

# ROTARY NEWS

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**Welcome to the January 25th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Bryan Walton, and I'm honoured to be the President of this Club for 2023-2024.**



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

**Head Table (L-R): Dayle West, Brenda McKinley, Bruce MacDonald, Jim Hutchens, Joe Connelly, President Bryan Walton**



**We are back in  
Rotary House!**

**Happy Robbie  
Burns Day!**

**Big News for  
Rotary Partners!**

Click [HERE](#) to register for next weeks meeting and [HERE](#) for our meeting video

# Today's Meeting:

Introduction of guests was done by **Marieta Maier**, followed by The Welcome Song.

50/50 was announced by **Michael Zacharki**, presenting \$145 to **Mel Gibson!** Congrats Mel, go buy some Haggis with your winnings!

## BURNS DAY

Piper **Dayle West** 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**. The Blue Room was cheerful as Rotarians clapped watching the tradition. **Joe Connelly** cracked some jokes, talking on Burns and his contribution to the world. He chimed in how Burns is known as an 'heroically drunk' and 'undoubtedly courageous' soul.



"Burns was often referred to as the Bard of Ayrshire and he possessed a unique ability to capture the essence of life, love and the human condition through his poetic expressions. His works resonated with people from all walks of life transcending borders and generations." - Joe Connelly



January 25th, Burns day is celebrated globally and we are lucky enough to have experienced it today with our Rotary friends. The meal was commemorated by a round of Whisky and some Haggis. Jim called up **Kathy Demorest, Sherry** (Known as 'Stacy' today,) **Austin, Bill LeClair and Ted Stack** to \*attempt\* to read a Scottish poem.

Bill left his reading glasses in the car where he borrowed Jim's during the reading. Sherry had a feeling that her Scottish heritage would not save her for this one! Kathy was voted by the crowd to have sounded the most Scottish, winning a bottle of Whisky. There were no losers. as Sherry, Bill and Ted won 'last place' prizes.

"Jim attempted to read the poem again in english but it sounded the same" -Craig Stokke

Jim called up **Brenda McKinley** to thank the speakers. She told him that it's not 'MacKinley' because the Scottish were too lazy to write the A.





# Announcements:

- We are back in Rotary House! Please meet us there for our next meeting, February 1st.
- Marino attended his first NHL game this week, He had a great time cheering on the Flames.



## Health & Wellness

Your health and Wellness contact for January is **Dorothea Schaab**  
[schaabd@gmail.com](mailto:schaabd@gmail.com)

## Heritage Park Club Celebrating our 25th Anniversary

Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park will be celebrating our 25th anniversary with an evening at (where else than) the *Wainwright Hotel in Heritage Park*. Join us for a fun evening of camaraderie with fellow Rotarians as we learn about the birth of a new club and the incredible Rotary accomplishments we have made in a (relatively) brief timeframe. Your attendance would be highly appreciated, as we attribute part of our success to collaborating with the numerous outstanding clubs in Calgary.

For more information and to register click:  
<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/385/Event/25th-anniversary-celebration>



## International Photo Contest

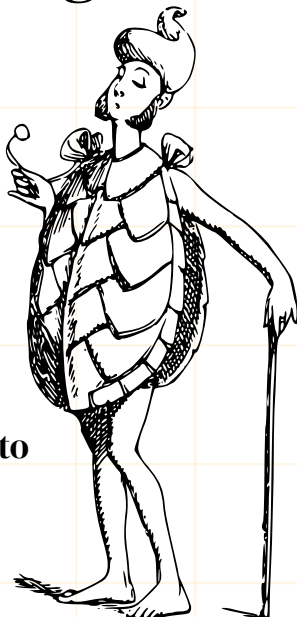
Calling all photographers! Istanbul Suadiye Rotary Club invites you to participate in their 4th International Photography Competition. The theme being inspired by the words of founder of the Republic, Gazi Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, "**Everything we see on the face of the Earth is the work of women**". The entry cost is \$27. Entry deadline is January 30th. For full details, go to <https://www.suadiyerotary.org/>.

## Business Club Meeting

Join us February 2nd for some business fun with **Stacey Johnson**. Networking and refreshments to follow.

We will be meeting at Print Three, Bay 65 1011-57 Ave NE between 6 and 8 PM. See you there!

For more information or to register go to [rotarystampedepark.com](http://rotarystampedepark.com)



Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park

**LARRY KWONG MEMORIAL CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER**

Friday, February 9th, 2024  
Regency Palace Restaurant  
335 Centre Street South

**CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON!**

Menu:

- Deep Fried Vegetarian Spring Rolls(10)
- Grilled Pork Dumplings
- Won-ton Soup
- Pineapple Sweet & Sour Boneless Pork
- Ginger Beef
- Stir fried Prawns with sugar peas
- Lemon chicken
- Salt & pepper squid
- Chicken fried rice
- Fresh Sliced Oranges

Cocktails: 6:00PM  
Entertainment: 6:30PM  
Dinner: 7:00PM

\$55 a ticket. To order go to [rotarystampedepark.com](http://rotarystampedepark.com)

Seating limited to 250, so purchase your tickets ASAP.  
Payment required at time of placing ticket order.

# From the Secretary Desk:

A reminder that the bulk of the pictures taken at each of our meetings and events are on our website under 'weekly updates' on the main headline.

