



Senator Black,
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Filipski



John Fitzsimmons and Jack Black introducing
Jack Black's son, Senator John Black

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The **Honourable Senator Doug Black** was introduced by **John Fitzsimmons**, with some coaching from his father, **PP Jack Black**.

The Senator was elected in a special Alberta senate nominee election in 2012 and appointed to the Senate by Stephen Harper in 2013. He currently sits on the Senate Committee on Transport and Communications, and serves as Chair on the Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce.

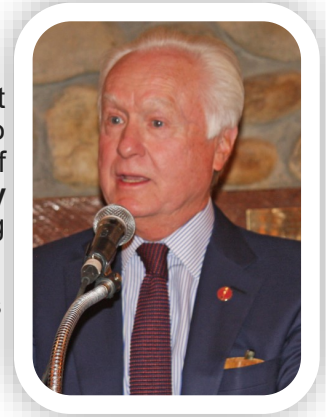
Prior to his senate appointment he was a senior counselor for Dentons Canada LLP. He was born and raised in [Calgary, Alberta](#). In 1970, he graduated from [Ernest Manning High School](#) in [Calgary](#). He attended the University of Alberta where he was actively involved in student government, and in 1975, graduated from [Dalhousie University](#) with a [Bachelor of Laws](#).

He was called to the Newfoundland Bar in 1977 and the Alberta Bar in 1994, and appointed QC in 2002. He is married with two children and two grandchildren.

Impact of federal Government Policy on Alberta

Senator Black started by stating that, as he moves around Alberta, he makes a point of meeting with Rotarians because they are leaders and consistently do good work to make their communities better. Through his Dad, **Jack**, Rotary has been a large part of his family's life for 43 years, and it is an honour to appear with **Jack** and Sister **Cathy** today. He is also honoured to serve as an elected Senator from Alberta, but is finding that it is a much harder job than he had imagined.

He then spoke to the significant and detrimental impact of Bill 69 (the no more pipelines act) and Bill 48 (the west coast oil tanker moratorium) on Alberta's economy and the people of Alberta, and the fractured relationship between Alberta and Ottawa. Current government policy is to meet the Paris Climate Accord targets, even though it is a fiction that this is possible. A Senate study showed that it cannot be done unless the Canadian economy is totally shut down. A second, largely unspoken objective is to get a temporary, two year seat on the United Nations Security Council by impressing other nations with our virtuous commitment to the climate change accord.



The easiest target in the attempt to meet those targets is the energy industry, the oil and gas sector specifically. Not the automobile, aviation, cement manufacturing or construction industries, which are largely based in Eastern Canada. Bill 69 will make construction of large energy projects almost impossible, and leave them to the whim of elected politicians rather than regulators. Bill 48, the West Coast tanker moratorium, is just another anti-pipeline bill since, if there is no way to move oil off the coast, there is no reason to build pipelines. Bill 48 is the only tanker ban in the world (notably none exist on the East Coast or St Lawrence River).

The social impact of these constraints on Alberta industry is profound and devastating. It is reflected in increased crime, homelessness, domestic violence, unemployment, bankruptcies and companies leaving the province because they just can't hang on any longer. Alberta's economy is the only one in the G7 that has shrunk since 2014. This has been done to us by policy, despite our leadership in environmental protection, minimizing of emissions/bbl of production, water conservation, all of which are unrecognized by current government policies. It is deeply insulting that some consider us to be rednecks, with no regard for our environment.

Oil and gas are not going away. Current projections are that peak oil will be in 2040. The last and best barrel will come from Alberta, not Venezuela, Libya, Algeria or Saudi Arabia. None of these countries are trying to shut down their energy industries. As Bill Gates says, "Let's stop joking around. The term 'clean energy' has twisted people's minds. There is no substitute for oil and gas in an industrial economy – not just for energy, but for all the products that are derived from it."

Jason Kenney is searching for a "fair deal" for Alberta, and the Senator is grateful for his leadership in this area. There has been no leadership before this. Alberta's oversize contribution to Canada is well documented - \$630B since 1960, \$240B in the last 11 years, or \$55,000/capita. This is 600% of BC and Ontario's combined contribution. Alberta has 12% of Canada's population and generates 1/3 of capital investment and creates 25% of the new jobs. We do that because we are able to do it, want to do it and know that it is good for the country.

