



Club of Calgary  
at Stampede Park



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**Welcome to the December 8th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. It is my pleasure and honour to be the Club's President, Jim Fitzowich.**



**Announcements:** President **Jim Fitzowich** welcomed us all to the 2022 Christmas Luncheon with Partners and quickly ran through some orders of business before he then passed it on to the Social Committee.

### Santa's Special Time:

Santa took to the mic and reminded all of us about how fortunate we are to live in a great city and a great country where we are able to come together for occasions such as this. He did complain that Mrs. Claus did deck him out in a suit more suitable for minus 35! However, he felt his weight loss would be welcomed.



Speaking of Santa, our stand in Santa for children less fortunate, **Allan Johnson** is still 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](mailto:allanj@sheratonlabels.com) or #112—5726 Burleigh Crescent S.E. For other ways to donate please contact Al.

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





**Visitors and Guests:** **Blake Pelham** welcomed our many Guests but as there were too many to name he asked them all to stand 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](mailto: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 **tomorrow 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:** The biggest pot ever! **Michael Zacharki** asked someone to pull the lucky ticket and the winner **Deb Sands** won some Christmas spending money!!

Now back to the Christmas fun!

**Marietta Maier:** The committee had prepared a Christmas Movie Trivia game. Steve played nine movie clips and we were asked to fill in the names on a sheet provided at each table. The committee did well in their selection as most tables were at a loss about the film names 50% of the time. The films selected were: Elf; Scrooged; Charlie Brown's Christmas; Home Alone; Die Hard; Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street; Christmas Vacation; How the Grinch Stole Christmas; and It's a Wonderful Life.



Santa returned to the mic and handed out special Christmas gifts to many of the club members.







**Darlene** called on Rhonda Yaskowich to give a Christmas Toast to the club members. Rhonda informed us that the several of our partners got together and cooked several hundred meals that were distributed to needy families. In addition, the Partners provided funding to over 30 Charities in the last year. Lastly, they received their portion of the Dream Home funds from this year and they were awarded \$145,500!! The Club members toasted the Partners. (see page 7 for their Christmas Party )

President Jim responded and reminded us of how wonderful it was to be able to once again be able to “get together” to celebrate the Christmas Season. He thanked the Social Committee for all their dedication and commitment to getting this time prepared



**Darlene** ended the social program giving special tributes to: a big thanks to our Musicians Formage Chaud, **John Fitzsimmons** (Santa); **Al Johnson** (transporting all the Christmas Gifts to the Salvation Army) **Pat Neuman** and Harold Weir (for making the goodie bags); **Michael Zacharki** (for preparing our Christmas Cookies) and finally a “BIG THANKS” to all the member of the Social Committee for the hard work.



## 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](mailto:agpotter@telusplanet.net)



## Announcements: President Jim Fitzowich

1. Budget – On December 5<sup>th</sup> the Board met and approved operations and charity budgets. *The approved funding amount for Charity spending was \$734,197.* The Board is pleased to report that 100% of charity funding motions received from Club committees were approved.

2. Ribbons for Peace – last night I had the good fortune of accompanying Ribbons for Peace committee members Murray Flegel and Don Mintz to present a \$30,000 cheque to Julia Gorbach of St. Stephens Ukrainian Catholic church. The funds will be used for ESL training. Tonight PE Bryan will presenting \$20,000 of Coop Grocery gift cards to St. Vladimirs Ukrainian Orthodox church. Bryan will forward a photo as it is ready. Additional disbursements of the remaining fundraising amount of \$218,685 will come as the committee completes its diligence.



3. Disbursements – further cheque disbursements are being prepared for the Committees that have requested Charity funding disbursements before Christmas. They will be issued to the responsible Committee as they are ready.

4. AGM – will be January 26<sup>th</sup> and budget summary materials and the funding proposals will be made available to members in the Club Portal in January before the AGM.

## Announcements: Pat Neuman

As a result of our wonderful partnership with Calgary Co-Op, the giving from our “Ribbons for Peace Fundraiser” starts..

Wednesday night, December 7, members of our Rotary Club Ribbons for Peace Committee, met with Olga, Yulia and Maryann of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor to present them with \$20,000 in Calgary Co-Op gift cards. The gratitude was overwhelming. A beautiful Christmas present!! Thank you to our sponsors, our donors and all our Club members!! We are so blessed!!! This is just the start of us helping our Ukrainian friends!!!





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

**THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK:** [https://youtu.be/QQVV41oR\\_xE](https://youtu.be/QQVV41oR_xE)

For the full set of photos from today please click [here](#)

### In Closing:

Next week's Meeting is the Hanukkah Luncheon. Deadline for registration has passed but there are a very few last tickets, email Sarah at [admin@rotarycs.org](mailto:admin@rotarycs.org) or go to [www.rotarystampedepark.com](http://www.rotarystampedepark.com) asap to grab the last ones if you are interested in attending.

Looking forward in seeing you all on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Final words:

Thought for the coming week is from Dickens:

*"Reflect upon your present blessings—of which every man has many—not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."*

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](mailto: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](mailto:ehuslink@telusplanet.net) Ken Farn: (403) 560-6770/ [kgfarn@telusplant.net](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

**A big thanks to the Social Club for all of the hard work that went into making today's event an amazing success!! Great job! So much fun was had by all!**

**To see all of the photos taken today by our 2 amazing photographers; Glen Godlonton and Keith Davis, please click [here](#)**

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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 Partners' Christmas party was a jolly good time this week!! We had great food, the entertainment by The Burns Club Singers with **Jim Hutchens** were hilarious and musically entertaining, there door prizes and they honoured Caroline Bacon and Carol Brawn for their many years of service. A beautiful night had by all, even in -20 weather!!







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# Calendar of Events

**December 15: Hanukkah Celebration - Rabbi Illana Krygier**



**December 22: Cleven Awards & Christmas Social**



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



**January 27th - Larry Kwong Memorial - Chinese New Year  
Dinner. Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit!  
Tickets now available online at [www.rotarystampedepark.com](http://www.rotarystampedepark.com)**

