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CLUB NEWS

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests and welcome to the August 26th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, Craig Stokke.

To open today's meeting I would like to send a special message to some very incredible and special people; Terri and Chas Filipski and their family.

Terri and Chas; you are in our thoughts today, and you are in our hearts. We are so grateful for the tremendous contributions you've made to our Club, our Partners, and our community. You have always been here for us and please be assured we will always be here for you.



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



HEAD TABLE: Terry Allen, Corinne Wilkinson, Ernie Yaskowich, Kathy Demorest, Glen Godlonton

VISITORS/GUESTS: Blake Pelham: 45 Attendees today. Guests: John Reilly (Canmore Rotary Club), Prisa Shreshta; Prisa is a Guest of Jim & Maureen Hutchens, she is a Graduating student in the SIS Program. We sang the Welcome Song to them



50/50 DRAW: Mike Zacharki awarded Dana Hunter with \$85.00

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



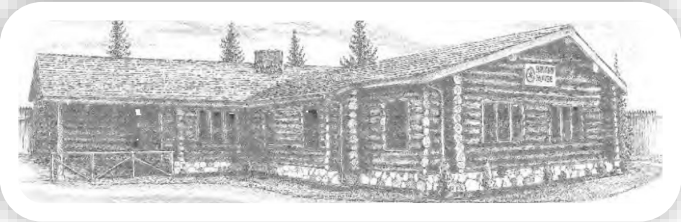
CASINO: Lynn Grant is still looking to fill a shift for our casino on Wednesday, September 1 from 6:00 pm to 2:15 am. Lynn also requires some spares for Tuesday and Wednesday.

SPARES: In order to meet our AGLC requirements we MUST HAVE at least 6 spares (at a minimum). This is the one area that we are really in dire need of some volunteers. If you can help please do so. Thank you for supporting this.

This is a very important fundraiser for our Club. We are already working with a skeleton crew and we **REALLY need** members to stand up. We have always come together as a Club and pulled these events off and we need members to step up today. If you are available please contact: Lynn Grant: Call or text: **403 819 87860**

ROCK 'EM SOCK 'EM: Len Hamm: The event is set for **OCTOBER 20th**! We will be in the Westin Downtown. Rex Murphy, Ted Morton and Danielle Smith will be looking at Challenge, Innovation and Prosperity—you most definitely will want to be there! The event will be "semi-formal" and there will be more information and registration shortly. SEE PAGE 7 in the bulletin regarding Sponsorships now available





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FOOD AT MEETINGS: Craig Stokke: As many of you noticed today, we now have a sandwich option for members and visitors who attend Rotary on short notice. So, if you would like to order the main meal you'll still need to register in advance - by Friday 9:00 am prior to the next Thursday meeting - but that isn't always practical for many of us. So, even if you didn't register in advance, come on down to the meeting anyways. We will order 5-6 cold sandwiches each week (that will be available on a first come-first served basis) so, even if you can't commit until the late minute it is likely you will still be able to have a meal with us.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: KEITH DAVIS:

If anyone is sitting at a table with a member of our agriculture community (ranchers, farmers, those involved in cattle associations etc) please donate \$2 to the kitty in case we have to assist them. Between having pastures burned up by drought, crops damaged by hot weather and very little rain and those forced to sell off parts of their herds because they can't afford to feed them, next Spring we should all forego our flower gardens and plant hay instead.



How about that slate of cartoon characters running for City Council and the Mayor's office. I'm waiting for the person named "None of the Above" before I cast my vote. Has anyone ever been associated with that institution? If so, I think a \$5 donation would be appropriate.

Word is out that the RCMP, the Alberta Sheriffs Department and the Edmonton and Calgary Police Service have been alerted to keep an eye out for our Premier who went missing two weeks ago and hasn't been seen since. There is also a BOLO (Be on the Lookout) for our Health Minister, Tyler Shandro. Even Conservative Leader Erin O'Toole couldn't find the Premier when he came to Alberta and had to stump the province without him. Would everyone please donate a couple of bucks to help fund the search parties?

