



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



RCCSP Weekly Bulletin December 15th, 2022 Volume Number 68, Issue Number 21

Bulletin Editor: Sandy Dougall

Photography: Glen Godlonton

Videography: Steve Mason and Jamie Moorhouse

Administrator: Sarah Brown

Welcome to the December 15th 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: (L to R) **Glen Richardson**, Jeanette Richardson, **Len Hamm**, President **Jim Fitzowich**, Rabbi Ilana Krygier, and **Darlene Switzer-Foster**



Announcements: President Jim Fitzowich

We are now in the 3rd week of our Rotary Holiday season with our annual celebration of Hannukhah. I am not going to start the meeting with any trivia or history on the topic other than to welcome our guests.

I am going to bring to your attention that there is information in last week's Bulletin on the Board's decisions on budget charity spending approvals, and some of the immediate beneficiaries during this holiday season. We will have some more information on least one initiative a little later in the program.



So now changing gears, please join **Steve Mason** for the music video for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.



Our Santa for children less fortunate, **Allan Johnson** is still collecting new, unwrapped toys from now up until Christmas for donation to the Salvation Army. Please email him to arrange drop off or bring the toys directly to his office. Email: allanj@sheratonlabels.com or #112—5726 Burleigh Crescent S.E.

For other ways to donate please contact Al.



Acknowledge Members in the Audience: President Jim welcomed Jack Thompson back to Rotary House and was pleased to take him off the Health and Wellness list.



Visitors and Guests: Blake Pelham welcomed our Guests and we welcomed them with our beloved Welcome Song.

Vitaliia & Varoslvl Vash	Guests of the Club
Shery Adler-Pererra	Guest of Dilan
Sharon Irving	Guest of Bonar
Rhonda Yaskowich	Guest of Ernie
Rabbi Illana Krygier	Guest Speaker
Natasha Richardson	Guest of Todd
Jeanette Richardson	Guest of Glen



Health and Wellness:

The Health and Wellness contact for this month is **David Read**..... Please contact him directly for Health and Wellness updates at; 403 271 5856 (h) or 403 921 5856 (c) or nread@telusplanet.net

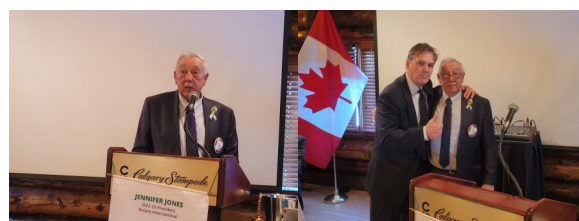
David Read advised of the following:

Gui Salazar is now at home.

Bill Sumner is still in the Foothills Hospital in Unit 46 (4619) and although he is in and out of the room for treatments and tests, visitors are welcome to wait in the room as he is only out of the room about ½ hr at a time. It is best if you can call or text ahead of time. **UPDATE:** President Jim saw Bill after the meeting and he advises they are moving him to Agape Hospice (1302 8th Ave NW) tomorrow, and he should be settled in enough to start receiving visitors next week.

Please keep all of these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

50/50: Lynn Topp looked after the draw today in the amount of \$140. Our guest speaker drew **Chas Filipski** as the winner. And Chas graciously donated the funds to the Ukrainian Relief Fund.





Sergeant-At-Arms: John Fitzsimmons with a new twist. Reverse Happy Bucks. He asked Vitaliia to be “Vana” for him and as members donated their Happy Bucks they received a surprise gift from Vanna. Happy, ranged from Birthdays, to Great Grand Children, to acknowledging the ladies here today!



Bulletin Editors Request for Assistance:

Our Bulletin Editor Committee is going to be short staffed in the new year. We are looking for at least two club members to assist by taking on the role of being an editor four times during the period of January through to the end of March. You would need to take meeting notes, then type your notes into a template which Sarah will use to produce the bulletin. The time commitment each time would be approximately one to two hours. Assistance is available to keep the process quick and simple. If you could provide some help, please contact **Glenn Potter**, (403) 244-4641 or email me at agpotter@telusplanet.net

Special Announcement: President Jim made a couple of announcements. He asked that we check the Bulletin last week for notes from the Board meeting regarding the Budget amount available for distribution by the various Committees this year. Some are off to a good start in donating some \$700,000. He also reminded us of next weeks Cleven Awards and gave us a sneak peak of the awardee’s names... Stay tuned.

He called on **Len Hamm** to give us a report on the **Ribbons for Peace** event. Len thanked the Committee for all the work they put in and for the support from all the members with purchasing tickets and Silent Auction items. He was proud to announce that the event raised some \$173,000 after expenses In addition, last Spring, the Richardson Family donated \$100,000 to the relief effort. This was in honor of Jeanettes parents and her Brother.

