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CLUB NEWS

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests and welcome to the August 5th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, Craig Stokke.



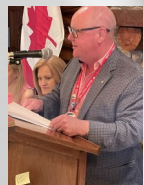
Please join **Glenn Potter** and myself for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.

It is so very exciting to be back in Rotary House! The vibrant sounds of members seeing each other for the first time in a long time, the back slapping, the hugs, the chatter! It all brings us 'home' to our Rotary Family! - Editor Luanne Whitmarsh



HEAD TABLE: President Craig talked about the huge amount of respect for all members of the head table. **Glen and Jeanette Richardson** have been stellar members – both through their volunteer assistance and their amazing financial contribution! Thank you so much! And, on my other side is my family! I would not know what to do without them all. My daughters have grown into strong, independent women – Rotary has given them many opportunities to grow and be challenged.

HEAD TABLE: Teresa Stokke, Emily Stokke, Megan Stokke, Glen Richardson, Jeanette Richardson



VISITORS/GUESTS: Jim Hutchens noted that President Craig asked him if he could make Craig look more sexy – so Jim says to the Club... drink up!! 😊.

Great to also see **Doug Howard**, former member, join us today. Jim introduced the guests, and the Club sang a resounding rendition of our welcome song!

COVID: Craig Stokke: updated that the member is feeling much better and had moderate flu-like symptoms. Craig noted that many members connected to say that they wanted the meetings to continue to be in-person with the reminder for everyone to do what is comfortable for themselves. The meetings are recorded and included in the emails sent out. Craig also noted that 94% protection is not 100% protection!

WATERTON PEACE PARK: Craig Stokke reminded the Club on behalf of **Bryan Walton** that the Peace Park event is still open for people to register to.



50/50: Lynn Topp drew the name of **Greg Martin** who won \$88.00.

He took a good share of ribbing!



CLUB NEWS



DREAM HOME:
Jim Bladon:



Dream Home! What a year! Greetings on behalf of the 2021 Dream Home committee! We are done – noting we did 'better than last year'! Jim announced the Dream Home winner is a 95-year-old lady living in Edmonton! She buys tickets every year and was delighted this year as the sales were on-line. Mark Bickford from Winfield won the 50/50 and he was the lucky winner of \$905K!

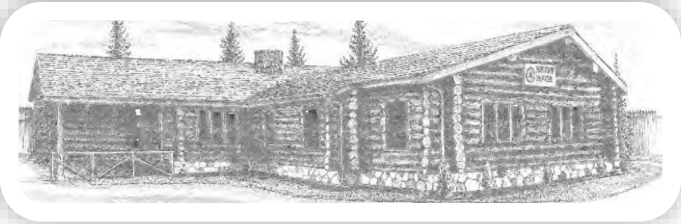
Jim reminded everyone that the Chase the Ace lottery is continuing until the end of the year – and that this is causing a bit of a delay in getting the final totals to us. Jim asked the Dream Home Committee members to stand and be recognized and they were given a wonderful round of applause.

Jim thanked everyone who helped during this extraordinary year from volunteering to encouraging many others. This year some of our volunteers assisted the Kinsmen fill their shifts. Our Club, Kinsmen & the Stampede Band all worked together extremely well!

Also, Jim announced that the 2 top sellers for all tickets (Rotary, Kinsmen, Band) are both our Club members!! HUGE congratulations to **Corrine Wilkinson** who was #1 and to **Past President Penny Leckie** who was a close 2nd! Well done ladies!

Finally, Jim handed **President Craig** a check for \$100K as the deposit from the Stampede Lotteries! What success! Next year's Dream Home chair is **Kevin McLeod** – see you all in the Dream Home 2022!





CLUB NEWS

SIS GOLF TOURNAMENT: Ernie Yaskowich:

Planning for this year event actually started planning in November 2019 and came to an abrupt halt in April 2020 when it was canceled due to the pandemic. It was difficult – but we held on for 2021! In early December 2020 we made the decision to get planning for the golf tournament and we worked through zoom and 100's of emails – but it happened (a miracle in itself)!

Early on in planning it was evident that the enthusiasm from sponsors, donors and golfers as well as the committee members was very high! Everyone was ready to move away from the restrictions from the pandemic. We had a number of new sponsors and donors and we added an online auction. This complemented the live auction that was comprised of a number of premium items with 2 of them bringing in \$12.5K each!

Also, we automated the golfer registration process that we found through the Rotary Club of Bolton Ontario called Event Caddy. It was very successful. We linked to Event Caddy and it was simply easy to register, enter their data and pay. The tournament sold out golfers, all 144 of them, by the end of June.

