

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the February 26th 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) : Rudy Ruberto, Lisa van Hemert, President Gordon Weicker, Gail McDougall, Catriona Le May Doan, Max Feldman



**Presentation:
 Catriona Le May
 Doan**

**March 12th
 St Patrick's Day**

**Next Week:
 March 6th
 International
 Women's Day**

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Today's Meeting:

David Field introduced our guests followed by the welcome song.



Rudy Ruberto, our Sergeant-at-Arms for the meeting, began by asking a few members questions about the Business Club meeting held on February 25th at **Cathie Saroka's** business, Goldray Glass. He then invited members to share any "Happy Bucks." Several members shared their good news and celebrations with the group.

Mark Ambrose came up to talk to us about the Invermere Golf & Social Weekend will take place June 4-6 and is open to Rotarians, partners, and friends, with limited registration available. The weekend includes golf, dinners at Copper Point, alternative activities for non-golfers, and a Sunday brunch hosted by **Steve** and **Sherry Austin**.



Max Feldman introduced our guest speaker.

Catriona Le May Doan is a legendary Canadian speed skater and one of the most accomplished athletes in Olympic history. She won gold in the 500m at the 1998 Nagano Olympics (in Olympic record time) and bronze in the 1000m, then defended her 500m gold at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics — becoming the first Canadian to defend an individual Olympic gold medal. She held the 500m world record for 10 years and broke 13 world records during her career.

Beyond competition, she has had a distinguished career as a broadcaster, Olympic analyst, mentor, and sport leader. She has served in major leadership roles including Chef de Mission for Team Canada at the 2022 Beijing Olympics and President & CEO of Sport Calgary for 10 years. A member of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and an Officer of the Order of Canada, she continues to contribute to sport and leadership development through her initiative, Pursuit of Victory. She lives in Calgary with her two children.



Catriona Le May Doan began by thanking the group and reflecting on her recent return from the Milan Olympics, reminding everyone not to forget the upcoming Paralympics. She spoke about the power of sport to unite people and shared how Calgary's Olympic legacy helped shape her journey.

She reflected on the highs and lows of her career — from crashing and finishing last at the 1994 Olympics to winning gold in 1998 and successfully defending her title in 2002, becoming the first Canadian to defend an individual Olympic gold medal. She emphasized the immense pressure athletes face, the courage required to stand out, and the importance of perseverance after failure.

Catriona highlighted that medals represent only a few minutes of a decades-long journey, stressing that true success is found in the unseen work, resilience, and growth behind the scenes. She also spoke about her role as Team Canada's Chef de Mission in 2022, the symbolic power of the Team Canada drum, and the importance of community support.

She closed by thanking the audience for their work, comparing their community efforts to the steady "heartbeat" behind every success, and encouraged continued support for Team Canada at the upcoming Paralympics.



Lisa van Hemert thanked Catriona for her amazing presentation which was followed by some questions from the members for Catriona.

President Gordon finished off the meeting by announcing that we will be making a \$100 donation the CRCF in Catriona Le May Doan name in recognition of her time with us today.

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

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
Heritage Park



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Announcements

Health and Wellness

Michael Zacharki is recovering well from surgery

Tony Ng is still recovering in Foothills Hospital, room 532 and visitors are welcome



Ready to take the next step?

Grab your lunch, your notebook, and a desire to grow! Join Catriona Le May Doan for a dynamic workshop that will sharpen your confidence, clarify your values, and give you practical tools to lead and perform at your best — no matter what *next step* you're facing.

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PURSUIT OF VICTORY
Victory Starts Here.



pursuitofvictory.ca



This an online workshop on March 12th 1-2pm MT.

Also, www.pursuitofvictory.ca if anyone is looking for Performance coaching, public speaking or Leadership workshops.

**Information regarding the upcoming District
Conference taking place on May 1 - 3 2026**

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Closing:

Next week: March 5th - International Women's Day

The week following: March 12th - St Patrick'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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