



# ROTARY NEWS

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**Welcome to the February 6th 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) : Sjoert Zuidhof, Carol Rosdobutko, Norm Rose, President Bladon, Bill McAuley, Jim Hutchens



**Presentation:  
Provincial Security  
Intelligence office**

**February 20th:  
Brenda Christie**

**Next week:  
February 13th -  
Valentines Day**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the February 20th meeting.

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



# Today's Meeting:

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



**George Deegan** had our guest speaker draw the 50/50 ticket. The pot was \$140 and was won by **Wendy Giuffre!!!**



**Carol Rosdobutko** our Sgt@Arms starts off by asking President **Jim Bladon** to add \$5 to the pot for pronouncing her last name wrong.

**Carol** now asked **Wendy** to add some of her winnings to the pot.

Next **Carol** has asked anyone not wearing something Rotary like a pin or a tie or even a shirt to add \$2 to the pot.

During last weeks meeting **Spencer Tonkinson** had taped a prop to the podium, if you do not know what that prop was then you add \$2 to the pot.

Next **Carol** asked some questions, If you get the answer wrong you pay \$5 if you answer correct then all your table mates pay \$2 each. First up **Don Taylor** - adds \$5. **Luanne Whitmarsh** adds \$5 to pot. **Michael Ruttan** add \$5 to pot. **Roselyn Jack** adds \$5 to pot.

Lastly **Carol** asked anyone who has not registered for the convention or registered to volunteer during the convention to pay \$5.

**Norm Rose** came up and gave his classification talk. **Norm** shared a bit about himself and his family. **Norm** shared about his career and some of the many accomplishments in his life. Please watch the meeting video linked on page 1 to hear more about **Norm!**



**Sjoert Zuidhof** came up to the podium to give us an update on the Kids at Heart Golf Tournament this year. The tournament will take place on July 28th 2025. The goal for this year is to engage our sponsors. We want our sponsors to feel good to be apart of this very special event and want them to come back in 2026. If you know of anyone that would be interested in being a sponsor or a volunteer please let contact **Marietta Maier** - [mmaier1@shaw.ca](mailto:mmaier1@shaw.ca)



**Dorothea Schaab** gave us an update on Youth Opportunities. We are in need host families for billeting some of our youth exchange students who will be coming to the convention in June. if you are interested please contact **Dorothea**. [schaabd@gmail.com](mailto:schaabd@gmail.com)

**Dorothea** also gave us an update about the youth camping experiences. There is more information located on page 4 and 5.



**Jim Hutchens** introduced our guest speaker. **Jim** told us a little bit about Bill McCauley before welcoming him to the podium

Bill McCauley, Director of the Provincial Security and Intelligence Office, discussed the evolving nature of national security, emphasizing the shift from a federal-centric approach to a sub-national and civil component. He highlighted the challenges of protecting critical infrastructure in a complex, interconnected environment, noting the rise of transnational threats and economic security concerns. He stressed the importance of shared understanding and situational awareness, urging collaboration to address these threats effectively. I encourage everyone to watch the meeting video to hear Bill's amazing presentation.

**Carol Rosdobutko** gave a lovely thank you to Bill on behalf of the club.

President **Jim Bladon** finished off the 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 Bill McCauley's name in honour of his time with us today.

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery



# Announcements

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**Sharon Allen** has suffered a severe break in her right arm and injured her leg at Christmas. She is recovering.

**Denise Smith** is on a new cancer drug utilizing targeted gene therapy which appears to be working great as it has shrunken the tumour in her lung.

Please contact **Wendy Giuffre** at [403 815 4336](tel:4038154336) or email at [wendy@wendyelleninc.ca](mailto:wendy@wendyelleninc.ca) to update Health and Wellness news or request a ride to a Rotary-sponsored event.

