

Rotary

Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the January 29th 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) : Chad Hason, Shondell Sabad, Gordon Weicker, Colin Knoll, Catherine Brownlee



**Presentation:
Colin Knoll**

**February 12th
Valentines Day**

**Next Week:
February 5th
Introduction to This
Year's Charities**

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.



We will be discontinuing the 50/50 draw at our meetings for the time being. The Board will review the requirements and make a final decision on whether to apply for a license and continue offering the 50/50 at future meetings.



Chad Hason our Sgt@Arms welcomed members, guests, and new faces, before launching into a lighthearted but energetic Sgt@Arms session. Several humorous fines were issued, including for a borrowed (and re-borrowed) coat incident involving **President Gord** and **Glen Richardson**, media appearances by members, and refusing to try haggis at the previous meeting. Recognition was given to members who participated in media interviews for good causes. With the possible discontinuation of the 50/50, alternative fundraising tactics were jokingly introduced, including fines for skipping upcoming events and a quick coordination exercise—free if completed successfully, \$2 if not—all in good fun and to support club fundraising.



Murray Flegel removed **Ken Moraes's** red stripe!!!!



Norm Legare shared a deeply personal update on his health journey, explaining that after being diagnosed last year with stage three rectal cancer, recent test results have brought encouraging news and a renewed sense of hope. While not fully cured, he expressed gratitude that his prognosis has improved significantly. **Norm** closed with a message of hope: never give up, and remember that while you cannot add time to your life, you can add life to your time.



Catherine Brownlee introduced our guest speaker Colin Knoll. Colin Knoll is a senior strategy and transformation leader with a track record of driving growth, complex change, and successful exits across regulated financial institutions and high growth companies. He currently advises scale ups, CEOs, and boards through The Build Better Business Company, which he founded in 2025. He also serves as an Expert Advisor with Innovate Calgary, teaches business management at MacEwan University, and is a Board Director with the Association for the Rehabilitation of the Brain Injured (ARBI).

Colin Knoll explained that the purpose of the presentation was to educate and raise awareness about artificial intelligence and its impact on Alberta. He outlined the evolution of technology over the past 60 years, emphasizing that AI is the next major shift, driven by massive global investment in data centers, computing power, and energy infrastructure. While opinions on AI's long-term effects vary, he noted that AI adoption is accelerating rapidly and will significantly change how work is done. The presentation highlighted that AI will increase productivity and transform many roles, but will not replace hands-on, human-centric work. For Alberta, this creates major opportunities in energy, infrastructure, skilled trades, engineering, and AI-augmented roles. He concluded that jurisdictions embracing AI will see growth, and that Alberta is well positioned due to its energy capacity, land, and skilled workforce.

Shondell Sabad thanked Colin Knoll for his presentation. **Shondell** announced that we will be making a \$100 donation to the CRCF in recognition of Colin's amazing presentation.



Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

Announcements

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Earl Huson remains at Chinook Hospice, little change in his condition. **NO VISITORS** as requested by family.

Pat Neuman is off to Montreal next week for a hip replacement procedure.

Tony Ng remains in Foothills Hospital following his fall last week. He injured one of his eyes and surgery is scheduled for Thursday. He also has some nerve damage affecting his hands.

Peter Lafontaine's wife Leila is undergoing surgery on Monday.



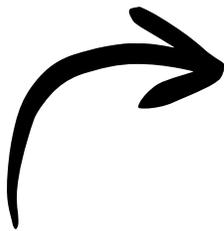
International Dinner Club

Friday, February 6

Aloha Modern Kitchen

Limited spaces remain available!!!

Contact: **Sjoert Zuidhof**
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Rotary
District 5360

Celebrate

District Conference 2026 / May 1-3

DISCON REGISTRATIONS & HOTEL BOOKINGS

 Rotary 5360

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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

The Commercial Glass Business
Networking & Refreshments to follow



GOLDRAY



🕒 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



In Memoriam: Carole Brawn

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Closing:

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

The week following: February 12th - Valentine's Day

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 Knoff



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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 - Catriona 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