



Club of Calgary  
at Stampede Park



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**Welcome to the January 19th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.**

**Head Table: (L to R) Maureen Hutchens, Jim (Hames) Hutchens, Billy Hawes, President Jim Fitzowich, David Young and Spencer Tonkinson.**



### President Jim Fitzowich:

Today we are going to do our annual Burns Day celebration, a celebration of Scottish culture, literature...  
...and Haggis. A little trivia on the Scots favorite dish:

1430 – is the first known written recipe for Haggis in the “Liber Cure Cocorcum”

1520 – It appears that the Immortal Bard was not the first to wax poetic about the Haggis. Poet William Dunbar wrote his ode “Flyting of Dunbar and Kennedy” in this year.

1971 – it became illegal to import Haggis into the U.S. from the U.K., because of its contents - “Don’t ask, don’t tell”.

So please join Glenn Potter for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.

I would now like to ask Mr. James (Hamish) Hutchens, Mr. David Young, and Mr. Billy Hawes to pipe in the Haggis.

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





## Rabbie Burns Day

“Now bring in the Haggis!” The Celebration began with the “Parade of the Haggis”! Led by piper Billy Hawes. The uniforms of the two accompanying swordsmen left much to be desired!! No Kilts!

Our resident “Scottish Ambassador” **Jim Hutchens** regaled us with “The Ode to the Haggis”. Possibly only two words were easily recognized – “French and Scotland”! Jim managed to “carve up” the small piece of meat so that everyone in the room was able to partake of a small “bite”! Well done, Jim. (Please view the video for total presentation.) <https://youtu.be/xjWYOyv6Wb8>







## Announcements Continued:

### Visitors and Guests:



**Greg Smyth** introduced the following guests: Naj Bakhtiar Najman (guest of **Dorothea Schaab**), Billy Hawes (guest of **Jim Hutchens**), Cathie Saroka (guest of **Catherine Brownlee**), Britton Batlis-Holub and Brandon Giuffre (guest of **Wendy Guiffre**), Denise MacLeod (guest of **Kevin MacLeod**), Max Feldman (guest of **Dilan Perera**), Maureen Hutchens (guest of **Jim Hutchens**), Even Strong (guest of **Craig Stokke**).

### 50/50 Draw:

**Michael Zacharki** reported the pot was worth \$135 which **Terry Allen** won and donated to the Ukraine 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](mailto:hughdelaney02@gmail.com)



President Jim expressed the condolences of the club on the death of **Bill Sumner**. Major announcements will follow. Dorothea is circulating two cards for signatures.

**Bill Sumner** A Celebration of Bill Sumner's life will be held on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 1:00 PM at Lakeview United Church.

Bill's obituary notice will appear in Saturday's Calgary Herald.

### Sergeant at Arms:



Being a "new father" **Spencer Tonkinson** began his presentation with three DAD jokes. He then questioned four club members about their knowledge of Rabbe Burns. All four failed the test questions and contributed to our club coffers.

### 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! **Celebration ceremony will take place next week at our Meeting.**



## Announcements:



**Marietta Maier** reminded us to get our tickets for the Larry Kwong Dinner. Sales are brisk – see page 8 for details.

**John Fitzsimmons** indicate that the Ukraine Centre is EMPTY.

There is still a need for pick-up help and donations. He reminded us that the majority clients are women under the age of 30 with children, usually single Moms. Think as if you're setting up someone for university, they need everything.



## Main Presentation

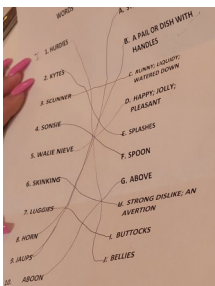
**Speaker Introduction: Jim Hutchens** informed us of the Scottish version of the “Battle of Alberta”. The on-going rivalry between Glasgow and Edinburgh. Naturally our featured speaker, our own David Young, came from the wrong side of Scotland. Most of the club knew that David was in the printshop business, and enjoyed acting in amateur theatre. When in fact he was an active Brewmaster, a business he worked in after leaving Scotland and coming to Canada for over 36 years. In his retirement David has developed a keen interest in the game of Pickle Ball.



**Speaker: David Young** chose as his topic the Universality of the celebration of Robbie Burns. He provided us with the historical context of Burns, the impact he had during his lifetime, and the volume of his creative efforts during his short life. He drew our attention to how the Scots have managed to have Burns Celebrations throughout the world.

David went on to quote many of the well know works of Burns and how their essential meanings are as relevant today as they were back in the 1790's.

