

This is the first Bulletin of 2021, and traditionally, I should start of wishing everyone a Happy New Year.



However, it has been three weeks since our last Bulletin, and during that time, we have received sad news about some people who are very special to our Rotary Club.

We will truly miss **Warren Connell, Lorraine MacDonald and Jack Black**. In addition, I know many of us have special people in other circles of our lives, who have passed away. It seems to have been a particularly sad, few weeks.

For everyone who is dealing with some sadness, please know our thoughts and prayers are with you, and not only are we here to support each other during good times, we want to support each other through difficult times.

I keep saying it, but it is critical we continue to stay connected. Please reach out to one another, touch base, and let someone know someone is thinking about them.

At the same time, it was wonderful to receive some good news, and learn about **Jim and Maureen Hutchens'** first granddaughter. Congratulations. It's a good thing Jim has been in the Club for a while, and we have had a chance to get to know him, because I am pretty sure all he will talk about now is his granddaughter. I had a very special relationship with my grandfather. As I recall, it involved a pony. Just saying...

2021 will have challenges, but there is promise and hope. Let's focus on good news and positive things occurring in our lives. There is always something to be grateful for.

I have so many things to be grateful for, but in particular I am tremendously grateful for being part of one of the best Rotary Clubs in the world.

And with that, I will say, Happy New Year, Everyone. Cheers. Let's make 2021 the best year possible.

President Penny Leckie

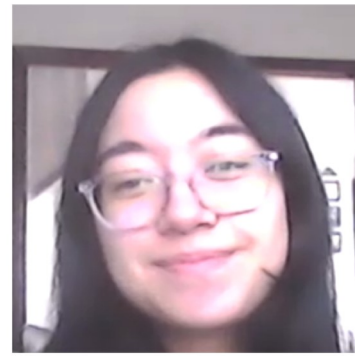
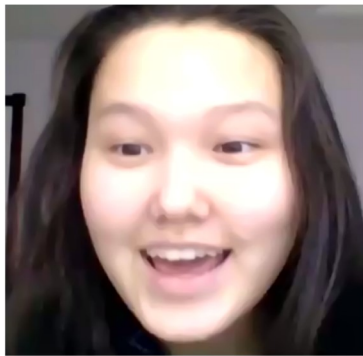
Good afternoon Rotarians and Guests. Welcome to the January 7th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President for 2020/2021 – Penny Leckie

It's the first meeting of a new calendar year, so Happy New Year, everyone. I also want to say Merry Christmas to all of those celebrating Ukrainian Orthodox Christmas today.



I want to have a moment of silence to remember Jack Black. Jack joined our Rotary Club in 1977 and was our Club's President during 1990/1991. Jack was 95 years old. In a Facebook post, Jack's son, Senator Doug Black expressed gratitude to his father for teaching him about service to the community. I sent Doug a personal note and expressed condolences on behalf of the Club. Doug replied "Dad loved Rotary and Rotarians. Rotary was a very important part of his life... Till the very end."

Please stand and join me for a moment of silence followed by O Canada.



Interact Initiative: Today we are joined by 3 representatives from High School Interact Clubs. They need to be back in class at 12:25 so are at the front of today's program. They are going to tell us about their fundraising initiative for Polio and COVID-19. I cannot believe how large and active the Interact Club at the High School level is. I will turn it over to them now.

Hello everyone my name is Amina Abdrazakova, and I am the Communications Coordinator for the Western Canada High School's Interact Club. Here today, I am with Heba Manshadi, the Vice President, and Carol Sun, the Volunteer Coordinator.

Today we would like to talk to you about a collaborative project that our club has been working on with Sir Winston Churchill Interact Club of Calgary that we have named Interact For Health. Every year our club fundraises for a local and an international project to support. And this year, in light of the current events surrounding our world, our club has made the goal to fundraise for local and international organizations that relate to the theme of health. To do this, our club has designed a pin that we will be selling to the people in our community. Half the proceeds we make from Interact for Health will be donated to the local Foothills Medical Centre and the other will be donated to the RI's Ending Polio Campaign. At \$7 of donations, you'll receive our custom-made enamel pin previously mentioned, although any amount of donations are appreciated and you do not need to donate by a multiple of \$7.

