

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the January 23rd meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Jim Bladon, and I am honoured to be the President of this Club for Rotary year 2024-25:

Please join me in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table (L-R) :Neil Fraser, Billy Hawes, Evan Strong, President Bladon, Jim Hutchens, Maureen Hutchens



**Presentation:
Robbie Burns Day**

**February 6th:
Provincial Security
Intelligence office**

**Next week:
January 30th
Arts Commons
Transformation**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the February 6th meeting.

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

Today's Meeting:

Sharon and Terry Allen have just had their 65th Wedding Anniversary!!!!

David Field introduced our guests followed by the welcome song..



Neill Magee had Maureen Hutchens draw the 50/50 ticket. The pot was \$155 and it was won by Benno Nigg.

Today's Sgt@Arms **John Fitzsimmons** came up and started with asking **Larry Stein** to stand up, **John** asked **Larry** few questions which resulted in **Larry** being fined \$10. Next **John** asked **Tony Fisher** a question, he fined \$2. Next **John Price** put \$20 in the pot to avoid a fine. **John Fitzsimmons** now asked **Kaelin Mol** a question which she got correct and everyone at her table had to pay \$2. Next up **Bill LeClair** was asked a question, he answered incorrectly and was fined \$10. **Chas Filipski** put in \$20. **John** then asked **Stacey Johnson** and **Brad Brewster** to pay a fine that equals out to the same price as the bottle of liquor they brought into Rotary House today.



Robbie Burns Day

Billy Hawes opened our meeting by performing traditional Scottish music on the bagpipe. Haggis then made its way around the room carried by our Scottish friend, **Jim Hutchens**.



Evan Strong came up and gave a toast to the lassies. **Evan** gave a lovely toast that had everyone laughing. He shared some of the quotes that Robert Burns had said over his life, mainly quotes regarding the lassies which we all had some good laughs over.



Jim Hutchens came up and told us a little story before he introduced **Wendy** to do the reply to **Evan's** toast.

Wendy Giuffre came up next to give a reply to the toast for the lassies. **Wendy** gave a lovely reply that filled the room with laughter!

Jim Hutchens came up and shared a bit about Robert Burns. He shared a poem that Burns wrote when he was only 15 years old. Please watch the meeting video linked on page 1 to hear more!



Billy Hawes came up and played some Scottish music on the bagpipe for us!!

Maureen Hutchens came up and sang a beautiful song for us!!!

This was an amazing celebration that ended in the singing of a song! I encourage everyone to watch the meeting video!

President Jim Bladon announces that on behalf of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park that we will be making a \$100 donation to CRCF in the names of **Jim Hutchens, Evan Strong, Wendy Giuffre, Maureen Hutchens, and Billy Hawes**.



Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I was lucky enough to attend a meeting at The Rotary Club of Placencia, Belize this week. This is a very active and well known club of only 15 members, but they sure do a lot of work and they make a huge impact in the community. It seems that everyone up and down the Peninsula knows about ROTARY and all that they do!

The club was presented with a \$52,500 cheque this week from the "End of the World Marathon". This marathon is run the first Sunday in December each year. This year they had over 300 runners from Mexico, Belize, Canada, Germany, United States, Guatemala, Jamaica, Japan, and MORE! This annual event is sponsored by The Turtle Inn and the funds raised are donated to the Rotary Club's Scholarship Fund. "**Craig Stokke**, maybe this can be your next marathon??"

I was proud to exchange Flags with this Club, and I look forward to working with them during my time here in Belize. On my left is President, Marsha Peterson and on my right is Secretary, Gail Smith.

-Kathy Demorest



We are in urgent need of Clubs to assist with a couple of projects for the 2025 Convention. To reach all of the District, we are asking Club Champions to take this message and send it to your Club Members as soon as possible.

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Community Engagement - We're looking for a champion and committee members to work with the clubs across District 5360 to bring the energy and spirit of the 2025 Rotary International Convention to every corner of our district.

2. Youth Programs - Are you excited about creating a family-friendly experience at the 2025 Rotary International Convention? We are looking for a champion and committee members to lead an initiative that will enhance the convention experience for families and youth.

Volunteers are needed immediately.

Contact info@rotarycalgary2025.org if you are interested.

Host Organizing Committee



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We're looking for a champion and committee members to work with clubs across District 5360 to bring the energy and spirit of the 2025 Rotary International Convention to every corner of our district.

This is a unique opportunity to strategize and collaborate on ideas that will showcase Rotary's incredible work and ensure local clubs in rural communities benefit from the convention being hosted in Calgary. Ideas could include: Liaising local service projects, partnering with existing community events, coordinating parades, flag ceremonies, or other community celebrations.

Let's raise awareness and create connections that extend the impact of the convention far beyond Calgary, bringing value and inspiration to every community in District 5360.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Are you excited about creating a family-friendly experience at the 2025 Rotary International Convention? We are looking for a champion and committee members to lead an initiative that will enhance the convention experience for families and youth.

This project is all about making the convention inclusive and engaging for every member of the Rotary family. Help us develop memorable programs and activities that encourage families to participate and create lasting connections.

If you're ready to help with either initiative, we'd love to hear from you. Volunteers are needed immediately. Contact linda.morris@rotarycalgary2025.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLUB CHAMPION FOR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN CALGARY!!

