

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the January 15th 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) : Dale Struksnes, Sharyl Madigan, Pat Neuman, President Gordon Weicker, Ernie Yaskowich, Spencer Tonkinson



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| <p>Presentation: AGM</p> | <p>January 29th Colin Knoll</p> | <p>Next Week January 22nd Robbie Burns Day</p> |
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Click [HERE](#) to register for upcoming Meetings.

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

Today's Meeting:

David Field introduced our guests followed by the welcome song.



Michael Zacharki had **Pat Neuman** draw the lucky ticket. The pot was \$120. **Spencer Tonkinson** had the winning ticket!!! He donated the money!!

Jim Fitzowich our Sgt@Arms for this meeting had us play a game of yes or BS. **Jim** read a statement and selected a member to decide whether it was yes or BS. If the member answered correctly, all the Rotarians sitting at their table paid \$2. If the answer was incorrect, the member paid \$5.. First up **Miguel Kanafany** he was correct! **Lynn Topp** was incorrect. **Susan Lasher** was correct! **Terry Allen** was correct!! **Jim Hutchens** was correct! **Larry Stein** was correct! **Kevin MacLeod** was correct!!



President Gordon Weicker invited **Craig Stokke** to come up. In recognition of his role as co-chair of the Host Organizing Committee for the convention held here in June, we would like to present **Craig** with a small token of our appreciation. He worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the international convention ran smoothly. When things went right, it was because of his efforts; when challenges arose, he handled them quietly and professionally. We are truly grateful for his dedication and hard work and ask that he please accept this token of our appreciation.

On to the main part of the program....

At the halfway point of the Rotary year, **President Gord** reflected on a positive and rewarding term to date and expressed appreciation for the dedication of the Board of Directors and club members. The club's success was highlighted as a true team effort, with special recognition given to the Treasurer for her leadership and financial stewardship.

Members were provided with an overview of the club's financial health, including operating budgets, fundraising efforts, and community contributions. The Community Service Fund continues to grow under professional management while supporting education, scholarships, youth leadership, and student success.

Fundraising initiatives such as the Dream Home and the Kids at Heart Golf Tournament remain vital to supporting local and international projects, legacy commitments, and valued community partnerships.

President Gord also highlighted the first year of the club's five-year strategic plan, with a focus on fundraising, membership growth and retention, engagement, communications, and technology. Looking ahead, the club will continue to strengthen partnerships, support impactful initiatives, and advance plans for the new Rotary House.

The update concluded with thanks to members and a reminder of this year's Rotary theme: Unite for Good.



Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

Announcements

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Earl Huson had a fall before Christmas and unfortunately has a brain bleed. And unfortunately it's not stopping. So the family is now looking for compassionate care

COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

Rotary and Community Kitchens in (NE Calgary) are looking for volunteers for January 19th and February 24th . These three-hour shift requires a volunteer to be on their feet three hours and to fill food hampers. Over the years our rotary club has contributed 3-5 volunteers per shift to this charity. Your help will be greatly appreciated. If you can make it, please respond to rjakubec@shaw.ca and I will put you name on the list. Thanks, **Rick Jakubec**

-January 19th 5-8 PM
-February 24th 1-4 PM

Camie Leard at the Blues Can, Friday January 9

A small but fun loving group went to the Blues Can, to listen to some great music.



Thank you for all this signed up for the Dinner Club, I know of a couple of people already had their dinners, it would be nice if you could send some pictures to the bulletin and maybe send me a quick note.

That would be wonderful, thank you

Brenda

More events to come.....

Announcements



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



Rotary 
Clubs of Calgary
NORTH | DOWNTOWN
FISH CREEK | HERITAGE PARK



CLASSICAL MUSIC & OPERA CONCERT FOR UKRAINE

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

7 FEB | CARDEL
THEATRE
6 - 9 PM | Entry
Ticket: \$50



PURCHASE TICKETS USING QR CODE, AT THE DOOR,
OR BY E-TRANSFER TO
DONATE@UOCA.CA

TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CHARITABLE DONATIONS MAY BE MADE:
AT THE EVENT BY CHEQUE TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY NORTH FOUNDATION
ANYTIME BY E-TRANSFER TO
RCCN952FOUNDATION@GMAIL.COM

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE PURCHASE OF GENERATORS & MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR UKRAINE

VR sponsorship request

At the Rotary International Convention (with about 16,000 attendees from all over the world) this past summer 2025 in Calgary, I was super-impressed by the VR experience demonstrating the PolioPlus Campaign in action in a marginalized country.

Rotarians have played a leading role in almost completely eliminating Polio from the world, through donations and global collaboration:

Over 3 billion Children Immunized; Over \$3 billion raised by Rotary for Polio Eradication; 21 million Children Saved from the Paralysis of Polio; 1.6 million lives saved thanks to the Polio Vaccines

But we need to be persistent in finishing the job. That's why education and funding continue to be vital.

Our Rotary District (#5360) comprises 47 clubs throughout Southern Alberta and into Western Saskatchewan. We host annually a District Conference for approximately 600 Rotarians and partners. The District Governor Manon Mitchell asked me to see if we could arrange for the VR experience to be provided at our District Conference next May 1-3 at Red Deer, Alberta.

She and I have initiated a conversation with Brian Skalak of [rem5vr](#), the creators of the Polio VR experience. Their explanatory website is well-worth watching. Please be sure to find the right-facing arrow to take you through the slides.

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We need sponsorship of \$5,000 USD to make this happen. We have received pledges of \$2,000 USD already – so need the remaining \$3,000 USD. We are reaching out to you to ask for your funding support please?

For \$5,000 USD we would be able to purchase 5 headsets, adapted for immediate use (secure head fittings and quality audio etc.) along with use of the company's free software/programs. The headsets will become the property of District 5360 and be administered out of the Rotary Challenger Park location.

Our initial proposed use will be at the District Convention in May 2026 hosting approximately 600 registrants. Not only could these headsets be used with the recently District approved Rotary Outreach Initiative under Cam Stewart, we also believe it can be usefully experienced for High School students especially through our Interact Clubs and for university students in our Rotaract Clubs, in meetings of our International Exchange students as well as at meetings of our 47 Rotary Clubs. Our members and our youth are a community of leaders and change-makers committed to building a brighter future for all.

Your sponsorship would be visibly recognized with gratitude through each of those opportunities.

For further information and questions: Madeleine King, Assistant Governor Rotary District 5360

Email: mkingrotary@gmail.com;

Voice & text: 403-400-4404

ACTION SHOTS

District 5360 is creating a movie showcasing everything achieved this Rotary year—and we need action shots!

We're looking for photos and/or short videos with a brief synopsis or talking points from:

- Community service projects
- Fundraisers
- International projects
- Fellowship events

If you have photos or videos that fit the criteria and have not yet shared them with **Grayce**, please email them as soon as possible to: ✉ Admin@rotarycs.org

Thank you for helping tell our Rotary story!



Closing:

Next week: January 22nd - Robbie Burns Day

The week following: January 29th - Colin Knoll

Closing words:

“Unite for Good”

Calendar

JANUARY

January 1st - No Meeting

January 8th - Martha Hall Finley

January 15th - AGM

January 22nd - Robbie Burns Day

January 29th - Colin Knoll



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FEBRUARY

February 5th - TBD

February 12th - Valentines

February 19th - TBD

February 25th - Business Club

February 26th - TBD



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