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Welcome to the July 28th, 2022 meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, Jim Fitzowich

Welcome back to Rotary House after a very successful fundraising month of July. We were happy to see you all in person!! This bulletin is going to be a little different as we try to squeeze everything from July into one Bulletin.



Announcement: Jim Fitzowich



You'll notice that I'm wearing a stylish tie today. Penny Leckie was kind enough to bring it back from the RI convention. I'm wearing it in honor of our RI Convention speakers today, so thanks to Penny. And the other thing I'm going to point out is we've changed out the banner. When Jennifer Jones was here, she was kind enough to sign the banner for us, which provides a little bit of the RI convention here.

So we'll start the meeting hopefully with a little bit of fun, as you know how I like my trivia. This day in Canadian history, in 1576, English explorer Martin Frobisher lands in Labrador. So the question I have is whether the locals invited him in for drinks or not? Moving forward quite a bit, on this very date in 1812, Commander Isaac Brock of the British Army recommends to the Canadian Upper Canada legislature that they declare a state of emergency because the Americans had invaded. The legislature declines and now we can't get them to stop! And the last point in entertainment history, in 1951 Walt Disney releases the animated film, Alice in Wonderland. With that segue, this is my first big meeting as president. So with Alice in Wonderland, if somebody could please bring me my hat, and my teapots and join me as we all travel down the rabbit hole together with today's meeting. Please join Glen Potter in the singing of Oh Canada, followed by Rotary Grace.

Head **Table** (L-R): **John Fitzsimmons** (Director of Membership), **Arlene Flegel** (RI International presenter), **Corinne Wilkinson** (RI International presenter), **Jim Fitzowich** (President), **Gail Williams** (New Member) and **Stan Cichon** (Director of Operations).

Enjoy your lunch and we'll be back soon.



Visitors and Guests: **Bill Sumner** introduced the following guests: Bruce Williams (CS Chair of Lotteries Committee and Downtown Rotary Club member), Mary McPhee (guest of Bryan Walton), Angie Shield (guest of John Shield), Dave Taylor (guest of Stacey Johnson), Arlene Flegel (guest of Murray Flegel and guest speaker), Rhonda Yaskowich (guest of Ernie Yaskowich), David Thompson (Rotary Calgary North), Gerry Darichuk (Rotary Calgary North), Dan Brodeur (Rotary Calgary North), Tina Overwater (Calgary Foundation, guest of Janet Matthews) and David Leslie (Rotary District Assistant Governor).



50/50 Draw: **Michael Zacharki** asked Arlene Flegel to pull the winning ticket worth \$135.00 and the lucky winner was Paul Brick.



Sergeant at Arms: **John Fitzsimmons** and **Chas Filipski** talked about the great work that is being done at the **Ukrainian Donation Centre** located at 500 – 58th Avenue NE. They need donations of anything that would be suitable for Ukrainian refugees who are being placed in apartments (i.e. smaller beds, household effects, toiletries, etc.) Donations can be dropped off between 2pm-6pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, and there are members of our club who can help you take larger items to the Centre. The fine for today for anyone who is Ukrainian, married to a Ukrainian or who likes Ukrainian culture and perogies is \$2!



Stampede Lotteries Presentation: **John Shields** introduced **Bruce Williams**, Chair of the CS Lotteries Committee. Bruce thanked all the Rotary volunteers this year for their hard work with the Dream Home Lotteries. This is the second best year ever, with single ticket sales 53% better than the year before! Today we received a cheque for \$100,000, and the final cheque will be presented in October/November when the accounting is finalized. All members of the Dream Home Committee stood up for recognition, and **Stacey Johnson** received a round of applause for the great work he did in providing the Stampede volunteer shirts.



The Full video of John's introduction and Bruce's speech can be found at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/koW2qKqv3HxVEdKaA> taken by Angie Richter.



New Member Induction: Stan Cichon introduced our new member, Gail Williams.

