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Welcome to the **December 2nd** meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, **Craig Stokke**. I would like to share a few facts about Hanukkah you probably don't know:

- ♦ The word Hanukkah means "dedication."
- ♦ There is no "wrong" way to spell Hanukkah. That is because there is no correct way to directly translate Hebrew sounds to English. Hanukkah can be spelled a variety of different ways, each equally correct.
- ♦ Hanukkah lasts for eight nights, which is how long the holy light burned.
- ♦ A Menorah is lit for each night of the holiday
- ♦ Grand Army Plaza in New York has the largest Menorah in the world at 32 feet high and a weight of over 4,000 pounds
- ♦ Gifts were not always given for Hanukkah. The tradition was to give money. It became more common to exchange gifts as the Christmas tradition became more popular
- ♦ Hanukkah is not the most important Jewish holiday
- ♦ Over 17.5 million jelly donuts are consumed in Israel throughout Hanukkah

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

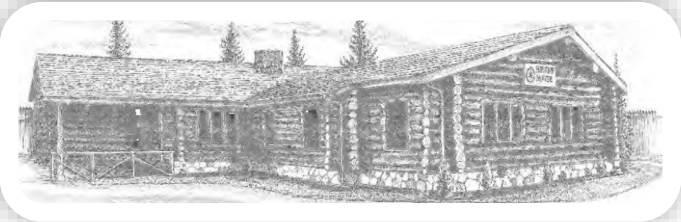
HEAD TABLE: Darlene Switzer-Foster, Rabbi Ilana Krygier, Mel Gibson, Murray Flegel, Arlene Flegel



GUESTS: Ernie Yaskowich: Rabbi Ilana Krygier; Arlene Flegel; Mathew Long; Harold Weir; Carey Tretiak; Katherine Martens Sherry Perera, Rhonda Yaskowich and from the Stampede Lotteries Committee; Bruce Williams and Jason Azmier.

50/50 DRAW: Bill Sumner really wanted to give away the Lotteries Cheque but instead settled for the normal pot of \$120 which was won by Rabbi Ilana Krygier! The comment at our table was, "She must have a direct line to God!"





CLUB NEWS: STAMPEDE LOTTERIES PRESENTATION:



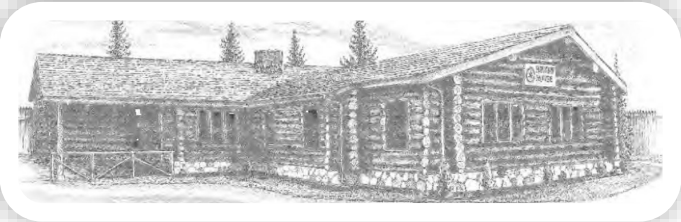
I want to give special recognition to the members of the **Calgary Stampede Lotteries Committee and our Dream Home Committee**. Due to Covid, the 2021 Stampede was always a moving target. As such, right up until the last minute, there were several scenarios that had to be planned for (no Stampede, a social distanced Stampede, and an almost normal Stampede). The changes that were put in place this year; such as enhanced online sales will help us dramatically moving forward.

In a normal year there is tremendous need in the community. Throw a global pandemic and recession on top of it and two things happen 1) community need increases exponentially, and 2) there isn't as much charitable money available. We needed this!!! The community needed this!!! So thank you to everyone who made this year's lottery a tremendous success.



The Lotteries Committee thanked our Committee Members and all Members and presented a cheque for \$ 598,000.00

ROTARY 21 CLUB: Cory Tretiak / Katherine Martens: Katherine described how as an accountant in talking to many of her female clients and friends many had a decided lack of knowledge when handling their financial affairs. This led her to begin think about offering courses to women about financial matters. This ultimately led to her doing this through a series of courses sponsored by her Rotaract Club. The consequence of this was to utilize the monies to help many of the women in Afghanistan. All the monies raised through the courses is now going to be channeled into sponsoring a female refugee from Afghanistan to come to Canada. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.



CLUB NEWS:

CRCF: Sherry Austin:



We want to recognize the following CRCF Donors: Mel Gibson: New Benefactor, Dan Dunlop: +4 and Tony Fisher: +4

A special acknowledgement goes to: Arlene & Murray Flegel: New Builder (\$50,000 Donation)

Once again we extend a huge gratitude to all our generous Donors! Because of you we are able to give to many Charities who serve those in desperate need throughout our community. Sherry requested that all the members of the Committee from last year come forward for a group photo with **Arlene and Murray**.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS: The Health and Wellness contact for December 2021 is **Brenda McKinley**. Her email is: b-mckinley@hotmail.com and her phone number is: **403-870-4292**.

