announcements Continued:

50/50: Corinne Wilkinson announced a pot worth \$125 and asked guest Judge Reilly to pull the winning ticket. Norm Legare was the winner. Congrats Norm!



Sargeant at Arms: Keith Davis, referring to the usual tradition, asked our 50/50 winner (Norm Legare) to donate 10% of his winnings. Due to inflation, Keith adjusted it up to \$20.

Pat Neuman was the next “victim” and Keith asked her to donate the smallest bill in her purse due to a scheduling snafu.



Feeling very positive about recent events, Keith noted the good weather (the farmers are happy!), a great Stampede and a successful Golf Tournament. We should all be happy with that and each member was asked to donate some “Happy Bucks”! (Who can argue with that!) Good job Keith!





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Announcements Continued:

Ribbons for Peace: Pat Neuman

President Jim, Rotarians and Guests, Good afternoon.

Our Ribbons for Peace Fundraiser is being held on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre. Funds raised will allow families from the Ukraine to transition from their war-torn country to a new life in Canada. Your committee led by Len Hamm, is excited to announce the website is now live! www.rotarystampedepark.com/ribbons-for-peace/

Tickets for the evening and Blue and Yellow Ribbons for Peace may be purchased online by credit card or in person by cheque. You can also access, by visiting rotarystampedepark.com. By clicking on the Ribbons for Peace tab at the top, you will access all details: Tickets for the dinner, Blue and Yellow Ribbons for purchase, Who we are working with, What the proceeds will go to, Sponsorship info, Donate to the live auction. **Special thanks to Corinne Wilkinson and Jamie Moorhouse for their work on the website!** Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to local, on the ground assistance, helping evacuees get settled. Funds will go specifically to Housing costs, not otherwise covered; Emergency clothing; Public transportation to work, medical appointments and interviews; Expenses for childcare and support; Donation of new and much needed household furniture; Personal items such as diapers, blankets, and infant/toddler supplies. And, we have just recently learned the need for teachers to teach basic English..

We are working collaboratively with Rotary Club of Calgary North, Calgary Community Association Leaders, Canadian Ukrainian Congress Calgary, Calgary Ukrainian Professional Business Association, Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, Vladimir Ukrainian Parish, Rotary District 5360 Past District Governor Martin Parnell, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Immigration Service Calgary, Calgary Centre for Newcomers, and Calgary Immigration Women’s Association.

If you are interested in being a sponsor, for \$1000 and up, please contact Len Hamm len@thomasjeffery.ca, Murray Flegel mjf@bosslubricants.com, or Larry Kennedy lkennedy@ceadvisors.com.



MC Danny Hooper, well known Entertainer and Auctioneer will conduct the live Auction. Want to donate an item for the auction? Contact Len Hamm or any member of the committee.

There are posters with information on them at each table; please help yourself. Take as many as you wish. Small business cards with info are provided at each table also. Please take a handful. If you have access to a community /office board, please let me know, as we have larger posters available.

Just a reminder, please visit our Stampede Park Rotary Facebook site, like the post and share it.. that way all your friends/family/associates get our message.

Help us to help the Ukrainian evacuees! Buy a ticket, a table, ribbons and have a great evening besides!!

See page 7 for the new poster!

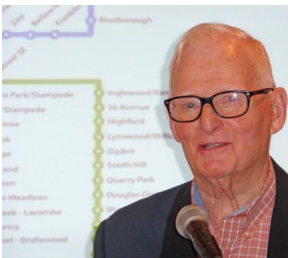


JIM GRAY: Green Line “It’s Never Too Late to do the Right Thing”

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Bob Brawn advised that Jim Gray’s resume would be included in the Bulletin. [Presentations From Meetings | Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park \(rotarycs.org\)](http://www.rotarycs.org) (link provided here)



Bob has known Mr. Gray for many years and recalled a time when drilling an oil well cost only \$100,000, a relatively cheap price compared to today. He also recalled the difficult times when the interest rates were 20% in the 1980’s and the big rebound of oil in the 90’s.



The topic today of the Green Line is of vital interest to our Club.

Guest Speaker: Jim Gray speaking on the Green Line and “It is never too late to do the right thing”

(Editor’s Note: Mr. Gray had arranged to hand out a full text of his speech today along with an Executive Summary; it is also available on our website under “Member Resources- Presentations from Meetings” or link included below)

Jim started by telling us the room brings back many memories and they are all good because there is culture and pride in our city and he is inspired to come in this room.

Jim has been working with an ad hoc group (“Green Line Ad Hoc Citizens’ Committee”) for 4-5 years concerned about the Green Line which he described as the biggest project in the history of Alberta and costing \$20 Billion Dollars of taxpayer money. The \$20 Billion Dollar is reached after considering total costs of \$12 Billion for Stages 1 and 2 and then adding in inflation, increased interest rates and construction cost overruns (high risk). There is a low level of understanding by fellow Calgarians of these cost implications and the lack of proper planning. This undertaking demands that each of us learn about it and have a position. He encouraged us to become engaged for our mutual self interest.

The rest of Jim’s Speech and other information can be found here: [Presentations From Meetings | Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park \(rotarycs.org\)](http://www.rotarycs.org)

Jim concluded by asking for our help. “Our ask today is that all here today who agree with our recommendations agree to have your name added as a Supporter to this initiative and we ask you to implore others to do the same. Try for 5-10 people. Send your approval to jim.gray@brookfield.com Numerous folks experienced in municipal politics have told us if we identify 500 supporters, it would precipitate Council action. We have 254 signatures to date. We need 500 by the end of August.



There is no value in complaining after the fact of an unwise decision. Don’t linger in the stands. Get active on the playing field.”

Thanks to the Speaker: John Fitzsimmons thanked Jim for the great work the ad hoc Committee has done to date and noted Jim’s commitment to giving back to his community.



