

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the February 19th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Gordon Weicker, and I am honored to be your President for 2025/2026.

Please join me in the singing of 0 Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table (L-R) :Sharyl Madigan, Spencer Tonkinson, Dana Hunter,
President Gordon Weicker, Don Beavis, Jim Bladon



**Presentation:
Don Beavis**

**March 6th
International
Women's Day**

**Next Week:
February 26th
Catriona Le May
Doan**

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Today's Meeting:

David Field introduced our guests followed by the welcome song.



Cathie Saroka removed **Lisa Maragh's** red stripe!!!

Spencer Tonkinson our Sgt@Arms for this meeting starts by asking individuals random questions (like guessing a number, letter, or color), charging them \$5 for incorrect answers. He then plays a game called "How Well Do You Know Each Other," where one representative from each table answers personal trivia questions about fellow members. If they answer incorrectly, their entire table is fined \$2. The lighthearted questions cover topics like family details, living situations, and Rotary involvement. After the trivia, **Spencer** invites members to contribute any spare change and asks for "happy bucks." Several members share updates.



Michael Ruttan came up next to recognize our TRF donors. (These are donors that were at this meeting, more coming soon)



Polio Plus Society	PHF +3	PHF +5	PHF +7	PHF +8
Steve Austin	Bob Wiens	Carol Rosdobutko	Gord Weicker	George Deegan
Glen Godlonton	Steve Austin			Glen Godlonton
Pat Neuman				
Major Donor		Major Donor – Level 2		
Luanne Whitmarsh		Neil Fraser		



Past President **Jim Bladon** introduced our guest speaker. Don Beavis was born and raised in Winnipeg. With a 36-year career in commercial banking, including 33 years with the Bank of Montreal, where he finished as Divisional Manager of Credit for the Prairies division and was later rehired to train account managers after retiring. A Rotarian since 1985, he has remained deeply committed to service, including years volunteering at the Calgary Stampede. He and his wife, Camella, celebrate 50 years of marriage this year and are proud parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents.



Don Beavis told us about Rotary Alberta Youth Entrepreneurship Camp (RYEAC), a week-long camp for youth ages 13–15 that has been running for 27 years. Originally started by Community Futures, it is now a partnership with Rotary District 5360, with Rotary serving in a leadership role. The camp hosts 60 campers and 10 youth leaders each August in Cypress Hills. Youth learn business fundamentals by creating a product, presenting a business plan to real bankers, borrowing real money, purchasing supplies, producing goods, and selling them to parents on the final day. Alongside entrepreneurship training, campers participate in team-building, outdoor activities, and leadership development. Since Rotary became involved, there has been an increased emphasis on training youth leaders (ages 16–18), including professional coaching before camp.



The program builds confidence, leadership, teamwork, and practical business skills—often filling gaps not covered in school curricula. Campers leave with new friendships, real-world experience, and often a small profit from their business venture. The camp is funded through Rotary, Community Futures, sponsorships, and donations, and relies on volunteers. The speaker encouraged continued financial support, camper sponsorships, volunteer involvement, and participation in a fundraising raffle organized by the Medicine Hat Sunrise Rotary Club.

Dana Hunter thanked Don Beavis for his awesome presentation!!

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

President Gordon finished off the meeting by announcing that we will be making a \$100 donation to the CRCF in Don Beavis's name in recognition of his time with us today.

Announcements

Friendly reminder: If you receive a parking ticket on the Stampede grounds and your vehicle is registered, please email the ticket to **Grayce** at Admin@rotarycs.org so it can be cancelled.

Dave Read will have tomato plants ready on March 12. He will bring some to Rotary, weather permitting, or you can call him at **403 912 5856** if you would like to get on the tomato list and arrange to come and pick up. He has about 100 to give away. All you need is a warm sunny area of your home until they go outside.
Thanks **Dave**

Rotary 
Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park invite's you to our
Annual Chinese New Year's Dinner. Let's celebrate the joy
of the Lunar New Year together.

FRIDAY **27** **AT 6:00 P.M.**
FEB 2026

FORBIDDEN CITY (YUU SEAFOOD RESTAURANT)
999 36 St NE Calgary

Ticket Price: \$60
Tables of Ten: \$600

BUY TICKETS BY FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20 :

- 9 tasty courses
- Easy parking
- 50/50

Purchase tickets at <https://rotarystampedepark.com>

The Fire Horse year emphasizes independence, bold change,
increased social opportunities, and creative self-expression.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Shamira Wallace has been proposed for active membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, as sponsored by **Stan Cichon** and seconded by **Terry Allen**, with a proposed classification of Early Learning Specialist.

If any Member objects to **Shamira Wallace** joining our Club or to HIS/HER proposed classification, an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, **Gail Williams**: secretary@rotarycs.org prior to **February 21st**.



Closing:

Next week: February 26th - Catriona Le May Doan

The week following: March 5th - International Women's Day

Closing words:

*If there is food in your fridge, clothes on your body, a roof above, and a bed to sleep in, **you're richer than 75% of the world.***

*If you have some money and some freedom to move, **you're already in the top 18%.***

*If your body is healthy today, **you're luckier than a million people** who won't survive this week.*

*If you can read and understand this, **you're more fortunate than 3 billion people** who can't.*

Please think about this as we

"Unite for Good"

Calendar

FEBRUARY

February 5th - Introduction to This Year's Charities

February 12th - Valentines

February 19th - Don Beavis

February 25th - Business Club

February 27th - Chinese New Year

February 26th - Catriona Le May Doan



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MARCH

March 5th - International Women's Day

March 12th - St Patrick's Day

March 19th - Grants & Endowments

March 26th - Rotary Profile



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DATES TO REMEMBER - SAVE THESE!!

February 6th - International Dinner Club

February 27th - Chinese New Year

March 6 - Tribute to George Strait- Gil Grand

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