



# ROTARY CLUB OF STAMPEDE PARK NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 14TH 2023



### SPEAKERS:

Shondell Sabad,  
Glenn Potter,  
Catherine Brownlee

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Welcome to the December 14th meeting of the Rotary Club at Stampede Park. My name is Bryan Walton, and I'm honoured to be the president of this club for 23-24.



### Head Table:

Bob Wiens, Glen Potter, Sue Lasher,  
President Bryan Walton, Shondell Sabad,  
Cathie Saroka

Unfortunately Keiths computer died and we weren't able to access any photos from today for the bulletin. Hopefully these photos will suffice!



Please join me, accompanied by Vitalija, in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.

Draw for 50/50- Michael Zacharki

Winner: Vitalija!





## TODAY'S MEETING:

We are pleased to welcome our guests and speakers today.

Catherine Brownlee started us off with her classification talk. It was very touching, thank you Catherine!

Glenn Potter then came up and made all of the Rotarians give the Calgarian hello of "Yahoo" and "Go Calgary" to be recorded.

Today Shondell taught us about the future of agriculture. Vertical farming is an innovative change from traditional agriculture. It can be done from indoors, which is great for Alberta's extreme temperatures, with that being said there wouldn't be a season where we would go without fresh lettuce. No soil nor sunlight is needed and it uses 95% less water than traditional agriculture.

Shondell informed us on the 'why,' commenting on the water crisis in California and how that could soon effect us here in Alberta.

Cathie Saroka closes the presentation with thanking the guest speakers.

For a copy of the slides from Shondell's presentation today, please message [admin@rotarycs.org](mailto:admin@rotarycs.org)



Remember to register for next v  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DANA IN HUALTUCO, MEXICO



Photo: Past president Raina, member Consuela, Dana Hunter

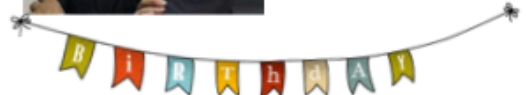
Dana Hunter enjoys Mexico while checking out the local club of Hualtucó.

"Spent Wednesday evening helping the local club sort and tag items for their fundraising bazaar. Sunday evening, a visit to Barra del a cruz with Sylvan lake Rotarians. Great drive and a wonderful dinner with local Rotarians," -Dana.

This is sure making me want to take a trip to Mexico and escape the cold! Glad to hear you're enjoying your time, Dana.



*Happy Birthday  
past president,  
Craig Stokke.*



### HEALTH & WELLNESS

Health and Wellness contact for December is Brenda McKinley.

(403) 870-4292

[bmckinley@hotmail.com](mailto:bmckinley@hotmail.com)

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE WINE AND FONDUE



They say wine tastings are more fun the more you sample, but it's assured that these Rotarians have a wonderful time. The Social Committee met on December 1st for an evening full of wine tasting, a tour and wonderful cheese fondue. City and Country Winery greeted 14 rowdy Rotarians, partners and guests.

Make a reservation for one of their 'Fondue Friday's' over the winter. You won't be disappointed!

### CLUBFOOT BRACES FOR COLOMBIA

The Global Grant project was just recognized in the zone 25A meeting in Merida, Mexico. Jennifer Jones presented it to the lead Colombian Rotarians. Colombian District 4281 is the Host District with strong support from Rotary Club of Nuevo Ibague.

Nearly 3200 Ponseti splints will be loaned out to qualified clinics countrywide. These braces eliminate almost all the need for corrective surgeries for affected children. Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park took the international lead in the project. Supporting grants from other Calgary clubs made a big difference and helped reach a budget of CAD176505







## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CURLING DONATION LETTER




### COVID-19 UPDATE

The pandemic didn't end in 2020, and unfortunately Covid-19 is spreading throughout our club once again. Remember to stay safe, stay inside if you are feeling unwell.

### **NOTICE!** FROM LUANNE

I hope you find this information helpful. I may try to do this update process a few times to see how it works - please offer your feedback so I know!

Thanks, Luanne

- For those going to Singapore, please let me know so we can start a list of the cool people! ingapore. please let me know so we can start a 
- On behalf of the Board, I announce that Tom Jezersek and Gui Salazar are no longer members of our Club. Thanks, Luanne.
- There will not be a meeting on December 28th - we are back January 4th!
- Megan Stokke has been a wonderful help with the bulletin - a huge thanks to her!
- Please continue to let me know what 'stuff' you have of the Clubs. Files, computer files, passwords to Club sites, keys, etc. It does not mean I want everything in the office - there is honestly not enough space - we just want a listing of where our 'stuff' is at!
- IMPORTANT: on our food ordering site there is now a link so that you may watch the YouTube video for \$10.00 and get credit for attendance. You are responsible to email [admin@rotarycs.org](mailto:admin@rotarycs.org) to say you have done so in order to be credited. It is new, so if there are challenged please let me know.

