

# ROTARY NEWS

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**Welcome to the February 5<sup>th</sup> 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 O Canada and Rotary Grace.**

Head Table (L-R) : Sjoert Zuidhof, Trish Crisp, Colton Armstrong, President Gordon Weicker, Suzan Valenta, Sharyl Madigan



**Presentation:  
Introduction to This  
Year's Charities**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>  
Deborah Yedlin**

**Next Week:  
February 12<sup>th</sup>  
Valentines Day**

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

# Today's Meeting:

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



**Carol Rosdobutko** was our Sgt@Arms for this meeting. **Carol** started off by having all members who have a birthday in February to stand. If you were sitting at a table with one of these members then you pay \$2. She then led a true-or-false game, where correct answers required table mates to pay \$2 and incorrect answers required the individual to pay \$5.



**Adam Tarabay** came up to do his classification talk! **Adam** shared his background, and explained how his experiences shaped his values and career in auto finance and mortgages. He spoke about his goal of helping people make informed financial decisions, his appreciation for Rotary's values of service and community, and his intention to grow and contribute through the club.



**Sharyl Madigan** recognized the Kids at Heart Charity Selection Committee for their extensive and thoughtful work reviewing 13 charity applications. She explained the rigorous and transparent selection process used to identify charities that best align with Rotary values and the long-term vision of Kids at Heart. Three charities were selected based on their impact, leadership, sustainability, and community focus, and the speaker noted that the process was started earlier this year to better engage sponsors. **Sharyl** concluded with appreciation for the committee and charities, followed by the introduction of the first presenter from the Calgary Counselling Centre.



Suzan Valenta from the Calgary Counselling Centre came up first. Calgary Counselling Centre ensures children and youth can access professional, evidence-based counselling when they need it. With no waitlist and fees based on what families can afford, we help young people build confidence, resilience, and the tools to thrive through life's toughest challenges.



Colton Armstrong from Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Society was up next. The Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Society exists to ensure every child and family affected by burns receives the very best care, support, and recovery resources. Through our partnership and initiatives with Alberta Children's Hospital, we help fund leading treatment, rehabilitation, and family-centred programs—so kids can heal stronger, sooner, and with dignity.



Trish Crisp from Cerebral Palsy Kids and Families was up next. Cerebral Palsy Kids and Families are a family-focused community leader providing support, resources, and opportunities to children and families living with physical disabilities, throughout their life journey. Our unique Adapted Bike Program ensures that children, youth, and young adults with physical disabilities know the simple joy of riding a bike.



**Sjoert Zuidhof** thanked the three charities for coming out today. **Sjoert** also recognized the Kids at Heart Committee and all the hard work and dedication they put in. He explained why the three selected Kids at Heart charities resonate deeply and make a meaningful impact. To hear more please watch the meeting video linked on page 1.



Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

# Announcements

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Pat Neuman** hip replacement surgery went well, she expects to two-stepping shortly.

**Tony Ng** remains in Foothills Hospital. He has started some physiotherapy.

**Michael Zacharki** is recovering at home from surgery

**Please contact Brenda Mckinley for any health and wellness updates**

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## ABIGAIL MCISAAC JANUARY RECAP

The first month of 2026 has come to an end, also marking the halfway point of my exchange year. In the Beginning of this month I had my birthday so I am now 16 years old, old enough to drive on my own in Alberta! For my birthday I went to Savona with some of the exchange students who were available that weekend, we had all you can eat sushi for lunch and then watched the sit set from the top of an old castle. Also for my birthday I convinced my host family to let me make them pizza with pineapples, which actually went also better then I had been expecting because the next weekend my host mom voluntarily bought pineapple for our pizzas, and I didn't even say anything about it to her before hand, She just really liked it or at least that's what she tells me. This month I also changed host families. I've been here with this new family for two weeks now and I really enjoy it, they are so kind I really feel like apart of their family. In this family I have a host mom and dad, a host sister who is 13 and a host brother who is 16 their are also three other daughters who are older and moved out however two of them come and visit often, I also have a host grandma who also doesn't sleep here but she does spend alot of her free time here with us. This month I didn't go on any trips but next weekend we have a trip planned with Rotary to go to the mountains. We'll do some cross country skiing which I've done many times before in Canada so hopefully I'm a pro. That's it for this month. Thank you so much, and I'll see you next month!



# Announcements

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  
FEB 2026

AT 6:00 P.M.

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

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

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- 50/50

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ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK  
BUSINESS CLUB MEETING



GOLDRAY

The Commercial Glass Business  
Networking & Refreshments to follow

🕒 6:00 to 8:00pm

FEB  
25



Join us at: 4605 52 Ave SE

Get your \$20 tickets by Feb 20th at:  
[rotarystampedepark.com](http://rotarystampedepark.com)

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**Closing:**

**Next week: February 12th - Valentine's Day**

**The week following: February 19th - Deborah Yedlin**

**Closing words:**

Children's charities are proof that hope is a real thing. It isn't only about helping children and young people survive, it's about giving them a chance for a better tomorrow. When charities like the three, that are here today, who invest in programs that improve the lives of children it makes everything we do as Rotarians worthwhile!

Please think about this as we

"Unite for Good"

# Calendar

## FEBRUARY

**February 5<sup>th</sup>** - Introduction to This Year's Charities

**February 12<sup>th</sup>** - Valentines

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** - Deborah Yedlin - CEO & President

**February 25<sup>th</sup>** - Business Club

**February 27<sup>th</sup>** - Chinese New Year

**February 26<sup>th</sup>** - Catriona Le May Doan



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## MARCH

**March 5<sup>th</sup>** - International Women's Day

**March 12<sup>th</sup>** - St Patrick's Day

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** - Grants & Endowments

**March 26<sup>th</sup>** - Rotary Profile



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## DATES TO REMEMBER - SAVE THESE!!

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** - International Dinner Club

**February 27<sup>th</sup>** - Chinese New Year

**March 6** - Tribute to George Strait- Gil Grand