



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



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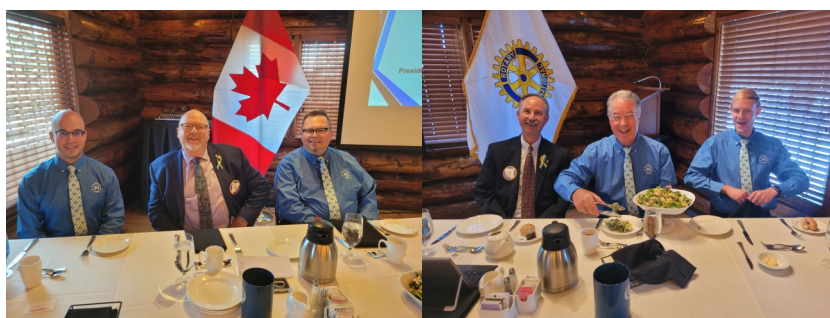
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Welcome to the December 1st meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. It is my pleasure and honour to be the Club's President, Jim Fitzowich.

Head Table: President **Jim Fitzowich**, President Elect **Bryan Walton**, Adrian Smith, Rob McDonald, Rob Joseph, and Glen Watson of Acapella Road



Announcements: President Jim Fitzowich

Most of you are probably aware that the Christmas season has officially started with the beginning of Advent on Sunday. Rotary Challenger Park donated a Christmas Basket to auction off and all proceeds go to the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Drive.



President Jim called on **Ken Copithorne** to auction off a Christmas Basket. Ken "revved up the club" and the winner was **Darlene Switzer-Foster**. Her bid was \$400. Ken then pledged an extra \$100 and suggested if any other members would like to follow suit, please contact **Allan Johnson**. **President Jim** followed with a \$100 donation, making the basket total at least \$600 going to the Salvation Army.



Allan is also 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.

Please join **Glenn Potter** in the singing of O' Canada followed by Rotary Grace.



How fitting, on today of all days, the piano was out of order so we sang acapella just as our Guest Speakers came to do today. We had a bit of background music help from the computer and then Glenn Potter started singing the music for us, which we learned would then not be acapella per se. Fun regardless!



Acknowledge Members Who are in Attendance: **Dan Dunlop** was recognized for being in the audience today, so we were able to remove him from the Health and Wellness list, thankfully. Great to see you Dan!

Visitors and Guests: **Jim Hutchens** named off our Guests and we welcomed them with our beloved Welcome Song.



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:

Tommy Low's funeral service will be held at McInnis & Holloway (Park Memorial, 5008 Elbow Drive SW, Calgary, AB) on Friday, December 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Obituary link: <https://mhfh.com/tribute/details/38444/Tommy-Thomas-Low/obituary.html#tribute-start>

John Fitzsimmons requests that if any club members have pictures of Tommy to let John know. The family would like to use these in a photo tribute.

Gui Salazar remains in Foothills Hospital Unit 58. He welcomes visitors. He hopes to be home in December.

Bill Sumner is doing OK 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 a shared room, so just one or two visitors at a time please.

Jack Thompson is back at home and on the road to recovery. Please contact **Myrna** if you wish to connect. Please keep all of these folks in your thoughts and prayers.



50/50: Lynn Topp announced that the draw today was for \$140. It was won by **Jim Burns**. Jim asked that the funds go to the Salvation Army Toy Drive.

The second draw for four tickets to the Acappella Road Christmas Concert was won by **Craig Stokke**.



Reminder Announcement: **Walter Flores** updated the Club that we are proceeding with Youth Exchange after 2 years of it being halted for Covid. There will be lots of information in the link below – but please consider being a host family or incoming counselor. See Walter or **Stacey Johnson** for more information. Walter asks us all to review the information in the link and please help provide a wonderful experience being a host family or incoming counselor. To view the link please click [here](#).



Sergeant at Arms:

Chas Filipski

Chas decided that he would keep in the “music theme” for the day and all his questions would relate to music.