This has now been added bringing the total fund to \$273,000 and following Board approval they have starting to donate to the greatest needs in the Community. Some \$30,000 has been allocated to ESL and another \$10,000 to obtain a matching amount of Gift Cards from the Calgary Coop. All in all a great effort and the standing ovation was well deserved. See last week’s Bulletin or our Social Media for more on Co-op’s kindness.





Main Presentation: Introduction

Speaker Introduction: Darlene Switzer-Foster

Our guest speaker Rabbi Ilana Krygier was introduced by **Darlene Switzer-Foster**. Rabbi Ilana was born and raised in Calgary, she is married to David, has three grown children and a large dog!

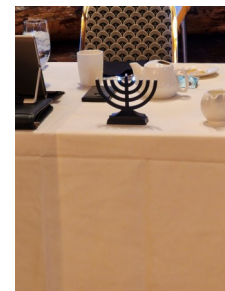


She has volunteered and served many organizations including the Calgary Jewish Academy, Temple B'nai Tikvah, and the Calgary Jewish Federation as the Director of Programming and a Holocaust and Human Rights Educator. She has also served on various Boards along with really serving lunches at the Drop-In Centre.

In 2020, after a long-long dream, she obtained her Rabbinic Ordination and has recently become certified as a Grief Educator through the David Kessler Foundation.

Main Presentation: Rabbi Ilana Krygier

Rabbi Krygier indicated that the message of Hannukah is to bring "light into darkness." The eight day event is not a religious holiday but a minor holiday in the Talmudic tradition of the Hebrew Calendar. Their calendar does not conform to our tradition Gregorian model, and they attempt to celebrate Hannukah at the same time every year.



The story is from the book of Maccabees and its history dates to approximately 170 BCE. It celebrates the end of a three-year civil war. The Maccabee tribe won the victory and after cleansing the temple they had very little oil for the temple candle. However, the candle remained lit for eight days and hence the eight candles on the Menorah. A traditional religious Menorah has only seven candles. Tradition has it that each evening one of the candles is lit. She invited us to think of it as our phone battery being on 10% and lasting 8 days! She also enlightened us to the fact that it does not matter how we spell Hannukah as it is a Hebrew word that isn't directly translated, which is good because I am sure we have spelled it 3 different ways in this Bulletin!

Along with the candle lighting, food is prepared and it should be fried in oil. Today families give presents and play with a dreidel on the table. **Darlene Switzer-Foster** has presented us all with a gift and a dreidel. Rabbi Krygier sang one of the songs that are traditionally sung at this time.



The essence of Hanukkah is a message of tolerance and acceptance between all peoples.

Thanking the Speaker: Dilan Perera

Dilan Perera thanked Rabbi Ilana today. He acknowledged that this was the third time we have celebrated Hannukkah with a presentation by her and it was always welcome. It did us good as individuals and as a Club to learn about the various traditions in our Community.



**** please review the recording of the meeting for the complete presentation! ****



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: https://youtu.be/mkXxWs_01Cc

In Closing:

Next Week's meeting: Is the Annual Cleven Awards and Christmas Social. Deadline for online registrations is tomorrow December 16th before 9am.

Looking forward in seeing you all on Thursday December 22nd.

Final words:

Thought for the coming week is from Indira Gandhi:

"The power to question is the basis of all human progress."

And with that, our meeting is adjourned.

Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week!



Final reminder to register for next week's Meeting



www.rotarystampedepark.com

Are you going to the 2023 Rotary International Convention? This time in Melbourne, Australia! If you are planning to go please let me know so I can update the names on our Website. admin@rotarycs.org

<https://rotarycs.org/page/who-s-going-to-the-convention/>

New dates have been released for 2023 at the Community Kitchen. They need Volunteers to build Good Food Boxes. Earl hasn't received too many Volunteers for the last few shifts so we are wanting to help him out in the New Year. Please email **Earl or Ken** at the emails below if you are able to help!!



COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY !!!

Volunteers are required to build Good Food Boxes.

January 16th, 2023- 5-8pm Monday evening shift

March 27th, 2023 - 5-8pm Monday evening shift

April 17th, 2023 - 5-8pm Monday evening shift

June 6th, 2023- 1-3pm Tuesday shift (usually a daytime shift but I could make this an evening shift starting at 5PM)

Email Earl or Ken to sign up for a shift.

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

EARL AND KEN REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!! THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!!!



Social Club

Rotary
Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park

**LARRY KWONG
MEMORIAL
CHINESE
NEW YEAR
DINNER**

Friday, January 27, 2023
Regency Palace Restaurant
335 Centre Street South

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT!

Menu:

- Deep Fried Vegetarian Spring Rolls(10)
- Grilled Pork Dumplings
- Won-ton Soup
- Pineapple Sweet & Sour Boneless Pork
- Ginger Beef
- Stir fried Prawns with sugar peas
- Lemon chicken
- Salt & pepper squid
- Chicken fried rice
- Fresh Sliced Oranges

Cocktails: 6:00PM
Entertainment: 6:30PM
Dinner: 7:00PM

\$50 per person. To order and pay for your tickets, go to: www.rotarystampedepark.com and follow the links.