Interact Initiative Cont'd We will organize the orders by having Rotarians order by Clubs, for example, if you have members who are interested in donating and getting pins, your club would find a Rotarian who would like to take up the task of gathering all the donations in your club. Then that Rotarian would fill out our online order form specifying how many pins your club wants and the total amount donated by your club. That Rotarian would then receive all your clubs ordered pins and they would distribute it to the members that ordered. If your 'champion' Rotarian feels it is too difficult to drive around the city to drop off the pins to those that have ordered, we have an alternative. We still have that one champion Rotarian collect all the club's donations, but instead of that representative receiving all the pins and then redistributing it in your club, we can deliver the pins to your club members for them (delivery range is limited to Calgary). We would get all the club's donations from the representative when we deliver to them their own pin.

The best way for us to receive your donations would be through a cheque that is written to Western Canada High School's Interact Club, although if you want cash also works. If you're interested, we will put the online order form in the chat, and you can contact us too at our business email:
interactforhealth5360@gmail.com.

Our club hopes you guys can support our endeavors as not only will you be supporting the two good causes we previously mentioned (combatting COVID and Polio), but you'll also be supporting your local youth Interact Clubs. If you guys would like this to be presented in your club's meetings please send me an email, and we will try to make it to your clubs meetings to present.

Stacey Johnson: I've been advised that Stacey Johnson's father passed away a week or so ago. On behalf of the Club, I want to express condolences to Stacey and his family.

Darlene Switzer: Penny took a moment to welcome Darlene Switzer today. Darlene is the daughter of **Sam Switzer**

Drivers: We received a request for drivers to provide assistance with Newcomer COVID response, dropping off hampers to people in isolation and quarantine. If this is something you are interested in send a note to myself, **Jim Hutchens** or Kathyann and we will forward the request to you by email.

Now, going back to Ukrainian Christmas, I am going to call out **Bryan Walton** on this. Just after we had our meeting about celebrating Hannukah, I received an email from Bryan Walton, saying that our January 7th meeting would be on Ukrainian Christmas.

We assumed we would be back meeting at the Stampede, and Bryan wondered if we might get the Stampede to cook us some traditional Ukrainian food, like perogies, cabbage rolls, and kielbasa. I love Ukrainian food and could never get enough of it, so told Bryan that if we were meeting at the Stampede Grounds, I would pursue it. Well, unfortunately, we all know how it turned out.

But here's the thing, this morning, I receive a little pop up in my phone that says today is Bryan Walton's birthday, and right away, I thought to myself, "Boy that Bryan, he was trying to work in some special food for his birthday. I am going to call him out on it at Rotary today." So, Bryan, since our Sergeant at Arms would not know about this, I am fining you \$5 bucks, but in return, Happy Birthday and I hope you enjoy some Ukrainian food this evening. I wish I could join you.

Bulletin Editor: Glenn Potter

Bulletin Photographer: Paul Brick

Health and Wellness: I haven't received a report for this week. Hopefully, that means all is well.

There is a new contact for Health and Wellness for January and February.

Please contact **Dave Read** at: 403 921 5856 or 403 271 5856 or email: nread@telusplanet.net



Rotary Employment Program:

Hans Tiedemann: We are pleased to announce that The Rotary Employment Partnership has received funding to expand our team in Calgary – we have hired an additional coordinator who will be working with our club to develop jobs for people with intellectual disabilities – Karen Murray will be our Club's new coordinator and Carla Hamarsnes, our current club coordinator, will be moving into supervisory role with the D5360 Employment teams in Calgary and Red Deer. We will also be re-starting a youth employment partnership in Calgary which works with High School aged youth with developmental disabilities to secure typical part-time jobs.

Although we find ourselves in very difficult circumstances with this pandemic and increased restrictions, Rotary has been able to create 34 new jobs across the province since March- this number far outweighs the number of jobs created in traditional ways – proving that Rotary continues to be effective at job development! Having said that, we need Rotary to continue to spread the news about inclusive employment within your networks more than ever- expansion comes with high expectations

Karen Murray: Hi, Happy New Year, and thank you Hans for inviting me to attend your January meeting. My name is Karen Murray and I'm excited to join the Rotary Employment Partnership team!

A little bit about me - I was born in Calgary and was raised in Sherwood Park. I graduated from U of A with an Adapted Physical Education degree, which focussed on providing adaptations and promoting inclusivity for people with disabilities. After graduating, I headed south to start my career and be closer to the mountains. I loved Calgary and decided to stay and, together with my husband, we've raised our three kids here.