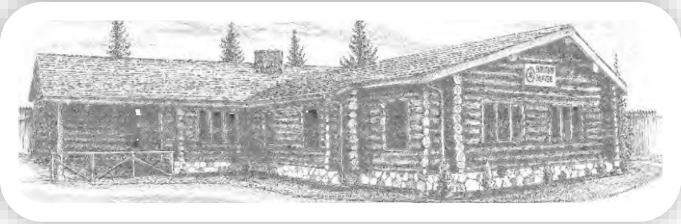


The biggest glitch was that the WIFI supplier at Cottonwood lost their service the day of our event. So, we extended the auction that caused a lot of work for **Janet Matthews** and her sub-committee. Another quite anxious time for me personally was that the \$1M shoot out policy was signed off on June 29th, but the policy was not formally received until the day before the event at 11:18 am!

The really good news is the SIS program was originally set up based on a self-sustaining fund whereby the income for such said fund would financially support the program in perpetuity. When we realized that goal of \$4.5M was within reach, we branded the 2021 golf tournament not only as the 20th anniversary but as a 'Celebration of Success'. With the approximate \$280K raised this year, I am very happy to report that the fund will sit at approximately \$4.85M (it is approximate as there are still bills to be paid).

The golf tournament will go on with this model and 'Youth and Education' but with service and mental health component. As I have said 'when one door closes another opens' and with the new model and theme there are exciting times ahead. More will come from **Toby Oswald-Felker** in the weeks ahead.

It has been my distinct pleasure to have worked with this committee and I'm very proud of what we have accomplished together. You can all hold your heads very high – take care and enjoy the rest of the summer.



CLUB NEWS

CASINO VOLUNTEERS: **Craig Stokke:** our Club will be hosting a Major Casino Event on Tuesday August 31 and Wednesday September 1. You can touch base with **Lynn Grant** if you are available to help on that. See more information in the bulletin

COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS: **Earl Huson** has asked that you work a shift for this. See further details in the bulletin

HEALTH AND WELLNESS: Wendy Giuffre's Mother in Law, Mary Giuffre passed away, our condolences to Wendy and family. Contact Dorothea Schaab during August if you have any information to relay

TAYLOR FAMILY DONATION: **Bill Sumner** read a wonderful letter he received on behalf of the SIS committee from David Taylor – the son of Don E Taylor who was a previous member of our Club and Director of the Taylor Family Foundation. The letter included a check for \$25K for the SIS program and notes that our own **George Deegan** is a Director on this Board. We really appreciate their support.



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: **Joe Connelly** is up to bat, look out!! He said it was a good time to catch up on the old fines we all received for the past year. Joe put in \$20.00 for his contribution! He was able to ding **Stan Cichon** and **Norm Devitt** with his questions and then he dinged **Past President Penny Leckie** as she did not know how many slurpees Craig had during the Stampede (it was none, but holy can he eat corn dogs!). Joe laid out a new game – and it was fun – but many felt their pockets a bit lighter! Well done as always Joe!

ROCK 'EM SOCK 'EM EVENT: The next Rock 'em Sock 'em Event to be held on **OCTOBER 20th**. Three special guests will be in attendance: **Danielle Smith, Ted Morton and Rex Murphy**. The event will be "semi-formal" and there will be more information and registration shortly.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/PTBCqraBdiU>

THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN AS STEVE MASON IS AWAY



NEXT WEEK'S MEETING:

August 12th:

John Scott: Film Industry in Alberta

Registration Link:

<https://rotarycs.org/event/rccsp-august-12th-meeting-meal-registration/>

You must register by 9:00 am on Friday Aug 6th





SPEAKER: PRESIDENT STOKKE: INAUGURAL ADDRESS

I had an opportunity last year to tell the Club about the tremendous opportunities Rotary provided me and my family. Both my girls went on exchange (Austria, Italy and Chile)! They wouldn't have had these opportunities without this Club. I've received amazing leadership opportunities - Dream Home Chair, 2025 Convention Chair, and now Club President.

I've met amazing people. I guarantee if you're open to the opportunities, you will never give more than you receive. After the meeting I received calls and emails from people saying they have not felt that way in Rotary or it's been many years since they felt that way and that's a shame. I would like you to start thinking about what Rotary can do for you. I've personally struggled with "Service Above Self" and what resonates more for me is: What do you need from Rotary this week? What does our Club and Community need from you this week? That is a question I am going to ask you from the podium each week.

Many of you know I hate public speaking. One of the reasons I accepted the President position is I would also like to use this experience to build on relationships & do cool things. I want to improve my management skills.