Tony Ng: suffered a stroke on Nov 30th. Tony is in Foothills hospital and experiencing some loss of movement in his left arm and the doctors expect a complete recovery. He should be home within a week

Dave Read: is back home after having heart valve replacement and an aneurysm procedure. He is feeling great and has already started growing some tomatoes in his greenhouse.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Jim Fitzowich: Jim was at a loss for material as **President Craig** had gone to the same website and used all the same material in his opening that Jim planned to use.

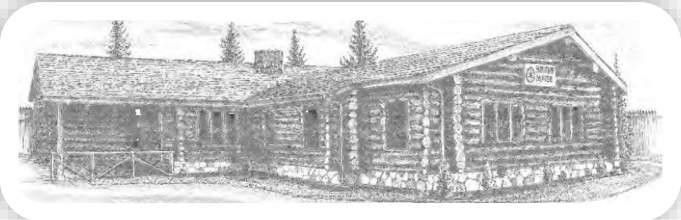


After chiding Craig for stealing his thunder Jim simply fined every member of the club that received a gift from the very generous **Darlene Switzer-Foster** today.

Everyone received a gift so **Everyone** paid \$2.00!

SMOOTH MOVE JIM!





CLUB NEWS:

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Corinne Wilkinson reminded us that the Christmas celebration with Partners, Friends and Guest will be held at Rotary House this Thursday, December 9th.

Remember if you wish you can bring a child's gift (unwrapped) and a tree ornament **There are 8 lunches still available** as of the publication time of this bulletin. We cannot accept drop-ins for this event though.

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://rotarycs.org/event/rccsp-dec-9-christmas-luncheon/>

Next Week's Meeting: The meeting will be chaired by **Past President Penny Leckie** as I will be away. Actually I will be missing the next three meetings as our family will be in Hawaii. The Stampede will be hosting another event after our **December 9th meeting. Do not schedule** any meetings next week

- ⇒ **President-Elect Jim Fitzowich** will be chairing the meeting on **December 16th**
- ⇒ **President-Elect Nominee Bryan Walton** will chair on **December 23rd**.
- ⇒ I will be available via phone, zoom and email to conduct all other Club business

Final words: President Stokke

As always, I finish by encouraging you to ask yourself:

*What do **you** need from our Rotary Club this Week?
What does our Club and Community need from **you** this week?*

And with that, our meeting is adjourned and I wish you all a Happy Hannukah and a Happy Holiday



December 2nd Meeting Link: <https://youtu.be/GWo7Bju4zZg>



HANNUKAH CELEBRATION WITH RABBI ILANA KRYGIER



SPEAKER INTRODUCTION: Darlene Switzer-Foster:



Rabbi Ilana Krygier Lapidés is a full-service freelance rabbi meeting people where they are in their Jewish journey with non-judgment, acceptance, and warmth. Her Rabbinate focuses on inclusive outreach to all including interfaith couples and families, the unaffiliated, and the LGBTQ+ communities. All aspects of Rabbi Ilana's practice are offered in-person or online.



Rabbi Ilana is available for life-cycle events*, inter-faith work, leading online and in-person services, and pastoral care for those who are sick and those who are grieving. As an experienced educator for all ages, Rabbi Ilana can provide presentations for Jewish and non-Jewish youth and adult organizations, schools, clubs, and places of worship on a variety of subjects including the Mussar Pathway, Yiddish, Judaism 101, Jewish Holidays, Holocaust Education, and much more. Presentations are available online or in-person.



SPEAKER: 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. We are currently in the fourth day of the celebration.



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.



and play with a dreidel on the table. Today Darlene has presented us all with a gift and a dreidel.





HANNUKAH CELEBRATION WITH RABBI ILANA KRYGIER



SPEAKER: Rabbi Ilana Krygier

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. Today **Darlene Switzer-Foster** has presented us all with a gift and a dreidel. Rabbi Krygier sang several of the children's song that are traditionally sung at this time.



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



SPEAKER THANKS: Dilan Perera

Dilan thanked Rabbi Krygier for enriching our club with a broadening message of inclusion. It was something new, interesting and fun. Thank You.



IN CLOSING: President Stokke:

Rabbi Krygier, thank you for taking the time to visit us today, and we wish you a wonderful Hannukah.



