



This weekend, we celebrate Family Day and Valentine's Day. What else needs to be said? Connect with people you love and those who are special in your life, in whatever form you are able.



I found this definition of "Family" on the internet.

"A group of people who have each other's back and are willing to go to the ends of the earth to bring a smile to the others' face. Call it a true family or a real family—the true family definition is the sense of loyalty, selflessness, love and genuine care and concern for the others."

I love this definition, because many of the people I consider to be family in my life are not related to me by blood. Rather, we watch out for each other on a day to day basis. Our blood families are typically at a distance.

This definition also very much aligns with my vision of our Rotary Club. We come together to do good things in the community, but I remember Past President, **Murray Flegel** saying at the podium once, "We are all members of a Club", and then something to the effect that we take care of one another. That pretty much put it in perspective for me.



As members of our Club, we are "a group of people who have each other's back and are willing to go to the ends of the earth to bring a smile to the others' face." I have certainly felt this level of support as our Club's President.

Also, from my Rotary Family, I have felt and observed... "the sense of loyalty, selflessness, love and genuine care and concern for others."

So, to my Rotary Family, I wish you a wonderful Family Day, connected to those you love, whether they be blood family, or your extended family, including Rotary brothers and sisters.

President Penny Leckie



Good afternoon Rotarians and Guests. Welcome to the February 11th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President for 2020/2021 – **Penny Leckie**

Please rise for the singing of O Canada



Bulletin Editor: Sandy Dougall Photographer: Chad Hason

Community Kitchen Volunteers: Dorothea Schaab advised us that there is a call for volunteers from our club to assist with the Good Food Box program offered by Community Kitchens in northeast Calgary through the coming year. Volunteers pack three sizes of food boxes with fresh vegetables and fruit which are pre-ordered through a number of distribution depots within Calgary and surrounding areas. It is projected that Community Kitchens will provide as many as 215,000 boxes of produce this year.

- Shifts are up to three hours in length.
- No contact with the public ... only other Rotarians from city clubs.
- No age restrictions for volunteers.
- Masking, hand sanitizing and distancing are followed within the COVID-19 directives.
- Shifts will soon be available for evening shifts as well.

The next afternoon shifts are: March 17, March 31, April 14, April 28 and May 12. Please contact Dorothea Schaab at: 403 660 6232 or schaabd@gmail.com for further information. A commitment needs to be made this week to hold spots for upcoming shifts.

Casino: It looks like we will be going ahead with a Casino on **April 1st and 2nd**. **Lynn Grant** is looking for volunteers.

Health and Wellness: Penny advised that Ellen Smith has had a serious diagnosis and is in the Rockyview. Our thoughts are with her and Jim.

New Members Event: This will be taking place on April 22nd and it will be an evening meeting.



Sergeant-At-Arms: Brett Albers: Brett was well dressed as usual. Perfect for today's weather.

So how many had the card from the Social Club? I bet you could not identify the face in the top corner and the one bottom right.

Brett then showed us his lunch..... a lovely red beet soup..... Borscht.





Corinne Wilkinson is our emcee for today's festivities:

Thank you **President Penny** and welcome Rotary Members, Rotary Partners and Friends joining us for this special Valentine edition of Rotary. Or should I say – PAL- entines, and GAL – entines! Yes, we are still meeting virtually for the most “huggiest” day of the year – but we are getting there everyone. Just seeing you every Thursday is helping me get through this! I hope you as well.



I also hope you have your Valentine beverage handy as we'll be having a few Toasts today!

Do you know how to suddenly experience dead silence on a jam-packed Zoom call? Have the Chair ask who would like to do some public speaking and emcee the Valentine lunch. Our Social Committee is a very chatty group and I LOVE them! But I will admit to breaking the sudden deadly silence when Kathy Demorest – our amazing Social Committee Chair asked “who wants to emcee Valentine's?” So, you are stuck with me! Welcome everyone. It is my great honour to emcee today's wonderful event.

In researching some fun things to do as the emcee, I went to my two favourite places – little kids – I LOVE little kids, and Mother Nature. I love and marvel at this amazing world we live in.

So – the kids. Don't you love their innocence? Their curiosity? Their wonderful, unencumbered way of looking at the world? The amazing development of their brains that soak up everything around them. They are like a sponge, and out pops the most wonderful sayings – as you've heard it before “out of the mouths of babes.”