Some of my past roles have been inclusion training, adapting programs for people with disabilities, and more recently, I've been in advocacy, fundraising, and community relations for non-profit organizations. I'm an active volunteer, and truly enjoy giving my time to benefit others.

One of my beliefs that I am passionate about is that no matter what a person's physical, mental, or social situation may be, they are a person first, and that we all benefit when we encourage and celebrate an individual's abilities and strengths. I believe this holds very true for our job seekers and employees who have numerous talents to bring to our businesses.

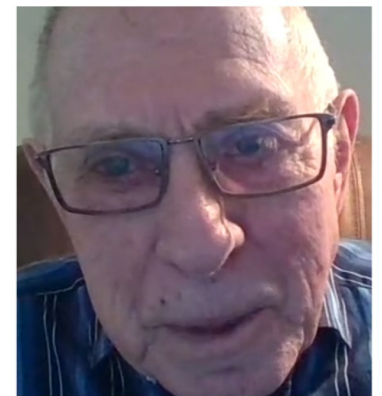
I'm looking forward getting to know you, and to working with you as Rotarians to create and support inclusive employment opportunities together!

Sergeant at Arms: Jim Cairns

Jim Cairns had us all take pen to paper and to put down a check mark if any of his 10 statements applied to us. His statements included:

- ⇒ Did you have more than 3 people you for Christmas Dinner;
- ⇒ Did you have TURKEY for Christmas Dinner?;
- ⇒ Did you have a Christmas Zoom meeting;
- ⇒ Do you have someone do your shopping for you;
- ⇒ Were you in bed before midnight on New Years Eve!!!;
- ⇒ Were you out of the country over the holidays!!???
- ⇒ He closed with the questions with: Do you agree the Penny is doing a GREAT job this year.

At the end we had to examine how many checks we had and if our fine was for the number of check marks or the lack of check marks!



Next week, our speaker will be **Judge John Reilly, who will talk about Bad Law and Rethinking Justice**. It should be informative and thought provoking. I hope you will join us.

I am sure you have heard enough from me, so I will just say have a good week everyone and stay safe.



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Club of Calgary at Stampede Park



PRESIDENT'S MID YEAR UPDATE

President Penny provided us with an excellent review of our club's financial history for the past few years, outlining the problems we have defining our functioning as a club and a charity. Her review should help everyone understand the complexity of maintaining the club going forward. Of particular interest is that she is proposing to the board that we create a Club Pension Fund who's purpose would be to help sustain the Club on a consistent annual basis.

We have provided President Leckie's speaking notes as well as her PowerPoint here with this link:



<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000000952/en-ca/files/page/presentations-from-meetings/jan-7-2021-presidents-mid-year-update/2021---RCCSP---Presidents-Mid-Year-Update---Jan-7-2021.pdf>



THIS IS A LETTER THAT WAS SENT TO THE STAMPEDE REGARDING THE PASSING OF WARREN CONNELL



Mr. Dana Peers, President & Chairman of the Board
Calgary Stampede

Dear Mr. Peers

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you in celebration of Warren Connell's life. He had a special warmth about him that immediately endeared others to him. He was a keen observer of those around him and immediately was able to 'size up' situations and address them in that calm, dignified manner.

He was a master communicator.

Warren treated our Rotary Club with such respect and in turn was admired and respected by all. He became most knowledgeable about our Club and stated on several occasions how impressed he was with our charitable work. He helped make that work possible through his involvement in our Dream Home contracts. He took a personal interest in the Legacy Project we developed with the Stampede Foundation and never missed an opportunity to celebrate with us.

Prior to and following each Stampede he reflected on the importance of our partnership with the Stampede and spoke eloquently of how this partnership must be unique in the world - two organizations with their roots in organizations that go back over a hundred years. He marveled at our joint accomplishments through the decades. His kind leadership, visionary approach, and strong support will never be forgotten. Our membership loved his addresses to our Club whereby he kept us informed of impending developments at the Stampede and shared his dreams for the future. We were always made to feel a part of the Stampede community.

There is no possible way to articulate our appreciation to Warren and the Presidents and Board Directors who served with him. You are all part of what we all strive toward – something bigger than any one of us.

