

**RCCSP Weekly Bulletin January 13th, 2022**  
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Welcome to the January 13th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, **Craig Stokke**. Since today's meeting is all about numbers I wanted to present some interesting numbers to you:

- ◆ In 2021, there were 2,750 billionaires in the world. In the year 2000, there were only 470 billionaires. I am not one of them.
- ◆ The fastest record for a person counting from one to one million is 89 days. Jeremy Harper of Alabama spent 16 hours per day counting aloud, while 8 hours were for eating and sleeping.
- ◆ When you shuffle cards, the amount of possible combinations in a deck is so varied, it is possible that the resulting order of the cards has never happened before in history.
- ◆ In a room of 70 people there is a 99.9% chance that two or more people will share a birthday.
- ◆ In 2021, Calgary's estimated population is 1.37 million people. The number of Rotarians world-

wide is around 1.4 million people.

- ◆ A sold out Stampeders game at McMahon Stadium holds around 36,000 people. That's around the same number of visitors we anticipate will attend the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary.

And with that, please join me for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.

**HEAD TABLE: Club Secretary: Luanne Whitmarsh, Directors: Stan Cichon and Don Taylor, Treasurer: Don Mintz, President-Elect: Jim Fitzowich**

**GUESTS:** There were no guests today. President Craig would like to welcome everyone in person and on Zoom!



**50/50 DRAW:** Michael Zacharki happily gave **Past President Penny Leckie** \$85.00 from the 50/50 pot!

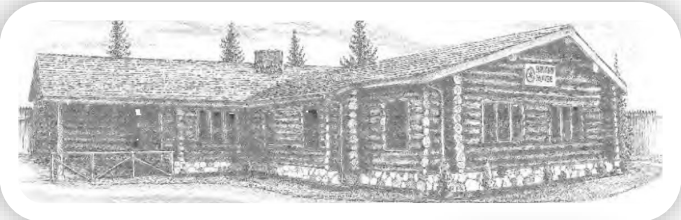
**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:** See bulletin for Registration Link. We have a great contingent going to Houston and look forward to building on those who are registered. This will be a good opportunity to learn about the organization of an RI Convention, which will come in handy with our efforts on the 2025 event.



**SKIPTHEDEPOT: Craig Stokke:** If there is one thing I hate, it's returning bottles to the depot. Fortunately I came across an app called: **SkipTheDepot**. This app allows you to summon the depot to come to you.

After you download the app, you book a pickup time and the depot will come to your home or office and pickup your recyclables (including old electronics and clothing).

The best part; you can have the money you earn donated to charity. So, I went ahead and set up a **free account for our Club**. Now, when you return your bottles the Club can receive the money. \$1 Million was donated to charities in Alberta through this program in 2021. Hopefully our Club operations can get a piece of this money!! <https://skipthedepot.com/locations/calgary-recycling>



## CLUB NEWS:

**SMALL GRANTS: Jim Hutchens:** The Small Grants are for capital and sustainable projects up to \$15K. Several applications are in now but we are hoping for a few more. All members can present with charities so please help! The application is on the website. Let's all get out there, do the job and help our community!



**HEALTH AND WELLNESS: Contact for January: Dorothea Schaab**

- ♦ **Jim Cairns** is looking forward to welcoming Carol home next week following a successful recovery from her second hip replacement in the past seven months. Carol is currently at the Carewest Glenmore.
- ♦ **Ken Copithorne** is at home but feeling a little better from COVID

**Sergeant-At-Arms: Jim Fitzowich:** A hush went through the room in anticipation!

Jim thought Penny should a donation to the Club from her winnings – but, Penny convinced Jim that the fund could either go to the 'pot' or it could go to buy drinks at curling! Jim withdrew the request!



### The AGM

**Terry Allan** was asked if they recall there being a formal Club AGM with the last 27 years? He was correct!

Appears that modern AGM's have evolved from the Medieval English Kings convening Parliaments to raise money through taxation, sometimes as often as once a year. Emergence of a parliament no later than the rule of Edward I. Edward called leading nobles and church leaders to discuss government matters, especially finance and taxation. A meeting in 1295 became known as the Model Parliament, the basis for modern government, and the Roberts Rules used by this Club. In 1307, Edward I agreed not to collect certain taxes without the "consent of the realm" through parliament. This tradition continues today through modern legislatures and AGM's.

