



# ROTARY NEWS

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**Welcome to the December 19th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Jim Bladon, and I am honoured to be the President of this Club for Rotary year 2025-26:**

**Please join me in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.**

Head Table (L-R) : Greg Masterson, Chris Santos, Michael Vandezande, President Bladon, Luanne Whitmarsh, Craig Stokke



**Presentation:  
December 19th –  
Christmas Social &  
Cleven Awards**

**January 2nd  
No Meeting**

**Next week:  
December 26th  
– No Meeting**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the January 9th meeting.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting video.



# Today's Meeting:



**David Field** introduced our guests followed by our welcome song...



**Michael Zacharki** had Jeanette King pull the 50/50 ticket. The pot was \$150 and it was won by **Sharyl Madigan**. Sharyl donated the money to the St Marys Choir!!!

President **Jim Bladon** asked **David Read** to come up on behalf of the Salvation Army and **Luanne Whitmarsh** to come up on Behalf of the Calgary Food Bank.

To The Salvation Army:

On behalf of the RCCSP, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Salvation Army for their unwavering dedication to serving our community. Your tireless efforts in providing support, hope, and relief to those in need inspire us all. Your partnership exemplifies the spirit of service that both of our organizations hold dear. Whether it's through your disaster relief work, food programs, or support for the homeless, you truly embody the motto of "Service Above Self."



To Calgary Food Bank:

On behalf of the RCCSP, I want to express our deepest gratitude to the Calgary Food Bank for your incredible commitment to fighting hunger and supporting families in our community. Your work ensures that those in need receive not only food but also hope and dignity during difficult times. Your dedication to addressing food insecurity aligns perfectly with the values of Rotary, and it is an honor to support and partner with such a compassionate and impactful organization. The difference you make is felt across Calgary, and we are truly inspired by your efforts.

Thank you both for your leadership and for being a vital part of building a stronger, safer, healthier community. We look forward to continuing to work together to make a meaningful impact. Both the Salvation Army and Calgary Food Bank were presented with a \$5000 cheque!

President **Jim Bladon** asked the Stampede Service staff to come out



To The Calgary Stampede Service Staff:

On behalf of RCCSP, I want to take a moment during this festive season to express our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible serving staff here at Calgary's Stampede. Your hard work, dedication, and warm hospitality have made our weekly gatherings here at Rotary House truly special. You bring the same energy and care that make the Stampede such a cherished tradition, and our weekly lunch's are no exception. During this busy season, we deeply appreciate the extra effort you put in to ensure everyone feels welcome and well taken care of. Your service embodies the spirit of community and kindness that Christmas is all about. Thank you for all that you do, and we wish you and your families a joyful and peaceful holiday season. In recognition of your efforts we have made a \$500 donation to our CRCF in your names. Thank You and please allow us to say "Thanks" with a big Rotary round of Applause!

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery





President **Jim Bladon** asked me (Grayce Glassford) to come up..



On behalf of our Club, I want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to our awesome office administrator, Grayce Glassford. Since joining our team - your hard work, dedication, and attention to detail have been greatly appreciated. Whether it's keeping us organized, managing the countless details behind the scenes, learning new systems, or ensuring our weekly Bulletin and club initiatives run smoothly...your contributions make a world of difference. Thank you for everything you do to support our club and its mission. We deeply appreciate you. To you and your family - Merry Christmas. Have a Happy and safe Holiday season and an even more amazing 2025! - **President Jim Bladon**

Thank you so much to everyone for making my first 6 months so amazing! I am so very grateful for every single one of you and how kind and supportive you have been. I can't wait to continue this journey with all of you! - Grayce

**Steve Mason** came up and up and gave us some history on The Cleven Award.

This special internal award of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park was established in 2006 to recognize the outstanding contribution of club members who take on significant responsibilities and commitments in furthering the work of our club.

The award is named the "Cleven Award" in honour of and recognition of Harry Cleven, first president of the Manchester Rotary Club in 1955, now known as The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. Cleven was a very active Calgary community leader and a well-known and respected businessman. He was one of 62 people who were killed in the crash of a TransCanada Airline flight which crashed on Mt. Slesse near Chilliwack on December 9th, 1956. He made many positive contributions to the start-up and laid a strong foundation for our club.

The Rotarian who received this award today is **Luanne Whitmarsh**.

**Craig Stokke** came up to share a bit about **Luanne** and some of the many amazing things she has done. The list is very extensive and very impressive!

**Steve Mason** presented **Luanne Whitmarsh** with the award. **Luanne** then gave a few lovely words. She shared the story of how **Frank King** brought her to the club in 2011. **Luanne** brought Jeannette King as her guest today along with her daughter in law Tania Killam. **Luanne** shared how this Rotary club has become her friends and her family over the years.



