



ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the February 27th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Jim Bladon, and I am honoured to be the President of this Club for Rotary year 2024-25:

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

Head Table (L-R) : Stan Cichon, Terry Allen, John Fitzsimmons, President Bladon, Dr Ed McCauley, Diane Field



**Presentation:
Edward McCauley**

**March 13th:
St Patrick's
Day**

**Next week: March 6th -
International Women's
Day**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the March 13th meeting.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting video.

Today's Meeting:

David Field introduced our guests followed by the welcome song..



Neill Magee brought the 50/50 up today. **Neill** had one of our guest speakers draw the ticket. The pot was \$150 which was won by **Don Bacon**.

John Fitzsimmons our St@Arms starts off with asking everyone who is familiar with everything going on with the tariffs to raise their hand. All of those people pay \$2.

Everyone at **Chas Filipski's** table pays \$2.

Next **John** asked **Don Bacon** our 50/50 winner to add some of his winnings to the pot.

John finishes off with U of C happy bucks, several people had some happy bucks for U of C and added them to the pot.



Shout out to our External Communications Committee for all the work they have done on our display cases at Rotary House!!!



Next up we had some announcements from **John Shield** the chair of our Dream Home Committee. As some of you may have noticed the dream home location has moved to just north of the Rotary House this year.

Please remember each Rotarian is responsible for 8 selling shifts during Stampede. This can include family and friends. Volunteering for St Mary's Parking also counts toward your 8 shifts.



Pat Neuman gave us a RI25 Convention update! Please watch meeting video to hear this update!

Next we had announcements from **Brenda McKinley**, Don McArthur, Teresa Stokke, and **Sharyl Madigan**. All the information is on the pages to follow.



Diane Field from the U of C Senate came up to introduce our guest speaker Dr Ed McCauley, President & Vice Chancellor U of C. Diane gave a very lovely introduction of Dr McCauley.

Dr. Ed McCauley, President and Vice Chancellor of the University of Calgary, highlighted the university's growth and impact. Established in 1966, the university now has five campuses, 14 faculties, and 38,000 students, including 30,000 undergraduates and 8,000 graduate students. The annual budget exceeds \$1.7 billion. McCauley emphasized the university's top-tier teaching quality, significant research contributions, and high job placement rates for graduates. He also discussed challenges, such as the need to expand enrolment to meet future demand and the importance of attracting and retaining local talent. I strongly encourage everyone to watch the meeting video linked on page 1 to see this amazing presentation.



President Jim Bladon finishes off our meeting by announcing that on behalf of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park we will be making a \$100 donation to CRCF in Dr Ed McCauley's name in honour of his time with us.

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

Announcements

Health and Wellness

Brenda McKinley had a fall and broke her arm on some ice.

Susan Brick is in the hospital with a lung and respiratory infection.

We have you in our thoughts and prayers!

Kids at Heart Golf Tournament Charity Update

The Selection Committee of the Kids at Heart Golf Tournament is very excited to announce the three charities chosen to be the recipients of the net proceeds from the tournament. They are:

- **Made by Momma** – Mission is to provide nurturing care to mothers and young children facing situations of adversity and crisis. Made by Momma will fund the following project: provide birthday parties of up to 150 children each month who are displaced in shelters bringing a little magic into their lives
- **Youth Central Society** - Mission is creating opportunities that support and build youth resilience by empowering them to build their communities through free volunteer and leadership programs that measurably develop confidence, social connections, communication skills and a sense of purpose and belonging that build resilience and well-being. This is accomplished by: Offering opportunities to and reduce barriers for a full range of youth to volunteer and engage with the community. Developing the processes and systems to be known as an organization that provides empowering opportunities for youth. Elevating awareness of the organization, communicating a clear and compelling narrative about the organization's leadership in empowering youth to find and build their communities. Building capacity to be an organization that is resilient, sustainable and able to respond to opportunities and challenges.
- **Umoja Community Mosaic** – building community to successfully create a sense of inclusion and belonging for newcomers to Canada and other marginalized Calgarians through soccer and basketball. They have programs in all 4 quadrants of the city and the program has now been expanded to include girls. Impromptu Friday night games have grown to include up to 50 children coming out to play soccer.

Thank you to the members of the committee who sorted through 18 applications from all worth while charities to arrive at these 3 charities. We are looking forward to working with them to make the Golf Tournament another great success. Respectfully submitted, **Sharyl Madigan**, Chair, KAH Selection Committee

Calgary Food Bank Volunteering

Calgary Food Bank Volunteering, 5 - 7:30pm on March 10th ,

- All Distribution and Fresh Food shifts noted are at our main warehouse (5000 – 11 Street SE).
- Please email us at volunteer@calgaryfoodbank.com to inquire about your requested shift.

