

Welcome to the **December 23rd, 2021** meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I'm the Club's **President-Elect Nominee Bryan Walton.** I will be presiding over the meeting today which is one of my favourite meetings of the year. Please join me in the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace. We have a smaller group than usual today, but just consider it a larger version of the Dinner Club.



HEAD TABLE



Sherry Austin (right of the podium) alongside Terry Allen and Al Johnson. Dorothea Schaab (left of the podium) alongside Bryan Walton and Keith Davis

GUESTS: Ernie Yaskowich introduced the Guests today

50/50: Bill Sumner: not trusting any of the speakers at the head table to not draw their own ticket, asked one of the serving staff to draw the winning ticket, which went to **Neil Fraser**, who promptly donated the \$90 to the serving staff. Nice gesture, Neil.

DINNER CLUB: Dinner Club is looking for members to start activities in January. Registration closes January 7, 2022. See the guidelines and form attached to the bulletin email.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: if you are planning on attending please register and advise Kathyann Reginato so she can update list. See Page 6 of the bulletin for Registration Link. We have a great contingent going to Houston and look forward to building on the 30 who are registered so far. This will be a good opportunity to learn about the organization of an RI Convention, which will come in handy with our efforts on the 2025 event.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS: The contact for December is **Dorothea Schaab.** Her email is: <u>schaabd@gmail.com</u> and her phone number is: **403-660-6232**.

- George Adam: had a fall and fractured his hip.
- Carol Dunlop: had back surgery a week ago and is getting around and doing fine.
- **Roger Jarvis:** is home from the hospital and it will take a while to get better, he can take call but no visitors yet. Maybe after Christmas.
- Jim Hutchens: Ribs are on the mend but his shoulder isn't good. Got a cortisone shot this week
- Tony Ng: is mobile with a walker and accepting calls and visitors.





CLUB NEWS:

BIRTHDAY GUYS:

Stan Cichon and Terry Allen were serenaded with the usual off-key birthday song. Happy Birthday, guys!!!

Next Week's Meeting: THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON DECEMBER 30TH

JANUARY 6TH MEETING: President Craig's State of the Union address LINK: <u>https://rotarycs.org/event/january-6th-2022--state-of-the-union-address/</u> Please register by 9:00 am on December 31st CLOSED STATE



JANUARY 13TH MEETING: Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park Annual General Meeting AGM LINK: https://rotarycs.org/event/january-13-2022--rccsp-annual-general-meeting/ Please register by 9:00 am on January 7th

Guests are always welcome at Rotary meetings. At these two January meetings we will be discussing Club business. Guests will be asked to excuse themselves before the business portion of the meetings.

Final words from President-Elect Nominee Bryan Walton:

Peace and Goodwill for Humanity – Health and Prosperity in 2022

Thank you for coming. Have a great week and a Very Merry Christmas!

MEETING LINK: <u>https://youtu.be/lbebP4EaNaE</u>







Cleven Award Committee Representative Bryan Walton: opened the proceeding by noting that this is his favourite meeting of the year. It gives us the chance to slow down in a social atmosphere, while honouring some of our distinguished Members.

He provided some history on **Harry Cleven**, whom the award is named after (see the notes following). The awards Committee was acknowledged: **Don Bacon**, **John Fitzsimmons**, **George Deegan**, **Greg Martin**, **Steve Mason and Carol Rosdobutko**. There have been 33 honourees over the 15 years that the Award has been given. Each recipient receives a framed certificate and an engraved crystal memento.

Testimonial to Sherry Austin

Terry Allen:

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Sherry came to our club from Edmonton in 2001 where she had been a member of Rotary and we were fortunate to welcome her as one of our first female members.

From the first time that Sherry was introduced to our club we knew that Sherry was someone who would take an active part in club activities. In 2002 she stepped forward and volunteered to be a mentor for the Stay in School Program which just started in 2001. As a mentor to a young girl Sherry demonstrated compassion and persistence in ensuring she graduated with a degree from the University of Lethbridge after many years of guidance. These qualities, compassion and persistence are ones which she has continued to personify in all of her work as Rotarian and her business. In 2004 I was pleased that Sherry agreed to become a Director during my term as President in 2004-2005. As the Director of Community Service Committees Sherry supported all facets of club programs and provided thoughtful advice on club operations.

