



RCCSP Weekly Bulletin August 4th 2022
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Welcome to the August 4th 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, Alan Tennant, Greg Martin, Craig Stokke, Don Mintz and Len Hamm.



Visitors and Guests: No guests today but the room demanded we sing the Welcome Song anyway! I think our new Member, Alan Tennant liked it!

Announcements: Jim Fitzowich

Ed Whitaker – has passed away on Friday July 29th at the age of 94. He was a member of this Club since 1983 and was known for his sharp wit & humour. He was predeceased by Elaine, his wife of 66 years.

More details on his service will follow as we get them. Here is the link to his Obituary: [Obituary of John \(Ed\) Whitaker | McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes |... \(mhfh.com\)](https://www.mhfh.com/obituary/John-Ed-Whitaker)

Roger Jarvis – as you know, Roger passed on July 7th (start of Stampede) at the age of 88. Roger's service will be at Eden Brook Funeral home on Tuesday August 30th at 2pm. [Charles Stanley "Roger" Jarvis | Obituary | Sharing Memories \(arbormemorial.ca\)](https://www.arbormemorial.ca/obituary/Charles-Stanley-Roger-Jarvis)

Roger was an active and enthusiastic Rotarian since 1976. He is remembered for his mischievous humor and smile by all who knew him and became spoon collectors by sitting with him. Roger is survived by his loving wife Marie, daughter Lori, son Brian and 14 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Can we all please stand and observe a minute of silence for Roger & Ed. (1 min) Thank you.

More Health and Wellness: Tony Ng is doing much better and is looking forward to returning to Rotary meetings soon. It is his birthday today! Happy Birthday Tony!!

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

Tommy Low – John Fitz advises he is in South Campus Hospital and can take visitors.

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





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Announcements Continued:

50/50: Corinne Wilkinson announced that \$115 was up for grabs. Ben Steblecki who people haven't seen for a few years was back so he got to pull the lucky ticket for Greg Martin. Congrats Greg!



Sergeant at Arms: Chas Filipski did a great job of emptying some pockets with a quiz on former Club Presidents. Some of the questions were: who was our Club's first President; who was our first woman President, and; name one of our Past Presidents who became a District Governor. In honour of our current President, all members who are Engineers were asked to stand up with President Jim and asked all 5 of them to contribute to the pot. Thanks Chas!



Ribbons for Peace: Len Hamm and Corinne Wilkinson: Len announced the launch of the Rotary Ribbons for Peace fundraiser. He stated that it was imperative that we not become complacent as a society with the events that are occurring in Ukraine. Every day there are approximately 50-75 Ukrainians flying into Calgary, often with only the clothes on their back. The need is very great and it is anticipated that Calgary may expect to receive up to 30,000 more evacuees. We have partnered with the Calgary North Club to make a difference in the lives of the evacuees who will become contributors to our city and country. The blue and yellow ribbons will be available for a donation of \$100. Corinne talked about the evening event that will also be a fundraiser to support the evacuees. The event is on October 12 starting at 6 pm at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre. It will include dinner, entertainment and a live auction. Special guests include former Premier of Alberta, Ed Stelmach and his wife Marie. Tickets are \$175 and a table of 10 for \$1750. There is also an opportunity to be a sponsor for the event Contact Corinne, Murray Flegel or Larry Kennedy to discuss or reserve your sponsorship.

See page 7 for the poster!





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Induction of New Member: Alan Tennant

Len Hamm introduced Allan to the Club.

Alan has over 37 years in real estate and has served as the President and CEO of the Calgary Real Estate Board since 2011, representing more than 6,600 real estate brokers and associates. Alan has also served as President for both the Canadian Real Estate Association and CREB.



Alan has been honored for his dedication to community service. He is the recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and was named Airdrie Alberta's volunteer of the year in 2005.

He comes to us with a lot of Rotary experience as a former member of the Airdrie Discovery and Downtown Clubs.



Greg Martin did the formal induction with a shoutout to Al King who helped to craft the formal induction presentation.



Alan commented that he already felt welcomed here and thanked Len and Lorna Hamm for their encouragement and mentoring (Having Len and Lorna as mentors is a great way to be introduced to our Club!). He looks forward to meeting others and working together. **Welcome Alan!**





Introduction of Main Speaker: Past President Chas introduced President Jim and noted his significant role as the Chair of the CRCF. He also commented that the inaugural speech of the current President is a very personal statement of what is being planned in their Rotary year in order to make the Club better. Chas finished his introduction with a George Friedman quote saying; “leaders inherit the decisions of their predecessors, and current circumstances.”



Inaugural Address by President Jim

(Editor’s note: Due to confidentiality of some of the material, a fuller presentation of the PowerPoint will be available under Member Resources on our Club’s website. Click on “Presentations from meeting”.)