Fresh Food – You will be sorting and bagging perishables.

Please let **Brenda** know if you are available to volunteer, **403-870-4292** or b-mckinley@hotmail.com

Announcements

Western Rotary Shirts

We have decided to support Riley McCormick this year for new western Shirts. Brian Guichon as some of you may know is a member of the DT Club and owns Riley McCormick and with the help our own Lisa van Hemert has found us a very nice looking western shirt. Please see the photo and the sizing and pricing. We shall be putting our Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park logo on the left side of the shirt. I would like to order these in bulk and have the complete order to Brian by April 1st (no joke). I am trying to get some sample shirts that can be displayed at a few of our meetings over the next few months.

Please send **Stacey Johnson** an email to sjohnson@printthree.ab.ca with sizes and quantities. Thanks everyone

Navy/Royal blue print shirt MPL4519

Embroidered one location

regular sizes XS to 2XL are \$65.90+ \$8

\$73.90 plus GST

big and tall (3XL and Lt to 5XL) are \$72.90+\$8

\$80.90 plus GST



payment for the shirts can be made by e-transfer to deposits@rotarycs.org. Please ensure to add a detailed description on the e-transfer. (We need individual names, and if there are multiple shirts, along with what the transfer is for.)

Rotary Club of Calgary. Heritage Park



Rotary
Club of Calgary
Heritage Park

APR 22 & 23

**SECOND CHANCE
ART SALE**

Fri 4 - 8 • Sat 9 - 4

Acadia Recreation Complex
240 - 90 Ave SE

PROCEEDS SUPPORT
COMMUNITY
PROJECTS!

HUGE SELECTION
most artwork
\$15-\$60

**SECOND CHANCE
ART SALE**

Huge selection!
EVERY style, size, colour!

Acadia Rec Complex
240 90 Ave SE, Calgary

Friday, April 22 4-8
Saturday, April 23 9-4

*Proceeds support investment in our
community*

Rotary
Calgary Heritage Park

bit.ly/secondchanceartsale
rotaryartsale@gmail.com

  

Invitation to the

“70 YEARS OF ROTARY” GALA

CELEBRATING THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK
& ROTARY PARTNERS

\$100.00 PER PERSON

MAY

FRIDAY

9

AT 5 PM

2025

CALGARY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

919 50 AVENUE SW

Ticket Sales Begin March 1, 2025

Visit: Rotarycs.org

Details:

- ASSIGNED SEATING (BOOK EARLY FOR THE BEST SEATING)
- **TO GUARANTEE GROUP SEATING**, YOU MUST REGISTER AND PAY FOR ALL GUESTS (IN GROUP) AT ONCE, PROVIDING ALL NAMES AT THE TIME OF BOOKING. TABLES SEAT 10.
- FORMAL DRESS (BLACK-TIE OPTIONAL)
- COCKTAIL HOUR 5:00-6:30PM
- DINNER AND DANCE
BAND: "ENTWIND".
- CASH BAR (**NO CREDIT CARDS**)
- DOOR PRIZES /50-50 DRAW/BASKET RAFFLE
- THE GALA EVENT REPLACES THE THURSDAY ROTARY MEETING



March 13th Meeting



Please come and join us for some laughs, singing and stories on March 13th.

Dress in your finest green there will be a contest.

The bar will be opening at 11am! Come and get some green beer!



Closing:

Next week: **March 6th - International Women's Day**

The week following: **March 13th - St Patrick's Day**

Closing words:

As you go about your business this week remember, that each of you creates the magic of Rotary, unlock the magic, advance the magic, and be the magic of Rotary.

Calendar

MARCH

March 6th - International Women's Day
March 13th - St Patrick's Day
March 20th - Grants & Endowments
March 27th - Rotary Profile

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APRIL

April 3rd - St Marys High School (4- way speeches)
April 10th - 70th Anniversary of Club (Not the big celebration)
April 17th - Trini Araneda Alcalde (Exchange Student)
April 24th - New Members Celebration

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DATES TO REMEMBER – SAVE THESE!!

March 5 - South Indian Int'l Dinner
March 13 - St. Paddy's Day Fun at Lunch.
March 22 - 5 pin bowling
Mar 28 - Thai Int'l Dinner
April 6 - Jubilations Dinner theatre

April 23 - Mexico Int'l Dinner
May 9 - Club Anniversary
May 23 - Japan Int'l Dinner
June 5 - Jerseys and Jeans (Pres Jim's party)
June 21- 25 RI Convention Calgary
July 3 - Kick off for Dream Home