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**DREAM HOME KICK OFF MEETING**

## 2019 STAMPEDE ROTARY DREAM HOME

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A surprisingly large and enthusiastic crowd attended the Dream Home Kick Off luncheon, braving an extended heavy downpour to test out a new venue and time of day.

The facilities at the Celebration Tent in Heritage Park were well suited for our function and as usual, **Toby Oswald-Felker** and her crew did their usual exemplary job with the organization and logistics.

Rotarians and guests were greeted by the Calgary Stampede Events Committee, The Calgary Fiddlers, a trick roper, and, of course, the 50/50 Draw committee.

After much catching up and mingling, the crowd was efficiently quieted by our MC, **John Fitzsimmons**, who welcomed **President Chas Filipski** to the stage. **President Chas** welcomed everyone to the 2019 Dream Home Kick Off Brunch, thanking everybody for meeting the challenge of attending in trying circumstances. Canada Day and Independence Day for our southern neighbours and visitors was acknowledged.

**Rotary Partners President, Denise MacLeod** and **PE Penny Leckie** were welcomed. As well, all Past Presidents in attendance.

We are also remembering those who were with us over the years to make our Dream Home shifts more fun, but who are no longer with us.

Cowboy Poet, **Blake Willard** gave the grace, invoking the cowboy spirit to take us forward in our Dream Home campaign.

While the crowd proceeded to the buffet and enjoyed a traditional brunch, ably and efficiently presented by Heritage Park, the Calgary Fiddlers entertained us.

The Fiddlers were formed in 1982 and have entertained audiences around the world with their unique blend of ensemble fiddling, youthful exuberance and amazing musicality.

They are a musically gifted group of 15 - 18 year old young people who love to perform and who appeal to audiences of all ages. They always do a great job and were much appreciated by the crowd.

The 2019 Dream Team was introduced. **Jim Bladon, Dream Home Committee Chair**, noted that the Electronic Ticketing System is up and running, with only some minor tweaking required as it goes live.

Over 400 volunteers have been trained, and over 1,100 Rotary shifts have been filled (there are still a few shifts left, so those who have not filled any, please step forward).

The Home is the best one ever, and will prove to be a popular prize, and we are looking forward to an incredible year.

Even our Stampede Royalty have committed to a few shifts this year - thank you, ladies.



**Donna Bruce, Marketing Director Homes by AVI**, noted the 24 year relationship between AVI, the Stampede, and Rotary Club of Calgary South.

They are very proud of this year's Home and think it will generate lots of interest and ticket sales.

This will be the first Stampede missed by **Avi** himself, as health reasons will keep him away.

**Ed Gordon, Chair Stampede Lotteries**, was excited about being only hours away from kicking off.

Last year over \$1,800,000 was distributed to Calgary charities from the Lottery. We have been partners for many years, and our work will continue. The new ticket-less system is ready to go and will be great. Thanks to the Dream Home Committee, Homes By AVI, and, of course, all the volunteers.



**Steve McDonough, Calgary Stampede First VP**, (son of the late **Terry McDonough**) thanked all of the volunteers.

***He noted that as he was arriving the sun was trying to come out, and he is optimistic about a great stampede this year.***

**MC John** then introduced the Stampede Royalty.

**2019 Stampede Queen, Carly Heath** is 23 years old and has a Land Agent Diploma from Olds College as well as a BSc with Honours in Environmental Science from McMaster University. **Carly** enjoys trail riding, tennis, volleyball, skiing, scuba diving and travelling. She is excited to continue her own personal development while learning to be an excellent role model for other females.



**2019 Stampede Princess, Keily Stewart** is 20 years old and is an Environmental Technician at Wapta Environmental Consulting. In 2018 she received a Land Reclamation and Remediation Diploma from Olds College and has also completed her Advanced 2 RAD Classic Ballet Exam, Gold Star Jazz and Tap Exams. **Keily** enjoys dancing, trail rides, hiking, horse pack trips into the mountains time with family and friends, hunting and fishing, colt starting, farrier work and photography (Whew!!). She is excited to share her passion for western community throughout her reign.

