



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



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Welcome to the February 2nd meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

Head Table: (L to R) **Luanne Whitmarsh** (Secretary), **Don Taylor** (Grants Director), **Jim Bladon** (Revenue Director), President **Jim Fitzowich**, **Don Mintz** (Treasurer), **Craig Stokke** (Past President)



President Jim Fitzowich

Today we are going to have our annual Presidents "State of the Union" address and Club AGM:

1790 – January 8th was the first "State of the Union" address by President George Washington to the Congress. In it, he advocated for a Federal Post Office, Post roads, and a public education system.

1923 – Although Franklin Roosevelt is famous for his Depression era radio speech "*We have nothing to fear but fear itself*", it was President Calvin Coolidge in 1923 that gave the first State of the Union address via radio.

1947 – On January 6th 1947, President Harry Truman delivers his State of the Union address for the first time on Television.

2023 – It is the U.S. Custom that at least one member of Cabinet not attend the State of the Union address in person, in the event a disaster wipes out the government. Our "Designated Survivor" today is PE Bryan Walton, who you can see is not present at the Head Table.

Please join **Glen Potter** for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.





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Announcements:

Visitors and Guests:

Blake Pelham – began his introduction with a fable – a story about our city’s pursuit of densification and he advised everyone to pay attention to city notices to this effect. His neighbourhood banded together and went to the City Council meeting to oppose their plans. Their rationale was that they had Blake Pelham in their district and he was “dense enough” to fulfil city mandates!! As per our confidential program today we didn’t have many Guests, just PDG Martin Parnell, and then Cathie Saroka and Max Feldman who are almost New Members.



Health and Wellness:

Hugh Delaney will be the contact for Health and Wellness for the balance of January and February. For updates please reach out to Hugh at; 403-255-0422 or hughdelaney02@gmail.com

Sharyl Madigan – Dorothea Schaab advises that Sharyl’s husband Larry has passed away after a lengthy illness. We will pass along further information as we receive it. Please keep Sharyl and family in your thoughts and prayers. [Obituary of Lawrence Patrick Madigan | McInnis & Holloway Funeral H... \(mhfh.com\)](https://www.mhfh.com/obituary-of-lawrence-patrick-madigan/)

Announcements: District 5360 Conference: District Governor Steve Leavitt reminded everyone about the upcoming District 5360 Conference (DisCon 2023 – Dreaming our Future), being held in Lethbridge May 5-6, 2023. Early bird registration ends January 31st, go to DisCon 2023 (discon5360.ca) for registration. Steve shared experiences from previous District Conferences where the seeds for humanitarian efforts providing education and dental care in Uganda were sown. Our theme this year is “planting seeds of vibrancy”, so Steve challenges everyone to come to this District Conference and learn where you can get some seeds planted! - If you plan on attending please let me (admin@rotarycs.org) know so I can add your name to our Website. <https://rotarycs.org/page/who-s-going-to-the-convention/>

Announcements: The Valentine’s Luncheon is on February 9th, featuring a special guest soloist, Vitaliia Vash, performing love songs from various countries. There is a Japanese Dinner at OMO on Tuesday February 21st at 6:30 and there are still tickets available. The Legends Show (tribute to Connie Francis, Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison and Motown) is being held March 31st at the Grey Eagle Casino. There are also plans to get a group together to go to the St. Mary’s High School concert at the end of February.

Announcements: “Thank you from the SAIT recipient of our clubs sponsored scholarship on behalf of Past District Governor Bob and wife Gynell Dawson.” <https://sait.thankview.com/video/1dc763daf0816f79f>



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Main Presentation - President's Address

President Jim explained that he would provide notes on the well-being of the club and **Don Mintz** would supply the financial information relating to both the club and the separate entity "our Charity". Kindly refer to our web page (or the link below) for the detailed information about both entities and all information from the presentation today. Only members will be allowed access to our web page and you are respectfully requested not to download and share this information.

The Club has responded well to the overhaul and changes to our governance structure and our financial picture is in a very positive state for both entities.