Thank you to the Member Recognition Committee for your help.  
Thank you to **Stacey Johnson** and **Terry Allen** for getting the award certificate and the frame.

Thank you to everyone in the club who submitted nominations.



Today's meeting was finished off by the St Mary's Choir singing some very lovely Christmas songs for us. Thank you so much to the choir for coming today and sharing your beautiful voices with us!!

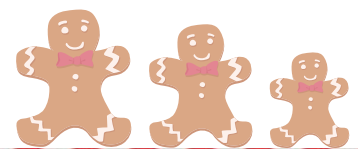


## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GUEST PARKING AT ROTARY HOUSE

When you walk into Rotary House there is an Ipad that you will put your guest's licence plate number in and select the province it is registered to and then click done. This grant's your guest free parking.

If you are bringing a guest to a Rotary meeting you are required to register their license plate to avoid any parking tickets!!! This also applies to people who have brought the guest speaker! We do not reimburse for any parking tickets you get!



### ROTARY CLUB SHIRTS

The shirts that \$ 45.00 each including decoration in one location over the right breast. The logo with the Rotary Wheel in gold. Please email **Stacey Johnson** at [sjohnson@printthree.ab.ca](mailto:sjohnson@printthree.ab.ca) with sizes and quantities, please be fast as quantities are dropping fast. Payment can be done at meetings with the Moneris machine and please write on the receipt Rotary shirts. You can also send an e-transfer to the **Penny** at [deposits@rotarycs.org](mailto:deposits@rotarycs.org). **(It is imperative they provide a detailed description of what the funds are being sent for if you are e-transferring)**

- 3 oz./yd<sup>2</sup> (US), 5 oz./L yd (CA), 55/45 cotton/polyester
  - Two chest pockets with button-down flaps
    - Roll-up sleeve with button placket
      - Half back yoke
    - Pearlized buttons
  - Womens: S-3XL, Mens: S-3XL





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## KETTLE SHIFTS

We had Coach Dave Dickenson scheduled for a Kettle shift at Chinook mall this afternoon. The person bringing a Kettle for this got hung-up in traffic. I went to **Luanne**, who was at the Chinook food court location, and "borrowed" her Kettle to set up for Dave. **Luanne** came down and acted as the "Assistant Coach" with Dave until the extra Kettle showed up and we were able to get her upstairs again. I took the attached photo while she was supporting Dave. - **David read**



## Rotary Employment Partnership E-Blast

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Winter 2024

### Yearly Update and Happy Holidays

Happy Holidays from the Rotary Employment Partnership Team! We hope you are staying warm and enjoying some well deserved holiday treats. 2024 is coming to an end and what a year it has been. The Rotary Employment Partnership has been busy with nearly 70 new jobs being filled province wide this year. This brings the total number of jobs filled since the inception of the partnership to 869. Although we wish we could tell you about them all, we have selected a few new jobs to highlight showcasing the range and variety of employment we get to see everyday!

### New Jobs

#### MEC - Calgary

Evenor joined MEC in July 2024 as a seasonal sales advisor and quickly became an integral part of the team. His responsibilities have grown to include front and back stocking of a variety of items, such as dehydrated foods, snacks, bear sprays, shoes, and accessories. Beyond his stocking duties, Evenor excels at assisting MEC customers by helping them locate items and ensuring a positive experience for all. Evenor's enthusiasm is infectious among the MEC team. His strong work ethic and exceptional performance has been recognized. He started in a seasonal role and now has a permanent position. When asked about this achievement, Evenor shared his sense of pride, stating that the recognition of his hard work and being valued as part of the team mean a great deal to him.



Patrick, co-worker & Evenor

If you are interested in knowing how your workplace or Rotary Club can become involved, please contact:

**Wendy McDonald**

Rotary Club of Edmonton Sunrise, Inclusion Alberta Chief Operating Officer: [wmcDonald@inclusionAlberta.org](mailto:wmcDonald@inclusionAlberta.org) / 780-974-1310

**Madeline Ouellette**

Inclusion Alberta Director, Employment Partnerships: [mouellette@inclusionAlberta.org](mailto:mouellette@inclusionAlberta.org) / 587-340-7793



#### Cosmopolitan Music Society - Edmonton

Local non-profit and community hub, Cosmopolitan Music Society, recently hired Lochlan as their Front of House Manager. The job was developed by Rotarian Taina Lorenz, a member of the Rotary Club of Edmonton and Cosmopolitan's Executive Director. Lochlan organizes and prepares music folders for the season, coordinates volunteers during concerts, and oversees bar inventory and stocking. When asked what he enjoys most about his position, he said, "The variety. I'm always doing something different."