**2019 Stampede Princess, Courtney Dingreville** is 21 years old and works in sales at Smithbilt hats. She attend Munt Royal University and has a BA Arts, English honours with a double major in History and minor in Speech. **Courtney** enjoys riding, literature, volunteering, golf, skiing, water sports, music, roping, and recently become involved in team penning. She is passionate about western heritage and history, and is excited to share those values with the community.

**2019 Stampede First Nations Princess, Astokomi Smith** is 19 years old, a Fancy Shawl dancer, and is from the Siksika Nation. She recently graduated from Siksika Outreach and received the Governor General's Award for Highest Academics, and is currently the Indigenous Liaison for the Town of Strathmore. **Astokomi's** name translates to "Calling Thunder" and "Voice of Thunder" in Blackfoot. She is excited to be a role model for the younger generation.

**Queen Carly** thanked the Club for the invitation to the Kick Off. They have recently toured the Dream Home, and wished they could move into it for the Stampede. They were at the turnover of the 2018 Home to the winners, and it was very inspiring to see what an impact our work is having. They are proud and grateful for all of work done by our wonderful volunteers.



**Mark Ambrose** asked **Queen Carly** to draw the 50/50 winner and the \$780 prize went to **Gena Rotstein**.

**President Chas** closed the event by again thanking all of our volunteers, without whom we could not do all that we do.

Thank you to all of the special guests, the Calgary Fiddlers and Stampede Royalty.

Have a Great Stampede, and SELL, SELL, SELL!!!

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PHOTOS: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/952/PhotoAlbums/2019-dream-home-kickoff>



**2019/2020 RI PRESIDENT MESSAGE**

Dear fellow Rotarians and members of the family of Rotary,

I love to travel! I even enjoy the mundane process of getting from here to there. But last year, my wife, Gay, and I had one of those experiences that would strain the optimism of even the most cheerful traveler. We found ourselves with six hours to wait, at an airport where we were not scheduled to be, on a day we had not planned still to be traveling, having woken up that morning at a hotel unknown to us the night before. It was one of those days.

As we waited at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City, Gay and I took a walk to people watch. We went from one end of the terminal to the other and back, looking at every gate, every destination, every group of people waiting for their flights.

Each gate was its own island of humanity. When we walked down the center of the concourse, we were in New York, moving along with everyone in one river. But when you veered off into those seats, you left that current and landed on an island. You were already in Delhi or Paris or Tel Aviv.

As we started our walk, I thought: "All these different people, all these different countries, all in one place. This is like Rotary!" But as we walked past gate after gate, I realized something. It was not like Rotary at all. Because everyone in that river was heading for an island. And every island stayed an island. The people heading to Taipei might be talking to one another, but they were not talking to the people heading to Cairo or Lagos.

Contrast that with Rotary. Rotary allows us to connect with one another, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences. It connects us with people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us with our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.

Connection is what makes the experience of Rotary so very different from walking along that concourse at JFK Airport. In Rotary, none of us is an island. All of us are in Rotary together, whoever we are, wherever we are from, whatever language we speak or traditions we follow. We are all connected to one another — part of our communities and members not only of our clubs, but also of the global community to which we all belong.

This connection is what lies at the heart of the Rotary experience. It is what brings us to Rotary. It is why we stay. Please join your fellow Rotarians on this journey as *Rotary Connects the World*.



**MARK DANIEL MALONEY**

**President, Rotary International**



As I start my term as President of the Partners, I am excited about the events that we have planned and some new ideas that I have.

I am going to continue to strengthen relationships and build on new ones.

I am looking forward to working with **President Chas** and attending the occasional Thursday meeting.

I enjoy seeing all the wonderful Rotarians and having a chance to hear some great speakers.