### The Sergeant

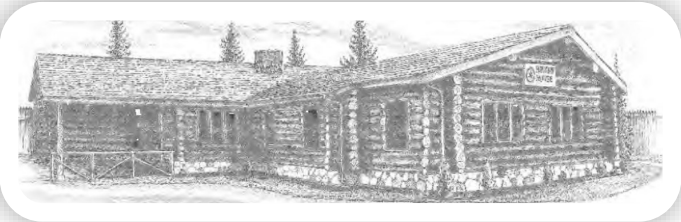
The formal role of a sergeant-at-arms in modern legislatures and other bodies corporate is to keep order during meetings. The sergeants-at-arms date from the time of King Richard I (around 1189) as his bodyguard, and pre-date the rise of parliaments. The sergeant-at-arms was especially charged with arresting those suspected of treason. All members present and online contemplating treason during today's AGM are therefore fined \$20. Other responsibilities of the sergeant-at-arms included "collecting loans and, impressing men and ships, serving on local administration and in all sorts of ways interfering with local administration and justice." It appears that I have that pretty much covered in spades.

### The Chancellor

The holder of the office of Chancellor of the Exchequer is ex officio Second Lord of the Treasury, and roughly equivalent to our Club Treasurer, Mr. **Don Mintz**. The role of Chancellor dates from at least 1129–30 under King Henry I & predates both the Sergeant and the Parliament. A previous chancellor, Robert Lowe, said in 1870: "The Chancellor of the Exchequer is a man whose duties make him more or less of a taxing machine. He is entrusted with a certain amount of misery which it is his duty to distribute as fairly as he can." Budgets are a state secret until presented by the Chancellor. By tradition, the chancellor has been allowed to drink whatever they wish while making the annual Budget Speech to parliament. This includes alcohol. English chancellors have generally opted for whisky or brandy. As Treasurer Mintz hails from Saskatchewan, I leave a tippie of Canadian Crown Royal Whisky. There are no other fines today from the Sergeant, as there is nothing I can do in addition to what is coming next from our Chancellor and High Lord of the Treasury.



**Valentine's Day Luncheon:** Craig Stokke: On behalf of the social committee, just a reminder that our annual Valentines Day Luncheon with Partners is coming up on February 10. The event will be held at Rotary House. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and must be reserved in advance following the normal link you will receive from Kathyann. As a special occasion luncheon, drop in coffee and sandwich options are not available as we have limited capacity and a special meal. Thank you to the social committee for planning this great event. It will be fun.



## CLUB NEWS:

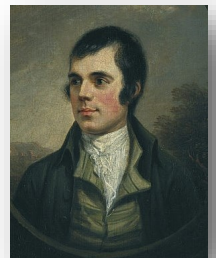
**NEXT WEEK:** This will be our Annual Robbie Burns Day Presentation which is always fun. If you have a friend or Rotarian from another club who may be interested please consider inviting them to our meeting.

**Registration is quite low for this meeting.  
If you do intend to go please register ASAP**

**JANUARY 20th: ROTARY HOUSE: Burns Day Celebration**

**LINK:** <https://rotarycs.org/event/january-20-2022--robbie-burns-day/>

**Please register by 9:00 am on January 14th**



**JANUARY 27th: ROTARY HOUSE**

**Debra Yedlin: Calgary Chamber**

**Registration Link:** <https://rotarycs.org/event/rccsp-jan-27-21-meeting/>



**FEBRUARY 3rd: ROTARY HOUSE**

**Alex Baum: Great Trail Project**

**Registration Link:** <https://rotarycs.org/event/rccsp-feb-3-2022-registration/>



**FEBRUARY 10th:**

**Valentine's Day Luncheon with Partners**

**Registration Link:** <https://rotarycs.org/event/rccsp-feb-10th-valentines-day-lunch/>  
(See poster in bulletin for more information)



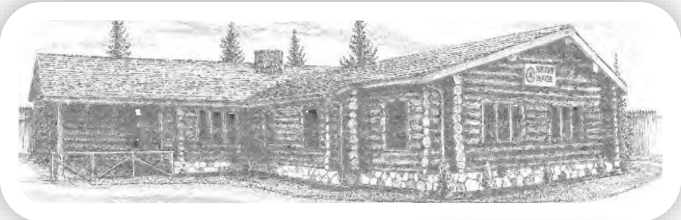
## Final words:

As always, I finish by encouraging you to ask yourself:  
What do you need from our Rotary Club this Week? What does  
our Club and Community need from you this week?