President Jim, Rotarians and guests.



Today it is truly a personal honour and a pleasure to introduce Rotarian Gail Williams into membership at The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I have known Gail through Rotary for 20 years and you will hear me now share just how committed she is to Rotary. But first a bit on her personal side.

Gail was born and raised in Edmonton. She has worked in the Trust industry for 44 years travelling from Toronto to Vancouver, back to Toronto then to Calgary holding a wide variety of positions in investments and in management of retail branch & regional banking, audit, operations, corporate trust, securities transfer, and shareholder relations divisions. She has truly enjoyed a most successful business career. Gail enjoys travel, golf, reading, and spending time with family and close friends.

Gail Williams is a committed Rotarian. Let me share a bit about her amazing commitment.

In October of 2011 after returning from a Polio NID in Ethiopia with a group of 70 US Rotarians and a few Canadians she knew she wanted to become a Rotarian and she was inducted a few weeks later in January 2012 as a member of the Rotary Club of Calgary West.

As an aside, she has returned to Ethiopia 6 times personally immunizing thousands of children and is proud to call herself a Polio Plus Warrior.

She has served Calgary West very well as President, club Secretary, Fundraising Committee Member, International Services Committee Member Director, Grants & Service, Director, Club Administration, Foundation Administrator and Vocational Service Committee Chair.

At the District level Gail is involved with the 5360 Foundation Committee and of July 1, 2022 is now the Stewardship Committee Chair. She has also been Grants Subcommittee Chair and the Lead Report Monitor. Also at the District level she has been active with Conferences & Assemblies along with Club Leadership Trainings.

Now let me share some of Gail's International Service. She has attended Rotary Homes of Hope House Builds in Mexico, Rotary Friendship Exchange, to Brazil, Rotary International Convention in Brazil, Rotary International Zone Conference, Niagara Falls, and Rotary Leadership Institute Curriculum Conference, in Orlando.

Speaking to her character as a Rotarian she is a Mentor & Sponsor, a Paul Harris Fellow (PH+8), a Major Donor, TRF Giving Member (annually), Sustaining Member (annually), EREY Member (annually) Benefactor and is a member of the Bequest Society.

Gail's service to Rotary has earned her global recognition.

She has a Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, and a Rotary Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World. In addition a Certificate of Appreciation for "the commendable support and contribution made to Polio Eradication in Ethiopia and worldwide" Issued by UNICEF/World Health Organization/Ethiopia Ministry of Health.

President Jim and Fellow Rotarians, I am proud to introduce Gail Williams as our newest member and in the words of Past President Murray Flegel "to the best Rotary club in the world." Ladies and Gentlemen please join me in welcoming Rotarian Gail Williams.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS: Contact for June and July is Dorothea Schaab

Dorothea reports that there is no other health and wellness to report. Just a reminder of Roger Jarvis' memorial link <https://www.arbormemorial.ca/edenbrook/obituaries/charles-stanley-roger-jarvis/88567>

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH AT ROTARY HOUSE ON AUGUST 4TH:

President Jim Fitzowich Inaugural Address

Officially welcoming President Jim Fitzowich.

REGISTER HERE: www.rotarystampedepark.com



Final Reminder to register for your meal



FINAL WORDS:

President Jim Fitzowich noted that next week is his inaugural address where he will be talking about 3 things: 1) governance updates/committee structures, 2) budgets and financial management, 3) 5 year plan for our club. **Given the nature of these internal discussions, it is best that potential guests do not attend this meeting.** The final word today is from Isaac Newton: "We build too many walls and not enough bridges." With that our meeting is adjourned.

Our meeting is adjourned—Thank you for coming. Have a great week!

THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: https://youtu.be/RNMS-DyqZ_g

For all other photos and videos from today's meeting, please click this link to view more.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/koW2qKqv3HxVEdKaA>

My Experience at RI Convention in Houston

Corinne Wilkinson, Arlene Flegel and **John Fitzsimmons** shared their individual experiences of the Rotary International Conventions. Arlene provided a broad overview of all the Rotary International (RI) Conventions that Murray and Arlene have attended over the years. They have attended 11 conventions, including Chicago (2005), Salt Lake (2007), Los Angeles (2008), Montreal (2010), New Orleans (2011), Lisbon, Portugal (2013), Sao Paulo, Brazil (2015), Atlanta (2017), Toronto (2018), Hamburg, Germany (2019) and Houston (2022).



Arlene described how the conferences all had different themes, many with headliner acts and speakers who are doing great philanthropic work like Ted Turner, Bill Gates, Dolly Parton, Ashton Kushner, Jack Nicklaus, Bernice King and many others. One of the common themes has been a focus on service and the eradication of polio. Arlene also noted how there is an increased reliance on technology to communicate Convention details like breakout sessions, and how hardcopy

brochures may still be a useful way to help communicate details. Arlene's full notes can be found at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/koW2qKqv3HxVEdKaA>

Corinne Wilkinson provided a first-timer's perspective on the conference, and her full PowerPoint presentation can be found at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/koW2qKqv3HxVEdKaA>

Corinne discussed the various elements of a Rotary International Convention which make it a special experience: fascinating keynote speakers, worldly entertainment, educational breakout sessions, and the social side of a conference (the people you meet, and fellowship with your own Club members). She also noted it is important to book the conference proceedings, extra tours and events, as well as hotel and flight arrangements well in advance.



Corinne noted there was an opportunity to listen to the incoming Canadian Rotary International President Jennifer Jones, and to attend the House of Friendship and Rotary Fellowship Clubs (note for Bill LeClair that there were zero attendees at the Rotarian Lawyers Fellowship booth). There are worldwide delegates, with more country flags at a Rotary International Convention than at the United Nations! Hundreds of local volunteers are required for these events. Upcoming Rotary International Conventions are in Melbourne (2023), Singapore (2024) and Calgary (2025)! Of note is that the Houston convention drew 11,000 people, and our upcoming Calgary convention is expected to draw over 30,000 people!

John Fitzsimmons thanked Arlene and Corinne for their excellent presentations, and encouraged everyone to attend future Rotary International Conventions. Fitz is still trying to figure out the Houston "Magic in the Bayou" trick that he volunteered for!

I encourage you to watch Corinne's presentation at the link above to catch the video of Fitz getting bamboozled by the Magician!!





Canada Day Barbecue July 1st. What a Party we had! The weather couldn't have been better, the music sweeter or the food more delicious! Special thanks to Darlene Switzer-Foster and her husband Bill Foster for hosting this grand BBQ at their beautiful ranch and providing us with such a wonderful time.

Our newly minted President Jim thanked everyone for coming.. Bailey and the Boys (Murray Flegel) provided us with fantastic music.. thank you, thank you!! Special thanks to Stan Cichon for his organizing and, his Wells' Crossing great all beef hamburgers and hot dogs!! And, Darlene's vegetarian chili really hit the spot! Bill Sumner made the cotton candy and Stan Cichon provided the popcorn that we enjoyed.

Thank you to Michaela Neuman (Pat's granddaughter) for ably taking over 500 pictures...check them out! The Stampede Promotion Committee brought their Wranglers for the Western Welcome and their Roper entertained us.. The crowd and clowns had a marvelous time ..there were horseshoes, frisbee, bocce ball , dancing and singing.. We were pleased to welcome Gerry from Calgary North Rotary Club along with their Ukrainian evacuee family. So happy to meet them and chat.

Just before saying goodbye, we were joined by Stampede Princess, Jenna Peters, who had been at another event in Canmore and didn't want to miss this event. What a delightful young woman! So many wonderful thanks to everyone who helped: the cooking/serving team, the greeters, the parking attendants, set up and take down crew, and everyone else who helped to make this a success!! Donations for local Ukrainian support (President Jim's choice of charity for this event) were large.. close to \$3000!!