Sherry has a degree in the area of Governance and her skills have been a great benefit to our club as she has led the development of our revised club bylaws which we passed earlier this year. She was a member of the Board of Directors of District 5360 for several years providing advice to the district on matters pertaining to policy and bylaws. In addition she has supported our own Board as an ex-officio mentor when needed. Her contributions to the Club have been invaluable in many more areas, as will be presented by Al. I am very pleased that Sherry has been recognized with the Cleven Award. No one is more deserving.

Al Johnson: It was an honour and privilege to nominate Sherry Austin for the 2021- 2022 Cleven Award. She is a most worthy candidate for this award with her many years of dedicated commitment and service to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am so pleased they chose her this year.



Sherry has been a member in good standing since joining in April of 2001 and has served on various committees and projects since that time. She has always brought her expertise, enthusiasm, and dedication to each project she has been involved in.



Testimonial to Sherry Austin

Al Johnson—Continued:

- 2003-2015 Student Mentor for the Stay in School Program
- 2004-2006 Club Board Member—Terry's Year and Bruce MacDonald
- 2007-2011 Worked on Membership
- 2012-2013 Club President- First Female and I told her she was the best Rotarian for the job
- 2013- 2016 Rotary Mattamy Green Way Project
- 2014-2018 Large Grants
- ♦ 2014-2018 District 5360 Board Member- She would have made a great District Governor
- 2014- Current Calgary Rotary Club Foundation- Chair person
- 2015-2017 Mentor to the Club Board
- 2019- 2020 Worked with the Stampede and Rotary Int. with regards to changing the name of our Rotary Club
- 2019- 2020 Along with Bob Brawn they were instrumental in negotiating a donation of \$1,000,000.00 to the Calgary Stampede Foundation

Besides her excellent work on all these programs she is a great moral booster and enthusiast in the Rotary Curling League (some stories there; just ask Al), Golf Tournaments and Rotary Dinner Club. Her love and caring for people adds to the fellowship of each person she touches. I cannot imagine a more valued recipient of the Cleven Award than Sherry Austin.

(Editor's note: Sherry is a hugger, which is always a great, uplifting way to be greeted).

Sherry's Response:

Surprised and honoured, for her the joy of the Cleven Awards has always been nominating other Members. She thanked Terry for involving her in the governance of the Club, and Al for introducing her to the social and fellowship aspect. Thank you to the Committee and gratitude to all of those who have helped build this Club into such a big part of her life.



Testimonial to Dorothea Schaab

Keith Davis: Dorothea Schaab was born into a farm family long before the turn of the last century in the small village of Chesley, Ontario on the Bruce Peninsula. Chesley, as I am sure most of you know, has a substantial number of tourist attractions, including *The Giddy Goblin Game and Entertainment Centre*, the *Keady Livestock Auction*, and *Big Bruce*, a very large, concrete Hereford bull at the end of the main street. But perhaps more importantly, Chesley and its 1800 inhabitants has been proclaimed *"The Nicest Town in Ontario"*, and that is the perfect segue into the story of Dorothea.

Dorothea and my future wife Peggy, met in Toronto after both had migrated to the Big City (Dorothea from Chesley and Peggy, from Sydney, Cape Breton Island). The two young women, looking for a bit of adventure, ultimately decided to work their way West, first landing in Winnipeg where they quickly learned waitressing in a restaurant was not among their many talents. So on to Calgary they went and into a bold, new future.

I met them soon after, just about the time Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. For those of you who weren't born yet, that was more than a half-century ago. Dorothea ultimately joined a public relations company and became skilled in writing, publishing and a host of other areas. She was Maid of Honour at our wedding and has been an integral part of our family for almost 55 years. Her family's nickname for her is "Duffy" and that is how she has always been known to myself and family. Our children, now grown with families of their own, still know her as Aunt Duffy.