He embedded the Stampede in all he was, with every gesture, and with every word. He was truly a proud presence and an invaluable ambassador for all things Calgary Stampede. We know how fortunate we are to have had him walk through our lives and make everything better with every step.

I know I speak for every single member of our Club when I say that Warren was a remarkable person and a trusted friend. He will be dearly missed.

Dana, you too are a wonderful friend to our Club and we offer you our assistance and our support during this most difficult time.

Sincerely yours

Penny Leckie, President

Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park

1/6/2021

<https://mhfh.com/tribute-ajax/print-obituary.html?id=32193>



Lorraine Jeanne MACDONALD

October 10, 1940 - Vancouver British Columbia
December 24, 2020 – Calgary, Alberta

Lorraine MacDonald, beloved wife of Bruce Edward MacDonald of Calgary, AB, passed away on Thursday, December 24, 2020 at the age of 80 years from the Covid-19 virus.

Lorraine Jeanne Laferriere was born in Vancouver, BC, on October 10, 1940 to Harvey and Dina Laferriere. She attended Notre Dame High School and in 1961 she graduated from UBC with a degree in Education. She was the first person in her family to receive

a college degree.

While in the eleventh grade she went on a date with Bruce. They attended a concert featuring Little Richard and Good Golly Miss Molly; this was the start of a loving sixty-five years.

Lorraine started her twenty-year career as an elementary school teacher and worked in Surrey, Nanaimo, Prince George, and Delta BC. She loved educating the next generation and she never gave up this passion for being a vehicle for helping others. Lorraine and her family moved to Calgary in 1977 and she decided to explore a new career in residential real estate. Like everything Lorraine did, she excelled. She was consistently one of the top realtors in Calgary and received numerous industry awards. She worked 24/7 for the next twenty years and made sure she was the absolute best agent she could be for every client.

Although her career was important, her family was her biggest priority. After lovingly raising her family, Lorraine devoted much of her time to her grandchildren in Calgary, Vancouver and Seattle. The other constant in Lorraine's life was her devotion God and her faith. No matter where in the world Lorraine found herself, she immediately looked to find out when and where Sunday mass would be.

Her family was her life, but she also loved her friends, travelling the world and she perfected the art of shopping. Everyone knew there were two things you could count on from Lorraine. First, she was always there to help you out no matter what you needed and second everyone understood she had an irreverent, sometimes crazy sense of humor. She loved getting dressed up and was one of the most generous people you could ever hope to meet.

Lorraine will be sorely missed by everyone that knew her. It was a long, crazy journey from East Vancouver to Calgary and throughout her eighty years, she had a profound impact on many people. To a life well lived...

Lorraine is survived by her husband Bruce, her four children, Mike, John, Alan, and Dawn-Marie; and her eight grandchildren, Rakel, Liam, Stuart, Bryce, Reese, Kira, Aaron, and Noah. She is also survived by her sister Joanne Nichols and brother Dennis Laferriere.

She was predeceased by her granddaughter Amber Harder, and four brothers, Ron, Rennie, Roger and John Laferriere.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated for 10 attendees on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. All others are invited to join Lorraine's Mass that will be available by live stream at <https://mhfh.com/tribute/details/32193/Lorraine-MACDONALD/obituary.html#tribute-start>. Condolences, memories and photos may be shared and viewed on Lorraine's obituary at www.McInnisandHolloway.com.

In living memory of Lorraine MacDonald, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McINNIS & HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOMES, Fish Creek, 14441 Bannister Road SE, Calgary, AB T2X 3J3, Telephone: 403-256-9575. If friends so desire, in lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Rotary Club of Calgary, Stampede Park, www.rotarycs.org.

**Jim and Maureen Hutchens would like
to introduce you all to their grand
daughter**

Evelyn Rae Hutchens

Born Jan 2 2021 at 7:49 AM

Weight: 8 lb 8 oz

Congratulations Jim and Maureen



DID YOU KNOW?

- ⇒ New 2020/21 Rosters are now being delivered. If you have not received yours yet they are on the way, either by hand delivery or mail.
- ⇒ We have already found some phone numbers that are incorrect or have been cancelled. Please check your data and get any changes to Kathy-ann so ClubRunner can be corrected.
- ⇒ The 80th birthday drive-by for Sharon Irving this week was very well attended. It was a nice gesture for a nice lady.