So what do we do now? We are entering a critical time in the next few weeks. There are two outstanding issues to be settled in the short term. First, the proposed new Teck Frontier Oilsand project. This is a \$20B project that will provide 90,000 man-years of employment and \$90B to Canada's economy. It has been reviewed for 10 years, and has been approved by all regulatory bodies and the local indigenous peoples. It only requires cabinet approval, but it is now being implied that final approval is dependent upon some further concessions from Alberta on climate control policies. Ottawa does not understand that no corporation will invest in a project if approval is at the whim of an elected politician. Don't play games – either approve it or not!

The second issue is: Alberta has apparently overpaid some \$2.4B recently into the equalization pot and should get it back (hopefully with interest). Minister Morneau has said he is considering it, but the probability is, if it is given back, it will come with strings attached, to be spent upon some of Ottawa's pet climate endeavours.

Senator Black is annoyed by these games. He recently went to one of Alberta's "Fair Deal" panels in Grand Prairie, and listened to the local presenters and talked to local leaders, social agencies and ordinary people.. He came away depressed about how these policies are hurting people. He has asked the Prime Minister to bring his Cabinet out to Grand Prairie to see for themselves what impact their policies are having on ordinary, loyal Canadians. Several mayors from the district have seconded that request. Not surprisingly, there has been no response.

He will continue his work for Alberta. We must stay positive, strong and up our game. We need constructive conversations about where we fit in Canada and where we go from here. We believe in Canada and just want Canada to believe in us.

The Senator received a well-deserved standing ovation. He then took a few questions.

Should Alberta proceed with some of the suggested policies to decouple from federal control?

Yes, consider an Alberta pension plan, our own tax collection, maybe policing. Consider the success that our friends in Quebec have had. Let's toughen up.

There is some talk that TECK might not continue with Frontier, even if it get approval?

That is a business decision that they alone can make, but approve the project as recommended so that they can make that decision on their own based on the economics and without political interference. No company will bring forward a project if there is a possibility it will be nixed at the last moment by a politician.

The Canadian electoral system is broken when a party can win a majority without any seats from a large portion of the country. Can it be fixed?

Not likely. There is no impetus for Quebec or Ontario to change the current system, since it works just fine for them. A majority government is possible without the West, so why worry about giving them a voice?

What is going to happen in the current Conservative leadership race?

First of all we should be thankful for anyone who puts their name forward for public service, as it is thankless and this is limiting the field. Two weeks ago there looked to be a number of serious and credible candidates, but the pool is diminishing. We would like to see a real contest that will test a leader and show us who is capable of building a country. His feeling is that Trudeau is getting tired and will not be around for the next election, which maybe means Freeland or Carney will be the Liberal leader.

Is anybody in the East telling the West's story?

Not really, they don't want to hear it.

Jim Fitzowich thanked **Senator Black** on behalf of the Club. We appreciate the straight talk and insights, even though you are preaching to the choir. One thing is that your job is not thankless, as we are very thankful for contribution that the Black family has given to us and to Canada.



Senator Doug Black, Jack Black (PP: 1990 to 1991)) and Father of Senator Black. Cathy Buckle, Senator Black's Sister



President Chas Filipski, on behalf of our membership welcomed us all to the January 30th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary **AT STAMPEDE PARK!**

This day in History:

1649, King Charles 1st executed for treason

1835, Andrew Jackson was almost assassinated, but the gun misfired and the assailant was clubbed into submission by Jackson

1948, Ghandi was assassinated

1933, Hitler was named Chancellor of Germany

1968, TET offensive launched in Vietnam, which changed the course of that war

1972, Bloody Sunday in Ireland with 13 killed and 17 wounded.

To end on an upbeat note in **1922** insulin was first tried to treat diabetes on a human which was 14 year old Canadian Leonard Thompson, and the rest is history.

*Editor's Note: In transcribing **President Chas'** notes last week, we neglected to mention his recognition that his parents would have celebrated their 65th anniversary last week.*

Lisa Fernandes led us in the singing of the National Anthem followed by Rotary Grace.

Head Table: Senator Doug Black, John Fitzsimmons, Jack Black (PP 90-91) and Father of Senator Black. Cathy Buckle, Senator Black's sister, Norm Devitt.

Bulletin Editor: Bev Ostermann Photographer: Paul Brick

Health and Wellness:

Gui Salazar continues to convalesce at home, but their son has been admitted to hospital with cardiac concerns.