Thank you everyone for attending!! We missed those of you who figured it would rain.. not a drop hit us... that's because it's God's country out there!!

Written by: Pat Neuman

Michaela's photos can be viewed at [Rotary Calgary Canada Day Celebration - Google Drive](#)

With the remainder of the photos here, [Canada Day 2022 - Google Photos](#) I will add more this weekend as well!

Dream Home

As Bruce Williams mentioned today, we had our second BEST year on record selling Tickets for the Dream Home down on the Stampede Grounds. A big thanks goes out to the Dream Home Committee for all of the hard work they did before, during and after Stampede. We all know what a major task that is so THANK YOU all who contributed to our second best year ever, we couldn't do it without all of our amazing Volunteers either!

We were lucky this year with amazing weather every day except for the first hour of Sneak-a-Peak night, plus being the first real Stampede since Covid. An amazing success all around! We got a lot of free press from Stampede Lotteries on Social Media and were able to gain many new followers through that partnership. We already cannot wait for next year! YAHOO!

To see the photos from this year's Dream Home please click here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/jULhmeCZ2xb8HfSw6>

Also if you're not following us on social media, our Instagram is @Rotarystampedepark and we have an entire highlight reel dedicated to Stampede 2022 for your viewing!

Also our Kick-off Party at Heritage park was one for the books!! Please enjoy the entire morning at this link: <https://youtu.be/m4-6Qn2twyU>





Rotary Kid's at Heart Golf Tournament

The Rotary Kid's at Heart Golf Tournament was a great success again this year. All of the hard work the entire Golf Tournament Committee put into this event was seen on the day! Everything was so well put together, from the marketing before the event, with all of the Posters in the Calgary Herald and the social media efforts in partnership with our chosen charities, to all of our sponsors who we couldn't have done this without, to all of the amazing Volunteers, to the items offered in the 3 Auctions, to the wonderful Golfers who played the entire 18 holes, to all of the food vendors on the course through the day, to the amazing banquet to end the day!!! A major success all around. Thank you to everyone involved!

Please see photos on our Social Media as we were able to get a lot of combined efforts with our Charities who benefited from the event, as well as this link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/8ZaNFXa9ynSRC9GH6> More photos will be added as they come in!

We look forward to next years' Tournament, see you there!





2022



PEACE PARK ASSEMBLY

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

Celebrating 90 years of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 12 PM | Golf Tournament | Anaconda Hills Golf Course | \$50
- 5:30 PM | Welcome Reception | Celtic Cowboy, Downtown Great Falls | Free food, no-host bar

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 7:30 AM | WGIPPA Board Meeting (breakfast included) | Heritage Inn
- 8:30 AM | Peace Park Assembly Program | Heritage Inn
 - Speaker: "Shared Art & Cultural Aspects of Western Canada and the American West" | Jill Cross, C.M. Russell Museum Board of Directors
 - Speaker: "Building Cross-Border Positive Peace" | Michael Collins, Executive Director, Americas Institute of Economics and Peace
 - Speaker: "Great Divide Trail" | David Savage, Rotarian (Canada)
- 1:30 PM | C.M. Russell Museum tour | 400 13th St N | Free Admission
- 4:30 PM | WGIPPA Annual General Meeting | Heritage Inn
- 5:30 PM | Peace Park Assembly Dinner | Heritage Inn | \$45
 - Cocktails (no-host bar)
 - Dinner (business-casual attire suggested)
 - Program including honored guests

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 10 AM | Non-Denominational Church Service | Meadow Lark Country Club
- 10:30 AM | Brunch | Meadow Lark Country Club | \$25
- 11:30 AM | Hands Across the Border Ceremony
Meadow Lark Country Club



\$50 Conference registration; schedule subject to change
Golf, Saturday dinner, Sunday brunch optional (additional
fees apply) | Registration open at greatfallsrotary.org



Heritage Inn of Great Falls | 1700 Fox Farm Rd | +1 (406) 761-1900
Room block reservations under "[Rotary Peace Park](#)"
Block is in place until Friday, September 2, 2022
Approx. \$115 + tax(USD) per night

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ROTARY RIBBONS FOR PEACE FUNDRAISER

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN EVACUEES TO ALBERTA!

