



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



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Welcome to the February 9th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

President Jim Fitzowich

Today we are going to have our annual Valentines luncheon with the Rotary Partners, welcome to all in attendance. As is my disposition, I am going to offer some of my weekly trivia as it applies to St. Valentine's Day:



270CE – The encyclopedia Britannica states that the Romans celebrated Lupercalia in mid-February, which celebrate both spring and fertility. In 270, the Roman Emperor Claudius martyred a priest who would send notes to the Jailers daughter signed “your Valentine”. The Romans were a tough crowd.

5th Century – Pope Gelasius banned the festival of Lupercalia. I guess all that celibacy made the Vatican a tough crowd too.

14th century – Legend has it that the Bishop of Terni could cure the blind, and would also secretly marry couples in contravention of military policy. This may have morphed into the St. Valentines of today.

1700's – Is when formal greeting cards appeared in Europe, featuring the Roman God of Love - Cupid. Lupercalia never went away.

1929 – February 14th was a very tough day at an automobile garage in Lincoln Park Chicago. Perhaps a reminder for Rotary Presidents who spend too much time at the mic...

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



Happy Valentine's Day



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Announcements:

Visitors and Guests:

Blake Pelham introduced almost 30 guests today, many of whom were significant others and special Valentines guests of Rotarians. In addition, we welcomed Ashley Brockhurst who provided the photo booth, Ivan Kharlamov (guest pianist), Vitaliia Vash (guest singer) and Yaroslav Vash (club guest).

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

50/50:

Michael Zacharki asked Ashley Brockhurst to pull the winning ticket worth \$105.00 and the lucky winner was Joan Walton. President Jim Fitzowich warned **Bryan Walton** that the Sergeant at Arms will be looking for him next week!



District 5360 Conference:

President Jim Fitzowich 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 February 10 th , go to DisCon 2023 (discon5360.ca) for registration. **(see page 3)**

Message from the Partners:

Rhonda Yaskowich said that while Valentine's Day is a day when everyone's thoughts turn to love, for Rotarians and Rotary Partners, love is always on our mind. It's not just the love we have for family and friends, but the love we have for our community as we volunteer and donate our time and resources to so many worthwhile charities. With everyone's supportive food donations, the Rotary Partners have once again won the Bracko Brothers Christmas Food Bank contest, which resulted in \$5,000 for the partners to donate to local charities. Rhonda thanked everyone for helping us to spread more love in the community!

Valentines Program:

Pat Neuman thanked Ashley Brockhurst for bringing the kissing booth, which was a lot of fun for many Valentine's couples! She also thanked Deb Sands and Rhonda Yaskowich, as well as Maureen Hutchens for all the help putting on this special Valentines event!





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Guest Singer:

Vitaliia Vash is a classical singer, piano and voice teacher in Calgary, and is a recent arrival from Irshava, Ukraine. She graduated from the Conservatory in Prague in 2022 in the Classical Voice Program. She is a Laureate of International Competition "Sweden's Talents". And now, she has recently joined the Calgary Philharmonic Chorus. We first met Vitalliia when she sang the Ukrainian Anthem at our Ribbons for Peace Ukrainian Fundraiser in October 2022. She had just arrived from war torn Ukraine. Since then she has become a favorite friend of ours; she got her driver's license, we gifted her with a car to travel back and forth to work, shortening her travel time by at least an hour one way! Vitalliia has attended several of our Rotary meetings and member events. We are so proud of you, Vitalliia and it is our honour to have you perform for us today.



Ivan Kharlamov is from Luhansk, Ukraine, and is a recent newcomer to Calgary. Ivan graduated with his Masters degree from Luhansk State Academy of Arts. He is a professional jazz pianist, improviser, composer, and piano teacher. Ivan is a Laureate of many Ukrainian and International Piano Festivals and Competitions; Arranger, Founder of the Recording Studio "H&F Production" (Kyiv, Ukraine), Founder of the Piano School "Allegro Music School" (Irpın, Ukraine), and Head of the Musical group of the V.S. Vysotsky Theater (Kyiv, Ukraine). As the war ensued, his beloved Music Studio was destroyed, and he and his family fled to Canada to start over. Welcome to Calgary, Ivan! We are honoured to have you play at our Rotary Club's Valentine Luncheon. -Pat Neuman

District Convention:

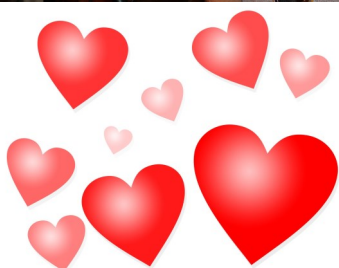
On May 5 and 6, 2023, we will welcome you in Lethbridge for the 2023 District Convention "**Dreaming Our Future**".