Your presentation was extremely interesting and informative. In recognition of your time today, our Club will make a \$100 donation to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. This gift will help support our community. Thank you.



NEWS ARTICLE:

Past President Keith Davis sent the following news article over for inclusion in the bulletin. News Release: Stampede Lotteries / RCCSP

Calgary, Alberta, December 2, 2021 - The Holiday Spirit arrived early for many Calgarians today when the Calgary Stampede Lotteries Committee presented a cheque to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park in the amount of \$598,801 for distribution to Calgary charities.

The money was earned by the Rotarians working in partnership with Stampede Lotteries to raise money for Calgary charities. Stampede Lotteries will retain a similar amount for its own charitable giving, distributing many hundreds of thousands of dollars to Stampede-supported charities.

Two other partners in Stampede Lotteries are the Kinsmen Club of Calgary and the Calgary Show Band Parents Association, both of which also earned significant amounts of money for charitable purposes.

The Rotary Dream Home/Stampede Lotteries' working relationship began 38 years ago and ranks among the oldest and most successful charities in Calgary. The Dream Home lottery is licensed to the Calgary Stampede, but the organization and workforce to carry out the lottery is handled by hundreds of Rotarians and the women and men who volunteer to cumulatively work thousands of 'man hours' every year to stage the event.

Jim Bladon, Rotary Dream Home Committee Chair for the 2021 Dream Home, said the millions of dollars that have been raised by the lottery over the years has changed the lives of many Calgarians and organizations that then funnel the money to scores of charitable organizations in Calgary.

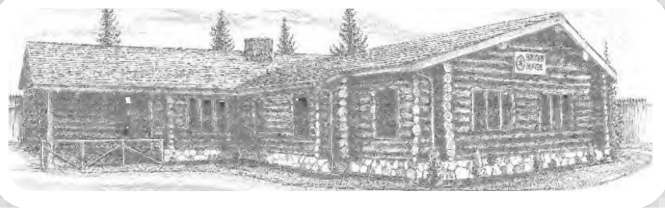
"Over the life of the Dream Home Lottery we have helped out hundreds of organizations and many thousands of Calgarians with the money we have earned through our partnership with Calgary Stampede Lotteries," he said. "We and others in the City of Calgary have much to be thankful for from this association with Stampede Lotteries. We couldn't do it without them, or without our many hundreds of volunteers who pitch in every year."

Bladon provided examples of organizations which have benefitted from the Stampede Rotary Dream Home lottery in the past few years, including The Libin Cardiovascular Institute, Ronald McDonald House, Southern Alberta Brain Injury Society, SAIT Scholarship Program, Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, Rotary Youth Exchange Program, Canadian Diabetes Association, Rotary Challenger Park, Southern Alberta Urology Centre & Chair, Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta, Feed the Hungry, and many more.

The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park is the second-oldest Rotary Club in Calgary, having been formed in 1958. It is also the second largest Rotary club in Calgary with more than 120 members.

The Calgary Stampede Lotteries has been a special part of the Calgary Stampede for more than 60 years, supporting local charities and making a positive contribution to our community.

Every year proceeds from the Lottery are directly reinvested in the community through Calgary Stampede and their service club partners: Kinsmen Club of Calgary, Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park and the Calgary Marching Show Band Association



HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

The Bulletin Committee is asking you to please share some of your family's holiday traditions with your each other as we get back to "home" and the meaning of Christmas!!

Kathyann Reginato: The "adults" in our family draw names and we have to make a gift for the person we receive. We started this during the pandemic and are continuing. We are trying to get back to the real value of Christmas.

Bev and Dianne Ostermann: Our grand-daughter, Holland (13) has always loved baking and decorating Christmas cookies. This year she decided it would be a nice tradition to start selling some of them to earn money for her chosen charity, "Between Friends". Much to her surprise, she got orders for 24 dozen, has produced them all and earned (with matching from her Dad) over \$700 for her charity.



Luanne Whitmarsh: I have never liked the dead tree (even fake) in the middle of my home. When my son was younger I tolerated it. As soon as he was old enough to not care about the tree - I stopped putting one up. Also, I am not one for decorating in my home either!! The last many years I would have 2 ornaments that I put out and announced "I am exhausted from all of this work"! It has been years old teasing I get and I am totally fine with it! So, decorate your home, just don't expect me to join in!!