So again, I see my service was an opportunity to grow personally and professionally. So, I ask; how you can leverage your service to grow?

I was talking to a member interested in technology, I suggested they join the tech committee, they said they didn't know enough about it. I said that's why you need to join. If you're a small business owner looking to improve management skills – join in!

There is a fitting quote by Howard Washington Thurman: *"Don't ask yourself what the world needs, ask yourself what makes you come alive. Then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive"*. Think about that. When you get personal satisfaction from something it becomes more important to you. We need our members to become inspired to become involved, which leads to more inspiration.

So, as a Club, we need to ensure we are providing great opportunities. If we want to recruit and retain quality members in their 40's, 50's, 60's we need to provide experiences & opportunities that attract them. If we were a business, we'd ask our customers what they want... wouldn't we?

As a Club we need to look at our members as customers because if we don't have a strong club and strong members, we can't do the great things we do. Everyone in the room has one thing in common - whether you joined Rotary 2 years, 10 years, 50 years ago, there were 1.2M Rotary members when you joined. And there still is – with North America losing membership.

What is Rotary missing? We're missing something. In many ways, our Club is doing an amazing job connecting to the long-term members we have. We need to ask ourselves the question; are we offering an experience that appeals to newer members within our target demographic? Are we doing everything we can to enrich our longer-term members? Maybe? Sometimes? Always?

We are going to take a close look at that this year. There are pros and cons to having a Club with 120 members. Friendships and memories are made doing service projects (e.g., Dream Home) and activities outside of meetings. We already have interest groups such as the Bridge Club, Dinner Club, Hiking Club, and we are going to investigate other opportunities. Some ideas include Business Strategy meetups, business networking, business mentorship, learning about investing, health & wellness, Toastmasters, and learning about technology. These could be open to members and non-members. Rotaractors can teach us about social media, how to FaceTime with your grandkids for example. In return, we can mentor Rotaractors on how to fundraise. There are a lot of ideas, and we will soon be asking what experiences our members want.



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Then there is the 2025 convention, and this Club will play a central role. We need to plant the seeds now and know that we have an unprecedented opportunity here. We have ambitious goals to grow Rotary in the District and raise our profile and to make sure everyone in Calgary knows who we are.

We need to tell our story better. The Rotary story including through social media posts. Our communications committee did great work last year building our base – it is now time to start the action. We will be looking at how our Club can start telling the stories our community needs to hear leading to 2025.

We want to build better collaboration among our committees. In many ways our committees operate as silos - focusing on their own activities. Dream Home focuses on filling shifts and selling tickets. That is how they measure success. Small grants; picks great charities. That is what they should be doing. We need to better tell our story to increase awareness and to grow Rotary the left hand needs to know what the right hand is doing. We need to better utilize the stories of the small grant recipients to sell Dream Home tickets. Somebody needs to look for those opportunities. We need to collaborate better - maybe that means the chairs of different committees need to meet with Directors to set common goals and come up with a plan. Maybe there is an oversight committee that looks for opportunities? There are a few ideas on the table.

We now are in 'The Great Reset' as a result of the pandemic. Taking a year off from some of our committees allows us an unprecedented opportunity to re-imagine the way we do things.

When committees roll from one year to the next; it's natural to keep doing the same things over and over. Let's take advantage in this once in 100-year event. We've merged some committees and eliminated some committees. Our directors will be encouraging Chairs to really look at the way we do things. Our Strategic Planning committee will be encouraging committees to see how the Strategic Plan fits into their committee plans.

We have an outstanding Board this year. For the first time we have two Directors overseeing membership.

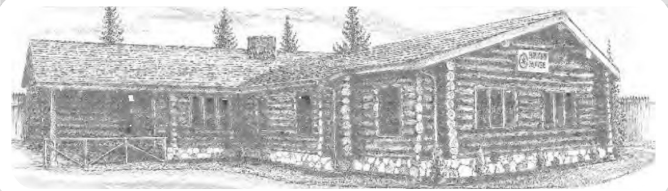
Tony Fisher - Membership & Recruitment
Wendy Giuffre - Member Experience
Mark Ambrose - Fundraising
Stan Cichon - Club Operations
Myrna Dube-Thompson - Meetings & Events
Walter Flores - Youth Director
Don Taylor - Community Service
Luanne Whitmarsh - Club Secretary
Don Mintz - Treasurer
PP Penny Leckie & PE Jim Fitzowich

This year, we are encouraging Directors to become involved with the committees within their portfolio. Directors have been reaching out to committee chairs. They've had input into the makeup of committees.