First up was **Murray Flegel** who was asked to name the notes of the “MINOR Music Scale”! Unfortunately, Murray didn’t know the answer and he paid! The scale was “Doh a Deer” – whereupon that Potter guy shouted, “It’s not the MINOR scale but the MAJOR scale.” The response cost him \$5.00!!! Murray still paid.

Larry Stein was asked to name the standard vocal ranges – he too didn’t get them - BASS, TENOR, ALTO & SOPRANO, so he paid.

Jim Bladon was asked to name the singer who was Eileen Regina Edwards. It was Shania Twain and he also paid up. Chas was on a “roll”!

Ken Copithorne “aced it”. He was asked to name the fourth record speed. 33;45;78. The answer was 16 and the table paid!



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

Announcement: Mike Ruttan on CRCF pin presentations:



Wendy Guiffre, Benefactor
Brenda McKinley, Benefactor
Darlene Switzer, Benefactor +2



Ukraine Support: John Fitzsimmons

John repeated his request for help as they have three houses to empty. A Christmas Tree has been set up at the centre with names of children and families. You can go and draw a name and directly support a family. They too need presents for children. All support is greatly appreciated. They are also looking for artificial Christmas Trees to be donated so they can have a tree for their first Christmas in Canada.



Announcement:

Ribbons for Peace: Len Hamm

Len thanks the Club members for all their support and reported that they netted over \$173,000.



Social Committee: Marietta Maier

Our annual Christmas Social is next week. The doors will open at 11:00 am. There are 4 meals left. Be sure to bring an "unwrapped toy" and any Food Bank Donations



Main Presentation: Introduction

Speaker Introduction: Bryan Walton

Bryan introduced Acappella Road as he used to sing with these guys when previously called Western Hospitality Singers. Bryan told us how much he enjoyed it and got us excited to listen to them sing. To read the Bio's of Adrian Smith and Rob MacDonald please click [here](#).



Main Presentation: Acappella Road

The quartet opened with a song, "Finding Somebody to Love". Director - Rob MacDonald Informed us about the background of the organization. They are a chorus of about 30 singers committed to "Barbershop Singing". The group was formerly known as "The Western Hospitality Singers". They meet every Monday at McDougall United Church. Covid 19 severely curtailed their activities as it did every choral group in North America and abroad. They are now back singing and in 2021 decided to rebrand themselves as "Acappella Road". Barber-shop singing is committed to singing material without any instrumental backup. It's an International organization with singing groups located in most towns and cities. They sing for the "JOY of IT".

Acappella Road present choral shows. Their next one is "Tinsel and Tones" on Saturday, Dec. 17th at 2 pm at McDougall United Church. The group is hoping to build it's audience beyond family and friends and they are working to expand their audience base. Their spring show will be at the Bethany Chapel on May 6th. As a group they participate in shows, competitions and singing for hospices and other community activities. Their singing Valentines and corporate shows are a vital part of their activities. They endeavour to promote and instill a "love of music" especially in young people and look forward to activities that allow them to "give back".





Main Presentation: Continued

Adrian Smith talked about the International events and connections. The group can travel and participate in conventions and activities with groups from across North America and around the world. It's exciting to see and hear what these groups are doing. Barbershop singing is no longer gender specific, it used to be for men only but now they encourage the ladies to join in and many organizations have ladies groups and quartets. One of their best ways to promote "a cappella" singing is to connect with music educators as a means of encouraging younger people to get involved.

The group closed their presentation by singing two songs – "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".

Thanking the Speaker: Kathy Demorest

Golly!! What a wonderful experience! Thank you. You know, Acapella Road and Rotary have many things in common:

We're both dedicated to excellence in individual and group growth,
We are both committed to serving our communities as positive ambassadors,
You have Chapters throughout North America; we have Clubs throughout North America,
Both Clubs started as MEN'S clubs, but eventually let the ladies in!
Perhaps some of us will see you at your Tinsel & Tunes Christmas Benefits show for the Food Bank on Dec 17 at McDougall United Church.

We are extremely grateful for your time, talent and education today.

THANK YOU!

President Jim Fitzowich: On behalf the of Club we make a \$100 donation in your honour to the CRCF, which supports Calgary area Rotary Clubs do their good works.





