



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



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Welcome to the January 12th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

Head Table: (L to R) Pat Neuman, Melanie Todd, John Fitzsimmons, President Jim Fitzowich, PDG Mark Starrat, and Past President Craig Stokke.



President Jim Fitzowich:

Today we are going to get a presentation on the 2025 Rotary International Convention plans, to be held in Calgary in the new convention centre. A little trivia and history on the event:

1910 – was the first Rotary Convention held in the Congress Hotel in Chicago, and Chaired by Paul Harris.

There were 60 delegates

1996 – was the last time Calgary hosted the event, and our Club's own Gardie Shaw was the District Governor. Curiously, the 1996 proceedings appear to be the only ones not on the RI website. Must have been quite the party.

2004 – convention in Osaka Japan is on the record of having the largest amount of paid attendees – 45,381. We will learn a little later if we plan to beat that number.

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





Announcements Continued:

Visitors and Guests: Greg Smythe introduced the following guests: **Mark Starratt** (Rotary Club Downtown, PDG and guest speaker), **David Leslie** (Assistant District Governor), Grant Doyle (guest of **Joe Connelly**), Teresa Stokke (guest of **Craig Stokke**), Samantha Richard (related to Rocket Richard and guest of **Catherine Brownlee**), Cathie Saroka (guest of **Catherine Brownlee**), Evan Strong (guest of **Craig Stokke**), Max Feldman and David Schwarz (guests of **Dilan Perera**).



50/50 Draw: Michael Zacharki asked Mark Starratt to pull the winning ticket worth \$140.00 and the lucky winner was **Glen Godlonton**. Glen graciously donated his winnings to the Ukrainian relief fund.



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

Bill Sumner is still at the Rosedale Hospice at 920 – 7A Street NW. His daughter Carolyn has advised it is best to please send your texts, emails and calls to her instead of Bill as he is quite tired. The family provides their thanks to all the kind notes and calls they are receiving from Club members. Please keep the Sumner family in your thoughts and prayers. Carolyn's contact info is; (403) 671-9035 or ctgirobertson@gmail.com

Sergeant at Arms:

John Fitzsimmons congratulated **Pat Neuman** on her recent engagement. He then asked how much a prenup costs these days, and fined her \$10! John went through a lot of club trivia questions and recognized various club contributions which ended up costing the tables of **Jim Bladon, Chas Filipski, Bonar Irving, Jack Thompson, Blake Pelham, Corinne Wilkinson** and **Catherine Brownlee** a lot of money for the cause!

Special Award Announcement:

President Jim Fitzowich announced that on behalf of His Majesty the King and the province of Alberta, that **Hugh Delaney, Norm Devitt** and **Glen Richardson** have each been awarded the Queen's Jubilee medal in recognition of their many years of public service to Calgary and the province of Alberta. Glen Richardson has been a member of our club since 1977, Norm Devitt since 1986 and Hugh Delaney since 1994, although he has been in Rotary in some capacity since 1947. So when you do the math, that's 109 years of combined club service, congratulations!



Business Club Meeting Update:



Melanie Todd reminded everyone that the next Business Club Meeting will be a Real Estate Panel Discussion. The event will be held January 18th from 6:30-8:30pm at the CREB Building, 300 Manning Road NE. Please send your questions in advance to; melaniedaletodd@gmail.com (see page 8)

Social Committee Update:

Pat Neuman reminded everyone about the Larry Kwong Memorial Chinese New Year Dinner on Friday January 27 at the Regency Palace Restaurant, 335 Centre Street South. Cocktails at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$50. Call or email Sarah Brown if you have any further questions. **Ticket deadline is January 23rd**. (see page 8)



Main Presentation

Speaker Introduction:

Jim Fitzowich introduction of **Mark Starratt and Craig Stokke**.

Jim introduced **Craig Stokke** as someone who really needs no introduction. Craig joined Rotary in 2008, is Past President and still serving on the board. Jim thanked Craig for paving the way for Jim's presidency as well.