I want to say thank you to everyone for all the kind words about the bulletins I have made. I greatly appreciate everyone and all the lovely feedback.  
- Grayce

**Jim Smith's** Clubrunner account has been updated with some new contact information. Don't be shy and give him a call!

## THANK YOU LETTERS FROM SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

### LETTER #1

I am writing to express my profound gratitude for the Bob and Gynell Dawson scholarship award. This recognition and support have been a source of immense encouragement as I pursue my Business Administration diploma at SAIT. Allow me to share a bit about my journey. I moved to Canada from Bolivia as an international student with the hope of providing a brighter future for my two children in this beautiful country. Initially, my family and I were prepared to manage the financial demands of my studies, as we had carefully planned and allocated resources from my home country. Unfortunately, Bolivia is currently facing a severe economic crisis. Strict government restrictions now limit access to international funds, including caps on foreign payments and prohibitions on bank transfers. While I still have some funds in Bolivia, I am unable to access them due to these policies. This has created significant financial strain for my family, as we navigate paying for tuition, living expenses, and supporting our children's needs. Your generosity through this scholarship has been a crucial source of relief during this challenging time, and I truly cannot express how much it means to me and my family. Sharing my story is my way of expressing how deeply impactful your support has been. Thank you once again for your kindness and for believing in my potential as a student. I am determined to overcome these difficulties and to make the most of this opportunity to achieve a better future for my children.

Warm regards, Jackelinne Zamorano

### LETTER #2

I am truly honored to receive the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park Scholarship and deeply appreciate your support in my journey to excel in the culinary arts. This scholarship will have a meaningful impact on my personal and professional development in several ways. First, I plan to allocate a portion of the funds toward preparing for my Red Seal certification exam, an important certificate in my future culinary career. Second, as winter approaches, I intend to buy a warm coat to ensure I can commute comfortably to work and school during the colder months. Lastly, I am considering taking an English proficiency test to enhance my English communication skills further, and this scholarship will help cover the exam fees. Once again, thank you for this incredible opportunity. Your support inspires me to continue working and studying hard and to contribute positively to my community.

Warm regards, Hong Gao SAIT Culinary Arts student

## LETTER #3

On behalf of the Simpson Centre team, I would like to address a warm thank you to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park for the support provided to Francine Nelson. At the Centre, community engagement means a lot, as we thrive to conduct research and transfer our findings to decisions makers, for a better, more sustainable agriculture. I'm sure it resonates with the vision of the Rotary Club. Prof Dr. Guillaume Lhermie Director, Simpson Centre My name is Francine Nelson and I am a Master of Public Policy (MPP) student at The School of Public Policy, University of Calgary. My capstone project focuses on regenerative agriculture, exploring stakeholder participation in shaping practical and meaningful public policies for Alberta's farmers. I am writing to express my gratitude for your generous donation to University of Calgary on Giving Day. Your support has significantly enhanced my academic journey, allowing me to channel more energy into research for my capstone project and delve deeper into my academic interests. The impact of your contribution on my educational pursuits is immeasurable, and I am genuinely grateful for the increased efficiency it has afforded me in managing my coursework. My decision to pursue an MPP stems from my passion for influencing policy in alignment with sustainable agriculture practices. The MPP program has equipped me with essential skills in effective communication, public speaking, decision-making methodologies, and a comprehensive understanding of the many facets of our economy. Upon completion of my degree, I aspire to make a positive impact on Alberta's agriculture sector by shaping policies that empower farmers to diversify their practices. I believe that there exists an opportunity for Alberta to embrace regenerative agriculture and implement policies that facilitate its widespread adoption. Once again, thank you for your unwavering support, which has played a pivotal role in propelling me towards my academic and professional aspirations. Your generosity has made a lasting impact on my educational journey, and I am truly grateful for the opportunities it has opened for me.

Francine Nelson

## YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Camps The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park is a sponsor a number of upcoming camps that are available in which Stay In School students may participate. RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) RYPEN is ideal for teenagers looking to grow, develop their leadership skills, expand their comfort zone, and try out a new adventure. Participants must be between 13 and 17 years old when the camp happens, May 2 to 5, 2025 at the camp facility at the Little Bow Travers Reservoir. Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment | Rotary 5360 RYLA 2025 (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) will be held from May 8 to 11, 2025, at Deer Valley Meadows, 39017, Range Rd 230, Alix, AB. RYLA delivers tangible tools and exercises for youth to be today's leaders and tomorrow's global shapers. Through innovative programming, RYLA empowers engaged youth leaders through a shared leadership and personal development journey. Equipped with practical tools, unleashed passion, and personal networks, RYLA 5360 graduates are the preeminent force for positive change in communities across southern Alberta. Projects launched by RYLA 5360 graduates have national and international impacts. Sponsored delegates must be in senior high school, over the age of 15, and under the age of 18 to be eligible to attend. RAYEC (Rotary Alberta Youth Entrepreneurship Camp) will be held August 10 to 16, 2025 near Medicine Hat. RAYEC is a week-long August camp for youth ages 13- 15 interested in business and entrepreneurship. The main focus of this camp is to educate youth about marketing, advertising, preparing a cash-flow statement and writing a business plan. Campers set up their own businesses and borrow real money from actual bankers. The last day is "Business Day" at the camp, when campers open and operate their businesses. The youth also participate in many fun recreational activities throughout their week at camp. RAYEC accepts 60 youths, from within District 5360, ages 13-15 each year based on their applications. Youth Leaders Each year, 10 past Campers between the ages of 16 and 18 have the chance to attend training sessions prior to camp and return to camp as volunteers called Youth Leaders.