We need to improve communication between the committees and the Board. An emailed report once a month is not sufficient for many of the larger committees. Directors should be invited to committee meetings. They should be provided minutes. Board decisions must be properly communicated to affected committees. Directors are here to assist committees and bring your concerns and opportunities to the Board.

To sum things up, this year we will be focusing on strengthening our Club's foundation. We do great work in the community but with the great opportunity coming in 2025 it's time to start looking forward.

I am grateful for the tremendous support I have received. I will work hard and do my best for the Club. Thank you.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING NEEDS

CASINO VOLUNTEERS

- ♦ Volunteers are required for a Major Fundraising event at Cowboys Casino
- ♦ Casino dates are **August 31st and September 1st.**

See below for further details:

Tuesday August 31st:

6:00 pm to 2:15 am—we need 1 Chip Runner Volunteer
11:00 pm to 2:15 am—we need 1 Count Room Volunteer

Wednesday September 1st:

6:00 pm to 2:15 am—we need 1 Cashier and 1 Chip Runner Volunteer
11:00 pm to 2:15 am—we need 3 Count Room Volunteers

We also need to have some spares

Thank you

Submitted by: Lynn Grant (Call or text: 403 819 8786)



COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERING

- ♦ Volunteers are required for **Community Kitchens located at: 3751 - 21 Street NE**
- ♦ This is to support the Good Food Box program.
- ♦ Volunteers 18 years and older are eligible to volunteer

We are winding up the Community Kitchens volunteer requirement for the rest of this year. Please advise me of where you can help out. We need **two volunteers** per shift. If we get more we can help Bill Lawless out if he has a short fall with another club. The specific dates and times are as follows. thank you very much for helping out with this volunteer need.

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



Rotary
Club of Calgary at Stampede Park



The Tournament of Diamonds in support of Calgary Rotary Challenger Park

August 25th, 2021 @ Bearspaw Golf & Country Club

Join us for a full day of fun in the sun including breakfast, a Texas style scramble and dinner in support of Calgary Rotary Challenger Park. A barrier free park built by Rotarians for people of all abilities

The day includes three prize holes and a \$500,000 Hole-in-one Shoot-Out. Mulligans are included as part of your Fun Pac, that is included in your Player registration (maximum 3 per player, which can be used on any shot).

Hole-In-One Competitions

The allocation of prize money if a player makes a hole-in-one on one of the designated par three prize holes, will be **50% to the player and 50% to the charity.**

Shoot-Out

The allocation of prize money in the event that a player makes a hole-in-one in the Shoot-Out event, will be **50% to the player and 50% to the charity.**

Event Day Agenda

Registration. **7:00–8:30am**

Breakfast **7:30-8:15am**

Tee-Off **8:45am**

(Format will be a type of Scramble)

Banquet approx. **3:00pm**

Team/Player Entry Includes 18 holes of golf, shared golf cart, breakfast sandwich, complimentary practice tee privileges, dinner, our FUN PAC and a fun day with friends.

Entry Fee:

Team of 4: **\$1,320.00**

OR

Single Player: **\$330.00**

[Click for Downloadable Team Registration Form](#)

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Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park



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Building *Peace* by Piece

Waterton, AB
September 17 - 19

***The Waterton Glacier International Peace
Park Assembly is a Go!!!!!!***

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The Border will be opening August 9th to Americans entering Canada and we're looking forward to seeing Rotarians from all four districts, once again together to enjoy this event and beautiful Waterton-Glacier Park.

Join us on September 17-19, 2021 for this long standing get-together celebrating the enduring Peace we have forged with our neighbours North and South of the border!

We have an outstanding program prepared for you and lots of fun and fellowship opportunities you won't want to miss!!!

To view the program and to Register Visit:

www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org



PARTNERS IN PRINT - HALF WAY THROUGH THE SUMMER



So far this has been quite the summer for the Partners. Because of COVID restrictions still in place we were unable to have our normal June event but Denise hosted a small gathering of her executive as she passed the gavel to me. When the restrictions were lifted it was like receiving a "get out of jail free card" for some of us.

The Stampede gave us a chance to test our wings in public. Masks were still prominent but we were out and about and enjoying seeing everyone. Then there was the golf tournament which once again gave us a chance to see our Rotary friends. Since then our Partners have made their way to summer cottages or farms, trekked mountain trails, hosted birthday parties for a few of the girls who's birthdays fell in the winter months, celebrated anniversaries, spent time with grandchildren and renewed friendships.

I know everyone is still wanting to remain cautious but I am looking forward to the remainder of the summer with a little golf and also making preparations for our September event.

