



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park

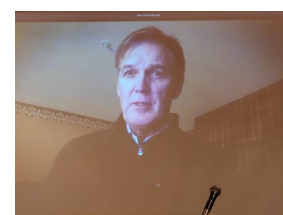


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Welcome to the December 22nd meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

Head Table: (L to R) Terry Allen, Corinne Wilkinson, Penny Leckie, President Elect Bryan Walton, John Fitzsimmons, and Bob Brawn, Chas Filipski joined virtually later in the program.



Announcements:

President Elect Bryan Walton Presided over the Meeting today.

President Elect **Bryan Walton** opened the meeting with not one but THREE very lame jokes!!

The St. Mary's Choir then led us in Oh Canada and we sang Rotary Grace, which some of the Student knew!



Past President **Al Johnson** report on his Salvation Army Gift program.

He has transported two carloads of toys and ONE CARLOAD of CHEQUES! He thanked everyone for their generosity and further donations can be made after the meeting.

He praised the organization and efforts of the Salvation Army in this endeavour.

Visitors & Guests: Blake Pelham introduced our lengthy list of guests and we welcomed them with our Welcome Song. The Choir loved the song!





Announcements Continued:

50/50: Lynn Topp announced our pot was \$150 which was won by Bill LeClair who excitedly proceeded to give the envelope to Vitaliia.



Health and Wellness:

The Health and Wellness contact for the next couple weeks is **Dorothea Schaab**... Please contact her directly for Health and Wellness updates at; schaabd@gmail.com or 403 660 6232

She advises; **Bill Sumner's** new location. He is at Rosedale Hospice 920 – 7A Street NW. Please keep all him in your thoughts and prayers.

Special Announcement:

"We at MRU are so grateful to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park for your incredible support. We hear it from our students every year: scholarships and bursaries make a tremendous difference in their lives and give them a huge boost of confidence to persevere through their studies— and it's all thanks to amazing donors like you.

I am very happy to share that this year the student selected for the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park Gardie and Jeanne Shaw Scholarship was Rachele Polinelli.

Please be on the lookout next week for our MRU Foundation newsletter which will feature a special thank you video from our students.

We wish you a safe & joyful holiday season and I look forward to connecting with you in the new year!"

Mounira Chegade
Leadership Giving Officer
Mount Royal University



"As 2022 draws to a close we reflect on the past year we have had here at the Mount Royal University Foundation. It's been a year of outstanding support from donors like **YOU** - who give so generously in support of Mount Royal University and its students. **Thank you!**

Below you will find a message from a few MRU students who wanted to express their gratitude to you as well. The impact of your support is helping them, and other students like them, succeed in their endeavors every day.

We wish you and your loved ones the happiest of holiday seasons and all the best in 2023!"

To watch the Thank You video from the students, click here;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8aQixCsREo>



Special Presentation: St. Mary's Choir

Our St. Mary's Choir conductor Jeremy and Principal Toni Dawson each spoke of the partnership between the club and the school. Toni indicated they are extremely grateful for all the support they receive, The Academic Scholarships, Youth Development program, the Four Way Test Speeches to name only three are great example of how we are integrated with the school. He pointed out that the choir accompanist Chris Santos, is a former St. Mary's student and is currently doing his student teaching at the school. The St. Mary's staff has many former students from the school. He also referred to Stan Cichon as a Principal of NOTE. He then thanked the club for providing the lunches for the choir.

Jeremy spoke of how important it is for the students to come out and see us. For them to learn how we do so much for them. He informed us that our support of the music program provides funding for professional musicians to come to their spring Music Camp and workshop with the students. The 20 Choir Students who came today were here on their own time, their last day of school was yesterday. The choir rehearses two days a week before school and their rehearsals are not included in their regular class timetables. He then invited the club members to come to their Annual Big Band evening on Feb. 25th. Dance music is provided by the Stage Band, a part of their concert band program.





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Main Presentation: Cleven Award

THE CLEVEN STORY

As told by George Adam, Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Manchester

Harry Cleven was born in Winnipeg on September 11, 1910 and obtained his education there.

(Maybe it was prescient that the Rotary Club of Winnipeg was chartered two months after his birth on November 3, 1910)

His earlier jobs included two years with a bank, six and a half years with the Canadian General Electric Company in the accounting division, and five years with Robinson Little Co. Ltd – a chain store company where he supervised set up and operations in towns across Western Canada.