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The Rotary Adventures in Career and Financial Wellness Camp is a transformative experience designed to help teens ages 14–17 make informed career and financial decisions. This camp offers hands-on learning, interactive sessions, and real-world insights from industry professionals, giving participants the tools they need to design a prosperous and secure future. The camp will be held in Calgary from July 3 to July 6 and topics include Investing in Your Career; Funding Your Financial Future; Driving Towards Success; and Getting Keys to Your Castle. AIM (Adventures in Mountains) will be held in Canmore from September 21-25, 2025. This is a new Rotary Adventure program designed for 15-18 years old individuals interested in an exploration of activities, history and current issues in the Canadian Rockies. Adventures in Mountain participants will experience a variety of expert-guided explorations of recreation and educational activities, in and around, the Canmore region. AIM participants will focus on an understanding of the existing landscape, while engaging in creative thinking regarding the future of mountainous regions in Alberta and other parts of our country. In addition, students will be treated to outstanding Canmore hospitality and have the opportunity to make new friends from all parts of our great country. Youth aged 18 should be prepared to complete a Vulnerable Sector check. New Generations is a short term, customizable program for post-secondary students and professionals ages 18 to 30. Participants are fully involved in designing their international exchange that combines their professional/vocational goals with Rotary service projects and cultural exchange exposure. Rotary Youth Exchange (Long and Short Term) is an opportunity for students between the ages of 15.5 years to under 18 to experience up to a year of living in an international country. Through Rotary's long-term or short-term Youth Exchange programs, you'll learn a new way of living, a great deal about yourself, and maybe even a new language. You'll also be an ambassador, teaching people you meet about your country, culture, and ideas. You can help bring the world closer – and make some good friends in the process. There is also a need for volunteers and camp counsellors for these programs. For more information on these programs and how to volunteer, please contact Dorothea Schaab at [schaabd@gmail.com](mailto:schaabd@gmail.com) or 403 660 6232.

## Announcements

**ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK  
BUSINESS CLUB MEETING**

Family and Business Transition  
Networking & Refreshments to follow

6:00 to 8:00pm

**18  
FEB**

Join us at: Suite 700, 700 2 Street S.W.  
Underground Parking Available

Get your \$20 tickets by Feb 14th at:  
[rotarystampedepark.com](http://rotarystampedepark.com)






*Save the Date*

**“70 YEARS OF ROTARY” GALA**  
CELEBRATING THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT  
STAMPEDE PARK & ROTARY PARTNERS

MAY  
FRIDAY **9** AT 5 PM  
2025

CALGARY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB  
919 50 AVENUE SW

Invitation & ticket sales to follow

# From the desk of the Secretary\_

Feb 7, 2025

1. We have signed a sub-lease for our Club office! We are happy to off-set some of the administrative costs. I will bring the new group to a meeting soon!

2. If you have time to help on Monday February 10th to help pack up files so they can get moved around, please call **Luanne** [403-560-6870](tel:403-560-6870). We are looking for help from 11 - 2. Thanks!

## From the Club Champion for RI 2025 convention

1. Did you get registered?

2. Did you get paid so we can count you in?

3. Are you volunteering?

4. Are you ready to have fun, learn and represent our District?

Then, do the above and you too will have the experience of a life time!! And, if you need help, let **Luanne** know!



**Closing:**



Next week: **February 13th - Valentines Day**  
(Meeting Starts at 11am)



The week following: **February 20th - Brenda Christie**

**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

## FEBRUARY

**February 6th:** Provincial Security Intelligence office

**February 13th:** Valentines Day

**February 18th:** Business Club Meeting

**February 20th:** Brenda Christie

**February 27th:** Edward McCauley

# FEBRUARY

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## MARCH

**March 6th** - International Women's Day

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

**March 20th** - Les McIntrye

**March 27th** - Rotary Profile

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