Mark Starratt is both a Past President and a Past District Governor (PDG). Mark joined Rotary in 1997, was President of the Crowchild Club in 1999 and PDG in 2008/2009. Jim got to know Mark during their board positions on the CRCF.

Main Speakers: Mark Starratt and Craig Stokke, "Rotary International Convention 2025"

Craig and Mark gave an excellent update on the upcoming Rotary International Convention that will be held in Calgary June 21-25, 2025. Rotary International advises that the convention typically draws 15,000 to 22,000 attendees in North American locations. Our hope is that the convention will draw 20,000 to 40,000 people from more than 100 countries around the world. The newly renovated BMO Convention Centre and the Scotiabank Saddledome will be key venues for the event.

The idea to host the convention came to **Craig Stokke** while he and his family were vacationing in Rome in 2015. Craig attended a Rotary meeting in Rome and ran into a Rotarian who said that the Calgary Rotary International Convention in 1996 was the best they'd ever attended! So Craig thought, "Why doesn't Calgary host the event again?", and that set the wheels in motion! After lots of legwork, applications and meetings led by Craig and Mark through 2015-2017, Calgary was selected as the host city of the 2025 Rotary International Convention on October 10, 2017.



Main Presentation: Main Speakers: Mark Starratt and Craig Stokke, “Rotary International Convention 2025”

Craig outlined the roles and responsibilities during the convention. Rotary International (RI) is responsible for housing, transportation, and everything that happens inside the BMO Convention Centre and the Scotiabank Saddledome. They also promote the event to Rotarians world-wide. The Host Organizing Committee (HOC) and local Rotary Clubs are responsible for everything else that happens in the community (most everything outside the main venues). It is **our** job to make sure the “Calgary Experience” is one to remember.

Craig and Mark are now building out the core of the Host Organizing Committee. Luanne Whitmarsh is going to be the secretary for the event! Everyone will have an opportunity to participate, as LOTS of help will be needed. This is a District 5360 Convention. All Clubs and all Rotarians throughout the District will be included in planning and execution, and all clubs will benefit from the convention. Expertise and leadership are needed from Rotarians and non-Rotarians in so many areas like transportation, hospitality, events, sponsorship, media and marketing, etc. Please contact Luanne Whitmarsh if you are interested in volunteering!

Craig and Mark emphasized that “we are committed to the BEST EVER Rotary International Convention!” The goal is to leave our community a better place and make Rotary a stronger organization as a result of hosting the convention. It will be a great opportunity to raise awareness about Calgary as a tourist destination, and to educate the entire community about all the great things that Rotary is involved in.





Main Presentation:



Thank the Speaker: Ken Copithorne thanked Mark Starratt and Craig Stokke for a very informative update on the upcoming 2025 convention. Some keys to a successful event are that it has to be something special, and that it has to be an unforgettable/wonderful experience, much like the 1996 Calgary convention was. Ken said he knows the convention is going to be a success based on the leadership and enthusiasm that Craig and Mark are bringing to the event.



President Jim: On behalf of the Club we make a \$100 donation in your honour to the CRCF, which supports Calgary area Rotary Clubs do their good works.

**** please review the recording of the meeting for the complete presentation!****

To view the PowerPoint from today's presentation please click [here](#)

In Closing:

This Friday is Ukrainian New Year's Eve, also know as "Malanka". Curiously, "Malanka" can be a party night amongst the diaspora in Canada, but is a normal working day in modern Ukraine.

Next Week's meeting: Is our annual Burns Day celebration, which is always a good time and a good time to bring guests. Deadline for online registrations is tomorrow January 11th.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday January 19th.

Final words:

Thought for the coming week is from Aldous Huxley:

"The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child, which means never losing your enthusiasm."

And with that, our meeting is adjourned.



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THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/0mLYSSoTf6I>

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

www.rotarystampedepark.com



NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Myles Hamilton has been proposed for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Bryan Walton** and Seconded by **George Deegan** with a proposed Classification of **Food Processing**.

If any Member objects to **Myles Hamilton** 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 January 19th, 2023.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

David Schwarz has been proposed for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Dilan Perera** and Seconded by **Gordon Weicker** with a proposed Classification of **H.R. Consultant**.