Testimonial to Dorothea Schaab

Keith Davis Continued:

In a nutshell, I would describe Dorothea as a loving, giving, person of faith. She is always kind, gentle and willing to share her many talents with her family, friends and even strangers. I invited her to join Rotary in the early 2000s, and in 2005 she accepted my invitation and was ultimately inducted into our club. In her 16 years with us Dorothea has been a caring and very hard-working member of our club. She has served on our Board of Directors, has hosted numerous Exchange Students, served on many club committees, headed up our St. Mary's School Committee for a number of years, and has generally been a stalwart that everyone knows they can depend upon.

In her professional life she has been a writer, publisher, newspaper editor, and – through a fortuitous series of events – even a funeral director. Since her supposed "retirement" this year, Dorothea has become a certified bereavement counsellor and conductor of ceremonies for Celebration of Life and interment, as well as assisting people at home who require specialized care.

I truly believe that Dorothea Schaab is the epitome of the "outstanding Service and commitment" the Cleven Awards was established to recognize. I am very proud to have sponsored such an outstanding person into our club.

Sherry Austin: "Service Above Self" epitomizes this amazing Rotarian's service to our Club and beyond. She is always that caring and protective persona embracing all who have lost loved ones and those suffering from life's challenges. The strength and compassion this must require on an ongoing basis is difficult to articulate. Dorothea administers her love and support with a quiet confidence that can only come straight from the heart. Her superior intellect and extensive expertise dealing with grief and loss only add to the power of her ministrations.



As a Board Director and a member of the Club Protection Committee she has been very involved in Club governance. She listens carefully to all sides of an issue and speaks clearly and concisely as to her opinion in a situation. Her skills and expertise extend to the Public Relations Committee where she enjoys marketing our Club and providing advise to those needing assistance in their Club endeavours.

Youth services has been a passion for Dorothea since she joined our Club in 2005. Her leadership grew and solidified our Interact and Rotaract Clubs. She also served as Regional Interact Counsellor for the District. She was the steady hand behind our partnership with St. Mary's High School. With ever changing membership at the high school and university levels, hers was the consistent presence through the years and this takes a great deal of time and commitment in the evenings and weekends. Her youth work extends to selecting students for scholarships and bursaries at all levels of their education.

Her involvement in Youth Exchange is extremely positive and ongoing. She serves as a wonderful host family. She is a serious, learned and positive Stay In School mentor, now involved with her second student; another time consuming but extremely important commitment to the success of our students.



Testimonial to Dorothea Schaab

Sherry Austin Continued:

Through Greeters and Registration, Sergeant at Arms and the Social Committee, Dorothea displays her lovely laughter and playful side while all the while organizing behind the scenes and encouraging others to join in on the fun. She radiates happiness and enthusiasm for all who are fortunate to walk through her life. Dorothea is a proud and capable ambassador for our Club, always willing to share her considerable and diverse expertise in whatever direction our Club needs.

I am extremely honoured to recognize Dorothea for her truly outstanding and ongoing contributions to our Club. Sometimes it is difficult to find a way to extend our gratitude to our members who give so much of themselves for the success of our Club. **The Cleven Award is the best way to acknowledge and celebrate this exceptional person in our midst.**

Dorothea's response:

Thank you for the kind words and recognition. I am honoured and shocked to be in the company of all of the previous recipients.

I joined Rotary for the social and networking opportunities, but found friends and family while also gaining the opportunity to help others.

It is an honour to share this podium with my good friend and mentor, Sherry.



CONGRATULATIONS TO DOROTHEA AND SHERRY FOR A WELL DESERVED HONOUR





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. 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 system in which he worked in starting up and supervision of stores in various towns in 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 to finalize building and operation of their local plant which manufactured corrugated shipping containers

Harry Cleven was Manager of Alberta for Hilton Bros. Before leaving Winnipeg though, 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.

He was a member of the Petroleum Club, The Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturer's Association and Clare Lethbridge's Riverview United Church. 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 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.