1. Sarah has returned to work! She will be focused on work that needs to be caught up in the office and won't be at the weekly meetings until mid-February. We are glad to have her back. Megan will continue to develop the bulletin and complete the bulletin.
2. Thanks to everyone who has contacted me regarding RCCSP items, passwords and stuff they have. If you have not connected with me (even if it is to say you have nothing) please connect as soon as possible so that this project can get organized. Thanks!
3. Many committees are asking to stay after our weekly meeting to meet. It is NOT a given that this is ok with the Stampede as they have a schedule to maintain, have the venue to clean up (and for us to not keep the staff there longer than what is their requirement) and it MUST be requested. The request will always go through admin@rotarycs.org and we will process your request and get it approved (or not) and then communicate to you.
4. David Swartz has resigned from our Club for personal reasons. We wished him well and thanked him for his time with us.
5. I have almost caught up entering the many make-up meetings I have received. Sorry for the delay and it will be completed by the weekend!
6. A reminder about submissions for the Bulletin: All materials must be complete and emailed to admin@rotarycs.org by Wednesday at 2 pm. This is very important to be respectful of the time and effort it takes to develop the Bulletin. Late submission will be included in the following week's bulletin.
7. A reminder that the bulk of the pictures taken at each of our meetings and events are on our website under 'weekly updates' on the main headline.
8. The Strategic Plan update will be on the website by the weekend. This is the update that President Bryan talked about at the AGM.
9. You have all received the email from Catherine Brownlee announcing the New Members Event. This is your reminder that there is no meeting on April 18 th – BUT, this event is counted as a meeting so attendance will be taken.
10. If you are going to Singapore, please let me know so we can coordinate with all those going! Make the most out of the convention and friendship!



*-Yours in Rotary! Luanne Whitmarsh*

**January 11th AGM meeting link:**  
**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3o2pkICZYs>**

# Paul Harris Education



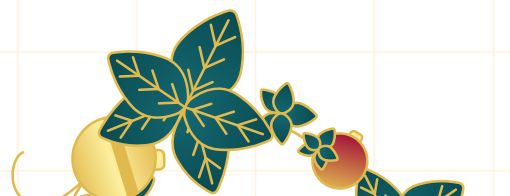
When a member donates to their Paul Harris, it says in policy that our Club adds to the donation to make \$1,000.00. Here is the Board approved policy:

Fundraising: RI foundation

The Club utilizes their recognition points in its account at TRF to incentivize members to donate to TRF. The club will transfer points to club members as follows:

- i. The Club will “top up” a member’s donation to account for the difference between CAD and USD.
- ii. Paul Harris: The Club will pay half of the cost of a PHF if the member pays the other half. This will also apply to Sustaining Members who are obtaining a PHF on instalment plans.
- iii. Foundation recognition points are computed by TRF based on the USD value of donations. For example, if a member makes a \$100 CAD donation and the exchange rate is \$1CAD to \$0.80 USD the foundation would award our member 80 points for a \$100 CAD donation. In this case of the club will transfer 20 points to our member to make it as if their donation was made in USD.
- iv. The Club will “match” the member’s donation such that the Club will transfer points equal to the total recognition points computed after the “top up” has been considered. As noted in the previous example a \$100 CAD donation resulted in a total of 100 recognition points after “top up” and the club will match those points with another 100 recognition points.
- v. Annually only donations up to \$500 CAD per member are matched.
- vi. Only donations of members who have not attained PHF+8 status will be matched as this is the maximum recognition an individual can obtain using points transfers.

Condolences are extended to **David and Susan Young** from the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park on the passing of David’s son **Steven Young**, age 42, in Dublin, Ireland on Thursday, January 25th. Steven was battling an aggressive form of cancer. David was able to spend some time with Steven prior to his passing and he will return to Calgary next week.





# PARTNERS IN PRINT

**GREAT NEWS  
WE WON!!**

**Bracko Homes Parade of Christmas Trees**

**To: Rotary Partners**

**\$5000.00**

From: Bracko Home

Thank you to all who supported the Rotary Partners Food Bank Drive at Bracko Homes. We are very excited to announce that our group collected the most food, allowing us to help so many in need. We look forward to helping more charities with the money we won.

**Thank You Everyone!**

**The Rotary Partners**

"We are pleased to announce that we have WON the Parade of Christmas Trees at Bracko Home, once again this year. We will have more information to follow with additional details. Thank you for your tremendous support." - Partners President Teresa Stokke

Thank you Rotarians for all your help. We will be hearing from Partners President, Teresa Stokke in our meeting next week.





**THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/yHvM5RL55es>**

Closing:

**Next week's Meeting: February 1st in the Rotary House**

Closing Words: As you go about your business this week remember simple acts of kindness go a long way to Creating Hope in the World.

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**  
**[www.rotarystampedepark.com](http://www.rotarystampedepark.com)**

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#### **NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL**

**Dahlia ElShafie-Mostafa** has been proposed as for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park transferring from Downtown Club with a proposed Classification of Communications.

If any Member objects to **Dahlia ElShafie-Mostafa** 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 *February 8th*.






# CALENDER

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

Wine Club- Contact Pat Neuman [pneuman647@gmail.com](mailto:pneuman647@gmail.com)

Fiddler on the Roof- Febuary 4th at 2pm by Painted Fish  
Preforming Society. Purchase tickets at <https://paintedfish.ca>

Chinese New Year at Regency Palace. Register at  
[rotarystampedepark.com](http://rotarystampedepark.com)

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## FEBRUARY

- 1st: Partners Presentation February
- 2nd: RCCSP Wine Club February  
Feed the Hungry at the Mustard Seed
- 4th: 'Fiddler on the Roof'
- 6th: Calgary Food Bank
- 8th: Valentines Day Meeting
- 9th: Chinese New Year Celebration
- 22nd: Bring a Guest Day

FEBRUARY 2024						
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