If any Member objects to **David Schwarz** 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 January 26th, 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/>



COMMUNITY
KITCHEN

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY !!!

Volunteers are required to build Good Food Boxes.

January 16th, 2023- 5-8pm Monday evening shift

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

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LARRY KWONG MEMORIAL CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER

Friday, January 27, 2023
Regency Palace Restaurant
335 Centre Street South

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT!

Menu:
Deep Fried Vegetarian Spring Rolls(10)
Grilled Pork Dumplings
Won-ton Soup
Pineapple Sweet & Sour Boneless Pork
Ginger Beef
Stir fried Prawns with sugar peas
Lemon chicken
Salt & pepper squid
Chicken fried rice
Fresh Sliced Oranges

Cocktails: 6:00PM
Entertainment: 6:30PM
Dinner: 7:00PM

\$50 per person. To order and pay for your tickets, go to: www.rotarystampedepark.com and follow the links.

Seating limited to 250, so purchase your tickets ASAP.
Payment required at time of placing ticket order.

The Larry Kwong Memorial, Chinese New Year Dinner is happening on January 27th. Tickets are now available at;
www.rotarystampedepark.com

Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit. Held at the Regency Palace Restaurant at 355 Center Street South.

Cocktails: 6:00pm
Entertainment: 6:30pm
Dinner: 7:00pm

Only 250 tickets available and is a District wide event, so get your tickets before they sell out. \$50 per person for a delicious Meal, see poster for Menu.

Deadline is January 23rd, please get your tickets before then! If you are planning a table of 10, please pick a person to principal the table and send table requests to Sarah at; admin@rotarycs.org

ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK BUSINESS CLUB MEETING #4!



A Real Estate Panel Discussion Networking & Refreshments to follow.

Send us your questions in advance to:
melaniedaletodd@gmail.com



6:30 to 8:30 pm

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JAN

Join us at: CREB Building
300 Manning Road NE

tickets by Jan 17th at:
rotarystampedepark.com

Business Club Meeting #4

Please Save the Date for our next Business Club on January 18th! Join us for a Real Estate Panel Discussion including current hot topics and the answers to your questions!

Please email Melanie Todd with your questions in advance
melaniedaletodd@gmail.com



Social Club

Valentines Lunch with Partners is on February 9.. lots of fun in store.., entertainment and a kissing booth too!!

Bring your love!!

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!

Contact:

Sjoert Zuidhof

403-471-6275

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 are going fast so don't delay!!

DIMSUM Club



I have attached a photo of the Dim Sum Club luncheon on January 11th. The group is now celebrating its 10th year. Started and directed by PP **Keith Davis** in 2012, the club meets for a Dim sum luncheon on the second Wednesday of every month. Pictured are (left to right) **Clive Pringle, Gui Salazar, Keith Davis, Bruce Williams, Dan Dunlop, Tony Ng, Don Taylor, Don Bacon and Paul Brick.**



Hiking Club



This week's hike took us to the Kananaskis Lower Lake Interpretive Trail. 15 happy hikers were gifted with sunshine and glittering snow. The 8 km trail took us to William Watson Lodge for a brief break to warm up, enjoy the views, share warm cider, and Donna's delicious energy balls. The return trip brought warmer temperatures, warmer hikers, and much laughter on the sleds. After gathering back at the parking lot, we drove over to the Visitor Centre for a late lunch, stories and wonderful contentment while reveling in beautiful mountains surrounding us.