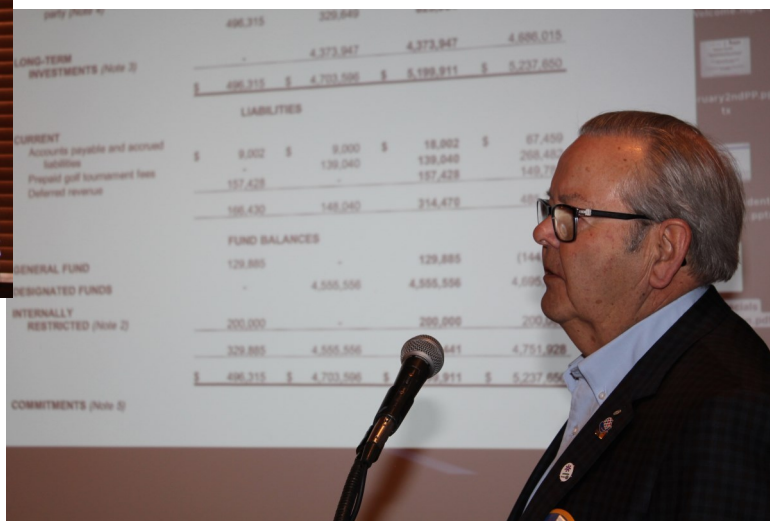
To view Jim's presentation including the financials discussed by Treasurer **Don Mintz**, click here or go to Member Area, Organization, Documents, Presentations from Meetings on our Website.

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/Documents/en-ca/285d14a3-8208-4844-9149-b6db6ed30b4c/1/ Presentation From AGM Address>

Club Business:

President Jim presented a motion to extend Treasurer **Don Mintz's** term of office to June 30th, 2024. It was seconded by **Darlene Switzer-Foster**. The motion received unanimous approval.

Thank the Speakers: JRF. On behalf the of Club we make a \$100 donation in the Club's Board members honour to the CRCF, which supports Calgary area Rotary Clubs do their good works.





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THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/EmjJujWcv-g>

In Closing:

Next Week's Meeting: Is the Club's Annual Valentines Luncheon with Partners. Please bring your spouse, sweetheart or special friends. Our guest vocalist will be Vitallia, the same Ukrainian Young lady who sang the anthem at the Ribbons for Peace event. Deadline for online registrations is **tomorrow February 3rd**.

Looking forward in seeing you all on Thursday February 9th.

Final words: Thought for the coming week is from late U.S. President George Washington:

"Knowledge is in every Country the surest basis of Public Happiness."

And with that, our meeting is adjourned.



Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week!

Final reminder to register for next week's Meeting by 9am tomorrow!!

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NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Cathie Saroka has been proposed for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Catherine Brownlee** and Seconded by **Glen Godlonton** with a proposed Classification of **Business Consultant**.

If any Member objects to **Cathie Saroka** joining our Club or to HIS/HER proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, Luanne Whitmarsh: secretary@rotarycs.org prior to February 9th, 2023.

Max Feldman has been proposed for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Dilan Perera** and Seconded by **Darlene Switzer-Foster** with a proposed Classification of **Oil and Gas Executive**.

If any Member objects to **Max Feldman** joining our Club or to HIS/HER proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, Luanne Whitmarsh: secretary@rotarycs.org prior to February 2nd, 2023

Are you going to the 2023 Rotary International Convention? This time in Melbourne, Australia! If you are planning to go please let me know so I can update the names on our Website. admin@rotarycs.org <https://rotarycs.org/page/who-s-going-to-the-convention/> As well as the District Convention in Lethbridge.



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY !!!

Volunteers are required to build Good Food Boxes.

March 27th, 2023 - 5-8pm Monday evening shift

April 17th, 2023 - 5-8pm Monday evening shift

June 6th, 2023- 1-3pm Tuesday shift (usually a daytime shift but I could make this an evening shift starting at 5PM)

Email Earl or Ken to sign up for a shift.

Earl Huson (403) 686-0828/ ehuslink@telusplanet.net Ken Farn: (403) 560-6770/ kgfarn@telusplant.net **EARL AND KEN REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!! THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!!!**



Social Club



Our Larry Kwong Lunar New Year Dinner was a great success!!! A write up hasn't been received yet so stay tuned until next week for the Committee to write something. Until then enjoy these couple photos and click the link below to view more photos.



https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EZeNxtVuBh0AhiWF_uYB_o32cVtSh_7S?usp=share_link



Valentines Lunch with Partners is on February 9.. lots of fun in store. Bring your love!! Valentines Lunch with Partners Feb. 9. There's a Photo Kissing Booth, Open Bar and Entertainment.... our very special Ukrainian friend, Vitallia, our soloist will be singing love songs from various countries... Thank You, **Glenn Potter** for directing this!! **Remember to register by Feb 3rd by 9 am!**

Japanese Dinner at OMO Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 pm

Cost all inclusive (liquor drinks are extra) Payment must be received prior to event!

Still some spaces left for OMO Japanese Dinner...come and be entertained while you have a delicious dinner!! \$80 pp

Contact: **Sjoert Zuidhof** 403-471-6275 or zuidhofsjoert@gmail.com

Social Committee is taking you to Grey Eagle Resort Event Centre to see the Legends Show on March 31.

