

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the January 22nd 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 0 Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table (L-R) : Billy Hawes, Jim Bladon, Stan Cichon, President Gordon Weicker, Jim Hutchens, Maureen Hutchens



**Presentation:
Robbie Burns Day**

**February 5th
Introduction to This
Year's Charities**

**Next Week
January 29th
Colin Knoll**

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.



Neill Magee had Maureen Hutchens draw the lucky ticket. The pot was \$150
George Deegan had the winning ticket!!! He donated the money to CRCF!!

The meeting opened with a lively Burns Day tradition, featuring **Jim Hutchens** doing the ceremonial Address to the Haggis, accompanied by the stirring sound of the bagpipes played by Billy Hawes. The performance celebrated Scottish heritage, humour, and fellowship, setting a festive and memorable tone for the meeting.



Stan Cichon came up to tell us about Robert Burns. **Stan** delivered an engaging and humorous presentation on the life and legacy of Robert Burns, tracing his journey from humble beginnings as a tenant farmer to becoming Scotland's national poet. He highlighted Burns' influence on literature, social thought, and humanitarian values, with special focus on To a Mouse, reflecting Burns' insight into compassion, humility, and the shared fragility of life.



Rotary's own "Hamish McBluster" (**Jim Bladon**) delivered a hilarious and imaginative live report on Scotland's fictional 2026 Winter Olympic bobsled team. With sharp wit, exaggerated athletic analysis, and plenty of Scottish humour, the segment playfully poked fun at Olympic traditions, national pride, and questionable sporting decisions. The performance brought plenty of laughter and energy to the room and was a standout moment of the Burns Day celebration.

Billy Hawes played us some songs to start the bobsled race!



Maureen Hutchens came up next to sing us a song called "Loch Lomond"

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

Announcements

HEALTH & WELLNESS

It was with sadness that we learned that Carole Brawn passed away on Sunday, January 18. Condolences to Bob and family. Her funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, February 14 at 2 p.m. at Eden Brook Funeral Home.

Earl Huson is now receiving compassion care at the Chinook Hospice as of Monday, January 19. Millie advises that his spirits have picked up. The family is requesting no visits at this time.

John Price is hopeful that he will be able to remove the "boot" he's wearing in about three weeks. He recently broke his ankle when he tripped over a door sill.

Pat Neuman heads off to Montreal in early February for a hip replacement procedure. We wish her well.

Tony Ng was admitted to Foothills Hospital today following a fall at home. Waiting for more information.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

Rotary and Community Kitchens in (NE Calgary) are looking for volunteers for February 24th and April 13th. 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 **Max Feldman** imax48@shaw.ca and I will put your name on the list.

Thanks, **Rick Jakubec**

-February 24th 1-4 PM.....

-April 13 5-8 PM.....

TOMATOES PLANTS

David Read will have 80 tomato plants available in March! If you want some please contact **David** readdavidnoelle@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL DINNER AT ASIAN BISTRO

Foodies take note!!

We had a fabulous night of delicious Asian/Korean Fusion food at Asian Bistro (9737 MacLeod Trail S) on Friday, Jan 16. 32(!!!) Rotary Members and guests feasted on deep fried wontons, egg rolls and wonton soup, followed by an amazing 10 additional courses - from chicken, beef, shrimp and vegetable dishes.. including a Shang Hai noodle dish! Thank you to everyone who overwhelmed our hosts with your attendance! It was a fine night and no one went home hungry.. as a matter of fact, a few plates were not completely finished!!

Next Dinner is "Hawaiian Cuisine" at Aloha Kitchen on Feb. 6.



Announcements

Rotary



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park invite's you to our Annual Chinese New Year's Dinner. Let's celebrate the joy of the Lunar New Year together.

FRIDAY

27
FEB 2026

AT 6:00 P.M.

FORBIDDEN CITY (YUU SEAFOOD RESTAURANT)
999 36 St NE Calgary

Ticket Price: \$60
Tables of Ten: \$600

BUY TICKETS BY FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20 :

- 9 tasty courses
- Easy parking
- 50/50

Purchase tickets at <https://rotarystampedepark.com>

The Fire Horse year emphasizes independence, bold change, increased social opportunities, and creative self-expression.

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 29th -Colin Knoll

The week following: February 5th - Introduction to This Year's Charities

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



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY

February 5th - Introduction to This Year's Charities

February 12th - Valentines

February 19th - Deborah Yedlin - CEO & President

February 25th - Business Club

February 27th - Chinese New Year

February 26th - Katrina Le May Doan



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DATES TO REMEMBER - SAVE THESE!!

February 6th - International Dinner Club

February 27th - Chinese New Year

March 6 - Tribute to George Strait- Gil Grand