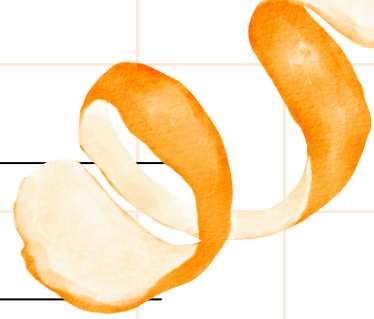


ROTARY NEWS



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Welcome to the February 29 meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Jim Bladon your President Elect for 2023-24.

Please join me, accompanied by Vitaliia Vash, in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table (L-R) : John Shield, Dahlia Mustafa, Lisa van Hemert, President-Elect Jim Bladon, Holly Singer, Shondel Sabad



Speaker: Holly Singer-CEO of 'MilkJar'.

Thank you Jim for taking over for Bryan while he was in Mexico!

Many Volunteer Opportunities

Click [HERE](#) to register for next week's meeting and [HERE](#) for this week's meeting link

Today's Meeting:

Greg Smyth announced our many guests today... most of those being guests of **Catherine Brownlee**. We greeted them all with the Welcome song.

Michael Zacharki pulled the \$160 50/50, with help from our guest speaker, **Holly Singer**. **Megan Stokke** won the pot! Thank you so much Michael Z for the donated ticket! It was very much appreciated :)

Sargent at Arms, **Rudy Ruberto**, asked for some happy bucks and we got loads of good news. He didn't forget about the 50/50 'winner fine' where he got Megan's dad, **Craig Stokke**, to pay up!

Lisa van Hemert spoke on her classification piece. She will have a booth at the New members event.

We would love to extend a warm welcome to **Dahlia Mostafa** to our club with sponsorship from **Catherine Brownlee**. It was nice to hear your introduction today & we can't wait to get to know you!

Steve Austin & Courtney Wilson spoke on Rotary Partnership inclusive Employment opportunities. It was great to hear from you both!



MILKJAR
Holly Singer



Our Guest Speaker was introduced by **Catherine Brownlee**



Born in founder **Holly Singer's** kitchen in 2016, Milk Jar answered two of her desires: to introduce clean-burning, beautifully scented candles to the local market and to serve as a platform for philanthropy. Holly's close friendship with a boy with Cerebral Palsy and his mother during her university years studying kinesiology inspired her to support programs aiding learning and growth for individuals with disabilities. With the initial goal of raising \$500 in Milk Jar's first year, Holly could not have anticipated the profound impact it would have. Seven years later, Milk Jar fosters inclusion and safe workplaces through its inclusive employment practices and generous donations to non-profits.

Holly delivered a captivating and enlightening presentation, conveying a powerful message of unity among humanity. As a parting gesture, she humorously distributed two "burnt candles" and one "unburnt candle," which she jokingly revealed had been previously utilized for promotional photos. She engaged the audience with some trivia questions, with the final question being challenging. This prompted Ken to offer \$10 for the candle.

Cathie Saroka thanked our speaker

Holly, in recognition of your time with us today, we will be making a \$100 donation to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation which supports local initiatives here in our community.

Listen to the whole presentation by clicking [HERE](#)



Announcements

Second Chance Art Sale

During today's meeting, **Peter Harding** from the Rotary Club of Heritage park talked about the 'Second Chance Art Sale' taking place on April 19th and 20th at Acadia Rec Complex. You can shop for over 2500 pieces ranging from an average of \$20-\$100+.



Last Day for Early Bird Deal

Hope to see you all in Drumheller from May 4th to 5th for our district conference! This is the reminder for the early bird deal that could save you \$50!

Wine Club

Another Wine Club event is happening on March 1st. At the only urban winery in Calgary, Rotarians can try some wine and charcuterie while spending time with other great members of the club. Please contact **Pat Neuman** for more information at pneuman647@gmail.com

Business Club

Business Club is back! Join **Allan Johnson** at Sheraton Labels on March 13th to discuss and learn with other members. Register [HERE](#)

Veterans Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

March 5th, 2024, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Veteran's Food Bank Calgary Warehouse
#114 - 4303 26 Street NE, Calgary, AB T1Y 7K2
15 volunteers required.