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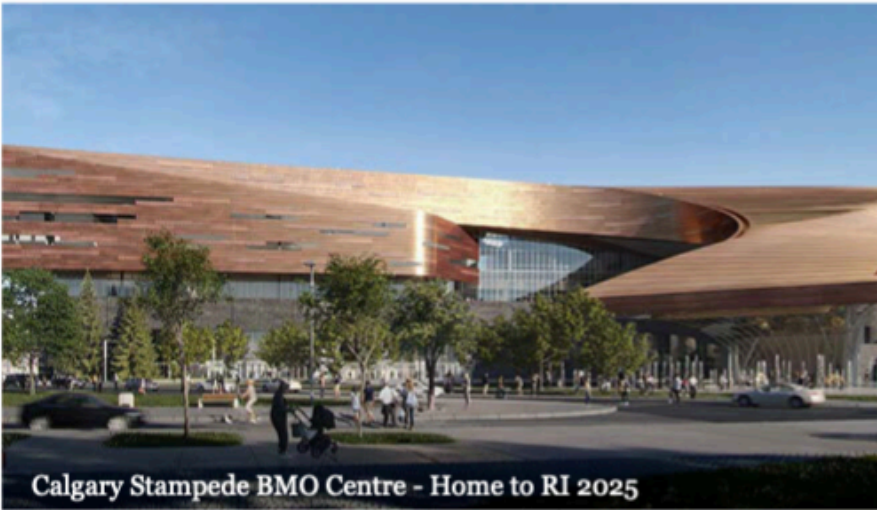
# SIGNIPORE 2024



Calgary Stampede



Majestic Canadian Rockies



Calgary Stampede BMO Centre - Home to RI 2025



Treaty 7 Welcomes the World

## Promote Rotary International Convention 2025 in Calgary June 21 - 25



**By Attending RI 2024 in Singapore May 25 - 29  
Singapore Early bird price ends Dec 15, 2023**

**Visit [RotarySingapore2024.org](https://RotarySingapore2024.org) to learn more - see you there!**







# PARTNERS IN PRINT

## Rotary Partners for Food Bank Fundraiser

### ANNUAL BRACKO HOME STORE PARADE OF CHRISTMAS TREES

**PLEASE DROP OFF FOOD ITEMS  
ACCEPTING UNTIL JAN 1, 2024**

#### Supporting Calgary Food Bank and Veterans Food Bank

Please drop off food donations to  
Bracko Home Store under the  
Rotary Partners Christmas Tree  
(located on the stair landing)

Anytime between  
November 18 to Jan 1.

BRACKO HOME  
5711 BLACKFOOT TRAIL SE  
CALGARY, AB T2H 1L7  
MON-FRI 10:00 - 6:00  
SAT 10:00 - 5:00  
SUN 12:00 - 4:00



## PARTNERS BOOK CLUB LUNCHEON

### CALLING ALL BOOK WORMS!

Mark your calendars for December 18th. Calgary Golf and Country Club is hosting us for a Turkey Pot Pie, side salad, Lemon posset lunch! Arrival is 10:30. If you can't function without coffee, i'd recommend having some beforehand; but coffee and tea will be served! Following that, a presentation, book discussion and lunch served at 12:00 on the dot! Guest speaker, Tamara Smith from "It's a Crime Not to Read".

Cost is \$40 all inclusive. Please message [janetopp@shaw.ca](mailto:janetopp@shaw.ca) before December 15th to RVSP.

## IN CLOSING:

THIS WEEKS MEETING LINK: [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=VWDWHLJP7KA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWDWHLJP7KA)

NEXT WEEKS MEETING: DECEMBER 21ST 2023

CLOSING WORDS: This time of the year is the time to pay it forward, and as you go about your business this week; remember those simple acts of kindness go a long way to creating hope in the world.

And with that, our meeting is adjourned. Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary Week!

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FINAL REMINDER TO REGISTER FOR NEXT WEEKS MEETING:



[www.rotarystampedepark.com](http://www.rotarystampedepark.com)



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### NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

**Gregory Collyer** has been proposed as for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by Bob Brawn and Second by George Deegan with a proposed Classification of Commercial Law.




If any Member objects to **Gregory Collyer** joining our Club or to HIS/HER proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, Luanne Whitmarsh: [secretary@rotarycs.org](mailto:secretary@rotarycs.org) prior to December 21st.





## UP AND COMING...

### 2023 DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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#### DECEMBER

**15<sup>th</sup>: Kids at Heart charity application closes. For more information click [HERE](#).**

**15<sup>th</sup>: Last day to register for Partners Book Club Luncheon**

**18<sup>th</sup>: Partners Book Club Luncheon**

**21<sup>st</sup>: Cleven Award**

**28<sup>th</sup>: NO MEETING**

### 2024 JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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#### JANUARY

**4<sup>th</sup>: Jeromy Farkas speaker presentation**



