



**Rotary**  
Club of Calgary at Stampede Park



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**Welcome to the December 21 meeting of the  
Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.  
Today we will celebrate our annual Christmas  
Social and Cleven Award Presentation.  
My name is Bryan Walton, and I'm honoured  
to be the President of this Club for 2023-24.**



**Join me, accompanied by Vitalia, in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.**

**Head Table (L-R): Bob Brawn, Steve Austin, Steve Mason, President Bryan Walton, Jim  
Burns, Sherry Austin**







## Announcements:

**Visitors and Guests:** We welcome the St Mary's senior choir to our club today . We enjoyed their performances of Christmas songs throughout our meeting. These young folks sounded beautiful and the whole club was amazed by their singing. Leader Jeremy Legault and the students also seemed quite amused by our performance of the Rotary Welcome song. We are very thankful that these 28 students came out to our meeting today.



**New member:** Steve Austin is the newest member of our club. He was joined by past president, Sherry Austin as he attended his first meeting at the Rotary Club of Stampede Park. We are thrilled for Steve to become a friend of the club. Thank you, Bob Brawn for your member nomination.



**Salvation Army Kettles:** Pat Neuman and Herald Weir spent the day volunteering at Marlborough mall collecting donations for the Salvation Army. It was a very busy day for them!



## **Health and Wellness Updates:**

Covid-19 is making its rounds around our club. We are happy to announce the recovery of George, Jim B and Dan who are all clear from Covid. In other news, Dilan had a knee replacement on Monday but is recovering well. Luanne's foot is also slowly but surely on the turn for the better. Arlene got a new hip on Tuesday and is doing well in the recovering process.

Debbie Sands unfortunately got Covid this week. We hope you rest up and feel better in no time. Susane Brick is undergoing more Cancer treatment, she is very strong through the process. Last but not least, Jeanette Richardson broke her arm. Hopefully it was her non dominant hand if anything.

**Health and Wellness contact for  
December and January is  
Dorothea.**





## 2023 Cleven Awards

This Cleven Award honors Harry Cleven, our first president club president. Before 'Rotary Club at Stampede Park', we were formally known as Manchester Rotary Club in 1955. In today's meeting, Steve gave an overview of Harry Cleven and his time as president. He then announced our Cleven Award winners. Past President, Sherry Austin, then continued on recognizing Jim Burns as one of our winners.

**Jim Burns** and **Murray Flegel** share the title of the winners of the Cleven award for 2023. These Rotarians have spent their lives helping others, and as always, live with our motto, 'service above self.'

These gentlemen are both very successful and we wanted to take this as an opportunity to celebrate them both. In today's newsletter we will highlight Jim and January 11th we will celebrate Murray.

Jim was introduced to our club in January 2000 by Clayton Carroll. Jim is an eager Rotarian who involved himself right away. If there is a committee with Rotary, you know that Jim has some involvement with it one way or another. He has attended several RI conventions, served as a director for three presidents, and organized many Peace Park events on both sides of the border. If there's someone who can tell a good story about any of these experiences, it's Jim.

He is a business man, starting at the University of Alberta in engineering and continuing on from there. The knowledge he learned from his many years of successful business-ship extended to Rotary solving many problems along the way. Jim is one of the smiling faces you will see when arriving to the meetings. The only time he isn't smiling is when someone plays the wrong note on the harmonica.

Jim has served for a long time in the Songs and Stunts Committee. He can rock out on the harmonica, or keep it mellow on the keyboard. If you need any music advice, Jim's your guy.

Radium Golf Weekends were enjoyed by all thanks to Jim's excellent managerial skills. We're still not sure if he likes the game or just likes shooting lower than everyone else. Jim has set the stage for Dinner Club participation and still enthusiastically supports the event. He has been an active member of the Programs Committee, where he holds a business perspective.

Jim doesn't just donate, he cares and spends time with those who need it. He has worked hands on with the SIS organizational committee where he ensured student selection and mentoring. His wife, Pat, is behind him every step of the way. She has made many accomplishments herself as a valued member of the Partners club and was a strong leader during her presidency.

He sponsors our most important communication tool, our Club Roster. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and a major CRCF Donor. When it was determined there was an unforeseen challenge with the renovation of the old 'Oliver House' into the 'Rotary Learning Lab', Jim and Pat personally stepped up and funded the restoration of the building foundation, term as president working closely with our club board to ensure a smooth flow of information.

Jim, you do good. You have helped so many people along the way and should be extremely proud of all you have accomplished and are yet to accomplish. We are very proud of you! Thank you for being such a valued member of our club. Yourself and Pat are great Rotary friends.







### **From the Secretary Desk:**

1. No one will be in the office for the next while. If you need access, please call Luanne and make arrangements.
2. I have only heard from less than half of our members regarding inventory. I need to itemize what you have in your homes, garages, closets, computers and such that are items, files, etc. of RCCSP. This does not mean that I want to have it in the office – it is an inventory. Also, I really would appreciate your passwords to websites and social media that belong to RCCSP – we are still unable to access some information as people have not given the passwords to the office.
3. We are looking for 2 new office chairs as the ones in the office are not comfortable and they are not suitable. If you happen to have a spare one or 2, please let me know.
4. Remember there is NO meeting next week (December 28th) so we will see you all back on January 4th !
5. Registration is going to be tightened up. Registrations are expected. While we understand that life can be busy... it is not so busy for so many. This past week was very unnecessarily busy as a result of members not registering by the Friday morning by 10 am prior to the meeting. Also, refunds are becoming problematic and takes a lot of time. I will be presenting a plan to the Board and will update when the Board approves my recommendation.
6. Merry Christmas to you all! May 2024 be one of healthy, happiness and success!

- *Luanne*

### **Awards:**

**Click award name to access document.**

Rotary Foundation 2022-2023

Glen Peacock Award 2022-2023

Move for Polio Donation Challenge



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## 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





**In Closing:**

**Next Meeting: January 4th**

**Closing Words:** As you go about your business this festive season remember simple acts of kindness go a long way to Creating Hope in the World. Have a great Xmas everyone – see you in the New Year.

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



Meal orders for **January 4th** meeting **due December 28th** at 10am:

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**Our website is getting updated. January Events and Menus  
will soon be posted.**