Introduction of New member: Greg Smyth introduced David Field, a transfer from another Rotary Club, where Greg and David were members together, they're also apart of a Golf Club together and get to see each other quite often. Greg stated it was his pleasure to introduce David to our Club.

Greg's Introduction: "David was born and raised in Edmonton, he took his Pre-Law at the U of A, his Law Studies were done at University of Toronto, he Articled with Tom Walsh, Past President of the Downtown Club, who inspired his interest in Rotary. David was a Rotarian until his Retirement and his move to Mongolia.

David was in Mongolia for 3 years, working for the Asian Development Bank and the Canadian Co-op Society, on Co-op Finance Project. During this time his Wife was Head of School at the American School of Ulaanbaatar which is the Capitol of Mongolia. They resided there for 3 years. David spent most of his Legal career as a Partner with McCarthy Tetrault, specializing in the areas of Banking and Finance. David was appointed to Queen's Counsel in 2001. In his life away from Law he was the Director and Officer of the Calgary Philharmonic, the Philharmonic Foundation, the Calgary Opera and Theater Calgary. David is married to Dianne, Dianne is Past-Principle of Queen Elizabeth, Lord Beaverbrook and Centennial High Schools. They have a Daughter Amanda who is Senior Legal Counsel, Exploration and Production at Suncor and their Son Andrew is a Heli-Skiing Guide with CMH and was also the Owner of WOW Banff, Banff Park's only Multi-Language, open Double Decker, Tour Bus Company. David also likes to Gold, Cycle, Ski, Workout and spend his time in the Mountains, (Greg added: "I'm not sure where he gets free time from") He also keeps busy by taking CMH's Heli-Skiing and Heli-Hiking Guests into their many remote lodges. In days gone by David would Curl with Al Johnson and would like to give it a try again."

David said he was delighted to join our Club and was familiar with a number of members. He looks forward to becoming involved in Committee work.



In Closing:

Next Week's meeting: Will be speaker Bob Stan, former CEO of Grand Cache Coal talking about the current state of the Alberta Coal Industry.

Guests and prospective members are always welcome at Rotary for lunch and fellowship and we have a great speaker line up for August, so please bring your friends and colleagues.

Looking forward in seeing you all on August 18 th .

Final words:

Thought for the day: "Opportunity Lurks where responsibility is abdicated." -Dr. J.B. Petersen

And with that, our meeting is adjourned

Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week!



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THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK:

<https://youtu.be/FcCpsz3re4M>



COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY !!!

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

Monday September 12th:

Tuesday October 18th:

Monday November 21st:

Tuesday December 6th:

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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ROTARY RIBBONS FOR PEACE FUNDRAISER

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN EVACUEES TO ALBERTA!

Join the **ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK** in raising funds to assist Ukrainian evacuees relocating to Alberta.

OCTOBER 12, 2022, 6 PM - 10 PM
POLISH CANADIAN CULTURAL CENTRE, 3015 15TH STREET NE

Master of Ceremonies/Auctioneer: Danny Hooper, Danny Hooper Productions

Guests of Honour: Hon Ed and Marie Stelmach

Remarks: Olesandr Danlyeiko, Consul General of Ukraine, Edmonton

Special Entertainment by Vykrutas Ukrainian Dance Society, followed by live Auction.

Tickets for the Evening are ONLY \$175 and include dinner, entertainment, live auction and special guests.

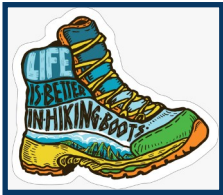
To show your further support, custom designed **Blue and Yellow Ribbons for Peace** will be available for a donation of \$100.00.

All donations tax deductible according to CRA guidelines.

rotarystampedepark.com/ribbons-for-peace/

Slava Ukraini





HIKING CLUB

On the sights we four hikers saw on the hike to Watridge Lake and Karst Springs. These two young grizzlies delighted us with their playful antics as we watched from the safety of the car. Lake Watridge was beautiful and this is where we had our lunch and Myrna's delicious cookies brought by Ted. We climbed to the Karst and experienced the awesome power of the water rushing out of the mountain. Brent took the picture of me, Millie and Ted by the rushing creek bed below the Karst. As we crossed the planks over the bog there were Tall white Bog Orchids beside us. A cute little chipmunk posed as he ate berries. A White Admiral butterfly and a Meadow Fritillary butterfly flitted along the path. The flowers were still plentiful and lovely and the ripe strawberries were waiting for the bears to come. We welcomed the cold drinks that Ted had in the cooler for the end of the hike. Going home we encountered a herd of mountain sheep with many babies. How perfect was that!

Submitted by Pat Farn





PARTNERS in PRINT

Just three of us got together for “Lunch and a Movie” it was great!! Denise sent out the announcement on the Thursday and we saw “Elvis” on Saturday! Look for her next email announcing our next movie pick!!! Join us when you can - more on this in September!



Submitted by:
Rhonda Yaskowich



Partner Reminder:
Dues are Due no later
than September 30,
2022





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Calendar of Events

August 18: Bob Stan - State of the Coal Industry



August 25: John Barlow - Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food



September 1: Linda Hunt - Rural Mental Health



September 8: Rotary Profile - DG Leavitt



September 15: Siân Matthews - Honens Board Chair



September 22: Kurt Kinnear - 4H Leadership



September 29: President Dr Vanderpool - St. Mary's University




October 6: David Wartman - Calgary Civic Symphony



SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12TH 2022: "Rotary Ribbons for Peace- Slava Ukrainian"

Cocktail hour, dinner, special guests, live auction and more! Event will be at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre starting at 6 pm. Stay tuned for more info



Chair, Len Hamm