Join the **ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK** in raising funds
to assist Ukrainian evacuees relocating to Alberta.

OCTOBER 12, 2022, 6 PM - 10 PM

POLISH CANADIAN CULTURAL CENTRE, 3015 15TH STREET NE

Master of Ceremonies/Auctioneer: Danny Hooper

Guests of Honour: Hon. Ed Stelmach and Marie

Remarks: Olesandr Danyleiko, Consul General of Ukraine, Edmonton

Special entertainment by Vykrutas Ukrainian Dance Society, followed by live Auction.

Tickets for the evening are only \$175 and include dinner, entertainment,
live auction and special guests.

To show your further support, custom designed **Blue and Yellow
Ribbons for Peace** will be available for a donation of \$100.00.

All donations tax deductible according to CRA guidelines.

Website to purchase tickets and ribbons coming soon.

Sponsorship opportunities available:

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Slava Ukraini



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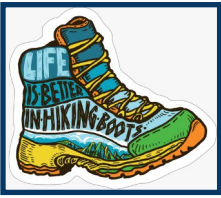
The Partners celebrated Summer this month, celebrating Canada Day with some great door prizes, celebrated feeling cute in their summer outfits dressed to the nines, and celebrating a BIG milestone for the wonderful Betty Stein, her 90th Birthday and looking fabulous as ever! Happy Birthday Betty!!!

To see the wonderful video created by Theresa Stokke please click here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/oU3GGTu6zuEx376V9>

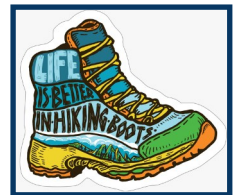
Inclusion Alberta News

To Read the entire newsletter and see a closer look at the list of Rotary Employment Partnership Inclusive Employers please go to: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/XEKTG7xrtrPQZtEK7>



HIKING CLUB

Thirteen hikers and two Wheaten Terriers set out to climb Eagle Hill and Deer Ridge. At the beginning of the hike there were fields of these lovely pink flowers. It turns out they are Field Scabious, an invasive species from B.C. We passed this still body of water with reflections mirrored on it. Then think 28 C, 13 tired hikers and two Wheaten Terriers going uphill endlessly and you have a picture of the group. By 11:30 we were ready for lunch at a lovely spot with a cool breeze that chased the mosquitoes away. We enjoyed Glenda's cookies and were rejuvenated. The dogs were the only ones who jumped in the creek on the way down, though I think we all were tempted.





Wild Wings Bird Watching

The Wild Wings Bird Watchers got out for their first official outing this week, when they went to the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. Those in attendance were, left to right: Candy Struthers, Pat Burns, Jim Burns, Keith Davis, Jim Wellwood, Angie Schutz and Corinne Wilkinson. Missing from the photo, but also in attendance, are Neil and Freda Fraser. If you are interested in joining this group contact Keith Davis. The next outing will be in mid-August





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Calendar of Events

August 4th: President Jim Fitzowich - Inaugural Address

August 11: Jim Gray—Green Line

August 18: Bob Stan—State of the Coal Industry

August 25: John Barlow—Shadow Minister for Agriculture and AgriFood

September 1: Linda Hunt—Rural Mental Health

September 8: DG Levvit—Rotary Profile

September 15: Neil Edwards—Honorary Artistic Director

September 22: 4H Youth Leadership



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12TH 2022: "Rotary Ribbons for Peace- Slava Ukrainian"

Cocktail hour, dinner, special guests, live auction and more! Event will be at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre starting at 6 pm. Stay tuned for more info

Chair, Len Hamm