SUBMITTED BY: BULLETIN CHAIR, BEV OSTERMANN

COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

JANUARY 26 2021: Afternoon Shift starting at 1PM TO 3:30 PM TO 4PM



We currently have 5 volunteers from Fish Creek, 4 From Chinook and 3 From Centennial which gives us 12 of the required 20 needed for the shift. I will be seeking 4 Calgary west members so we need about 4-5 additional volunteers.

Please let me know if you can provide volunteers for the Jan 26th shift which will be packing Good Food Boxes of fresh produce. Currently this past few weeks CKC has been packing over 1,000 boxes a week and this is a growth of over 70% from last year.

I will need contact names and email addresses as we get closer to the date. Please contact me directly at: lawless1947@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer

As you can see this is an opportunity to come together as clubs to enjoy some interaction and socialization which we do not do enough of as clubs.

Let's make this work!!

Many Thanks

Bill Lawless lawless1947@gmail.com

Justin Aubie:

Recipient: The Gardie & Jeanne Shaw Scholarship, Mount Royal University

Thank you very much for the scholarship. It was such a wonderful surprise and honour to receive it! I am deeply grateful.

My field of study is Social Work. This is my final year of my diploma, and then I will likely continue my education to get a degree in Social Work within the next few years.

This scholarship has significantly impacted both me and my education journey. I got married last year to my wonderful wife Anita, who is also currently in school studying Behavioural Science at Ambrose University. We now live in a little condo together, and while our parents have financially supported some of our education, there is still a significant amount remaining for us to cover.

Trying to pay for school and manage our bills and rent has been fairly challenging. We are both working part time to help cover our costs, but this scholarship really took a burden off both our shoulders.

It has also freed up time for me specifically to focus more energy and time on my studies and not have to work quite as much this semester. So, needless to say, this scholarship has tremendously impacted both me and my wife, and we are so thankful.

In terms of a brief history: I graduated high school in 2013, in which I took six years off school to work, volunteer and travel. I volunteered for a youth organization for those six years called Young Life, in which I spent 10 to 15 hours each week building mentoring relationships with teenagers in Calgary.

I travelled to many different countries, and also spent three months in Ghana, Africa on a mission trip. All this experience led me to realize my natural ability to connect and work with people, which is why I chose Social Work!

I am really looking forward to graduating so that I can get out into the world and put my knowledge into practice.



Justin Aubie ... a recent photo from his 2019 wedding

This week the Partners' said goodbye to an amazing lady, Lorraine MacDonald.

She will be missed by many and remembered with love and admiration. Our hearts go out to Bruce and their family. They are in our thoughts and prayers.

Here are a few stories that have been passed along to me:

Lorraine was President the same year Bruce was President. Someone bought her a step stool so she could reach the podium. The year Bruce became President was the 100th Anniversary of Rotary and the Convention was held in Chicago since the headquarters are in Evanston, IL. 42 Rotarian's went. Frank King said he was bringing some guests with him for the big parade. It was 20 Mounties in full dress! If you can imagine, they closed the downtown streets of Chicago for an hour parade and the Mounties were the big photo op. Lorraine was a great hostess and it was nothing for her to host a party of 50-60. And because of that camaraderie we have so many memories of Lorraine.

This is a picture of Lorraine and Pat Farn.

One year they were asked to wear Easter Bonnets to our Partners' Spring Luncheon. Lorraine's beautiful eyes were dazzling.



This photo was taken at the Partner's Christmas luncheon in 2019.



Lorraine insisted that they wear these lights (operating) while she and Rita were in transit to the luncheon.

Lorraine really loved being in costume for the occasion and she and Bruce were good at doing it. Two fabulous people.

We will miss you Lorraine

Submitted by: Denise MacLeod, Partners President

Close to closing the door on 2020 - one of the toughest and strangest years of our lifetime.

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.
3. 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
4. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
5. This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house & told my cat. We laughed a lot.
6. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
7. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
8. This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars & keep men at home!
9. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
10. I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
11. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.
12. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask & ask for money.

Here's to a Happy New Year and welcome 2021! Let's say a gentle good-bye to 2020 and bring 2021 in with a roar - we are all ready.