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

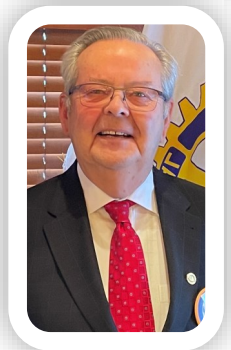




## ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK

I would like to introduce our Club Treasurer Don Mintz who will take us through the business portion of our meeting.

**Speaker: Don Mintz** presented the financial documents that all members had received by email last week prior to this meeting.



**Community Service Fund** previously had the gaming proceeds in here, but with the work that Don and Sandy Dougal completed with AGLC resulted in gaming funds going into the Club funds account for distribution. Another topic to highlight is that AGLC does not allow gaming funds to be sent outside of Canada. This affects the World Service funds that we contribute. Don and Sandy are continuing to talk with AGLC. Alternatively, CRCF funds can be used for World Service Projects.

**Club Funds** are having challenges – made more challenging by the pandemic. Don presented an analysis of this account from 2018 to 2020 and it shows that annually we are in a deficit \$50-70K. We need to address this or our Club will not be sustainable in 3 years. We really need a new and repeat funding source. The Rock 'em Sock 'em Fund Raiser is a great option (so long as it can occur due to capacity limits). Please spend time thinking about this as we are all in this together.

- ♦ We have a potential sublease for the office.
- ♦ The Partners have already picked their charities.
- ♦ AGLC rules are now being correctly distributed.
- ♦ Please contact Don or Craig if you need more information or have suggestions.

### President Craig:

Our Club is fantastic and we serve the community very well. This information is important so we continue to be able to do our good work. The past 4 years we have been fortunate to have a few Club members cover the deficit and we really appreciate them. But it is not the proper way to do business and it does not meet the 4-way test. The Convention will not add to our Club costs. We will be providing manpower and operational support

**In Closing:** Don, thank you for bringing us up to speed with Club finances. This is never an easy topic and there is not an easy solution, but in order for our Club to move forward, we need to understand exactly where we are. We are very fortunate to have someone of your caliber, experience, and knowledge as our Treasurer. Thank you for everything.

Thank you Don. At the end of the day we all agree our Club needs to remain financially viable to continue doing our great work. There is no question we need to be responsible with our expenses, but we also need to raise revenues. We do have several options that will be debated and investigated; raising dues, finding a community project that will allow us to use the money towards Club operations, or using other funds for Club expenses... or a combination of these options. In any case, the Club will do its due diligence and the Board will NOT make a unilateral decisions without consulting membership. Any decisions will need to be approved by membership through an e-vote. I would just suggest that the status quo, having a small group of generous Rotarians supporting our club does not meet our four way test.





## Rotary Valentine's Day Luncheon February 10



Charles M. Schulz (*creator of Peanuts*) said....

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."

Just ask Lucille and Ethel

### Rotarians, Partners and Guests

Make a date with your partner, your friend, your family, a fellow Rotarian, or a complete stranger for our Rotary Valentine Luncheon Thursday, February 10 at our own Rotary House at Stampede Park.

Everyone is welcome to our  
*Chocolate Affair*

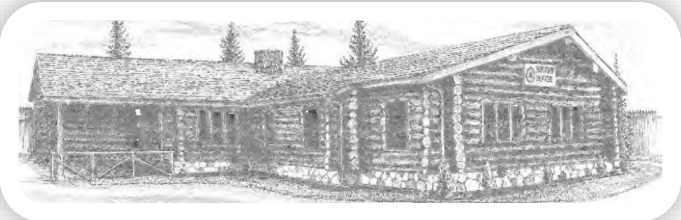


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Tickets are \$50 per person and must be reserved in advance following the normal link you will receive from Kathyann. We apologize, as a special occasion luncheon, drop in coffee and sandwich options are not available as we have limited capacity and a special meal. Please reserve early so our Stampede culinary team can create and serve a wonderful Valentine luncheon to everyone.







## 2022 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS

Houston: "the city with no limits," reflects the limitless impact of our work in Rotary. Create change within yourself, your community and the world.