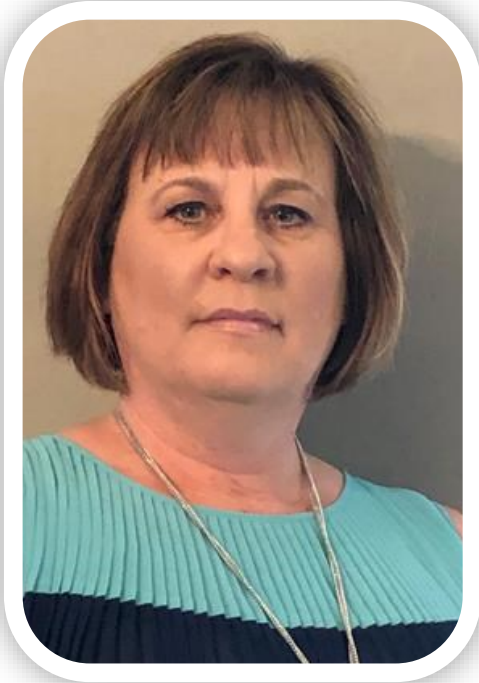
A special friend gave me this quote and it has stayed with through my journey as a new Rotary Partner to now President...

***"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life."***

I wish everyone a happy, safe and enjoyable Stampede.

*Denise MacLeod*

*2019 2020 Partners President*







We lucked out with a beautiful day for thirteen hikers to hike Ford Knoll. We saw Alpine Pussy Toes, Indian Paint Brush, Hawkweed, Prickly (wild) Rose, Shooting Stars, Leafy Arnica and this Yellow Sweet Vetch along the trail.

**At several points we could see Banded Peak Mountain shown in this telephoto shot.**



A White Tailed deer ran across the path and then hid behind the trees and watched us. I think she thought she was hidden.

After we had descended we walked to Forget-me-not pond where we found two adjacent picnic tables for our large group to have lunch beside the pond. As tradition would have it, we went to Scoops in Bragg Creek for ice cream. Funny thing, it rained a few drops as we drove there and then the sun shone on us while we ate our ice cream.

**HIKERS: Because of Stampede activities there will be NO hike on JULY 10TH**

***The next one will be on WEDNESDAY JULY 17TH***



We will trek an 8 km section of THE GREAT TRAIL, the world's longest recreational trail system. This goes from Spray Lakes W., to Goat Pond, paralleling the Smith-Dorrien Hwy on a relatively flat path. For more information, please contact **TED ROWSELL** at 403-281-0895 or [rowselle@telus.net](mailto:rowselle@telus.net).

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
July 11	<b>NO MEETING: DREAM HOME OPERATIONS</b>	
July 18	Calgary East Village Walking Tour	Meet at East Village Experience Centre
July 25	Stay In School Golf Tournament	Cottonwood Golf & Country Club
Aug 1	Inaugural Address from President Chas	Rotary House
Aug 8	Melissa D'Souza/Lucy Mrakawa: "gutcheck" Presentation	Rotary House
Aug 15	Alberta Narratives Project	Rotary House
Aug 22	Kaylee Quinney: YEX Outbound Student Presentation	Rotary House
Aug 29	President Chas' Birthday Celebration	Rotary House
Sept 5	Glen Street: CEO of Street Characters	Rotary House
Sept 12	<b>RCCS Youthlink Site Tour</b>	<b>CPS Interpretive Centre</b>
Sept 19	Janice McTighe: Renfrew	Rotary House
Sept 26	CRCF Campaign Kickoff	Rotary House
Oct 3	Returning YEX Student Presentation	Rotary House
Oct 10	DG Christine Rendell's Club Visit	Rotary House
Oct 17	<b>Cambodian Dancers</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Oct 24	Kent Fraser: ShelterBox Presentation	Rotary House
Oct 31	RI Foundation Campaign Kickoff	Rotary House
Nov 7	Colin Glassco: Zambia Eye Clinics	Rotary House
Nov 11	<b>Rotary Remembers</b>	<b>Carriage House Inn</b>
Nov 14	<b>NO MEETING?</b>	
Nov 21	Sylvia Whitworth: Skilled Trades Training	Rotary House
Nov 28	David Yager: Alberta Oil / From Miracle to Menace	Rotary
Dec 5	Bob Wiens: Colombia Projects Update	Rotary
Dec 12	<b>Annual Christmas Luncheon</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Dec 19	Annual Christmas Social and Cleven Awards	Rotary
Dec 26	<b>NO MEETING: CHRISTMAS</b>	

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