

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the June 12th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Jim Bladon, and I am honoured to be the President of this Club for Rotary year 2024-25:

Please join me in the singing of 0'Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table (L-R): Murray Flegel, Kerri Souriol, Jim Laurendeau, President Bladon, Joel Cowley, Sherry Austin





Presentation: Changing of the Guard/Stampede Update July 3rd - Dream Home Kick off Party

Next week No Meeting

Click <u>HERE</u> to register for the July 3rd meeting. Click <u>HERE</u> to watch the meeting video.

Today's Meeting: David Field introduced our guests followed by the welcome song...

Michael Zacharki brought up the 50/50 today. The pot was \$200. Michael had our guest speaker draw the lucky ticket and it was won by a Carol Rosdobutko.

Shout out to **Pat Neuman**, the Social Committee, and Bailey and the Boys for throwing the awesome President's party last week.

Pat Neuman came up to give us a update on the upcoming social events. More info on page 5.

Next Carla Dean, Julie Punter, and Vered Amir from Homes by Avi came up to share some details about the DreamHome. This was a very good information and I encourage everyone to watch the meeting video linked on page 1 to hear more.

Jon Vieth the Second Vice Chair of Lotteries came up next to share some information about the Stampede Lotteries.

John Shield gave a DreamHome update. As of yesterday we had 14 shifts available, we need to fill those spots so make sure you sign up!!!

Sherry Austin introduced our guest speaker's. **Sherry** also recognized the people who made this possible over the years. Murray Flegel, Bob Brawn, Carol Graham, Joe Connelly, Larry Kennedy, and Bill LeClair.

Joel Cowley the CEO of the Calgary Stampede came up and gave us an update on the Stampede and the plans for the Stampede grounds. This was a very informative talk and I encourage everyone to watch the meeting video to hear more.

Murray Flegel came up and thanked our speaker's today.

President Jim Bladon lets us know that the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park will be making a \$100 donation to CRCF in the name of all our speaker's in recognition of his time with us today.

Before we got into the Changing of the Guard we wanted to give a big thank you to **Luanne** Whitmarsh. Luanne has severed 4 Presidents! She has done so much for all of us and we are very grateful for her.

Jim Fitzowich came up to say a few words before starting the Changing of the Guard. Normally the immediate Past President does this but Bryan Walton unfortunately could not be with us today.

President Jim Bladon gives his pin to President-elect Gordon Weicker. Gord is now our President

Past President Jim Fitzowich gives a past President's pin to Jim **Bladon** who is now the immediate Past President.

Gordon Weicker our new President gives his President elect pin to **Larry Kennedy**

Jim Bladon gave the gavel to Gordon Weicker.

Jim Fitzowich awards **Jim Bladon** on behalf of the Club the board of Directors and Rotary International with an official plaque and gavel.

He was also given a print of the Rotary House which is special to our Club.

Gordon Weicker closed the meeting.















<u>June 12th was our very last meeting at Rotary House,</u> so here is some pictures....











<u>June 5th Presidents Party</u>





Announcements

Health and Wellness

Dahlia Mostafa was visiting the Middle East and Great Britain with her husband and son when they were in an automobile accident. **Dahlia** took the brunt of the injuries but is home now recovering. We wish you and your family well and hope for speedy recoveries.

Calgary 2025 Host Organizing Committee

Our District is hosting the Rotary International Convention June 21 to 25, 2025. We are going to create an unforgettable experience that leaves a lasting impression on every Rotarian who visits.

Rotary is about Fellowship! In conjunction with the Convention our District is providing four "Signature Events"; held each evening of the convention. These events are available for all Rotarians, Rotaracters, and their guests to attend. These Signature events are organized by our District Host Organizing Committee and highlight western Canadian culture.

Come and experience these unique opportunities to gather with Rotarians from around the world. You do not have to be attending the convention to come to these events.

EVERYONE WITH A CONNECTION TO ROTARY CAN COME TO THESE SIGNATURE EVENTS! So, please feel free to purchase tickets for friends and family. Join us in this unique Rotary International opportunity. Bring your friends and family and join us in this unique Rotary International opportunity. Here is what we have in store:

June 21st: Grandstand Extravaganza (including White Hat Ceremony)

June 22nd: New Blood with the Calgary Civic Symphony

June 22nd: Rockin' The Big Four Roadhouse

June 24th: Western Ranch Showcase

Unable to attend yourself? Consider donating to other's you think would enjoy the show. This is a terrific way to thank those that have supported your Rotary journey. To donate your unusable ticket contact myself, Mary Turner at my email below.

Our Host Organizing Committee is absolutely crushing it — showcasing District 5360's legendary hospitality to the world! Now it's our turn to turn up the volume and show fellow Rotarians that being People of Action isn't just about service — it's about fun, energy, and excitement wherever we go.

Let's make sure the world knows: when D5360 shows up, we bring the heart, the hustle, and the celebration!!!

Thank you for all that you do for Rotary in your club, in our District and around the world!

<u>Announcements</u>



Special Announcement!

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Partners, friends, and families of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park Our newest Legacy Project is becoming a reality!

The official opening of our Legacy Project – Flames Rotary Sports Zones – will be held at Pineridge Community Centre on Friday, June 20 at 12 noon. There will be schematics of the Sports Zones, speeches at the beginning, children will be playing sports, and the community association will be in attendance. Pineridge Community Association is thrilled to have our first Sports Zone in their community. This is the first of four Sports Zones that comprise our Legacy Project that will be built for communities that desperately need places for their children to play.

Please let Grayce know if you are planning to attend by June 12 so we have a count for refreshments.

This is very exciting!

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Closing:

Next week: **NO Meeting**

The week following: June 26th - No Meeting

Closing words:

As you go about your business this week remember, that each of you creates the magic of Rotary, unlock the magic, advance the magic, and be the magic of Rotary.

Calendar

JUNE

June 5th - No LUNCH meeting

June 5th - Presidents Social

June 12th - Stampede Update/Changing_of_the_Guard

June 19th - No Meeting

June 26th - No Meeting

June										
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JULY

July 3rd - DreamHome Kick off Party

July 10th - No meeting

July 17th - No meeting

 $\textbf{July 24}^{th} - \text{Exchange student presenting}$

July 28th - Kids at Heart Golf Tournament

July 31st - No meeting

July										
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DATES TO REMEMBER - SAVE THESE!!