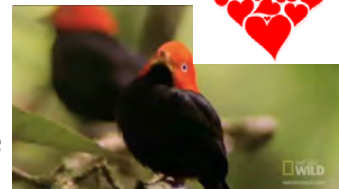
So in digging around the Internet, I found this fun article in the Chicago Tribune about kids, who are aged only 4 – 8 years old. They were asked to talk about what love means. As I share their answers, remember – the are only 4 – 8 years old! These are their definitions of love.

- * "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too."
- * "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth."
- * "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other."
- * "Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs."
- * "Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."
- * "Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing you still want to be together and you talk more. My mommy and daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss."
- * "Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day."
- * "Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well."
- * "Love is when mommy gives daddy the best piece of chicken."
- * "Love is when mommy sees daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford."
- * "Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day."
- * "I let my big sister pick on me because my mom says she only picks on me because she loves me. So, I pick on my baby sister because I love her."

Don't those little kids give us amazing insight into the world of love? If I knew them, I would give them great big hugs.

Now, for my other fascination – Mother Nature. This was a fun evening searching YouTube videos, let me tell you! But for the sake of time, I narrowed it down to one favourite mating ritual I found. Oh, I did a LOT of research on mating rituals so I could show you one today that didn't make my cheeks burn. And that is of the male manekin – watch fellas – this is for anyone who wants to impress the ladies. Here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o42C6ajjqWg>

Wasn't that amazing? Look at those little feet move a hundred miles an hour on the twig dance floor! When we gather again in Rotary House, we'll do the dance off, so start practicing you guys!



In keeping with the Social Committee's goal of curbside hellos and our little gift packages donated by **Glen Richardson** last month for Chinese New Year, and this month donated by **Keith Davis**, Valentine's Day is no exception. You know, it's not about what is in the package – it is all about what the package represents. It means seeing each other live and in person. Having a conversation, even if you are standing inside, and we are standing outside on your front sidewalk, enjoying a laugh, a smile, and just sharing how much we care about and miss each other. That's what is all wrapped up in those little packages. And your Social Committee is going to keep doing it until we are back to meeting in person.

So, with that, I would like to say a special thank you to our wonderful and committed social committee and ALL our amazing volunteer drivers who delivered your Valentine gifts. This gift was a very sincere wish from each social committee member. We are the shy, introverted, quiet, kinda members – the "straight-laced" committee working hard to keep everyone engaged. I have no idea where those crazy photos came from in your Valentine Card! But we hope you loved it.

And for those of you living in Heritage Pointe don't worry. It's not that you are not loved, you just haven't been loved YET! I'll be comin' your way to deliver your pack of Valentine goodies soon. I promise!



Now, I would like to introduce **Deb Sands**, a member of our Social Committee and also the Chair of Songs and Stunts. We all know how shy she is! I'd like to send my special thanks to **Deb Sands and Steve Mason** for what you are about to enjoy, created exclusively for our Rotary Club. Thank you both for your time, your talents to produce this, and your keenness to do this project for all of us for Valentine's Day. Here is the link: <https://vimeo.com/508529310>

Thank you Deb, Steve and Bernard.

Now - what doesn't scream chocolate if not Valentine's Day? You might want to do a curbside pick-up this weekend at Master Chocolat of a delicious gift of chocolate for all the special people in your life. Just sayin!

I am pleased to introduce our **President Elect, Craig Stokke** who was on today with **Teresa Stokke**. Craig's energy and his unwavering commitment to Rotary, and to our club is unbelievable. He led the way to securing the International Rotary Conference. He is serving on the Lotteries Committee in a pretty unique period in our history. He's super involved with the Dream Home, our website techy guy. But most importantly I think he's the guy most of the fellows in our club are jealous of. Not because of all these great accomplishments – but because of his hair. Especially his COVID hair a few months back! Here to give a toast to our Rotary Partners is Craig.



Toast to the Partners: Craig welcomed everyone. We are all missing the connection of our meetings, not only with the other members but with all the partners and guests. All of you are very important to the success of our club and we want to say thank you. So members raise your glass... "To the Partners!"

Thank you Craig! That was beautiful.