HEALTH AND WELLNESS: Dorothea Schaab:

- ◆ Please continue to reach out and support **Bob and Marlene Wiens** as Bob continues with his cancer treatments at Tom Baker.
- ◆ Condolences go out to **Norm and Linda Legare** on the recent death of Norm's younger brother, Alister Legare of Midland, Ontario.
- ◆ Your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated by **the Filipski family**. Terri's sister and parents are here with the family now. Yesterday Terri was moved to the Southwood Hospice where she will be receiving the best of care and the family will be supported. Please reach out to **Wendy Miles** at: mileswendy1@gmail.com to confirm what support the family may require in the days to come.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERING

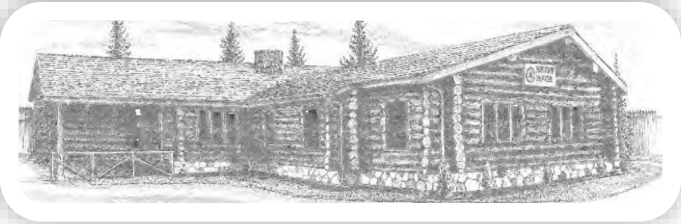
Volunteers are required for **Community Kitchens** located at: **3751 - 21 Street NE** is to support the Good Food Box program. Volunteers must be 18 years and older. We need **two volunteers** per shift. The specific dates and times are as follows.

September 13th: 5:00 pm: 2 volunteers needed
September 28th: 1:00 pm: 2 volunteers needed
October 4th: 5:00 pm: 2 volunteers needed
October 26th: 1:00 pm: 2 volunteers needed
November 30th: 5:00 pm: 2 volunteers needed
December 6th: 5:00 pm: 2 volunteers needed

Submitted by: Earl Huson: ehuslink@telusplanet.net or 403 686 0828

BRIDGE CLUB: Starts **September 10th**: We are looking for new members! It is held every second Friday at the Royal Canadian Legion #285 on Horton Road between 11:30 - 3:00pm for the low cost of \$2 per person per session. You may join as a single or a couple and don't need to commit for each session until the week before. It is fun, social bridge and all levels of skill are in attendance. Contact: **Don Taylor or Tony Ng** if you would like to play. We have anywhere from 3-6 tables of 4. Spares are needed to ensure we have multiples of 4. This is an easy way for new members to meet established Rotarians.





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Waterton Peace Park: From the chair, I would like to thank **Terry Allen and Bryan Walton** for all the work they've done to continue this great tradition. I know they invested a lot of time in planning this event and, while its **unfortunate we are unable to meet in person this year**, I am sure it will be a tremendous virtual success. More details about the **virtual event** are available as an attachment to **this bulletin ...**



Terry Allan took the stage and gave us a brief but informative overview of the History of the Park. It goes back to its founding in 1932 when 2000 people attended the dedication. Missed a few years in the war but has been continued until the last couple of years when COVID forced some changes. Four Districts are involved. Those who have registered will get a refund but need to decide on their own Hotel Reservations. **Past President**



Penny Leckie thanked **Terry and Bryan** for the work they have put in. One of her initiatives during her year was to be supportive of this event, given the long-term involvement of this club. It is about followship so *stay tuned if you still want to head down to Waterton as the tee times and maybe some music will still be organized!*

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING: SEPTEMBER 2nd AT ROTARY HOUSE District Governor Martin Parnell Visits ...

REMINDER:

If you would like to order the main meal **You must register by 9:00 am on Friday August 27th (tomorrow).**



Here is the link to register for September 2nd:

<https://rotarycs.org/event/rccsp-september-2nd-meeting-meal-regisration/>



Closing Remarks: President Stokke:

As always I finish by asking you to think about something as you head home or go back to work:

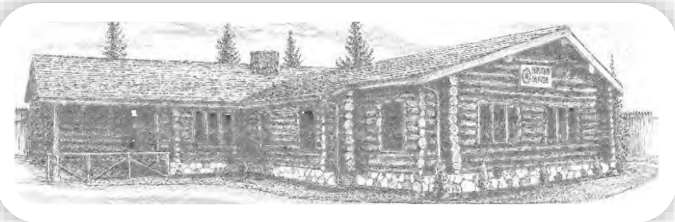
- ♦ What do you need from our Rotary Club this Week?
- ♦ What does our Club and Community need from you this week?