- ◇ If any of you have photos or stories of your summer adventures please pass them along to me so they can be shared with the rest of the club.

- Take care and enjoy these " Dog days of Summer"

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



Photo: Kelly Brittain

PARTNER NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

EXECUTIVE: We have a new executive. I have confirm 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. **SAVE THE DATE: September 14th: Fall Lunch**

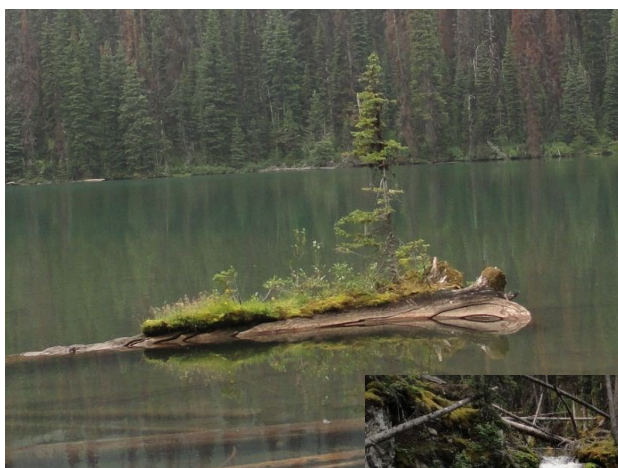
DUES: Membership dues will remain at \$40.00 for the upcoming year, 2021/2022. Dues payments should be made to Karen Grant, who is remaining as treasurer, by Sept 1, 2021. Payments can be made by cheque or e-transfer to Karen at: **3927 Vancouver Cres. NW Calgary AB T3A 0M2** or email her: lkgrant@shaw.ca



HIKING CLUB:



August 4th: The day was not too smoky for the 13 hikers who ventured deep into Kananaskis country to get to Rawson Lake. We walked along the Southern edge of Upper Kananaskis Lake and were rewarded with a lovely waterfall. We had to "walk the planks" which cover the boggy ground. After a long, steep climb we came to Rawson Lake which is so pretty and always seems to keep some snow. In the water at our lunch spot there was a downed tree with a tree growing out of it, proving that regrowth can come in many forms. We were visited with a very bold squirrel who investigated the backpacks. After lunch, complete with huge cookies and power balls, we ventured to the end of the lake and saw so many flowers, some of which are not identified yet. On the way back Glenda caught all of us on the bridge for a group shot with our youngest hiker of the day, Eli, out in front. We capped the long day off with ice cream - **Submitted by: Pat Farn**





RCCSP CLUB CALENDER OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

AUGUST 12th: ROTARY HOUSE

John Scott: Film Industry in Alberta

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AUGUST 19th: ROTARY HOUSE

Drew Ross: New Level Brewing



AUGUST 26th: ROTARY HOUSE

Peace Park Presentation



AUGUST 31ST / SEPTEMBER 1ST

CASINO AT COWBOYS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



SEPTEMBER 2nd: ROTARY HOUSE

DG Martin Parnell Visits



SEPTEMBER 9th: **We ARE AT THE BLUE ROOM**

Rotary Profile: Greg Martin



SEPTEMBER 16th: **We ARE AT THE BLUE ROOM**

Pandemic: Looking Back and Ahead



SEPTEMBER 17TH TO 19TH

Waterton Peace Park Assembly



SEPTEMBER 23rd: ROTARY HOUSE

Ali Velshi (VIA ZOOM):

NBC Economics and Business Correspondent



SEPTEMBER 30th:

Patrick Lor: High Tech In Alberta



OCTOBER 7th: ROTARY HOUSE

To Be Announced



2021/2022 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President	Craig Stokke
President-Elect	Jim Fitzowich
Past President	Penny Leckie
Club Secretary	Luanne Whitmarsh
Treasurer	Don Mintz
Partners President	Rhonda Yaskowich
Community Service Local/Int'l Director	Don Taylor
Fundraising Director	Mark Ambrose
Member Experience Director	Wendy Giuffre
Meeting and Events Director	Myrna Dube-Thompson
Meeting and Recruitment Director	Tony Fisher
Operations Director	Stan Cichon
Youth Service	Walter Flores

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.
- ⇒

INSTRUCTIONS: click on link below invite that shows your name. This takes you to the Registration Page. Click Register Me and click save. This will take you to the area where you enter your credit card details.

PAYMENT OPTIONS: You can Register and pay by credit card. You can also register and not pay but pay at the meeting. If you are only having coffee, please register, don't pay but list "coffee only" in the comments section.

FOOD/DRINK AND DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: please list any dietary needs in the comments area.