And one good Toast deserves another. Now to Toast our Rotary members, please give a warm welcome to the **Rotary Partners President Denise McLeod**. Denise has taken on this role for a couple of years, and I know has introduced some great new initiatives, even during the COVID lockdown like collecting warm clothes and boots to donate.



Denise is involved with the Social Committee and also a hard-working volunteer at the Stay in School tournament – not to mention the many other things she does with Rotary. Welcome Denise who will give a toast to the Rotary members.

Toast to Members: Denise MacLeod, Partners President replied on behalf of the Partners and thanked Craig for inviting everyone today. Denise hoped that we were all celebrating with love and happiness on this very special day.

Thank you Denise! So special and meaningful.....thank you.

And now, a really super special Valentine gift to all of you. More famous than Sonny and Cher, more famous than John Lennon and Yoko Ono, more famous than Paul and Linda McCartney – our VERY OWN **Jim and Maureen Hutchens!** The dynamic duo of amazing voices that we all love to listen to – welcome Maureen and Jim.



Thank you SO MUCH Jim and Maureen and don't worry everyone, they'll be back for more!

Breakout Sessions: We are going to randomly break you out into smaller rooms that will be hosted by some of our Social Committee members. We have some fun questions to get the party started in your room! The room of LLLLLLOVVVEE. We'll see you back in about 10 minutes or so – have fun!

(Facilitators: Kathy Demorest, Darlene Whitmore, Deb Sands, Keith Davis, John Fitzsimmons, Corinne Wilkinson)

- ♦ What does/would your ideal Valentine's Day look like?
- ♦ Do you have a most memorable Valentine's?
- ♦ Would you rather Chocolate or Flowers?? (Both is obvious, but if you had to pick one??)
- ♦ If you are in a relationship, which one of you is the most romantic?

- **THERE WAS A 15 MINUTE BREAK TO JOIN BREAKOUT ROOMS** -

Welcome back everyone! How was your Room of LLLLLLOOVVE? Did you learn something new about your fellow Rotarians? Or maybe even your partner? We hope you had fun connecting at your virtual "lunch table" – I know, I know it's Zoom, but like the commercial says. Every time we gather on Zoom, remember it is all for our future when we can gather without a mask, without a six foot barrier, and without protocol enforced side-walk visits from your fellow Rotarians.

And just as I promised, let's welcome back our very own famous duo - Jim & Maureen for another beautiful song, "You Are My Sunshine". Oh, so beautiful! Our heartfelt thanks to both Jim & Maureen. You are both always ready, willing and ABLE – ABLE being the operative word - to steal our minds away from our busy lives and transport us to that wonderful place that lifts our soul as we are emersed in your lovely singing. We simply cannot help smiling and swaying to your music – thank you for your precious gift.



To bring this special day to a close, I am going to go back to the kids and Out of the Mouths of babes – those adorable 4 to 8 year olds and I will close with three of my favourite definitions they shared on what love is.



- ♦ "Love cards, like Valentine's cards, say stuff on them that we'd like to say ourselves, but we wouldn't be caught dead saying."
- ♦ "When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you."
- ♦ And my favourite from a very young child who is obviously a very wise one:
- ♦ "You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."

So, the lessons from these three little kids: If you can't figure out what to say on Sunday, go find a great Valentine's card that does it for you. When your partner is batting their eyelashes at you, and there are stars coming out of them, give them a HUGE hug – they love you.

And last, say 'I love you a lot – don't forget the power of those three words. They can turn someone's world around.

So as we wind up PALS and GALS entire Day, keep people close to your heart as you head into a weekend of loving ALL the people who are so special to you. Celebrate this Valentine's Day by remembering them, calling them, sending them a card, doing a curbside visit - because even if we can't hug each other yet, we can sure tell people how much they mean to us and how much we care about them.

Thank you everyone for joining us today – I am sending virtual hugs to all of you. Stay warm. Stay safe. Order in your favourite meal on Sunday to celebrate Valentine's Day and support our local restaurants at the same time. They really need us right now.

Load up on chocolate – it's Valentine's Day – you deserve it! Enjoy a glass of wine, or maybe two since you probably won't be driving anywhere, and most of all, enjoy your family and friends on Valentine's Day. Be grateful for all those in your life who bring a smile to your face and a warm fuzzy feeling to your heart.