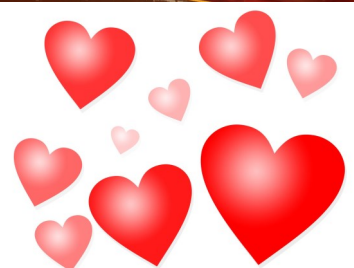
This will be a unique opportunity for you to connect with other Rotarians, learn something new and grow your circle within the Rotary community. The planning team is finalizing guest speakers who are sure to inspire each and every one in attendance. Most of our speakers and events are now confirmed. We will be privileged to have two Rotary International Trustees participate in our conference. Dean Rohrs, as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, Former Vice President of Rotary and Chairperson of the Rotary Foundation Canada and Marty Peak Helman, Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, former chair of the Peace - Major Gifts Initiative, will be some of our Keynote speakers.

Our early bird Conference rate of \$325 has been extended to February 10th, 2023. When you act now and register, all you need to provide is a DEPOSIT of \$100. You can complete your payment sometime in 2023 before the conference! After February 10th, the conference rate will be \$350, and full payment will be required at the time you register. In addition, the team has secured a great hotel rate of \$129 per night (plus tax). For our youth, including Interactors and Rotaractors, the registration is only \$40 per person and we are asking clubs and organizations to donate to cover the remainder of the youth registration costs.

Don't miss this great opportunity and [Click on this link to register](#) and to find the link to book your hotel room. You will also find a full list of or speakers and the program agenda for the conference.



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THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/RIHHbprXRpA>

In Closing:

Next Week's Meeting: Is our own Bob Wiens speaking about the evolution of bio-sands filters. Deadline for online registrations is tomorrow February 10th.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday February 16th.

Final words:

Thought for the coming week is from St. Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians, often read at marriage ceremonies:

"And these 3 things remain, faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is Love."

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

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 16th, 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

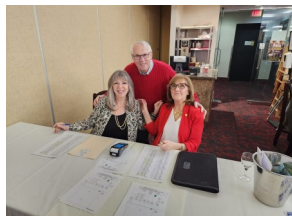
June 6th, 2023- 1-3pm Tuesday shift (usually a daytime shift but I could make this an evening shift starting at 5PM)

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



For full photos from the event, click here; https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EZeNxtVuBh0AhiWF_uYB_o32cVtSh_7S?usp=share_link

Larry Kwong Memorial Chinese New Year Dinner Makes Triumphant Return

The Larry Kwong Memorial Chinese New Year Dinner made a very enjoyable and memorable return on January 27th after a three-year hiatus.

Staged again at our traditional location, the Regency Palace Restaurant, the dinner was attended by 130 Rotarians and guests who were treated to Lion Dances, interesting historical and traditional tidbits from Emcee Corinne Wilkinson, and a 10-course meal of outstanding traditional Chinese food.

Rotarians attended from five different Rotary clubs and many were effusive in their praise of the event. District Governor Steve Leavitt was also in attendance and congratulated RCCSP on a highly successful event.

A very busy 50/50 draw was also held at the dinner, with the lucky winner picking up \$475!

The dinner project leader Keith Davis found that a profit of <>\$900 was made on the event, although the target was to break even. He congratulated Social Committee Chair Pat Neuman and all members of the Social Committee for putting forward a true team effort to bring this dinner back as an annual social event for our club and the broader Rotary and Chinese community.

--Keith Davis



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!!



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

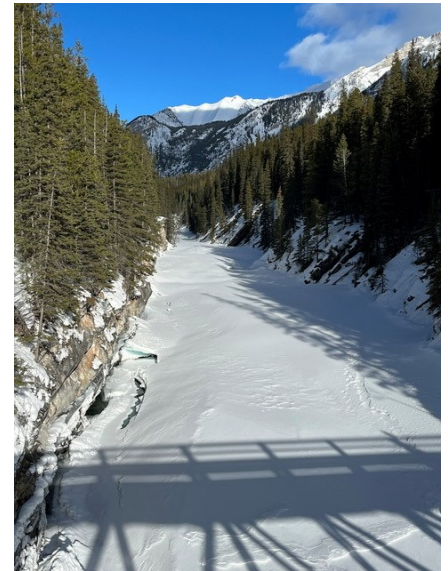


Hiking Club



This week our hike was to Stewart Canyon north of Lake Minnewanka. There were six keen hikers that travelled through a sever snowstorm to get to the trailhead. By the time we arrived at the trailhead the skies had cleared and the sun was shining. The trail followed the west side of the canyon before crossing a bridge to the east side. The trail was 6.9km long with an elevation gain of 250m. Our group returned to one of the picnic shelters and enjoyed our lunch.

—Ted Rowsell



Partners in Print

Our Partners have been very busy this month so we are including all of their updates in hyperlinks for your viewing pleasure. Way to go Partners!!!

Click [here](#) for Bracko Home's winnings. Congrats again to the Partners for winning AGAIN this year!! Thanks to everyone who donated.

Click [here](#) for more Cheque Deliveries to Charities.



Rotary Partners Book Club

Our next Book Club is on February 13th at The Calgary Golf and Country Club starting at 9:30 am. The cost is \$20.00 for a delightful breakfast buffet of scones, muffins, fruit and cheeses. Coffee and tea are included.

Come share and trade a book or two with some very special ladies. Please email; janetopp@shaw.ca by Feb.10th if you'd like to join us.



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Calendar of Events

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

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