Darlene Whitmore's son-in-law had his second heart surgery in the last 6 months. Our best wishes go to Darlene and family for quick and successful recovery.

Harry Pelton is undergoing more tests and scans at Tom Baker, but he is back with us today and looking well.

Jeanette King is recovering from her ankle injury, living at Amica and impressing her grandkids with the mastery of her new scooter.

Dan Dunlop is in for back surgery today.

Mary McPhee (wife of PP Bill) is recovering from her fall and head injury in Mexico, with no lasting effects.

Guests: Lynn Topp introduced Our Guest Speaker Senator Doug Black, Senator Black's Sister Cathy Buckle, Senator Black's Assistant Kevin Mason, Partners' President Denise MacLeod, Mark Rowe from Heritage Park Rotary Club, Bryan MacKenzie (Guest of John Fitzsimmons), Barry Kenley (Guest of Murray Flegel), Darren Fach (Guest of Penny Leckie) and Kim McConnel (Guest of John Fitzsimmons).





50/50 Draw: Michael Zacharki awarded \$160.00 to Carol Rosdobutko.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Spencer Tonkinson [extracted](#) some funds from our 50/50 winners, Carol Rosdobutko and Rod Bower. Bill LeClair paid a ransom to get his Robbie Burns statuette back, Kevin MacLeod paid for some broken crystal glasses (is there a story there?), Penny Leckie, Harry Pelton and Neil Magee paid for some lack of knowledge on Scottish trivia left over from last week.

2020 DISTRICT CONFERENCE: The District Conference is coming up in May and Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park has sponsored Speaker Brad Gushue, for all you curlers out there.



Mark Ambrose reminded us of the Larry Kwong Chinese New Year dinner on Feb 7th. You must register by this SUNDAY if you wish to go. The Valentine's Day Luncheon is at Rotary House on Feb 13th. This is a regular attendance meeting.

Ken Farn extended his thanks to all the volunteers that helped at the **Mustard Seed Dinner** last week.

The bylaw review meeting will be on February 20th

HAVE A GREAT WEEK EVERYONE

Rotary



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



YEAR OF THE RAT

**HAPPY
CHINESE
NEW YEAR**



LARRY KWONG MEMORIAL CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER

February 7th, 2020

Regency Palace Restaurant
335 Centre Street South

There will be an array of Chinese Food

Cocktails: 6:00 PM
Entertainment: 6:30 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM
\$50.00 per person

HERE IS THE LINK TO REGISTER:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/Event/2020-annual-larry-kwong-chinese-new-year-dinner>

Please register online, from your invitation or at a meeting. You can book tables of 10 by emailing Kathy Demorest at: kathylynn@shaw.ca

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



Rotary  Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park

Happy Valentine's Day

It is time again to send your love to your Valentine
Please join us for Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park's Annual
Valentine's Day Luncheon
Thursday February 13th, 2020 at Rotary House

Doors Open: 11:15 AM • Cash Bar until 12:10 PM • Luncheon and Program: 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM

Cost: \$45.00 per person RSVP by: February 10th, 2020

Special Guest: 12 year old Harry Knight playing his Flamenco Guitar. Harry is an Anomaly and has been playing expertly since he was 4 years old. Harry has played shows in Spain and has travelled to other countries to demonstrate his special skill. Valentine Cards can be purchased for 25 cents each. Cupid will make an appearance to hand deliver Valentines at lunch. Be sure to come and check out the Kissing Booth!!

CLICK LINK TO REGISTER
<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/Event/2020-annual-valentine-s-day-luncheon-with-partners>



Deb Sands arranged for a Pickleball Lesson on Saturday, January 18th. From Calgary West: **Dan and Marlene Doherty**, Calgary North: **Gerry Darichuk** and from RCCSP: **Deb Sands, Kendall Bocking and John Shield**.

The lesson was great fun and by the end of the two hours, they were all playing well and playing each other.

Tony, John and Bill from the Calgary Pickleball Club taught us everything from how to hold the racquet to scoring with strategies.

I am looking for a less expensive venue and then once I have that, I hope to put together a few more lesson days.