And Remember – say "I Love You" a lot! Don't forget!

**Happy Valentine's Day everyone and Thank you
Corinne for being an amazing emcee**



MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/f0icA3jwjfg>



DID YOU KNOW?

- ♦ There are 3 things that the human brain cannot resist noticing - food, attractive people and danger.
- ♦ A human brain has a capacity to store 5 times as much information as Wikipedia.
- ♦ Our brain uses the same amount of energy as a 10 watt light bulb.

Submitted by: Bev Ostermann

Crossword

Color Your own PAGE!

Valentine

How many words can you make from the word valentine?

Across

1. A name that we call someone special on Valentine's Day.
3. We use this to tie around gift boxes.
5. Another name for someone special.
7. Something you whisper to your friend.

Down

2. Traditional gift for Valentine's Day.
4. Give _____ to your friends.
6. Show _____ to your Valentine.
8. Write a message to your Valentine on this.

TIC TAC TOE

MAZE

LOVE

1. Sweetheart 2. Ribbon 3. Flower 4. Hug 5. Card 6. Love 7. Secret 8. Kiss 9. Hug 10. Love 11. Card 12. Hug 13. Love 14. Card 15. Hug 16. Love 17. Card 18. Hug 19. Love 20. Card 21. Hug 22. Love 23. Card 24. Hug 25. Love 26. Card 27. Hug 28. Love 29. Card 30. Hug 31. Love 32. Card 33. Hug 34. Love 35. Card 36. Hug 37. Love 38. Card 39. Hug 40. Love 41. Card 42. Hug 43. Love 44. Card 45. Hug 46. Love 47. Card 48. Hug 49. Love 50. Card 51. Hug 52. Love 53. Card 54. Hug 55. Love 56. Card 57. Hug 58. Love 59. Card 60. Hug 61. Love 62. Card 63. Hug 64. Love 65. Card 66. Hug 67. Love 68. Card 69. Hug 70. Love 71. Card 72. Hug 73. Love 74. Card 75. Hug 76. Love 77. Card 78. Hug 79. Love 80. Card 81. Hug 82. Love 83. Card 84. Hug 85. Love 86. Card 87. Hug 88. Love 89. Card 90. Hug 91. Love 92. Card 93. Hug 94. Love 95. Card 96. Hug 97. Love 98. Card 99. Hug 100. Love

Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park

Bylaws Update re Alberta Societies' Act

THIS NOTIFICATION WILL RUN UNTIL FEBRUARY 25TH IN THE BULLETIN TO SERVE AS AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN ADVANCE OF AN E-VOTE ON FEBRUARY 26TH

Submitted by Sherry Austin

Chair, Constitution, Bylaws, and Governance Committee

This report refers to Bylaw requirements from Service Alberta regarding our Rotary Club. It must be emphasized that this is not a new review of our Bylaws and no sections of the Bylaws have been opened. This is simply an update based upon Service Alberta Societies Act requirements.

For background information, a comprehensive review of our Bylaws was initiated in 2017/18 under the leadership of then President Bill LeClair and continued through 2018/19 under then President Ron Prokosch and concluded in 2019/20 during then President Chas' year. This work is an extension of that done during these past three years and thus, the Constitution, Bylaws, and Governance Committee from that time period was reconstituted and completed the work they conducted on behalf of our Club – **Sherry Austin, Larry Stein, Terry Allen and Bill LeClair**.

It is important to commend Larry, Bill and Terry for their excellent work in bringing this matter to a successful conclusion. They have expended much time and effort in this regard. Bill's legal searches and analytic skills, Larry's work as scribe and analyst, and Terry's knowledge of the past and his analytic skills were invaluable to sort through a decades long Registry trail.

On March 3, 2020, our Rotary Club ratified the Board approved Bylaws that had undergone revision during the three year period by over 95%. As per the Societies Act, these Bylaws were then forwarded to 'Corporate Registry, Service Alberta' to update our file and for official registration. Our Bylaws were first registered with the Society in 1994 and, to our knowledge, we have never received any feedback in the intervening years.

However, that all changed on December 2, 2020 whereby we received a letter from the Registry stating that to register our new set of Bylaws, we had to use the terminology and process contained in the Societies' Act. Rotary International wording was no longer sufficient. This has happened to other clubs as well.