With that, our meeting is adjourned

Thank you for coming and have a great week

THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK:

<https://youtu.be/BFseQJY2P6w>



THE NEW DIRECTION FOR THE SIS GOLF TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS: CORINNE WILKINSON



Corinne Wilkinson: A special welcome to my fellow Rotarians. It is SO good to “be home”. I am here today, speaking on behalf of our small but mighty committee that worked on a new vision for our incredible asset that we never want to give up – our Stay in School Golf Tournament. This committee consists of **myself, Toby Oswald-Felker and Keith Davis.**

As you know, after 20 incredibly successful years with great leadership, unwavering support by our sponsors, all of you as golfers, volunteers and cheer leaders, a fantastic host golf course at Cottonwood, and **many** other contributing factors, we have reached our goal of more than \$4.6 million dollars raised for Stay in School. That is unheard of in my world – this tiny club needs to be SO PROUD!

While we have reached our financial goal, the first thing I want to make crystal clear is that the Stay in School Program will continue in perpetuity! We will select four new students every year, and continue to support our post-secondary students with \$30,000 to see them through to their dream of graduation. So onward and upward for Stay in School. But, so typical of this club, which is why I am so grateful to be a part of it, discussions started happening about six months ago about “what can we do now”?

You know, it’s that “go big or go home” attitude that makes this club such a force in the community. I can vouch for our club’s tournament, and I am involved in many, is absolutely is top-notch. So rather than give up a tremendously successful asset that we have spent 20 years building and perfecting, we needed to find a new purpose for the funds it generates. Before I talk about the new direction, I want to share with you how impactful our Stay in School program is. **Jamie and Steve, our Hollywood directors and producers,** created a heartwarming video which we showed at this year’s golf tournament. Since only those present at the tournament have seen it, we’ll show it now. **VIDEO LINK:** <https://vimeo.com/577387930>

There is no doubt that all those involved with the beginnings of the Stay in School program were motivated by their love of kids. Bryan Targett told Toby a story about a young student, 10 or 11 years old, who he found hanging around the halls of school. Bryan later discovered this young boy was homeless and living here - on Stampede grounds after his mother had left for Vancouver.

Can you, just for a moment, imagine that? Virtually a baby living here, on his own. It doesn’t seem possible in our great community. But it sadly exists. Bryan never forgot that child and it was the seed that grew into his determination to intercept gifted yet underprivileged children in elementary school. To provide them with mentoring and funding that would allow them to achieve their dreams through a Stay in School program.

So now what? This year we generated over \$270,000 on July 22. \$270,000 in a one day event planned and executed by you and I. It really is completely unheard of these days. So our tiny committee went to work: First, we looked at our foundation. Ensuring kids are educated and can successfully make their way in the world through a post-secondary scholarship has been the driving force of Stay in School. Our students have Rotary mentors to lean on and help guide them through many obstacles they face in junior and senior high school.

We recognized that building on that foundation, we now have a golden opportunity to expand our scope to help even more kids navigate the world through their school years. Kids who really do need us now more than ever. I will share, I am quite tired of the phrase ‘now more than ever’. But it really does describe the situation.



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COVID has shone an even brighter light on the many issues children face in today's world.

- ♦ It is virtually impossible to focus on your education if you go to school hungry.
- ♦ If you are being bullied in person or taunted on social media (sadly; often to the point of suicide)
- ♦ If you are being coerced into taking or selling drugs.
- ♦ If you are being pressured tremendously to join a gang.
- ♦ If you have nowhere to sleep at night like the young child Bryan met, or no one to talk to or to ask for help.

The list of issues that kids face today goes on and on. These are critical issues that impact kids from the time they enter grade one until they graduate in grade 12. And then beyond in their late teen years. Without a good foundation we strive to give them, it is sad to see where they might end up.

I have seen this first-hand from my 3 years of work at the Calgary Police Foundation & YouthLink – the Police Interpretive Centre you supported and visited a few years ago. YouthLink educates Calgary kids starting in grade six about all the dangers I just mentioned, because sadly, that is the most critical time that kids' lives can go off the rails. Imagine grade six – that is only 12 years old. Think about your kids, your grandkids. And yes, it happens right here in our city. Some kids face dangers lurking around every corner that you and I will never experience in our lifetime.