Join family, friends and Rotary members and explore what's possible at the Rotary International Convention.

No matter who you are or where you're from you're bound to find inspiration throughout the convention. It's an experience unlike any other Rotary event. It will renew your commitment to service and leadership. Make new friends, connect with old ones and explore the diverse city of Houston or the House of Friendship.



**Make global connections that ignite local action at all the convention events.** Don't miss your chance to Discover New Horizons and join us in **Houston, Texas June 4 to 8 2022**

There will also be a virtual convention option offers the opportunity to participate in events and share in the convention experience with your friends, family, club members, and community.

### REGISTER NOW!

**ARE YOU GOING TO HOUSTON?** Several members of our club have registered. Please let **Don Taylor or Murray Flegel** and Kathyann Reginato know. Club Members have frequently come together for social activities. Don or Murray will ensure that you are kept up to date on such activities. **Kathyann is listing names on website and creating an ad-hoc Committee List to keep everyone "in the know".**



## DISTRICT NEWS

To register for the District Conference go to [www.discon5360.ca](http://www.discon5360.ca)

### District 5360 Indigenous Relations Committee

The District Chair of the Indigenous Relations Committee, Cam Stewart, has sent an invitation to all District clubs to participate in a learning community consisting of the Indigenous action teams of the clubs. Mr. Stewart says this community of practice will focus on learning together and mutually supporting one another to get better and better, more and more effective in the work of indigenous engagement.

They are planning the first meeting of the learning community for the morning of Saturday, Feb 5, 2022 (in-person and virtual). If anyone in our club is interested in joining this group, please let **Don Taylor** know by **January 20** and you will be contacted with the details of the meeting by Cam Stewart.



## COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Submitted by: Earl Huson

Here are our Community Kitchen Volunteer needs for 2022. Our task is to assist with the packing of food hampers.

Monday February 7th:	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tuesday March 15th:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Monday April 4th:	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tuesday May 17th:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Monday June 13th:	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tuesday July 12th:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Monday September 12th:	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tuesday October 18th:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Monday November 21st:	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tuesday December 6th:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm



**PLEASE NOTE:** Community Kitchen has modified how they are approaching COVID. Because of Omicron and are implementing the following:

1. There will be a new fully vaccinated individual who will coordinate the Good Food Box program on Mondays and Tuesday when we are attending any shift
2. The supervisor has been moved to other areas that will not be in contact with the public. They are still required to have a PCR test done each week.
3. N95 masks will be made available however, they have limited supplies that have been donated. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.
4. AHS does not require volunteers to provide proof of vaccination ie: as grocery stores do not but she recommends that we may request proof on entering for the shift. Please make sure anyone in your club that is not vaccinated does not sign up to volunteer. - Bill Lawless

Contacts: Earl Huson at: (403) 686-0828 / [ehuslink@telusplanet.net](mailto:ehuslink@telusplanet.net) Ken Farn: at: (403) 560-6770/ [kgfarn@telusplant.net](mailto:kgfarn@telusplant.net)

Thank you for volunteering and representing our Club at this very worthwhile all-Clubs volunteer effort.

## The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park is active on FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM and TWITTER

This can be accessed through our Website: [www.rotarycs.org](http://www.rotarycs.org) at the bottom of the Home page.

To follow, simply click on icon of platform you wish to enter. Please send all interesting info to: [social@rotarycs.org](mailto:social@rotarycs.org)







## SNOWSHOEING IN JANUARY

Our destination was **Frozen Toad Snowshoe Loop**. Ten of us started out on a regular trail and by the time we got to Marl Lake, some were very tired after 3 hours on snowshoes. There was a snow covered dock and a bench to sit on at lunch. So far so good ... Four of the group decided to take a short cut because they were tired - something about hitch-hiking from Elkwood Parking Lot back to Boulton Parking Lot. We bid them adieu and proceeded along the Frozen Toad Snowshoe Trail.