Please contact **Brenda McKinley**,
b-mckinley@hotmail.com,
or text 403-870-4292 to register.

*Thank you,
Brenda*



Dream home giveaway took place on February 28th. A great family won the house. Thank you to all the Rotarians involved with Dream Home who could help with this!

Feed the Hungry.

Located in St. Mary's Hall (221 - 18 th Avenue SW), our Rotary Club will "Sponsor and Serve" the Sunday meal on **March 24th, 2024.**

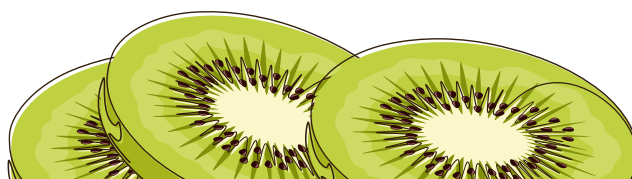
Thank you to all the members who have already signed up, however as of today, more volunteers are still needed!

- AM Shift 10:30 - 12:30 ... 13 volunteers required
- PM Shift 12:30 - 4:30 27 volunteers required

Please take a moment to log on to the volunteer sign-up link to help our Rotary Club support this community outreach program!

<https://feedthehungry.flocknote.com/signup/156374>

-Thank you, Ken Farn. kgfarn@telus.net



SINGAPORE

Have You Booked for the Rotary International Convention 2024 in Singapore Yet?

Come join the party of 68 Alberta Rotarians booked so far.....and counting.

The Singapore conference is **May 25 – 29, 2024** and is our first opportunity to market and sell the 2025 Conference in Calgary. We will have a very large and popular Calgary booth with loads of digital images and videos, a Calgary Host Committee website ready to take bookings for experiences like Calgary's Host Hospitality Night, Calgary Signature Events, and Pre/Post Trips such as the Rockies, Hoodoos, Cowboy Trail, and the 2025 Calgary Stampede.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Singapore booth to promote Calgary, there are many opportunities to do so. Email **Farid Bedwany** at bedwany@yahoo.com. He's on our local Calgary Host Organizing Committee and gathering names for those who would like to join us in the Calgary booth.

We hope you will join us in Singapore! The RI Registration site for Singapore is here:

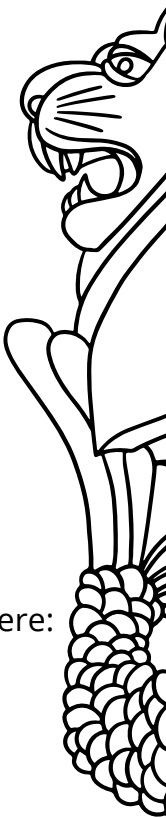
www.convention.rotary.org

The Singapore Host Hospitality site for all sorts of other activities going on in Singapore is here:

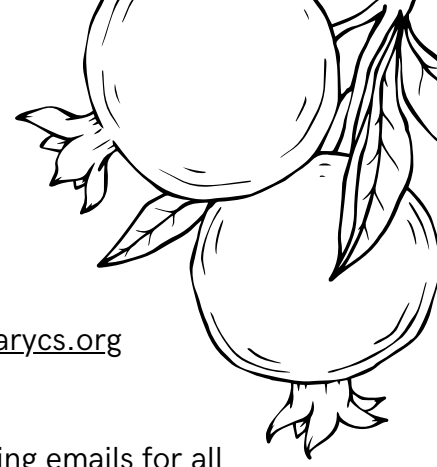
www.rotarysingapore2024.org

Hop on the RI2025 Calgary Marketing team and join us in Singapore this May. We plan on making a VERY large splash (as Calgary always does) a full year ahead of what Rotarians and their families can expect in Calgary June 21 – 25, 2025. Come share your favourite stories about your Alberta experiences that will entice our guests to stay even longer!