In January 1940, Harry joined Hilton Bros Ltd. He was manager of the Home Insulation Division at Winnipeg at the time of his transfer to Calgary in January 1954 as their Alberta Manager who finalized the building and operation of their local plant that manufactured corrugated shipping containers.

Before leaving Winnipeg, Harry served on the Board of Directors of the YMCA for 12 years, Rotary Club for 10 years, and was a life member of the Winnipeg Canoe Club. He sang in the Winnipeg Chapter of the Barber Shoppers and was instrumental in forming the local chapter. In Winnipeg, he was the Vice President of the Better Business Bureau and also assisted the Bureau when he arrived in Calgary.

In Alberta he was a member of the Petroleum Club, The Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturer's Association and Clare Lethbridge's Riverview United Church. So he was not only a joiner but a leader.

In his free moments, Harry loved to head out into the country with his trailer and family, with his wife Mary, and children Jim, Susan and Jeffrey. When Harry was President of our Rotary club in late 1955, he shared some interesting highlights in his report, stating: *We started with 44 members, and we now have 52, having lost a few to the east. We are growing in stature and are becoming known in the community. A most active Inner Wheel organization has appeared. Treasury is healthy with a balance of \$2,254.66* President Harry thanked his directors and committee chairmen for their efforts during this formative year.

Source: Rotary Club of Calgary South, Bulletin November 19, 2015

End Notes:

Rotary Club of Manchester Charter Night – April 7, 1955

Gavel Presented to first President, Harry Cleven – May 1955

Harry Cleven was one of 62 passengers that perished on TCA Flight 810-9 when it crashed on Mt Slesse near Chilliwack BC with a group returning from the Shrine East West CFL All Star game played in Vancouver – December 9, 1956. He was 46 years old.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trans-Canada_Air_Lines_Flight_810-9



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President Elect Bryan introduced the Cleven Awards with a statement from **Benno Nigg**; "The Cleven Awards are not a roast but a serious part of our club!"



Bryan called on **Terry Allen** to introduce Corrine Wilkinson: See his speech in the video recording of the Meeting on page 7. Terry continued by introducing **Penny Leckie** who spoke highly of Corinne.



Corrine came to the microphone to thank everyone for her award.

She had invited her sister to the meeting but had not told her why. They were both in an "emotional state" and Corinne felt that her parents would be watching! She remembered how she and her sister "always giggled when they were in church!" and she alluded to the fact that being in Rotary was like "being in a family". John Fitzsimmons and Joe Connelly were two important members in this regard. Joe especially encouraged her to join the club in 2011. In addition to her business ventures, she was looking for something that would enable her to support charity work and help to care for the vulnerable people in our city. Joe informed her of what our club did in this regard. She felt privileged to be part of the "Cleven Legends" and how Rotary changes lives – "She Gets It!" She has two signs in her office that read, "The more you Give the more you Have" and "Be the person your dog thinks you are!" She fondly recalls the conversations with Larry Kwong about the Chinese New Year especially one when he requested that the restaurant chef put more cashews in the chicken dish as there weren't enough last year! In her editing days she just couldn't get all of Jim Hutchens inflections in his "Ode to the Hagis" When Covid struck her business collapsed and she certainly needed some critical distractions to add to her simply looking at the four walls in her apartment and so she threw herself into working on her various Rotary committees, especially "Kids at Heart". This program has made a big impact in the community and she's already receiving calls about next year. In addition, Len Hamm's program illustrates just how powerful our club can be. She really loves being part of the partners and in a broader context the two million clubs in the world. She's going to be extremely proud to display her certificate.





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Bryan then called on **Chas Filipski** to speak to us on video about his relationship with **John Fitzsimmons**. (Please see the video presentation for this.)

Bryan then called on **Bob Brawn**. Bob referred to how some people can get "lost in the east". John was never one of those. In former days he pointed out that John and his children grew up together. John went to school in Springbank when the school first opened. He ran for student council president and got a lot of votes but he was running against Bob's daughter! In those days kids went to school on the bus and as a result they learned to care for each other and for people. John has always shown that "he cares." As a consequence, our club has benefited immeasurably from his great work.



John Fitzsimmons came up to receive his certificate and Bryan read the caption on the document.

