



## RCCSP Weekly Bulletin August 11th 2022 Volume Number 68, Issue Number 4

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## Welcome to the August 18th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. It is my pleasure and honour to be the Club's President, Jim Fitzowich.

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**Head Table**: left to right; President Jim, Bob Stan, Bob Brawn, Chad Hason, Ken Farn and Pat Neuman. It is great to see Tony Ng and Ben Steblicki here today!



Announcements: President Jim Fitzowich

Today's speaker topic is an update on the Alberta Coal Industry. Unfortunately, all the coal miner jokes I know cannot be repeated in polite company (many groans were heard!!). Some Coal history instead:

300 million years ago – Alberta's coal seams started as vast Devonian forests.

10,000 years ago – First Nations were aware of surface coal seams, and used it as fuel only intermittingly as it was taboo for tipi fires.

1793 – Peter Fidler of the Hudson's Bay company surveys coal at the Red Deer River near modern day Drumheller.

1882 – William Stafford started modern commercial coal mining at the Galt Mines (named for Alexander Galt) near Lethbridge. The rest will have to wait until later in the program...

### Health and Wellness:

**Tommy Low** – is in South Campus Hospital in Unit 58, room 8 and he can take visitors. **Bryan Walton** – advised his father Leroy Herbert Walton passed away this morning at 6am. Our thoughts and prayers for him and the family.

Don O'Dwyer – Dorothea Schaab advises he is doing better and is back home.

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.





## **Announcements Continued:**

Announcement: Pat Neuman on Ribbons for Peace. There is a page in this bulletin so please check it out!! See page 7 For the poster.

Announcement: Craig Stokke the Showband is very successful and they travel and receive accolades and awards all over the world. COVID hit this group really hard as

they could not gather, play and they could not do any auditions. They lost the opportunity for their funding during COVID and so our Club gave them \$50,000 for core programming and workshops. The Young Canadians Band are having a camp event – Sunday August 21 at the north campus of the Stampede grounds and they would like to invite us to see how they have put our money to use. There will be 155 youth there; 100 of the youth have never been to camp before! Please contact Craig if you want to go as they need numbers. A note from **President Jim**: It was **PP Craig's** initiative to make this donation happen and we really appreciate his guidance.

**Announcement: PP Ken Farn** (everyone wished Ken happy birthday!) an important Club project history milestone is highlighted that

goes back over 60 years! When we were still Manchester, we donated money to build the baseball diamond, field house, stands etc. in Stanley Park, The Little League teams played there. Just this month the Calgary team won their championship there and are going on to the worlds! In 2013 when the flood happened, the whole baseball area was in ruins. In 2016 the organization began rebuilding and in doing so wanted to acknowledge South for all we had done for them. George Adam was the only remaining member of Manchester and they did talk with him.

The park had their opening ceremony which was very well done. **President Jim** and Ken attended. This goes to show the legacy of our Rotary Club and there are plaques to acknowledge our Club – go and enjoy a walk

to see them! (we will send out the photos Ken spoke about once received)

**50/50: Corrine Wilkinson** drew **Terry Allan's** number and he won \$95.00. He added \$5 of his own and bought a ribbon in support of Ukraine.



**Brenda McKinley** announced our Guests, only 2 in the audience today yet we always welcome them with the **Welcome Song**.











#### **Announcements Continued:**

#### STAMPEDE SHOW BAND DONATION UPDATE AND INVITATION

During the Stampede, the 'Chase the Ace' ticket sales profits are designated for the Show Band to assist with their costs during the year. Unfortunately, during the 2021 Stampede, these ticket sales were very nominal and the Show Band was unable to conduct their annual workshops for development of their students.

As the Show Band is one of our partners in fundraising, our Club generously donated \$50,000 toward these workshops to help fill the gap in funds.

Thanks to our support, 155 students are registered in the annual band workshop and 100 of those young people are participating in a marching band workshop for the first time ever.

The instructional team is planning for a **Show and Tell at the end of the workshop on Sunday, August 21** @ 4:00pm in the BMO Amphitheatre on the Youth Campus. They would be most happy to have our Rotary Club attend.

Please let Sherry or Craig know if you are considering attending so that the numbers may be given to the Show Band.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see how your Dream Home funds are being used in the community. -Sherry

#### SAVE the DATE

**Rotary Celebrates our Presidents** 

Thursday, September 15

ATCO Blue Flame Kitchen

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Come enjoy an evening in a theme that might be best described as the Calgary Stampede meets Downton Abbey! Men in your casual business attire complete with your cowboy hat, and women dressed as you please, complete with your favourite fancy hat or fascinator.

A reception style evening that includes the fabulous entertainers from our Christmas luncheon, Mary Boyes vocals and David, her accompanying guitarist. The evening includes cheese, charcuterie and appetizers, along with wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages, dessert, coffee and tea.

There is plenty of free parking at the ATCO Blue Flame Kitchen, both surface parking as well as underground. There is also a round-about at the main south front door where you can let people off before parking.