Kathy Demorest





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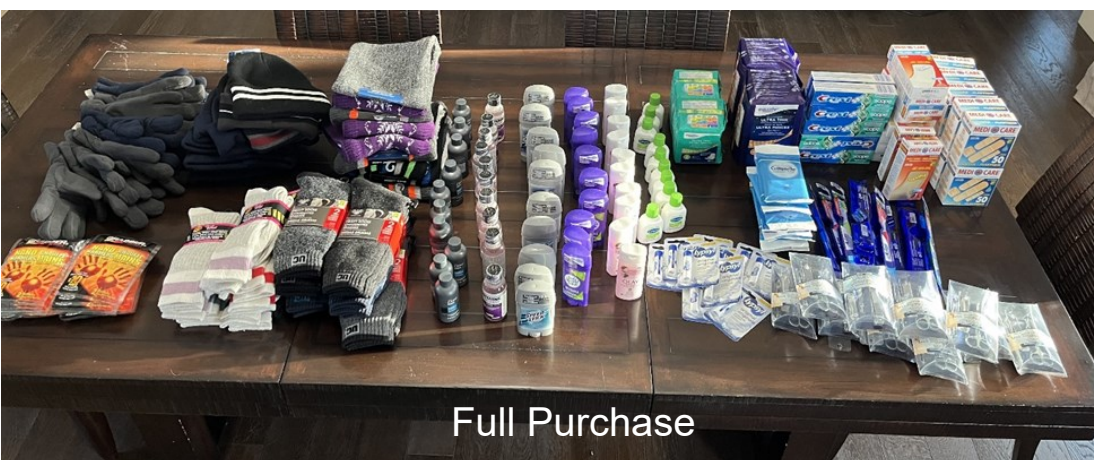


Our next Book Club is at The Calgary Golf and Country Club on January 16th at 9:30am. The cost is \$20 for a yummy breakfast buffet of muffins, scones, fruit and cheeses along with coffee and tea.

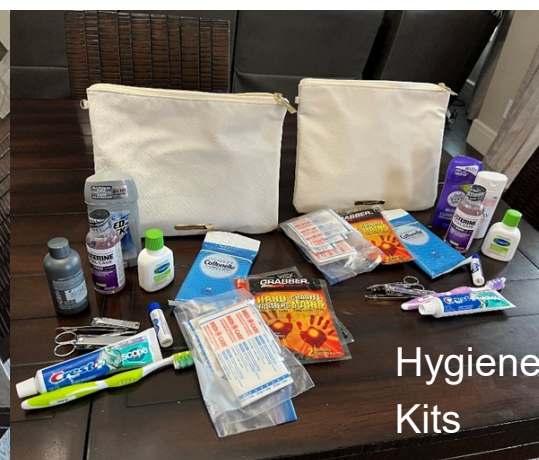
Please let Maureen H (mo_hutch@hotmail.com) know if you are coming by **Jan. 13th**. We look forward to sharing and discussing books with you!

Thank you to those that contributed cash, socks and underwear to the Veterans' Food Bank at our Christmas luncheon. They were pleased to receive them.

Jane Topp



Full Purchase



Hygiene
Kits

The Executive has allocated \$500 from last year's Christmas Tree winnings to Kingdom Outreach. This charity shares a cup of coffee and a hot meal every Saturday morning to those who are struggling with addiction and homelessness. They also own and run Kingdom Coffee (4095 Ogden Road SE). A portion of the sale of every bag of their coffee (it is sold in their coffee shop as well as Safeway) goes to the outreach program, not only serving coffee but providing hygiene products as well as clothing.

We made 10 hygiene kits (5 for men and 5 for women). Each kit had 2 pairs of hand warmers, pkg of Kleenex, body wash, mouthwash, deodorant, pkg of adult wipes, toothpaste, toothbrush, nail clipper set, pkgs of Band-Aids, mini-hand lotion, lypsil and a pocket hug.

We also donated extra hygiene products, 5 pairs polar fleece gloves, 6 pairs heavy women's socks, 6 pairs heavy men's socks, 9 toques and 9 neck warmers. They are always collecting new or used winter jackets and boots; new socks, gloves, toques, underwear and long underwear.

See attached for photos of the products we purchased and the kits we assembled.

Submitted by Denise MacLeod

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Calendar of Events

January 18th: Business Club Meeting #4



January 19th: Burns Day Celebration



January 26th: AGM and State of Union Address - President Jim Fitzowich



January 27th - Larry Kwong Memorial - Chinese New Year Dinner. Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit! Tickets now available online at www.rotarystampedepark.com