John spoke:

He joked about how Chas was speaking to us from Idaho Falls and anyone who has travelled to Palm Springs would recognize the wall paper of the hotel in Idaho Falls where Chas was speaking from. John used to metaphor of "being affiliated with a GANG!" He feels that there is no bigger gang out there than Rotary. He takes great pride in the fact that Rotary undertook the challenge to eradicate polio and he's proud to wear the Rotary colours. Similarly we have undertaken to support the Ukraine refugees to our city and we've just "done it". But he reminded us that we've "all done it" and that's what's important. He gave a "great big thanks" to the club for this honour. Wear the colours and ride for the brand!



Bryan called **Norm Devitt** to the mic. Norm pointed out that he has known John since he was a "little guy!" He's grown up to be a pretty good guy. Norm coached him in hockey and he was always a "go getter". He never liked to just sit down and he was an inspiration to others around him. Norm asked John's wife what his middle name was and found out that it was "Francis". Norm and John's dad also played ball together and coached the kids together. When Springbank needed to build a hockey arena they helped to fund the project. Norm offered his thanks and congratulations to John.

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

Bryan closed the Meeting by remaindering Members there is no Meeting next week, he then asked **Myrna Dube-Thompson** to come to the mic.

Myrna reminded us of all the people who provide support by setting up and taking down things for our meetings. A big part of that equation is the Stampede Staff who serve us every week. She asked us to rise and pay tribute to the staff for all the efforts on our behalf.





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THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/SCUkVxnGW1c>

In Closing:

Next Week's meeting: There is no Meeting next week. Enjoy the holidays with your family and loved ones! The office is closed until January 4th. See you back at Rotary House on January 5th. An email reminder will be sent to register for the meal a week prior. The next two Meetings are on the site available for registration now but final deadline is December 30th at 9am. www.rotarystampedepark.com

Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week and holiday season.



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!!



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@telusplanet.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.

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.

ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK
BUSINESS CLUB MEETING #4!

A Real Estate Panel Discussion
Networking & Refreshments to follow.

Send us your questions in advance to:
melaniedaletodd@gmail.com

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Join us at: CREB Building
300 Manning Road NE

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tickets by Jan 17th at:
rotarystampedepark.com

Please Save the Date for our next Business Club on January 18th! Join us for a Real Estate Panel Discussion including current hot topics and the answers to your questions!



Social Club



I would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to **PAT NEUMAN** and her partner Harold for a beautiful Christmas Party to celebrate her Social Events team of friendship and great team work. The evening started with a beautiful visit from 3 deer strolling by the house, then we were treated to homemade eggnog, fabulous appetizers and Christmas Trees in every room to enjoy!

Our Rotary members have been able to experience live theatre, shared food, drinks, music and dance, much laughter, fellowship and new memories so far in this 2022-2023 Rotary Year! Pat's party was a perfect example of "Practice what you Preach" with our Social Events Committee party. I am excited to hear and experience what the rest of this Rotary Year will bring from our Social Events Team! Thank you! I would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to **PAT NEUMAN** and her partner Harold for a beautiful Christmas Party to celebrate her Social Events team of friendship and great team work. The evening started with a beautiful visit from 3 deer strolling by the house, then we were treated to homemade eggnog, fabulous appetizers and Christmas Trees in every room to enjoy!

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Smiles & Gratitude,
Kathy



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



On December 19 the Rotary Partners Book Club held their annual Christmas Luncheon at the Calgary Golf and Country Club. We had a lively discussion and a lovely lunch.

—Jane Topp



The Calgary Homeless Foundation sent a thank you letter to **Pat Farn**, who was their contact, as we had in the past sponsored them. They are requesting \$25 gifts to purchase warm hats and gloves for the homeless. With the temperatures plummeting. If there is someone who would like to donate to this cause their address is:

Calgary Homeless Foundation
Suite 1500, 615 MacLeod Trail
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Calgary, Ab T2G 4T8



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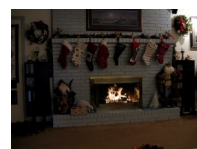
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Calendar of Events

Christmas Break December 23rd-January 4th
Office is closed until January 4th!
See you in 2023!



January 5th: BMO Business Analyst - Economic Forecast



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



January 18th: Business Club Meeting #4



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

