

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the January 4th 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, accompanied by Vitalia, in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table (L-R): Evan Strong, Joe Connelly, Dorothea Schaab, President Bryan Walton, Jeromy Farkas, Myrna Dube-Thompson



**We welcome
Jeromy Farkas as
our Guest Speaker**

**January Meetings
will be held in the
Blue Room**

Happy New Years!

Health & Wellness

Your health and Wellness contact for
January is **Dorothea Schaab**
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Click [HERE](#) to register for next weeks meeting

Today's Meeting:

Happy Birthday, **Ken Copithorne**! Those sitting at his table could donate for the honor! We are thrilled you are in our club as you a a great friend to many! Thank you for YOU!

Sargent of Arms, **Chas Filipski**, had a great speech, happily announcing that New Years eve is always fun at his home as the twins were born 26 years ago! We loved hearing your stories today.

Glen Richardson was recognized for being part of 9 other Toyota dealers, led by **Tim Beach**, that raised \$1M for the new cancer center – how awesome!! The table-mates put in some of their cash and Glen put in \$100 happy bucks! Finally, Chas got a 'bit' political and asked people to put money as a penalty if they voted for our current Prime Minister and Mayor.

Introduction of guests was done by **Gail Wiliams**, followed by The Welcome Song brought out a huge smile from Jeromy Farkas (our speaker today).

50/50 was done by **Neil Magee** and **Stan Cichon** won \$165.00. Stan announced he would share this money with the 2 SIS schools!

Thank you, Evan Strong, for speaking on today's Classification Talk. Evan started by saying this was a classification talk not an obituary! He thanked Craig Stokke from introducing him to our Club and how much he was enjoying it. Thank you for the wonderful summary of your family and career, Evan!

Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park Foundation



Myrna Dube-Thompson introduces our Guest Speaker, Jeromy Farkas. With a 5-year tenure on the Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park board, Myrna has seen remarkable development within the organization. A project worth remembering is the completion of Haskayne Park, which directly borders the east end of Stampede Park. She highlights Jeromy's philanthropic efforts, such as raising \$500,000 for Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

We were honored to hear CEO of the Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park Foundation, Jeromy Farkas. Jeromy gave a presentation on his personal, political and now professional life. His ability to tell a story with humor, vulnerability and knowledge had the room captivated. Please watch the video for his full presentation – AND – take the time to visit the Glenbow Park Foundation site... you will be very happy you did!!

"Jeromy now faces his biggest challenge yet: saving two of Alberta's newest signature parks from destruction." - Myrna

Joe Connelly concludes by thanking Jeromy

Announcements:

Rotary House will be shut down effective immediately for urgent repairs. All January meetings will be held in the **Blue Room** beside the Nutrien building for the remaining time.

Dorothea Schaab presented a wholesome update on her Directorship of Youth. A great summary (watch the video for the details) and a red flag – not enough engagement is happening with the youth programs. We need a home for Mario in March. We need members to connect with Carol Graham to get or update their vulnerable sector clearance. Thank you Dorothea!

From the Secretary Desk:

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family stay healthy and happy all year long!



- 1. Website updates:** You will see our main website page is a bit different (thank you Megan!)
 - i. On the home page you will see Weekly Updates and there you will find the bulletins, meeting and event photos, meeting recordings, etc. These are all updated now.
 - ii. RCCSP Financials for Rotary 2022-3 year are posted in Club Runner under 'List Of Documents'