Submitted by: Deb Sands



SMALL GRANTS OUT AND ABOUT

Champion: Phil Jackson
Organization: Hull Services
Cheque Amount: \$9,461
Cheque Presented To: Cindy Daigle, Resource Development & Jim Pritchard, Executive Manager
Use of Funds: Development of Art and Sensory Rooms



Champion: Lynn Topp
Organization: The Calgary Pregnancy Centre
Cheque Amount: \$5,124.00
Cheque Presented To: Jutta Wittmeier, Executive Director
Use of Funds: Replace Window coverings on several windows (approx. 25 of 47 windows)



Champion: Lynn Grant
Organization: YouthLink
Cheque Amount: \$14,385.00
Cheque Presented To: Carissa Lawton (Streetlight Director) and Greg Hutchinson (Executive Director)
Use of Funds: kitchen upgrades for Streetlight mobile youth drop in trailer



Champion: Tony Ng
Organization: Home Front yyc
Cheque Amount: \$7,000.00
Cheque Presented To: Maggie MacKillop Executive Director
Use of Funds: Upgrade Computer Systems





DISTRICT GOVERNOR
CHRISTINE RENDELL

We - Rotary Members - are shaping Rotary's future. While the club remains the core of the Rotary experience, **we are now far more creative and flexible** in deciding what a club can be, how it can meet, and even what can be considered a Rotary meeting.

Rotary feels and really is like family! Yet too often, the structure of our membership seems to place Rotary out of reach for our younger professionals. **Rotary can and should be an experience that complements our families** instead of competing with them.

When our Rotary clubs are warm, welcoming places where service and family go hand in hand, **we give family-oriented young professionals more opportunities** to embrace our organization.

DisCon 2020 is such an opportunity. Innovative in how we approach membership, forging wider and deeper connections to our communities, and attracting more and diverse members. **This year, we even have an award-winning daycare** to ensure that young, busy families can still participate in our activities.

Let's make this another *How Rotary Connects the World* event! Building connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.

Bring Your Family To DisCon 2020 And Celebrate Rotary!

Register today at: www.Discon5360.ca

Christine Rendell, District Governor 2019-2020
Rotary International District 5360



Rotex & Youth Exchange students joined to produce a successful International Dinner on January 24th at the Calgary Slovenia Club. Funds raised from the auction of aprons were donated to Shelterbox. **Photo: D. Schaab**

- Over 120 people attended the annual International Dinner sponsored by Rotex and Youth Exchange students on Friday, January 24th at the Canadian Slovenia Club.
- The students made national aprons which were auctioned to raise funds for ShelterBox.
- Lucas Rasmusson (Rotex Member) was auctioneer for the evening & coaxed more than \$10,656 from the audience.
- Attending from the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park were: Terry/Sharon Allen, Ted/Myrna Rowsell, Bob/Marlene Wiens, Dorothea Schaab & Corrine Wilkinson.
- This group was the winner of the bid on Carlota Figueras' apron at \$200.
- The students provided entertainment through song and dance and, always a highlight of the evening are the international desserts made by the students.



Youth Exchange students make aprons depicting their country which are auctioned off. The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park won the bid on Carlota's apron. Back row, from left, Sharon/Terry Allen, Bob/Marlene Wiens. Front row, Myrna/Ted Rowsell, Dorothea Schaab & Carlota Figueras. **Photo Myrna Rowsell**



Carlota Figueras is joined by exchange students from Germany and Finland. Pictured above is the dessert that Carlota made.

ShelterBox

Registered under the global ShelterBox network since 2010, ShelterBox Canada (SBC) works to deliver aid to people who need it around the world. ShelterBox Trust in the UK is the ShelterBox headquarters and is where its operations team works. ShelterBox Canada focuses on fundraising and awareness on behalf of the UK headquarters. Out of the 120 volunteers across Canada, ten Canadian ShelterBox Response Team members work with the rest of the International Response Team.

ShelterBox responds to natural disasters by first understanding the impact of each emergency. Based on this analysis, it sends ShelterBoxes and ShelterKits with varied contents. ShelterBoxes can include solar lights, water storage and purification equipment, thermal blankets and cooking utensils. ShelterKits can include toolkits, ropes, and tarpaulins to make emergency shelters, repair buildings, or create new homes.



International Youth Exchange students entertain during a talent show. **Photo Myrna Rowsell**

Carlota celebrates her 16th birthday

Hosts David and Andrea Whiteley and their family hosted a 16th birthday party for Carlota Figueras on Saturday, January 25. Carlota's birthday was January 27th.