Jan - Manager, Taina - Executive Director & Lochlan

#### Dominos - Lloydminster

Roxanne recently joined Dominos Pizza, which is locally owned and operated by Rotarian Akshay Naik. Roxanne has impressed her team by managing rush hour and demonstrating strong communication and note taking skills. Roxanne's duties include assembling pizzas, maintaining the kitchen, and ensuring high-quality standards. She has also been honing her skills, such as weighing ingredients and distributing toppings evenly, showing dedication and enthusiasm for her role.



Roxanne & Owner, Akshay

#### January is Vocational Services Month

During Vocational Services Month, a reminder to all Rotary clubs to shine a spotlight on the Rotary Employment Partnership as a meaningful vocational service initiative. This remarkable partnership not only transforms lives but also tackles one of the most critical issues we face today: reducing the persistently high unemployment rates among individuals with intellectual disabilities. Ensure you are sharing the success stories of this initiative within your club, celebrate its profound impact, and inspire fellow Rotarians to join the effort. By working together, we can create more opportunities and advance the mission of building an inclusive workforce. Would your club like a presentation during vocational services month (or anytime) please reach out to your local Rotary Employment Partnership Coordinator or Madeline Ouellette at [mouellette@inclusionAlberta.org](mailto:mouellette@inclusionAlberta.org).



"Like/Follow" your District Facebook Page and LinkedIn for regular updates from the Rotary Employment Partnership.

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## From the desk of the Secretary – December 19, 24

1. For all Committee Chairs and Directors – please make sure you are sending in your attendance so everyone gets their mane-up credits. We are waiting for many committees to submit them in. Send them to [admin@rotarycs.org](mailto:admin@rotarycs.org)
2. Dave King has resigned as a member of our Club as his businesses are taking up all of his time and he is mostly out of the country these days. He will return when life settles.
3. During the holidays Grayce will be taking some well-deserved time off. She will only be responding to urgent matters.
4. ALL meetings prior to and after our weekly meeting MUST be pre-approved by the Stampede. I have observed that MANY are still going ahead with meetings without putting your request in to Grayce. This is not acceptable. Please always put your requests in to Grayce. Our relationship with the Stampede is strong and they rarely decline. Thank you for following these simple instructions.

## From the Club Champion for RI2025 convention

1. Thanks to everyone who rushed to get signed up for the convention before the price increase!
2. Planning is continuing, but will take a break over the holidays.

From **Luanne:**

Thank you so very much to you all for honoring me with the Cleven Award! My heart is full!



### A BUNCH OF MERRY ELFS

The Rotary Partners Book Club met on December 16th for a wonderful Christmas lunch at the Calgary Golf and Country Club. Twenty Four Partners and guests shared stories and laughter over a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship. To top off a very special event the Book Club gave a \$1,000 cheque to the Calgary Public Library Foundation directed to Readers and Leaders (formerly Its a Crime Not to Read). The cheque was gratefully accepted by library representative Anne Do, Development Officer. The donation was made up of \$520 in funds raised at the Fall book sale, \$230 from Book Club Funds and \$250 generously donated by Lorna from her 50/50 winnings. Thank you to Jane Topp and Maureen Hutchens for another year of sharing the joy of reading.






 Rotary Club of Calgary  
 at Stampede Park

## LARRY KWONG MEMORIAL CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER

**Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Regency Palace Restaurant**  
**335 Centre Street South**

**CELEBRATE THE YEAR  
OF THE SNAKE!**

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

\$55 per person. To order and pay for your tickets, go to:  
[www.rotarystampedepark.com](http://www.rotarystampedepark.com)  
 and follow the links.

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



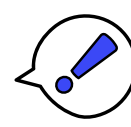

2025



### Closing:

Next week: **December 26th – No Meeting**

The week following: **January 2nd – No Meeting**



### Closing words:

As you go about your business this week remember, that each of you creates the magic of Rotary, unlock the magic, advance the magic, and be the magic of Rotary.

# Calendar

## DECEMBER

**December 5th:** Members Party Christmas Event

**December 12th:** Chris Dinsdale (CEO of YYC Airport Authority

**December 19th:** Christmas Social & Clevelen Awards

**December 25th:** CHRISTMASSSSSSSS

**December 26th:** No Meeting

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## JANUARY

**January 2nd** - No Meeting

**January 9th** - AGM

**January 16th** - Ukraine Student Exchange Pres

**January 23rd** - Robbie Burns Day

**January 24th** - Chinese New Year Dinner

**January 30th** - Arts Commons Transformation

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