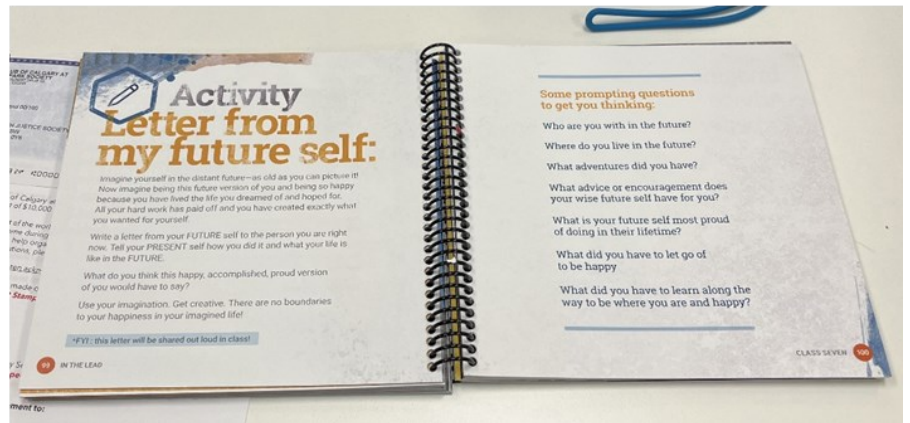
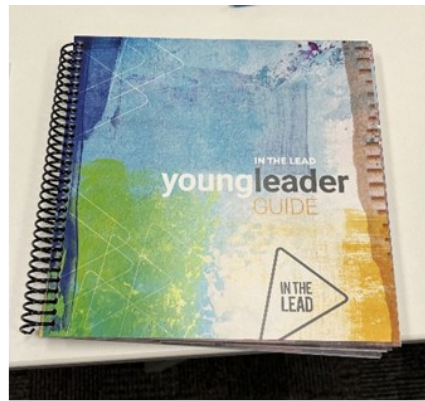
Get your tickets by calling Sjoert Zuidhof.. 403- 471-6275 or email him at zuidhofsjoert@gmail.com

Tickets still available for Legends Show at Grey Eagle Resort...March 31...\$58.

Tickets are going fast so don't delay!!



Partners in Print



I delivered a cheque to Calgary Youth Justice Society for purchase of their Curriculum Guidebooks. I had a chance to look through the books and learn more about this program that is helping Youth get a second chance from a minor offence, grow in their life, and become involved in their community.

Jill is very passionate about this program and had many success stories.—**Denise MacLeod**



Rotary Partner Heather Davies delivered a cheque to Claire Cowden, Program Director at *Brenda's House* and Danielle Ladouceur, CEO of Children's Cottage for purchase of new mattresses.



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL

Valentine's

Lunch 
with Partners

February **9**
11 am - 1:30pm
\$30

Join us at Rotary House
Photo Booth, Entertainment and Open Bar
+ Surprises!!!

Register at:
rotarystampedepark.com



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UKRAINIANS OF CALGARY

CANMORE FOR UKRAINE CHARITY EVENT

*Fundraising Night with Light Appetizers,
Live Performance, Raffle, Silent and Live Auctions*

when:

March 4, 2023

6:00 pm, doors open at 5:30 pm

where:

Opera House, 400 Spring Creek Dr,
Canmore, AB T1W 0C8

donation:

\$80 per person

tickets via e-transfer to
DONATE@UOCA.CA

and mention "Canmore for Ukraine"

dress code: Smart casual

Admission is by advanced tickets only. No ticket sale at the door

All proceeds will go towards helping Ukrainian
refugees settled in the Bow Valley and continuous procurement of medical
supplies, their distribution to the hospitals in Ukraine, and towards support
for the people of Ukraine



Hiking Club



On February 1 nine intrepid souls headed out to hike/snowshoe the 6.86km dual loops just west of Calgary near the Jumping pound demonstration forest.

We had a great day until a cold front rolled in that sent two of our group scurrying back to their car.

The rest of us quickly ate lunch and soldiered onwards. There was an eerie alignment of the trees most everywhere we looked.

This was not the twilight zone but rather a sign of clear cutting followed by replanting in 1974.

Thanks to our tax dollars many new bridges are in place after the damage caused by the floodwaters in 2013.

Everyone had a great outing.

-Larry Stein



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February 9th: Valentines Day Luncheon with Partners



February 16th: Bob Wiens - Evolution of Biosand Filters



February 23rd: Rob Hemstock - Impact and fallout of the Alberta Carbon Tax



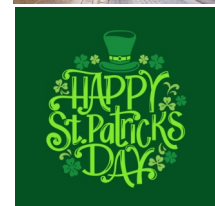
March 2nd: Penny Leckie - International Woman's Day



March 9th: David Flemming - Banff Historian



March 16th: Joe Connelly and Hugh Delaney - St. Patrick's Day



District 5360 Convention in Lethbridge - May 5th and 6th