Meal ordering access continues to be as it always has been through its own website. It is also on the top bar of our home website to make it easier.
- 2. As requested, the opportunity to view the weekly meeting video** is back. From the same site you order your meals, there is now an icon to register to view the video and pay \$10.00. It is YOUR responsibility to send an email to admin@rotarycs.org to get credit for watching the video.
- 3. Bulletin update, VERY important:** The bulletin deadline for submissions continues to be Wednesday at noon. No exceptions. It takes a lot of time and a ton of attention to develop the bulletin and submissions after Wednesday at noon are not able to be accommodated – they will be inserted into the following week if you wish. Also, the volume of pictures has been increasing every week and this makes the size of the bulletin too large to put them all in and send out. So, most pictures will be on our main website main bar under 'weekly updates' and 'photos'.
- 4. RCCSP inventory:** this is another request for ALL Rotarians to respond to me as I develop the inventory of our passwords, website accesses, location of our supplies and computer files security. This is very important for risk management, so we don't keep buying stuff that we already have (somewhere) and that when changes occur there is a master list of passwords for the continuity of our Club. This is NOT a request to have everything housed at the office, it is to know where stuff is located. Please, if you have not already done so, please email or call me to tell me what you have to report or that you have nothing to report.

-yours in Rotary! Luanne Whitmarsh

Fresh Start

Recovery Centres are committed to advancing reconciliation and partnering with Indigenous peoples, sharing in their work with those affected by addiction. The facility is a nurturing home essential for transformative recovery. The donation from the Rotary Park of Stampede Park helped fund critical flooring repairs, enhancing safety and ambiance. Recovery is about healing, rediscovering oneself, and building supportive connections. Fresh Start's ethos is rooted in community - the essential foundation for recovery. Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, is more than aid; it's an integral part of many recovery journeys. Please watch the video [HERE](#) to learn more.

**"Your trials did not come to punish you but to awaken you" -
Paramahansa Yogananda**



On Jan. 3rd Rotary Hiking Club started in ice fog to get to the meeting spot. Shortly after, it cleared to reveal some blue sky and sunshine. The hazards on the road were the Rocky Mountain Sheep. On the trail they encountered some steep hills that required trail blazing, so the going was a work out. The photo on the right shows them enjoying lunch in no other place than a snowbank! They enjoyed Sheena's Nooni's delicious cookie recipe (much better than vegetables and apples). Beautiful mountains make you appreciate where we live.



Ready To Join A Club?

Your Rotary Club has numerous opportunities for you to engage in various activities that may interest you. See the list of Clubs below along with the contact information for each. Your interest and questions are welcome and encouraged! This is a great way to get to know other members and to share fellowship!

Learn more club information [click HERE](#)

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THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPvFwEWy7us&feature=youtu.be>

Closing:

Next week's Meeting: January 11th in the Blue Room

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.

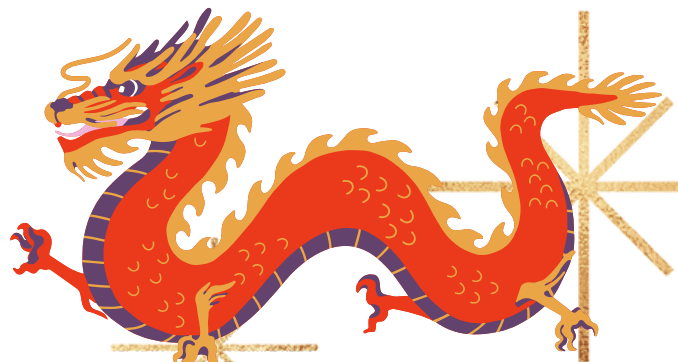
And with that, our meeting is adjourned. Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week!

Final reminder to register for next week's Meeting
www.rotarystampedepark.com

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The Dragon is charismatic, intelligent, confident, powerful and they are naturally lucky and gifted. 2024 is the Year of the Dragon and will bring us these lucky traits.




COMING SOON

JANUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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14	15 	16	17	18 	19	20 
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January 4th:  Guest Speaker Jeromy Farkas

January 11th: Annual General Meeting

 January 18th: Social Committee Glow in The Dark Bowling
Discussion on Energy & Affordability Act

January 25th: Burns Day Celebration

February 1st: Partners Presentation

 February 2nd: RCCSP Wine Club

February 8th: Valentines Day Meeting

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