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

THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/YUjP1p3utOE>

In Closing:

Next week's Meeting is the Annual Christmas Luncheon with the partners. Deadline for registration has passed but there are a very few last tickets, email Sarah at admin@rotarycs.org asap to grab the last ones if you are interested in attending.

Looking forward in seeing you all on Thursday December 8th.

Final words:

Thought for the coming week is from Jack Kerouac:

"All human beings are also dream beings. Dreaming ties all mankind together."

And with that, our meeting is adjourned.

Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week!

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.

Tuesday December 6th: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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/ kgfarn@telusplant.net

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



Social Club

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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.

Next week! Our Annual Christmas Luncheon with Partners has passed the deadline for registration. There are a very few couple extra tickets left, email Sarah at admin@rotarycs.org asap if you are still wanting to join.

It is going to be a full house of almost 128 attendees. Filled with great food, Christmas Cheer, Santa (and he knows who's been naughty and nice!), as well as a cash bar. Please bring an unwrapped toy for under the tree (all donations are going to the Salvation Army) and/or a food donation that will be added to the Partners Bracko Brother's Parade of Christmas Trees, last year they won first place and \$5,000, let's help them win again this year!! Lastly, don't forget to bring lots of Christmas Spirit!

Toy donations can also be dropped off now and until Christmas, to **Al Johnson** email him for arrangements allanj@sheratonlabels.com

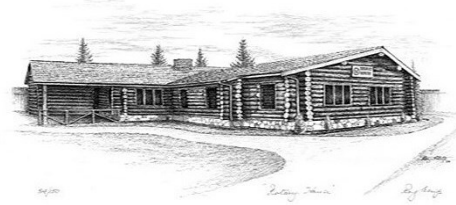
See you all on December 8th!

www.rotarystampedepark.com

ROTARY HOUSE,
DECEMBER 8TH, 2022
10:30 am to 1:30 pm

**Rotary Christmas Luncheon
with Partners**

*\$55/person. Please bring unwrapped toy
and/or food item for donation*



Social Club

More than 40 Rotarians and friends staged an amazing mixture of footwork, fellowship and food Friday evening when our Social Committee staged its old-time Potluck Dinner and Dance at the Millican-Ogden Community Hall.

Each person or couple was encouraged to bring an appetizer, entree or dessert to the event and also to bring their own cutlery, dishes and beverages. The quantity, quality and creativity of the food offerings were amazing and delicious and those present managed to make it all disappear in an amazingly short period of time.

The dance floor also got a work-out when almost everyone present 'cut the rug' to the tunes of Danny Roy and Royaltone Music, two musicians who displayed delightful ability to provide a wide variety of outstanding music.

The event was the inspiration and organization of **Brenda McKinley**, with much support and volunteer time provided by her fellow RCCSP Social Committee and its Chair, **Pat Neuman**. Stay tuned for more great events from this hard-working committee. - **Keith Davis**





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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

The Community Service Funding Committee was very pleased to donate to the Calgary Dream Centre this holiday season. Denise MacLeod, Chair and Karen Grant, Partners Past President, presented a cheque for \$2,600 to Craig Hill, Executive Director; Melody Brown Foster, Operations Manager and Jim Moore, CEO for their Christmas Dinner. This program provides dinner for between 350-500 people.

Happy Holidays.

-Denise MacLeod, Chair



Greetings!

The last blog featured a prize won by Fandic's Rural program, a program in its second year and financed by the Municipal Government Disability Program. The issues encountered in these visits are holistic and go well beyond a clinical approach. They present challenging issues as seen in this blog featuring a young man and his grandparents.

<https://capdcalgary.org/blog-en/2022/12/01/rural-home-visit-hugo-andres/>

Best Regards, **Marlene Wiens**



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Calendar of Events

December 6: Rotary Partners Christmas Dinner



December 8: Annual Christmas Luncheon with Partners



December 15: Hanukkah Celebration - Rabbi Illana Krygier



December 22: Clevelen Awards & Christmas Social



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



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