Rotary atmosphere and activity was new to most of us, but we are underway to bigger and better things. Leish McNeill reviewed the history of our Club's formation and told how a terrific fellow was chosen to lead the Manchester Club. This terrific fellow – Harry Cleven – is a credit and an asset to Calgary and to Rotary. Leish presented Harry with his past-president's badge and gavel.

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

- 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 Sleese near Chilliwack BC with a group returning from the Shrine East West All Star game played in Vancouver on December 9, 1956. He was 46 years old.
- <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trans-Canada Air Lines Flight 810-9</u>



CLEVEN AWARDS and CHRISTMAS SOCIAL: DECEMBER 23RD 2021





























Thank you Rotary Elves Toy Drive and Food Bank



So much joy Was spread....Santa Al had to make several trips to the Salvation Army with our toys - here he is with round two. There was \$155 tucked by Elves in our holiday tree at Rotary House to buy even more toys - the picture above is what Corinne bought - thanks secret Santas!

Next, 7 of us did something we haven't done in two years. Elves Ken, Bev, Ted, Joanne, Greg, Alex (Todd's son/GR's grandson) and Corinne actually got to volunteer at the Food Bank Dec 17 sorting food, and preparing hampers for delivery to client cars. Not only did we volunteer even MORE Rotary elves tucked a total of \$850 into our Rotary tree for the Food Bank. Corinne delivered these generous donations. THANK YOU TO EVERY ROTARY ELF! WHAT JOY YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO SO MANY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON! *CORINNE*







2022 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS



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 June 4 to 8 2022

There will also be 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.

CLICK THE LINK



REGISTER NOW!

ARE YOU GOING TO HOUSTON? Several members of our club have registered. If you are going please let **Don Taylor or Murray Flegel** know. Club Members have frequently come together for social activities. Don or Murray will ensure that you are kept up to date on such activities. **Kathyann is listing names on website and creating an ad-hoc Committee List to keep everyone "in the know".**

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NEWS

Hi Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and EarlyActors:

The registration for the DisCon 2022 opened on October1st and to date we have 115 Rotarians and Rotaractors signed up. We are excited that we will be making a draw for a prize for all registrants who sign up by **December 31st**.

The prize is a gift certificate valued at \$400 for Stratton Jewellery and Bolder Menswear in Canmore. Thank you to Rotary Club of Banff member Dave Stratton who has donated these gift certificates. If you haven't registered yet make sure you do to get yourself in the draw. To register go to www.discon5360.ca

Registration for the conference would make a terrific Christmas present under the tree. Thank you for supporting the District Conference 2022.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Holiday and New Year.

Yours in Rotary,

Martin Parnell (he/him/his) / Rotary Club of Cochrane District Governor 2021/2022 Rotary International District 5360 / <u>info@martinparnell.com</u> 403-922-0562



COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY Submitted by: Earl Huson

Here are our Community Kitchen Volunteer needs for 2022. Our task is to assist with the packing of food hampers.

Tuesday January 11th: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm: Need to commit asap

Monday February 7th: Tuesday March 15th: Monday April 4th: Tuesday May 17th: Monday June 13th: Tuesday July 12th: Monday September 12th: Tuesday October 18th: Monday November 21st: Tuesday December 6th: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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Contacts: Earl Huson at: (403) 686-0828 / <u>ehuslink@telusplanet.net</u> Ken Farn: at: (403) 560-6770/ <u>kgfarn@telusplant.net</u>

Thank you for volunteering and representing our Club at this very worthwhile all-Clubs volunteer effort.

The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park is active on FACEBOOK, IN-STAGRAM and TWITTER

This can be accessed though our Website: **www.rotarycs.org** at the bottom of the Home page.

To follow, simply click on icon of platform you wish to enter. Please send all interesting info to: social@rotarycs.org





SNOWSHOEING CLUB: Submitted by Pat Farn



A group of thirteen people from 8 to 80 something years old hit the Snowy Owl Trail under cloudy skies. Hazel (the 8 year old) took the lead (although her eyes are shut in this picture). Some opted to use crampons instead of snowshoes as the trail was mostly packed snow.