However, I LOVE doing the Christmas meal!! Setting the table with care, basting the turkey all day long, anticipating the guests and enjoying the chatter is my favorite! Christmas is also a time where I volunteer and donate to various charities that support vulnerable citizens - ensuring they have warm clothes, food to eat, and a safe place to rest is very important to me (and of course to them). While I don't like the 'fluff' of Christmas, I believe deeply in the meaning of Christmas.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON WITH PARTNERS: DECEMBER 9TH; 8 MEALS AVAILABLE

Cost: \$50 per person. **Live Entertainment:** Jazz Duo **Cash Bar:** We will have a cash bar and offering bottles of wine to purchase. A bottle serves approx. 5 glasses should you wish to purchase for your table

Meal: Sous Vide Winter's Breast of Turkey Roulade with Sage Jus and House made cranberry relish and Classic house made dressing, Yukon gold mashed potatoes, roasted carrot, local mushrooms and fennel

Dessert: Crème Brule with Bailey's cream and crushed candy cane

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://rotarycs.org/event/rccsp-dec-9-christmas-luncheon/>

"HOME FOR CHRISTMAS"

Rotarians and their Partners Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 9 at Rotary House

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Fellowship with Rotary friends and family. The cash bar awaits!

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM

Enjoy an amazing luncheon prepared by the expert culinary team at the Stampede. Along the way, we'll have a ton of fun all celebrating being "Home for Christmas".

Why?

Because we are literally... home for Christmas in our own Rotary House. How special of a holiday gift is that?

Welcome back live music with Mary Boyes and Dave Hirschman!

Join in the fun as described to the right.

Cost is \$50 per person

Please register in the usual manner with Kathyann when she sends out the link for the December 9 luncheon.

Register early as we are strictly limited to 128 people.



A festive luncheon awaits Rotarians and their partner/guest!

Your Rotary Social Committee elves have been busy planning a wonderful holiday luncheon. For the first time in 2 years, enjoy the fellowship and friendship of the festive season.

This wonderful event will be held in our own Rotary House - called "Home for Christmas".

We will have a bare tree up - you bring a favourite themed ornament or make an ornament that you might have made as a child celebrating the holidays.

You are also welcome to spread joy under the tree by bringing an unwrapped gift for a child, and/or a small donation to the Calgary Food Bank tucked inside your envelope.

Let's get back to.....getting back. The holidays are just around the corner and we certainly deserve to celebrate together!





Please try to "Donate a Toy" if you can. This is after all the Season of Giving. If you need to contact Al Johnson please do so at: allanj@sheratonlabels.com or: 403-815-5774

"DONATE A TOY"

We are collecting toys for Salvation Army

Until December 14

Al Johnson is very generously helping us to bring joy to kids with our Salvation Army Toy Drive.

Bring an unwrapped toy to any Thursday Rotary meeting now up to and including Dec 9 at our holiday lunch. Al will bring them to his office.

If you miss the Dec 9 event, you can bring your toy directly to Al Johnson's office any time until end of business day Tuesday, Dec 14.

Al will ensure ALL our donations get to the Salvation Army in time for Santa to pack his sleigh and deliver for Christmas.

Al's office address is Sheraton Labels, #112, 5726 Burleigh Crescent SE



Be a Secret Santa this Holiday Season - bring your unwrapped toy to Rotary House by December 9 and tuck it under our tree.

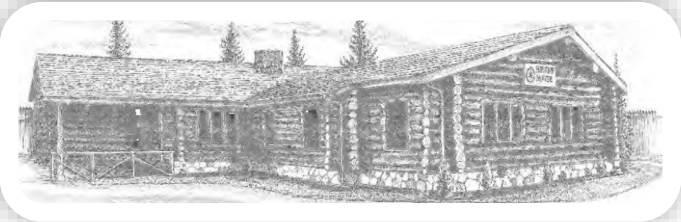
Or deliver to Al Johnson's office by end of day December 14.

All toys will be brought by Al to the Salvation Army in time for Santa to pack his sleigh.

See details to the left.

THANKS SANTA AL!





2022 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS



Houston, which calls itself “the city with no limits,” reflects the limitless impact of our work in Rotary. Create change within yourself, your community, and the world. Join your family, friends, and fellow Rotary members and explore what’s possible at the Rotary International Convention.

No matter who you are or where you’re from, you’re bound to find inspiration throughout the convention. It’s an experience unlike any other Rotary event, and it will renew your commitment to service and leadership. Make new friends and connect with old ones while exploring the diverse city of Houston or the House of Friendship. Make global connections that ignite local action at all the convention events.

Don’t miss your chance to Discover New Horizons and join us in Houston, Texas, USA, 4-8 June 2022.