Plenty of seating is available at the reception.

More details to come - please save the date to join us!







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**Speaker**: Bob Stan – after 42 years in the coal business I guess I can speak to it! Bob presented a power point presentation that is linked in this section of the bulletin. Here are a few highlights:

- A 9-year-old boy describes coal as black, comes out of the ground and we need to stop using it. He learned this in school.
- Coal is the most widely distributed fossil fuel in the world.
- Yes, coal produces greenhouse gasses.

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- Coal has 37% of the power generation (more than oil and gas).
- The need for coal for industrial uses has doubled since 2000 and will continue. It is fundamental in the creation of steel and concrete and provides energy for transportation.
- 1.5 billion people suffer 'energy poverty' where they have less than 2 hours of power a day.
- The economics of coal is the new focus. Also, interest groups and political will are driving most of the negativity in conversation.
- Canada earns about \$7B annually with only 1% of the world supply of coal.
- New buildings (including the build happening on the Stampede Grounds) need steel they cannot be built with bamboo stalk.
- Coal is here to stay. We can always be more cautious and safer but the demand is there.

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(if this link does not work for you, please go to www.rotarycs.org, Member Resources, Presentations from Meetings, and you can find it there)



**Thank the Speaker: Walter Flores** thank you Bob on behalf of our Club. Your talk was very interesting and shows us the in-depth reality of the coal industry. That 9-year-old can teach us all something, he is not wrong – but he needs to hear this information. This province and this country need to focus on our natural resources and to ensure the future is bright.













#### In Closing:

**Next Week's meeting:** Will be speaker John Barlow, MP and Agriculture critic talking about Agriculture and Agrifood.

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 to seeing you all on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Final words:

Thought for the day: "Life is what happens while you are making other plans." - John Lennon

And with that, our meeting is adjourned

Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week -President Jim Fitzowich

#### Special Shoutout and Thanks to United Technologies

We want to send a MAJOR shoutout and thank you, firstly to **Todd Richardson**, for setting us up with Tech Support through the company who manages their Dealerships, United Technologies (UTCL). Secondly to **Ray Dochstader**, **President and CEO of UTCL** for personally coming to my office to get everything fully set up for me. Ray spent a whole day with me making sure we have Wi-Fi (**Thanks to Gail Williams for the router**!), printer/scanner, virus scanner, corrupted files, automatic backups and getting my profile set up and everything transferred over to me. Ray has offered us their help desk, at no charge, going forward which will be monumental to our Organization. Help Desk finished what Ray couldn't the first day and even sent a Tech out this week to finish everything they couldn't do over the phone. Amazing service! Thank you Todd and Ray for hooking us up, my job will be much easier with this help. I highly recommend UTCL www.utcl.ca if you're in need of Voice & Data Solutions consider United Technologies!

- Sarah Brown











# THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK:

## No recording this week, we wish Jamie well!

#### Reminder on Green Line Support of Jim Gray.

Our Committee must repeatedly make clear that "<u>We Don't Oppose the Green Line!</u>" The reality is that we are trying to <u>SAVE</u> the Green Line.

Numerous folks experienced in municipal politics have told us that if we identify 500 supporters, it would, almost certainly, precipitate Council action. We would request 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. Send your approval to jim.gray@brookfield.com.

We stress the vital importance of getting this immense project right. Failure to do so will run the high risk of creating an economic disaster for our City.

Don't linger in the stands. Get active on the playing field. Help us achieve our goal of signing up **500 "Supporters"** before the end of August. -Thank you. Jim Gray.

#### NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Alan Hrehirchuk has been proposed for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by Kevin MacLeod and Seconded by Larry Kennedy with a proposed Classification of Residential Renovations.

If any Member objects to Alan Hrehirchuk joining our Club or to HIS/HER proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, Luanne Whitmarsh: <a href="mailto:secretary@cotarycs.org">secretary@cotarycs.org</a> prior to September 1st, 2022.



Final Reminder to Register for Next Weeks Meeting Www.rotarystampedepark.com



# KITCHEN VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY !!!

Volunteers are required to build Good Food Boxes. Click on <u>Sign Up</u> 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

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







# **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 15<sup>TH</sup> 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

Since it was so hot today, we postponed our 500m elevation hike in the mountains. Instead Fourteen of us did a 6.79 kilometre walk in Fish Creek Park, through trees along the Elbow River and then along the Bow River. We finished at Annie's for ice-cream. The only animal besides our companion Lily was a caterpillar. Fun way to beat the heat!

## Submitted by Richard Jakubec and Ted Roswell







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

September 1: Linda Hunt - Rural Mental Health

September 8: Visit from DG Steve 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

October 13: Oleksandr Danyleiko Consul General of Ukraine -War in Ukraine



Cocktail hour, dinner, special guests, live auction and more! Event will be at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre starting at 6 pm. Poster on page 7.



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