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We completed the trail and had a late lunch at the Bragg Creek Trail Centre. We were treated to a tin of Christmas goodies by Helena Henezi— a perfect end to the hike.















PARTNERS in PRINT



Christmas Tree Competition

On behalf of the Rotary Partners I want to say a big "THANK YOU" for your support to the "Bracko Brothers Christmas Tree Competition".

Your generosity has just been amazing and very much appreciated by us as well as all the folks at the Calgary Food Bank.

The Christmas Tree Competition is still going on until December 31st. If you want to deliver any non-perishable food items there is still time:

Bracko Brothers Furniture: 5711 Blackfoot Trail SE

Thank you and I am wishing you all a Merry Christ-mas and a very Happy New Year

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Rhonda Yaskowich, President **Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park**



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CHRISTMAS PUZZLE: Submitted by Bob Wiens

We were recently at a Christmas lunch and were presented with this puzzle. From which logo do each of the letters come from? They are all national logos with the exception of the "a" in Christmas. Answers near end of bulletin.



Merry Christmas





I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying 'toys not included.' –Bernard Manning MON



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JANUARY 6th: ROTARY HOUSE: President's State of the Union Address Registration Link: https://rotarycs.org/event/january-6th-2022--state-of-the-union-address/

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JANUARY 13th: ROTARY HOUSE: RCCSP Club Annual General Meeting Registration Link: https://rotarycs.org/event/january-13-2022--rccsp-annual-general-meeting/

JANUARY 20th: ROTARY HOUSE Burns Day Celebration

JANUARY 27th: ROTARY HOUSE Debra Yedlin: Calgary Chamber

FEBRUARY 3rd: ROTARY HOUSE To Be Announced

FEBRUARY 10th: ROTARY HOUSE Valentine's Day Luncheon

FEBRUARY 17th: ROTARY HOUSE Rotary Profile

FEBRUARY 24th: ROTARY HOUSE Myles Hamilton: Plant Protein Industry in Western Canada: CanMar Foods Ltd

MARCH 3rd: ROTARY HOUSE International Women's Day

MARCH 10th: ROTARY HOUSE To Be Announced

MARCH 17th: ROTARY HOUSE St. Patrick's Day



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Away in a Manger Choir of the Bells Dominick the Donkey Frosty the Snowman Holly Jolly Christmas Jingle Bell Rock **Jingle Bells** Let it Snow Little Drummer Boy Little St Nick **O Holy Night** Rudolph Santa Baby Silent Nigh Silver Bells The Christmas Song The First Noel Winter Wonderland

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CHRISTMAS PUZZLE SOLUTION Submitted by Bob



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MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENTS: Submitted by Penny Leckie

Various committees in RCCSP have created documents that include great ideas, suggestions and recommendations of how to increase membership, enhance member experience and improve membership retention. What we haven't done well is share this information with the committees that can actually implement these changes.

We're asking members to search computers/records for these documents and forward them. **Penny Leckie** has graciously volunteered her employee: to be the "point person" who will gather the info and merge the documents into a single PDF that can be shared with members of membership committees. Once the committees have all the suggestions in one document, it will be easy for them to review the documents and see what ideas they would like to implement. Kristie's email address is: kristle.panfili@taxtherapist.ca

DIRECTORS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS: DOCUMENT AND MATERIAL RETENTION

Please begin having discussions with all Committee Chairs about the importance of keeping digital documentation of all committee "works" that are currently going on. Please keep **digital** copies of your committee info so that we continue to engage with the technology we just spent the last year learning how to do during the pandemic

The Archives Committee are in the process of digitizing all of our Club Documents, Minutes, Financial Statements and any other relevant information for referential and historical purposes.

We also want to continue this policy moving forward so that we will have collective information moving forward. Please contact Secretary **Luanne Whitmarsh, Kathyann Reginato** or a member of the Archives Committee if you require any further clarification on how to do this. **Thank you**

2021/2022 RCCSP OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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