If you can’t attend in person, a virtual convention option offers the opportunity to participate in events and share in the convention experience with your friends, family, club members, and community.

Register now and save

To receive the early registration savings, register **by 15 December** at convention.rotary.org

ARE YOU GOING TO HOUSTON?

Rotarians:

The 2022 Rotary International Convention will be held in Houston on June 4th to 8th, 2022. Several members of our club have already registered. If you are going please let **Don Taylor or Murray Flegel** know.

At previous conventions members of the club have frequently come together for some social activities and Don or Murray ensure that you are kept up to date on such activities. Kathyann is also keeping a list.



PARTNERS IN PRINT

PLEASE drop off non-perishable food items to **Bracko Brothers** located: **5711 Black-foot Trail SE** from Nov. 13th to Dec. 31st.

This is a good "Fund Raiser" for the Partners and a boost to the Food Bank. Prize money has been increased: 1st Place: \$5000., 2nd Place: \$3000., 3rd Place: \$1000. and \$500. for participating.

Thanks to: **Jane Topp**, her grand daughter **Chloe & Kerry Stack** for decorating. Thanks to **Denise MacLeod** for making Rotary emblems for the tree as well as **Rosanne Yaskowich** for donating the rest of the decorations. Thanks to other Rotary members: **Murray & Arlene Flegel** from Boss Lubricants have made a monetary donation to the prize money, **Gail McDougall** of Ecco Recycling donated ten Christmas trees and **Stacey Johnson** did signage.

It will be a WIN, WIN, WIN for all involved but the big winner in all of this is going to be the CALGARY FOOD BANK. Thanks to you all. I appreciate your help in making this fund raiser a huge success.

Rhonda Yaskowich, President
Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park



Christmas Tree Decorators:
Jane Topp, Kerry Stack, Chloe Stack, Rhonda Yaskowich

Rotary Partners Book Club

Come and celebrate the season with a special breakfast at Calgary Golf and Country Club on December 13, 2021. Arrive at: 9:30 am for a plated Breakfast. The cost is \$16.00

Menu: Ham and Caramelized onion Quiche with a green salad.

We will discuss the books that you have read. Please email janetopp@shaw.ca by December 9th.

See You on the 13th! New members welcome. - Jane Topp and Maureen Hutchens

Maureen Watson turned 90 on November 30th, 2021

Maureen is shown here enjoying the first of many celebrations to mark this amazing milestone.

Along with a group of her dear Rotary friends she marked the occasion with an amazing brunch, lively music and singing on Saturday November 27th at The Calgary Golf and County Club.





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Calendar of Events

**DECEMBER 9th: ROTARY HOUSE:
Christmas Luncheon with Partners**

Registration Link:

<https://rotarycs.org/event/rccsp-dec-9-christmas-luncheon/>

DECEMBER 16th: ROTARY HOUSE: Bryce Starlight

Tsuu T'ina Economic Development

Registration Link:

<https://rotarycs.org/event/dec-16-rccsp-luncheon--bryce-starlight/>

DECEMBER 23rd: ROTARY HOUSE:

Cleven Awards and Christmas Social

Registration Link:

<https://rotarycs.org/event/dec23-rccsp-lunch--cleven-and-christmas-social/>

DECEMBER 30th: NO MEETING

JANUARY 6th: ROTARY HOUSE:

President's State of the Union Address

JANUARY 13th: ROTARY HOUSE:

To Be Announced

JANUARY 20th: ROTARY HOUSE

Burns Day Celebration

JANUARY 27th: ROTARY HOUSE

Calgary Chamber: Debra Yedlin

CLEVEN AWARDS



STATE OF THE UNION





RCCSP is currently active on **Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!!** These can be accessed through the Club website: www.rotarycs.org at the very bottom of the Home page.

To follow, simply click on the icon of the platform you wish to enter.

Please remember to engage the Social Media Committee at: social@rotarycs.org as well as cc'ing to: kathyann@rotarycs.org with any interesting and engaging news within your Directorship, Committee or Community

We also want to hear from MEMBERS on any “happenings”, interesting stories, good time and good work within the community and lets keep this “Social Media” vibe going.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Remember to keep digital copies of your committee information so that we will continue to engage with the technology that we just spent the last year and half learning.

“We don’t have a choice on whether we **DO social media, the question is how well we **DO** it.”**

– Erik Qualman

Engage, Enlighten, Encourage
and especially... just be yourself!
Social media is a community
effort, everyone is an asset.

2021/2022 RCCSP OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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