-Corinne Wilkinson



From the Secretary's Desk



1. Busy hands and minds make typos!
 - a) Sorry that we misspelled Singapore!
 - b) Sorry that I misspelled the secretary's email. It should be secretary@rotarycs.org

Carrying on!

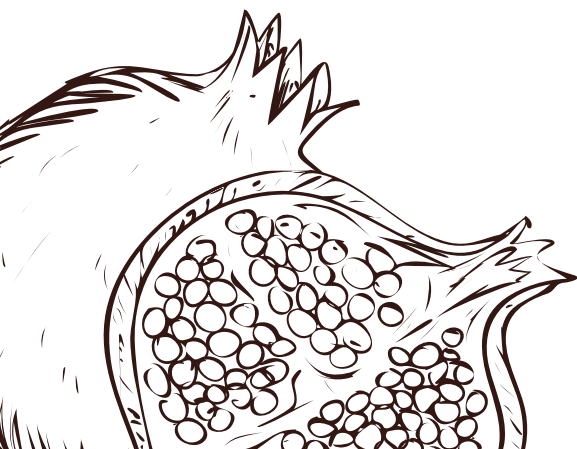
2. We are trying to organize our Club emails for continuity. Please use the following emails for all communication:
 - a) president@rotarycs.org
 - b) president-elect@rotarycs.org
 - c) secretary@rotarycs.org
 - d) admin@rotarycs.org
3. The hiring committee has received the vetted resumes for our review. We will meet early next week to finalize the candidates for interviews. And, we will keep the membership up to date as we progress through the process.
4. The Four-Way Test: One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary "Four-Way Test". It was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of the Chicago-based Club Aluminum Company, which was facing bankruptcy. Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The Four-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy. Herb Taylor became President of Rotary International from 1954-1955.

The Four-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways. The message should be known and followed by all Rotarians, as it encompasses the values of Rotary.

"Of all the things we think or do:

- ✓ Is it the TRUTH?
- ✓ Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- ✓ Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- ✓ Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

*-YOURS IN ROTARY,
JUANNE WHITHARSH*



This week's meeting link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fePz7AFcglo&t=12s>

Closing:

Next week's meeting: March 7th we are back in Rotary House for a presentation by *Hon. Tanya Fir*, Minister of Arts Culture and Status of Women. AND a presentation by our Meetings Director Brenda McKinley on her portfolio.

Please remember to register for the luncheon by tomorrow at 10 am!

Closing words:

‘Laughter is the best medicine, but if you're laughing for no reason you may need medicine’ - President-Elect Jim

As President Bryan always says: As you go about your business this week remember simple acts of kindness go a long way to Creating Hope in the World. And with that, our meeting is adjourned.

Final reminder to register for next week's meeting:
www.rotarystampedepark.com

REMINDER

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Happy Leap Year



Leap years were originally proposed by a group of procrastinating ancient philosophers. Legend has it that they were sitting around debating how to make up for lost time when one philosopher exclaimed, "Eureka! Let's just add an extra day every four years and call it a day!"











And so, leap years were born, giving us all an excuse to procrastinate just a little longer. So, if you find yourself putting off tasks until February 29th, just blame it on the ancient philosophers and their brilliant idea of leap years! After all, why do today what you can put off until the next leap year?



Calendar

MARCH

3rd: Jubilations Dinner Theatre "The Beach Boys of Summer"
 7th: International Women's Day
 9th: St. Mary's High School Big Band Annual Dinner
 10th: Social Committee - Everly Brothers
 13th: Business Club
 14th: St Patty's Meeting
 17th: Happy St. Patrick's Day!
 21st: Rotary Profile
 23rd: "Rock the Nation" at Studio Bell

MARCH						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Jubilations Dinner Theatre "The Beach Boys of Summer" 5 pm. Cost is \$54. Contact Pat Neuman at pneuman647@gmail.com.

"Walk Right Back"- The Everly Brothers \$66.60 at Grey Eagle Casino. Contact Pat Neuman at pneuman647@gmail.com.

"Rock the Nation" at Studio Bell (National Music Centre) 12 noon show, followed by lunch at King Eddy.