Jim continued the Presidential comparison from Chas and started with a review of President Harry Truman and why he liked him as a role model for his Presidency. He was known for his pragmatic and efficient management of Government and Military Finances during the war. He was a Missouri farm boy known for being a skeptic and pragmatist. Jim said “He is known for ending the war (dropped the A Bomb), and winning the Peace (Marshall Plan) and his well known phrase **“The Buck Stops Here”**. I like Harry.”



Jim outlined 3 topics for discussion: Governance, Management and a Go Forward Plan.

Regarding Governance: The Board of Directors has ultimate authority and accountability for the management of our Club. Committees cannot act independently of the Board. Any suggestions, concerns from the Committees should go to the relevant Director as a first level of inquiry, then onward to the Chair of the Board, if required.

Regarding Management: Committees have been reduced from 72-40. Many outlived their purpose, and some had overlapping of functions. Fewer committees, fewer silos, more engagement. “More Rotary-less meetings” is the goal.

Costs have been reduced over the past 2 Covid years. However, there is no getting around the costs of running a big, highly regulated business. Our Club has the good fortune of lots of charity funding for this year which supports the goal of “More Rotary-less fundraising”. Funding requests by the various Committees need to be into their respective Director by November 28, 2022.



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Regarding Go Forward Plan:

There are 5 Goals and 10 Action items for 2022-23

Mission, Vision & 5 year Goal

□ Mission:

—To create a community of Rotarians coming together in fellowship to combine wisdom, talent, and energy for the purpose of making a positive impact on the community and the world.

□ Vision:

—We are a vibrant, energetic, and enthusiastic club with focus on providing service to the local and worldwide community.

□ 5 Year Strategic Goals:

- 1) Grow membership: John Fitzsimmons : Grow membership by 10% by June 2023
- 2) Locate worthy projects that require much-needed support: Don Taylor: Grant proposals by Dec 2022 ≤ Grant funds; Jim Bladon: Reinstatement of Fund raising, accounting prior to Dec 2022
- 3) Increase member engagement: Stan Cichon: reinstate volunteer events, plan by AGM; Kathy Demorest: reinstate social events, plan by AGM; Walter Flores: reinstate YEX programs, plan & budget by Dec 2022, and ; Myrna Dube Thompson: “full room” meetings with engaging programs.
- 4) Raise the profile of Rotary and our Club in the community: Craig Stokke: consolidated & focused communications program, and ; P3: all key Club partners know us on 1st name basis and are fully engaged.
- 5) Improve internal communication: Craig Stokke & Board: communications plan is successful when members stop complaining about it.

A brief Q&A followed

Jim finished his presentation by getting all Directors Stand. 5 Officers. All have smiling faces. President is Chair of the Board (me) and ultimately responsible – **“The Buck Stops Here”**

We look forward to executing your plan over the next 12 months President Jim!





THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: As per the confidentiality of today's meeting, the video link is in Jim's PowerPoint presentation that has been uploaded to the website under the Member's Resources tab, then under Speaker's Presentations. Email admin@rotarycs.org if you need help finding it.

Correction from last week's Bulletin about the Ukrainian Donation Center

John Fitzsimmons and Chas Filipski talked about the great work that is being done at the Ukrainian Donation Centre located at 500 – 58th Avenue SE. They need donations of anything that would be suitable for Ukrainian refugees who are being placed in apartments (i.e. smaller beds, household effects, toiletries, etc.) Donations can be dropped off between 2pm-6pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, and there are members of our club who can help you take larger items to the Centre.

The address was stated as NE but it is SE



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

Guests of Honour: Hon. Ed Stelmach and Marie

Remarks: Olesandr Danyleiko, 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.

Website to purchase tickets and ribbons coming soon.

Sponsorship opportunities available:

Len Hamm – len@thomasjeffery.ca

Murray Flegel – mjf@bosslubricants.com

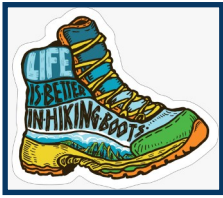
Larry Kennedy – lkennedy@ceadvisors.com

Slava Ukraini



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HIKING CLUB

There were too many events in this hike to Rummel Lake to fit into one page. Nine of us crossed the creek by balancing on rocks. Sophie, in place of Larry who is not with us, took on the role of Sir Galahad while we crossed again on wobbly logs. Thank you Sophie. She also photographed us navigating the precarious, narrow path above the waterfall. You will have to imagine the rushing waterfall and the fields of multi-coloured flowers, too numerous to mention, that we encountered everywhere. Finally we attained the jewel, Lake Rummel and relaxed eating lunch. We were sustained by cookies from Glenda and Donna and ice cold drinks in Glenda's cooler at the end of the long 11 km. trail. We made it.

Submitted by Pat Farn





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Calendar of Events

August 11: Jim Gray - Green Line



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