Submitted by: Corinne Wilkinson

Joe Connelly sent this fun link of a fascinating drone message for a new year

<https://www.edinburghshogmanay.com>



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January Baby Fun Facts

January Babies Have a Fiery Birthstone: While their birth month is all things snow and ice, January babies' birthstone, the garnet, is a deep, fiery red. This stone is said to symbolize friendship and trust (two traits that hopefully your baby will inherit, too!).

January Babies' Horoscope Sign Is Capricorn or Aquarius If your baby is born before January 20th they'll be a Capricorn, a sign thought to be hard-working, ambitious, and practical. January babies who make their debut January 20th or later will fall under Aquarius, a sign believed to be intelligent, quirky, and independent.

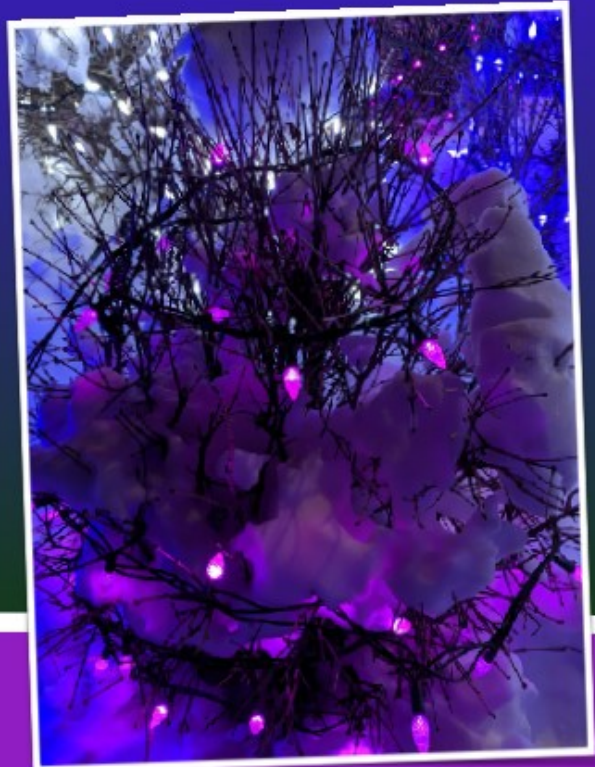
January Babies Are Pretty Chill: The weather of their birth month isn't the only thing that's cool! Babies born in winter months are less irritable than people born in other seasons, according to [a European study](#).

Happy Birthday !

Don Whalen (spouse of Dana Hunter)	Jan 2
John Fellows	Jan 4
Penny Leckie	Jan 4
Bryan Walton	Jan 7
Tom Jezersek	Jan 9
Dilan Perera	Jan 16
Christine Martin	Jan 23
Imma Dike-Shittu	Jan 24
Sherry Austin	Jan 30
Clive Pringle	Jan 30

*"While the snow came quickly,
so did the beauty"*

Photo taken by Corinne at Calgary Zoolights



Happy January Birthdays

Jan 14th

Judge John Reilley: "Bad Law"



Jan 21st Minister of Health: Hon. Tyler Shandro

Jan 28th Burns Day Celebration

Feb 4th Dr. Ted Morton

Feb 11th Annual Valentines Day Luncheon with Partners

Feb 18th Legacy Project Update: Stampede Foundation

Feb 25th Rotary Profiles: Hugh Delaney

**Mar 4th International Women's Day:
Leela Aheer, Minister of Culture & Status of Women**

Mar 11th St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Mar 18th Sue Ozdemir, CEO: Exro Technologies

Mar 25th TBA

Apr 1st Virgil Lowe: Telus Agriculture

Apr 8th TBA

Apr 15th Large Grants Presentation

Apr 22nd TBA

Apr 29th Rotary Profile: Jim Burns

WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS

- A link will be sent out every Monday or Tuesday
- There is a reminder an hour before the meeting
- Save the link and join us at 11:45 am On THURSDAYS
- Please don't request the link after 11:45 am as the meeting is already in progress
- If anyone would like to join but struggles with Zoom please either help them or reach out to the Tech Committee or Kathyann for assistance

President	Penny Leckie
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Club Secretary	Larry Stein
Treasurer	Don Mintz
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Club Service Ways & Means	Ted Stack
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Youth Service	Wendy Giuffre

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CONTACT FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

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