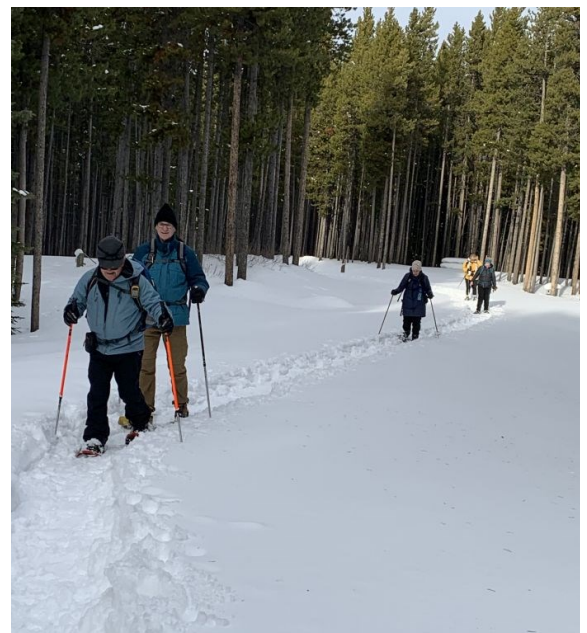
Luckily Donna K. had the high tech version of Hansel and Gretel's bread crumbs because the trail disappeared! The snow was y deep and at every step your foot sank down to your mid calf or on Donna, her knees. As we trudged along Donna's snowshoe dived down and ended up encased in water and ice. 20 minutes later she was freed.



We decided to try less deep snow by going through the trees and were ducking under angry branches that were trying to spear us and remove our hats.

Glenda finally found the trail and we crossed over again through the deep snow.

Larry came looking for us and we made him experience a taste of what we had just been through. ☺







## PARTNERS in PRINT



### PARADE OF CHRISTMAS TREES COMPETITION

Presented by **BRACKO BROTHERS FURNITURE**

**FIRST PLACE IS OURS!**

This was a competition not to see whose tree was the best decorated but by the number of food items that could be collected by each of the individual groups participating.

All the competitors in this competition were winners: 1st place: \$5000, 2nd place: \$3000 and 3rd place: \$1000 and \$500 for just competing.

**THE ROTARY PARTNERS OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK** won 1st place with 2,328 food items collected. In total 9,603 items were collected for the Calgary Food Bank which is an amazing. Well done everyone!



I would like to thank **BRACKO BROTHERS** for initiating this competition, as well as the other sponsors for making all of the prize money and trees possible; **BOSS LUBRICANTS**, **ECCO RECYCLING** and **FAIRFIELD WATSON**.

I would also like to thank all of the **PARTNERS** and also all the folks at the **ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK** for putting us in the winners circle.

**Rhonda Yaskowich, President**  
**ROTARY PARTNERS OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK**



Carey Bracko, Rhonda Yaskowich, Kerry Stack and Charlie Gouldsbrough



**Rotary Partners Book Club has decided to do a Zoom meeting on:  
Monday January 17, 2022.**

**RCCSP Partners Book Club Meeting Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5731201983?pwd=THdmMIM4cFBYMDZWWDJ5NUdtSXdmMz09>



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## FEBRUARY 17th: ROTARY HOUSE

Rotary Profile



## FEBRUARY 24th: ROTARY HOUSE

Myles Hamilton: Plant Protein Industry in Western Canada: CanMar Foods Ltd



International  
Women's Day

## MARCH 3rd: ROTARY HOUSE

International Women's Day



## MARCH 10th: ROTARY HOUSE

To Be Announced



## MARCH 17th: ROTARY HOUSE

St. Patrick's Day



## MARCH 24th: ROTARY HOUSE

To Be Announced



## MARCH 31st: ROTARY HOUSE

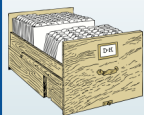
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## APRIL 7th: ROTARY HOUSE

Rollie Cyr: Calgary Flames







## DIRECTORS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS: DOCUMENT AND MATERIAL RETENTION



Please begin having discussions with all Committee Chairs about the importance of keeping digital documentation of all committee “works” that are currently going on. Please keep **digital** copies of your committee info so that we continue to engage with the technology we just spent the last year learning how to do during the pandemic

The Archives Committee are in the process of digitizing all of our Club Documents, Minutes, Financial Statements and any other relevant information for referential and historical purposes.

We also want to continue this policy moving forward so that we will have collective information moving forward. Please contact Secretary **Luanne Whitmarsh, Kathyann Reginato** or a member of the Archives Committee if you require any further clarification on how to do this. **Thank you**

## 2021/2022 RCCSP OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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