1. Heritage Club has a NSTEP fundraiser planned. Deadline is January 31 st for you to order your seeds so we can spread the vibrant colors all over our City! The link and further information is on page 5.
2. I sent out an email to you via Club Runner yesterday to ask for your help to volunteer for Community Engagement (we need a champion and committee members to work with the Clubs across District 5360 to bring energy and spirit of the Convention)! The second need is with our Youth (We are looking for help to create a family-friendly experience. We are looking for a champion and committee members that will enhance the convention experience for families and youth). This is a need immediately so please contact info@rotarycalgary2025.org.
3. Thanks to all who have put their names forward to volunteer – really appreciated! Please know that being a volunteer does not get you into the convention nor the events. You must be registered to attend any of the convention and events!
4. We are continuing to encourage ALL Rotarians, spouses, family and friends to get registered! We are kicking it from our Club, but let's get those numbers up!
5. Host Hospitality is going great! **Pat Neuman** is kicking it! There are about 1,400 spaces already and room for more! Contact **Pat** for information!

As always, contact **Luanne Whitmarsh** if you need help to register or for information! L.whitmarsh@shaw.ca 403-560-6870

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

1. From the Board meeting: 2 motions that you need to know about that have been approved by the Board on January 15, 2025
7.3 MOTION: **Luanne Whitmarsh/Jim Bladon** to approve the requirement of all new members to fulfill the required number of shifts for the Dream Home prior to having their 'red stripe' removed as the policy currently states. CARRIED
7.4 MOTION: **Luanne Whitmarsh/Jim Bladon** to end the Terry McDonough awards as they have been and re-imagine to the Terry McDonough 'Attendance Acknowledgement'. We will use Club Runner to identify milestones by decades of service to RCCSP. CARRIED

2. There will be no meeting May 7 th as the 70 th anniversary Gala is the following evening!

District 5360 has an Indigenous Relations Committee and I have offered to be the Club representative on the committee. It's Chaired by Cam Stewart from Calgary East with support from Brad Sewall at Heritage Park. The purpose of the committee is to provide a meeting place for clubs to share ideas and initiatives undertaken with/for the indigenous community. It is also a group that is interacting with leaders in the indigenous community. I'm searching for those in our Club who have an interest in this activity to provide insights and ideas about how we move forward. Please contact me directly if you would like to be part of this activity and the conversations the it stimulates. - **Bryan Walton**

Calgary is hosting the Rotary International Convention and will be welcoming over 25,000 Rotarians from around the world to our city. As a host hotel we're thrilled to help you make a lasting impression on these global visitors. We invite you to enhance your space with stunning sun or shade planters or hanging baskets in Rotary colors. By ordering through us or encouraging your supplier to support this initiative – you'll not only elevate your hotel's ambiance but also contribute to a meaningful cause. Let's work together to showcase Calgary at it's best! Order [here](#)



11th Annual Veggie and Plant Fundraiser in support of NSTEP and Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park



Rotary International Convention is coming to Calgary in June 2025. Let's show our support for Rotary and blanket the city in Rotary colors! **Place your order by January 31st, 2025 for pickup on Wednesday May 21st, 2025.** Thank you for your ongoing support of NSTEP and Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park!!

12" Hanging Baskets (\$47.50) and 16" Planters (\$65)

Choose from:

Rotary Colors:



Rotary Polio Colors:



Greenhouse Mixed Colors:



New this Year! 22" Planters for \$175

Choose from:

Rotary Colors:



Rotary Polio Colors:



Geraniums - \$13.50 (6"pot) **SUN**



Begonias - \$15.25 (6"pot) **SHADE**



Check out these beautiful begonias and geraniums!



Get your VEGGIES direct from your garden



Veggie Planter (16")
\$55



Herb Planter (15")
\$49.50



Beefsteak Tomato
1 Gallon Pot
\$13



Cherry Tomato
Hanging Basket
(12") \$35

Order deadline is Friday, January 31st, 2025

Pickup on May 21, 2025 with times to be assigned at a later date



ORDER NOW

Please share this FUNdraiser with family and friends. Proceeds are split 50/50 with Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park and NSTEP. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Doherty at doherty8@telus.net

Thank you for your continued support of NSTEP & Rotary!

Save the Date

"70 YEARS OF ROTARY" GALA
CELEBRATING THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT
STAMPEDE PARK & ROTARY PARTNERS

MAY
FRIDAY **9** AT 5 PM
2025

CALGARY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
919 50 AVENUE SW

Invitation & ticket sales to follow

ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK BUSINESS CLUB MEETING

Family and Business Transition
Networking & Refreshments to follow

ANDERSEN.

 6:00 to 8:00pm

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Join us at: Suite 700, 700 2 Street S.W.
Underground Parking Available

Get your \$20 tickets by Feb 14th at:
rotarystampedepark.com



Closing:

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Closing words:

As you go about your business this week remember, that each of you creates the magic of Rotary, unlock the magic, advance the magic, and be the magic of Rotary.

Calendar

JANUARY

- January 2nd - No Meeting
- January 9th - A Student Living in War Torn Ukraine
- January 16th - AGM
- January 23rd - Robbie Burns Day
- January 24th - Chinese New Year Dinner
- January 30th - Arts Commons Transformation

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FEBRUARY

- February 6th: Provincial Security Intelligence office
- February 13th: Valentines Day
- February 20th: Brenda Christie
- February 27th: Edward McCauley

FEBRUARY

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