Stay in School and our golf tournament have always had children at the heart of everything we do. And now, we are continuing in that vein by launchingand here it is.....our new direction..... Rotary *"Kids at Heart"*.

This new program will support kids when and where they need us most. Why? Because it is not only the child who benefits. The tremendous ripple effect to society – to you and I – of safe, healthy, vibrant children is undeniable. What does the new direction look like in a little more detail?

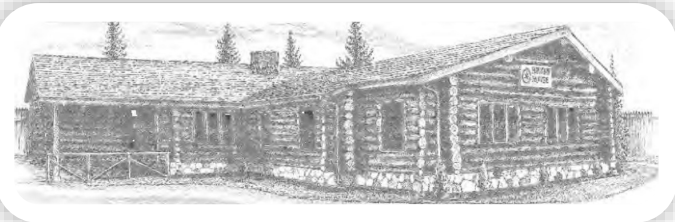
Each year we will research and work with organizations that have proven they are critical to the overall holistic health of children.

- Organizations that have a proven track record of helping kids succeed and get over what might seem insurmountable life hurdles.
- Organizations that help children thrive in a world that has become more and more complicated by giving them confidence to make the right choices.
- Organizations that are open 24/7 as a beacon of light just when the kids are in their darkest moments and have nowhere to turn.
- Organizations that provide tools and support systems that allow children to have a safe, healthy and vibrant childhood. A childhood that every child deserves.

Because a child's potential knows no limits when they have the support they need, and now we, that little train that could, the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, can help fund these support systems for kids. We can be integral to their success in life. Doesn't that make you feel so proud?

I think what is most exciting to me, personally, is that the funds generated at our golf tournament are not under the same restrictions as our club's small and large grants. Our grant programs fund capital expenditures..... which don't get me wrong – is great.





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But, we are not restricted to giving golf proceeds to bricks and mortar because for many organizations that work with kids, that's not what they need. They need human expertise, more people on crisis call lines, more educators who teach kids how to be safe online and with their social media, psychologists who help kids get over life's hurdles,....the list is endless.

We can fund programs that will extend to positive impacts on immediate families, school teachers, classmates, personal friends, future relationships, and the community at large.

And the best thing is, we'll be funding well-deserving organizations that already do all this great work for kids. We are not creating our own programs of keeping kids safe, we are funding experts who are committed and passionate about working with kids, and do it every day in our community.

I do want to quickly mention that this new direction was shared with some of our top golf tournament sponsors including Ann McKenna of Supreme Windows, and the Richardson family, and they are 100% in favour. It was also approved by our Board in June.

The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park's reach into the community will know no limits, and the ripple effect will be mind boggling. We are so excited about this new journey and I hope after sharing our vision, you are too.

Thank you for letting me paint a picture into the future of what the funds generated by our incredibly successful annual golf tournament, can do.

So buckle up.....here we go. Remember....."Rotary, Kids at Heart".

Speaker Thanks: President Craig: Thank you, Corinne, and a special thanks to Toby and Keith as well. Toby was unable to attend today but we will have an opportunity to acknowledge her at an upcoming meeting.





ROCK 'EM SOCK 'EM EVENT: CHALLENGING THE FUTURE FOR ALBERTA CHALLENGE, INNOVATION AND PROSPERITY SPONSORSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE



TITLE SPONSOR: \$10,000.00 (1 available)

- The event will be named after the Title Sponsor
- Sponsor name and logo will be included on all tickets and event material(Similar to the Supreme Windows Stay in School Golf Tournament)
- License to use Sponsorship in Sponsors promotional material Prominent Recognition on all signage and promotional material
- 7 Invitations to Pre-Event Meet and Greet with Rex Murphy, DanielleSmith and Ted Morton
- Includes Seating with Rex Murphy Event recognition as the Title Sponsor

GOLD SPONSOR: \$6,000.00 (2 available)