Please refer to the email received at 2:00 pm today with all of the attached documents. Highlighted in yellow are the sections we must include in our Bylaws to satisfy Alberta Registry and the Societies' Act.

We must be registered to continue our fundraising activities. Thus, it is imperative that our membership vote on these revised Bylaws by means of a 'Special Resolution' as outlined by Secretary Larry having recently received Board approval. There are no Club decisions to be made; these changes are mandated.

Secretary Larry Stein will serve as Scrutineer.

<https://www.stayinschool.ca/>



In a year of so many "firsts" - here's a really good one!

The Stay in School Golf Tournament is hosting its first-ever online auction with the July 22 tourney. If there's something we've all learned to do it is shop online and support local. There's nothing more local than supporting our deserving, young children from Calgary in their dreams - their dream for an education and desire to make a difference in the world.

The auction will be "live" for bidding July 12 - 22 however you can check what we have on offer now! Go to <https://www.stayinschool.ca/> and click on "Auction" at the top. Items will be added as we receive them!



Stay in School Online Auction

Rotary  Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



Do you want to be a part of history?

Donate to our club's first ever online auction for the Stay in School Golf Tournament

No donation is too small. There's no limit to how many items we receive. Contact Janet, Roselyn or Corinne to donate. Collecting items now!

Hello Rotarians!



the University of Calgary Rotaract Club is hosting a Pitch Night event via Zoom on Friday February 26 from 6-7pm.

Presenters will give a short (5 minute) presentation on the organization / charity that they are passionate about.

The audience members will choose their favourite, and the first prize winner will receive a monetary prize to be given as a donation for the organization/charity that they presented on.

Your Club has sponsored this and we want as many Rotarians to attend as possible! If you would like to attend, please fill out this short Google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMjo_VFQDOeqcyjWD6CleUfABFOhWgNhANNBTgrpzvIFPAow/viewform

If you have any questions about our event, please do not hesitate to ask me

Best,
Danny Vera, UCalgary Rotaract co-president
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Traits February borns are known for

- **February** borns are honest and known for being one of a kind
- They are authentic. self-confident and positive in their decisions
- They are very mysterious
- They are innovative
- They are unique
- They are determined
- They are loyal
- They are generous

Happy Birthday
Rotarians & Partners !

Phil Jackson	Feb 7
Terri Filipski (Chas)	Feb 10
Walter Flores	Feb 11
Bill Sumner	Feb 12
Murray Flegel	Feb 13
Roger Jarvis	Feb 13
Kourtney Tonkinson (Spencer)	Feb 13
Nicole Castle (Kendall)	Feb 18
Ben Steblecki	Feb 19
Bev Osterman	Feb 20
Amy Giang	Feb 23
Blake Pelham	Feb 27
John Shield	Feb 27

*"If only the world was as trusting as the
beautiful and delicate chickadee"*

Photo taken by Corinne at Carburn Park



Happy February
Birthdays

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

**Feb 18th Legacy Project Update:
Stampede Foundation**



Feb 22nd RCCSP Board Meeting: 5:30 pm

Feb 25th Rotary Profiles: Hugh Delaney

**Mar 4th International Women's Day:
Leela Aheer, Minister of Culture & Status of Women**

Mar 11th St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Mar 18th Sue Ozdemir, CEO: Exro Technologies

**Mar 25th DG Mary Turner Visit and RCCSP
Communications Strategy**

Apr 1st Virgil Lowe: Telus Agriculture

Apr 1st CASINO: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Apr 2nd CASINO: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Apr 8th TBA

Apr 15th Large Grants Presentation

Apr 22nd New Member Celebration

Apr 29th Rotary Profile: Jim Burns

May 6th Annual St. Mary's 4 Way Test

May 13th TBA

May 20th Annual Stay In School Luncheon



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WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS



zoom

- **A link will be sent out every Monday or Tuesday**
- **There is a reminder an hour before the meeting and 10 minutes before the meeting**
- **You can share the link with friends and Partners**
- **Save the link and join us at Noon On THURSDAYS**
- **This meeting is recorded**
- **If anyone would like to join but struggles with Zoom please either help them or reach out to the Tech Committee or Kathyann for assistance**

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