Seating limited to 250, so purchase your tickets ASAP.
Payment required at time of placing ticket order.

The Larry Kwong Memorial, Chinese New Year Dinner is happening on January 27th. Tickets are now available at;

www.rotarystampedepark.com

Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit. Held at the Regency Palace Restaurant at 355 Center Street South.

Cocktails: 6:00pm

Entertainment: 6:30pm

Dinner: 7:00pm

Only 250 tickets available and is a District wide event, so get your tickets before they sell out. \$50 per person for a delicious Meal, see poster for Menu.

Shen Yun

Shereen Dillon who spoke to our Club earlier this year regarding Shen Yun has an invitation for us!! She writes;

"we have invited Shen Yun to come back next year to perform at the Calgary Jubilee Auditorium, March 10th to 12th. Tickets are on sale now. Many of your members had expressed interest in watching the show. I'm more than happy to block off the best seats so that your members can sit together. Please do let me know if there is anything I can help with. I look forward to welcoming you and your members to the show!

Season's Greetings to you & everyone at The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park!"

Please email **PE Bryan Walton** if you are interested.





PARTNERS in PRINT



Bracko Home's Parade of Christmas Trees

Please if you have any food items that you can donate to this very worthy cause please deliver them to the BRACKO HOME STORE 5711-6th. Street S.E. The contest runs from November 11th until December 31st. We decorated our tree yesterday and it is located on the same landing as last year, half way down the store as you go up the stairs. FYI - a case of things that contain more than one item - each item will be counted separately. In total last year from all competitors there were 9600 items donated to the Calgary Food Bank which is just amazing!

Thank you all for your help last year for making our efforts such a success. Your continued support will be appreciated by everyone!!

Rhonda Yaskowich, President

Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park

Additional Announcements

2022-2023 Roster

A big thanks goes out to **Kathy Demorest** and **Luanne Whitmarsh** who have been working hard to compile this year's Roster. A BIG thanks to **Jim Burns** who sponsored the process again this year!! The new rosters look great! Kathy was at today's Meeting with Rosters for everyone, if you did not get one she will bring them again next week, or call/email her for alternate pickup arrangements.

This weekend, **Luanne Whitmarsh**, **Melanie Todd** and **Sarah Brown** went to Knox United Church to hear **Brad Brewster** sing in the Men's Choir's Christmas Concert. We enjoyed every minute of it!





Snowshoe Club

Elkwood Loop Trail

The snowshoe season started with nine participants enjoying the 3.8km Elkwood Loop Trail. There was 5cm of new snow when we arrived at the trailhead. The sky was overcast; however, the temperature was only a few degrees below zero. We completed the Loop by noon and decided to enjoy our lunch in the Visitors centre beside the fireplace. Unfortunately we didn't see and birds or animals on this trip.



Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

Mini Volunteer Update #7.5 Wednesday, December 14th

This will be a quick mid-week update! Look for the full weekly update on Friday, but wanted to share 2 things:

- It is supposed to get quite cold in the next little while. Please bundle up, especially if you are at Costco's. Some Costcos are not too bad for chilliness, and some are worse depending on how close the stand is to the doors. We have put packs of Hot Pockets in each of the location kits as of today at all 6 Costcos – please feel free to tuck these in your gloves (and shoes if you need!) if you are volunteering at a Costco.
- We had a wonderful query this week about what are our top performing kettles this season (apart from Costcos as we only open those the last 2 weeks, but to great return). We are seeing good traffic and income coming in from these locations in particular. If you are curious or wish to volunteer where we are seeing higher returns, here are the top 8!

1. Market Mall – Kids Play Area
2. Chinook Centre – Food Court
3. Crowfoot Safeway
4. Signal Hill Superstore
5. Shawnessy Superstore
6. Chinook Centre – Chapters
7. Sunridge – Marks
8. Cross Iron – Laura

Thanks to all of you – you are doing such amazing work for us this kettle season. Kim and the Kettles Team 403-410-1128

Email cscalgary.kettles@salvationarmy.ca or call 403-410-1128 and the receptionist can help them book their shifts! These are the most important two weeks so we're happy to have the Rotarians join us!

Rotary



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



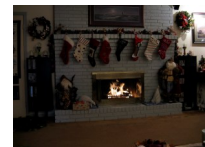
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Calendar of Events

December 22: Cleven Awards & Christmas Social



**Christmas Break December 23rd-January 5th
See you in 2023!**



January 5th: BMO Business Analyst - Economic Forecast



January 12th: Craig Stokke and Mark Starratt - RI Convention 2025



**January 27th - Larry Kwong Memorial - Chinese New Year
Dinner. Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit!
Tickets now available online at www.rotarystampedepark.com**