- Prominent Recognition on all signage and promotional material
- 4 Invitations to Pre-Event Meet and Greet with Rex Murphy, DanielleSmith, and Ted Morton
- Seating with either Danielle Smith or Ted Morton
- Event Recognition on signage as Gold Sponsor SILVER SPONSOR - \$5000.00 (12 available)
- Recognition on all signage and promotional material
- 2 Invitations to Pre-Event Meet and Greet with Rex Murphy . DanielleSmith and Ted Morton
- Event recognition as a Silver Sponsor

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BRONZE SPONSOR: \$3000.00 (19 available)

- Recognition on all signage and promotional material

PRIME TABLES: \$325.00 PER SEAT (16 available)

Please reach out to: MURRAY FLEGEL or LEN HAMM for more information



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT ...

The Children's Hospital Aid Society (CHAS) is a group of 75 women that has been fundraising for the children of Calgary since 1908. Through golf tournaments, bridge luncheons and more, CHAS raises money for local children's charities. The group also volunteers with non-profits by making lunches, cooking dinners and hosting parties for children. CHAS has raised and donated over \$10.5 million. **Thomas Jeffrey Men's Wear** is a supporter.



Len Hamm and Murray Flegel missed last week's Rotary Meeting because they were winning the CHAS 39th Annual Charity Golf Tournament with **Donna Mintz and Linda Legare**





PARTNERS IN PRINT



NEW THEME FOR THE PARTNERS!

*The NEW Partner's Theme for the 2021-2022 year is:
"Partnering in These Changing Times"*

This new theme was revealed at the First Executive Meeting then also at the meeting of the Chairs of our different committees on Aug 24th at my home.

There was considerable discussion as to the meaning of this new theme and how it was going to affect the running of the club in the coming year. Eighteen of our members were in attendance. Lunch was served and everyone was excited to spend time together.



Look for your invitation to our first 2021 Event in the coming days!!!

**Rhonda Yaskowich, President,
Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park**



- ♦ **EXECUTIVE:** We have a new executive. I have confirmed all but one position on the new executive. ***That position is FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.*** This is an essential position that needs to be filled. I know there is someone out there that would be perfect for the job! Please contact me if you are interested or just would like to know more about the position and would like to help.
- ♦ **UPCOMING EVENT:** **Kerry Stack**, one of our new Social Committee Co/Chairs, and myself have been able to secure a venue for our upcoming fall function which is:
September 14th: Fall Lunch
- ♦ **DUES:** Membership dues will remain at \$40.00 for the upcoming year, 2021/2022.



Dues payments should be made out to: ***The Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park*** and then sent to Karen Grant, who is remaining as the Treasurer by Sept 1st 2021.

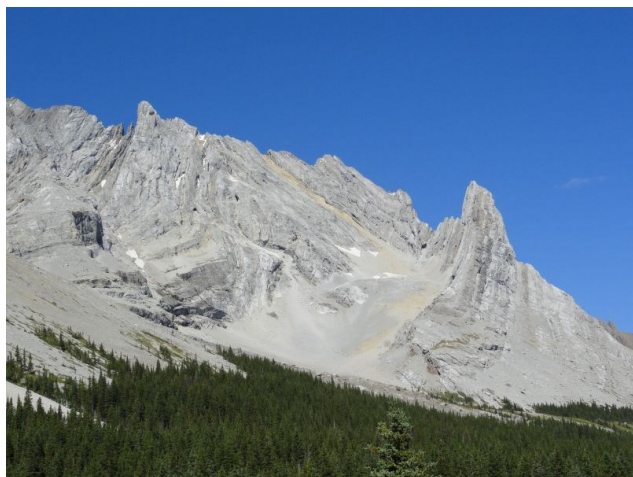
Payment can be made by cheque / e-transfer to Karen: **3927 Vancouver Cres. NW Calgary AB T3A 0M2** or you can email Karen at: lkgrant@shaw.ca if you have questions



HIKING CLUB:



August 25th: On a beautiful blue-sky day 15 hikers enjoyed hiking to Elbow Lake where the water is so clear you could see the fish. We had to walk a plank over the water as we made our way down the trail. We encountered a lot of weird mushrooms like this one. We saw incredible shapes in the mountains highlighted against a blue sky. Edworthy Falls is impressive. We enjoyed lunch around the fire pit and passed the cookies! It was a great day in the mountains
- Submitted by: Pat Farn