Joining in the celebration were a number of international youth exchange students as well as Carlota's Host Families.



Carlota's Host families, from left: Dave, Amelia and Andrea Whitely; Lossie and Jan Alston; and Walter and Evelyn Flores. Not pictured is Claudia Brews. Walter Flores is Carlota's Inbound Counsellor.

International Youth Exchange students join Carlota. They are from Hungary, Finland, Belgium, Chile, Brazil and Germany.

International students and Carlota's Host sisters and brother enjoy a great card game.



The following was received from Christine at the Library Foundation...

Hello to the Calgary South Rotary Partners!

Happy New Year to all and I hope that 2020 is the start of a great year for all. I know that I don't have everyone's email address so I hope that you will share this invitation to all members of Calgary South Rotary Partners in recognition of your ongoing support for Calgary Public Library's award winning literacy program, It's a Crime Not to Read.

As you may know, each of the schools participating in the program are treated to a Family Pizza Party at the Library. Usually held in February and March, we invite the children and their families to come to the library in an evening so that the parents have an opportunity to see the program in action. Calgary Police Service officers come to the library and read stories to the kids, everyone is treated to pizza and juice generously supplied by Panago Pizza.

I am extending an invitation to all Calgary South Rotary partners to come out to one of the parties to observe the program (and perhaps help us distribute the pizza?) Your club has typically supported schools in the Forest Lawn area, and the pizza party dates for those schools are:

Wednesday February 5th 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm St. Damien School

Wednesday February 12th 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm GW Skene School

Wednesday February 19th 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm St. Peter School

Friday March 6th 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Falconridge School



All of the pizza parties will be held at the Forest Lawn Library at: No. 4807 8th Avenue SE in the BURNS-WEST Program Room.

*Please let me know if you'd like to attend any one of these evening events. We would be very glad to welcome you to see the program in action and to meet the police officer, library staff, and teachers involved with **It's a Crime Not to Read**.*

*Thank you once again for your ongoing support for the Library. **It's a Crime Not to Read** would not be the successful program that it is without the support of generous community donors like yourselves!*

CHRISTINE GINGERICK Director, Donor Relations Email: christine@libraryfoundation.ca

I encourage you to try to attend. If anyone would like to attend with me on Feb 12th or 19th, please let me know.

Denise MacLeod, President
Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb 6	Brian Farrell: Mind and Music	Rotary House
Feb 7	Larry Kwong Chinese New Year Celebration	Regency Palace
Feb 13	Valentine's Day Luncheon with Partners	Rotary House
Feb 20	Jen Davies: Stigma Roots: Cannabis: from Roots to (Stock) Tips	Rotary House
Feb 27	TBA	Rotary House
Mar 5	Jeff Davison: New Arena Deal	Rotary House
Mar 12	St. Patrick's Day Celebration	Rotary House
Mar 12	Wine Club: Chas Filipski's House: Theme is Italian	Chas' House
Mar 19	Glen Street: CEO Street Characters	Rotary House
Mar 26	Bob Wiens: Colombia Projects Update	Rotary House
Apr 2	Gus Yaki: Alberta Southern Prairie Orthinology	Rotary House
Apr 9	Tom Leppard: Field of Crosses	Rotary House
Apr 16	Calgary Philharmonic (CPO) Presentation	Rotary House
Apr 22	Partners Spring Luncheon	
Apr 23	TBA	BLUE ROOM
Apr 27	Wine Club: Brett Albers	Brett's House
Apr 30	Bethany Atrium Tour	Bethany Riverview
May 7	Stuart Cullum: Olds College	Rotary House
May 14	Annual St. Mary's 4 Way Test	Rotary House
May 22	President Chas' Cocktail Social	Lazy S: Grandstand
May 21	Annual Stay In School Luncheon	TBA
May 28	Annual Dream Home Kick off	Rotary House
May 29	Invermere Golf and Social Weekend (May 29 to May 31/20)	Invermere
June 4	Annual Stampede Board Presentation	BLUE ROOM
June 11	U of C Vet School Offsite Tour	U of C
June 18	Annual Charity Day Presentations	Rotary House
June 25	Changing of the Guard, Large Grants and WCS	Rotary House
July 2	Annual Dream Home Kickoff Party	Heritage Park



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