\*Please see the video for this most informative talk or click [here](#) for his speech and bio.\*



**Jim** and his wife Maureen concluded the presentation with two superb songs that highlighted Robbie's memory. The final touch was a word game that related to the “Haggis” of the meaning of 10 words, only one table got 5 matches correct. (Seems David at the Head Table had a hand in this!) Most of the tables got between 0 and 4 right!! So much for Scottish becoming a “universal” language!!

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

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





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**THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK:** <https://youtu.be/xjWYOyv6Wb8>

## In Closing:

Next Week's meeting: Is the presentation of the Queens Jubilee medals to **Hugh Delaney**, **Norman Devitt**, and **Todd Richardson** on behalf of his father **Glen**, who is out of country. Deadline for online registrations is tomorrow January 20th.

Looking forward in seeing you all on Thursday January 26th.

Final words:

Thought for the coming week is from Robert Burns:

*"Oh would some power the gift give us, to see ourselves as others see us!"*

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@rotarycs.org)

<https://rotarycs.org/page/who-s-going-to-the-convention/>



### 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](mailto:ehuslink@telusplanet.net) Ken Farn: (403) 560-6770/ [kgfarn@telusplanet.net](mailto:kgfarn@telusplanet.net)

**EARL AND KEN REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!! THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!!!**



## Social Club



**The Larry Kwong Memorial, Chinese New Year Dinner is happening on January 27th.** Tickets are now available at;  
[www.rotarystampedepark.com](http://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 Monday 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; [ad-min@rotarycs.org](mailto:admin@rotarycs.org)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:zuidhofsjoert@gmail.com)

Tickets are going fast so don't delay!!





## **Business Club Meeting #4**



Last night we had our 4th Business Club Meeting. This time hosted by Alan Tennant at the CREB Building. We had an amazing panel of Real Estate Professionals within the Club and they each had an area of expertise to share. We had a lovely spread of snacks and beverages and enjoyed some fellowship before and after the panel. If you haven't been to a Business Club Meeting I highly recommend coming out for the next one. Hopefully in March, details to come.



Thanks to Melanie and Wendy and the other Business Club Committee Members who worked so hard to put this together. Thanks to Alan for hosting us at CREB and thanks to our amazing panel for sharing your knowledge and expertise. Another great Business Club Meeting!

**Hope to see you at the next one!!**





YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL

# Valentine's

*Lunch*   
*with Partners*

February **9**  
11 am - 1:30pm  
\$30

Join us at Rotary House  
Photo Booth, Entertainment and Open Bar  
+ Surprises!!!

Register at:  
[rotarystampedepark.com](http://rotarystampedepark.com)





## RCCSP Dinner Club



It was Brunch Time at the Price's in November!! What a lovely way to enjoy the company of fellow Rotarians at this Brunch hosted by John and Sandy Price!! Happy smiling faces!! Thanks John and Sandy!!

RCCSP Dinner Club was enjoyed by **Chas Filipski, Ken Copithorne**, Harold Weir and **Pat Neuman**, capably hosted by Kourtney, **Spencer Tonkinson** (and Roman!!) on Friday 13. We were treated to a sumptuous dinner... and a tour of their beautiful home!! Thank you Spencer and Kourtney!







## Hiking Club

Seven happy hikers/snowshoers tackled the Mount Murray viewpoint trail on January 18 going a total of almost 7 km and reaching a total elevation gain of 232 meters, including Snowdrift and Frost Heaves trails. The snow was deep in some places as attested to by Trish ( and others) who sunk up to their waists. The views were spectacular and the weather was terrific. We are blessed to live close to such natural beauty.

-Larry Stein



Photos supplied  
by Donna. Larry  
insisted I include  
the photo of Trish  
falling in the snow.  
She's a good  
sport!!





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**January 26th: Queen's Jubilee Medal Presentation Ceremony**



**January 27th - Larry Kwong Memorial - Chinese New Year Dinner. Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit!**  
Tickets now available online at [www.rotarystampedepark.com](http://www.rotarystampedepark.com)  
Deadline is this Monday, January 23rd



**February 2nd: AGM and State of Union Address - President Jim Fitzowich**



**February 9th: Valentines Day Luncheon with Partners**



**February 16th: Bob Weins - Biosand Filters and Partnerships in Columbia**



**February 16th: Rob Hemstock - The Debacle of the Alberta Carbon Tax**



**District 5360 Conference in Lethbridge - May 5th and 6th**