RCCSP CLUB CALENDER OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2nd: ROTARY HOUSE

District Governor Martin Parnell Visits

<https://rotarycs.org/event/rccsp-september-2nd-meeting-meal-regisration/>

SEPTEMBER 9th: WE ARE AT THE BLUE ROOM, Park in Lot 2

Rotary Profile: Greg Martin

SEPTEMBER 14th: PARTNERS LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 16th: WE ARE AT THE BLUE ROOM, Park in Lot 2

Pandemic: Looking Back and Ahead

SEPTEMBER 17TH-19TH: Waterton Peace Park Assembly Virtual Event

SEPTEMBER 23rd: ROTARY HOUSE

Ali Velshi (VIA ZOOM): NBC Economics and Business Correspondent

SEPTEMBER 30th: ROTARY HOUSE

Patrick Lor: High Tech In Alberta

OCTOBER 7th: ROTARY HOUSE To Be Announced

OCTOBER 14th: ROTARY HOUSE To be Announced

OCTOBER 20TH: Rock 'em Sock 'em Event

OCTOBER 20th: ROTARY HOUSE To be Announced

OCTOBER 27th: ROTARY HOUSE To be Announced

NOVEMBER 3rd: ROTARY HOUSE To be Announced

NOVEMBER 10th: CARRIAGE HOUSE: REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOVEMBER 17th: ROTARY HOUSE: To Be Announced





RCCSP STAMPEDE PARK WEEKLY LUNCHEONS

- ⇒ You must register for all luncheons one week in advance. This is a Stampede Park requirement.
- ⇒ You will receive an invite each week. Please **ACCEPT** or **DECLINE** by the deadline
- ⇒ Please know that if you register, don't pay and then can't attend the Club will have to pay for your meal

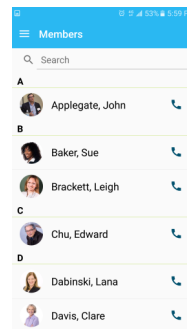
CLUBRUNNER MOBILE APP

- ◆ If you have an iPhone or an android it is recommended that you go to the app store or google and search using the words "ClubRunner".
- ◆ Download the app and use your username and password that you have for the ClubRunner desktop version.
- ◆ This app gives you the ability to see all Club Members. You can Call, Text or email right within the app.

Here are a couple of links to view so you can see what this app can do for you as a Rotarian.

<https://site.clubrunner.ca/page/clubrunner-mobile-app-now-available>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFLu08meAHl>

Check it out I am sure you will find it useful - Kathyann Reginato



2021 RCCSP COMMITTEE LISTING

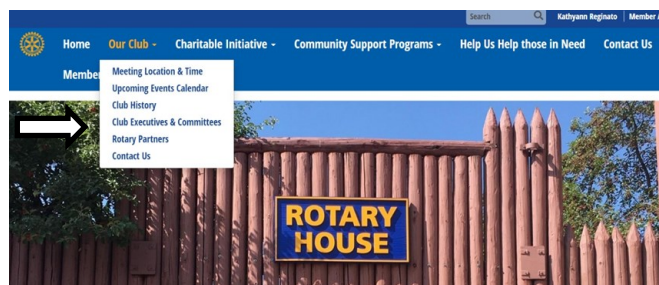
The 2021 RCCSP Committee Listing was recently sent out. As well, every committee that you are on received an email that provided everyone with a distribution list to assist with **Committee Communication**. You can access the 20/21 RCCSP Committee Listing in the following ways:

Go to: www.rotarycs.org and sign in with your username and password and on the main screen under "Our Club" you can pick "Club Executives & Committees" (see screenshot to the right)

You can also view just your committees by going to our website:

www.rotarycs.org and signing under Member Login. Then go to "Member Area" and go to "my ClubRunner" this will list your Committees for yourself only (see attached screenshot on the left)

Please contact the Director or Chair if you have any questions. Thank you



2021/2022 RCCSP OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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Treasurer
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