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**Welcome to the June 1st meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, Jim Fitzowich.**

**Head Table: Pat Neuman, John Fitzsimmons (Sgt), Norm Rose, President Jim Fitzowich, Steve McDonough (Past CEO of Calgary Stampede), Dana Hunter (Lotteries Vice Chair)**



### President Jim Fitzowich

This week's program is our annual visit from the Stampede Board. It is also the first meeting after the Monday provincial election. I offer no comments on the outcome, other than I am glad the campaign is finally over. I do have some thoughts about democracy and elections from the following historical wits:

Winston Churchill – said: *“Democracy is the most inefficient and frustrating system of government ever conceived, and we have come up with no better replacement.”*

Oscar Wilde – had this say to about the egalitarian philosophy behind voting: *“It is unpractical and goes against human nature. That is why it is worthwhile.”*

Groucho Marx – provided his own thoughts about membership in political parties *“I would never belong to any party that would have me as a member.”*

Please join **Glenn Potter** and me for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.





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## Announcements:

**Visitors and Guests:** **Sandy Dougall** welcomed our guests (or most of them anyway) and we welcomed them with our Welcome Song.



**Health and Wellness:** Health and Wellness contact for June is ;  
**Dorothea Schaab** Email [schaabd@gmail.com](mailto:schaabd@gmail.com) Tel / Text 403 660 6232

**Ernie Yaskowich's** sister passed away and Rhonda has a mild case of the Shingles, sending our thoughts and prayers to the Yaskowich family.

A Funeral Mass for Dolores Fitzsimmons, mother of **John**, will be celebrated at St. Michael's Catholic Church this Saturday, June 3rd at 11 am. Please keep the Fitzsimmons families in your thoughts and prayers. <https://www.simplycremations.ca/obituary/Dolores-Fitzsimmons>



**50/50 : Michael Zacharki** asked Steve McDonough to pull the ticket and **PE Bryan Walton** won the pot of \$150. I guess it was worth attending the Meeting straight off the plane from Melbourne! Welcome back Bryan!



**Sergeant at Arms: Fitz**, with his usual charm made up for the past 3 weeks of no Sgt of Arms, fining anyone he could! Way to go Fitzy!



**Larry Kwong;** a nice article on one of our own! <https://www.sportsnet.ca/nhl/longform/breaking-the-nhls-colour-barrier-was-only-a-part-of-larry-kwongs-legacy/>

At DISCON in Lethbridge, the **Richardsons**, Jeanette and **Glen**, won the Arch Klumpp Award. Here is the video from the event! <https://youtu.be/4Hg5EojBksM>



## Announcements Continued: Social Committee

### Presidents Party - June 23

Friday, June 23... 5:30 pm.. Round out your life! Be there or be square!

**It's time to say thanks to our President Jim!** Leading an enthusiastic, diverse and busy group of members such as ours is a challenge to say the least. Let's put on our best bib and tucker, cocktail/business attire and thank Jim and Kathy for a great year!!

**President Jim's Party is Friday, June 23 at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre, Combatants Hall, 3015 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE** starting at 5:30 pm with cocktails, a plated Ukrainian dinner at 6:30 and a short program MC'd by our own, Joe Connelly.

**Dress:** cocktail/business attire. **Time:** 5:30 cocktails followed by dinner

Following our program we will dance the night away to the lovely music of **Danny and the Royaltones**.. (for those of you who attended the Potluck last fall, we have booked the same band who kept us dancing all night!)

Don't miss this – it will cap off a great year of fellowship and fun, your Social Committee says the best way to say Thanks is to attend!!

**Cost is \$60 pp. Final date for registration is June 16.** Register [here](https://rotarystampedepark.com)



## Dream Home Kick-Off - July 6th

On behalf of the Dream Home Committee and the Social Committee we invite you to join us for the Annual DREAM HOME KICKOFF!!

This most important event will help us ramp up excitement for our record setting 2023 sales!!

**When:** Thursday, July 6

**Where:** Boss Lubricants at 6303 30th Street SE

**Time:** 10am to 12:30 pm

**Tickets:** \$50 for a great lunch, which includes BBQ Beef on a bun, salads, beans, chips, pop, juice and

water. Also, you will receive 2 beer/cider drink tickets, compliments of Boss Lubricants.



There'll be fun entertainment and special guests. Get your dancing boots on... Don't delay in registering as we are capping the numbers at 275! Volunteers helping with Dream Home sales will also be invited, compliments of our Club.

Special thanks to Boss Lubricants (**Murray Flegel**) who are hosting this very exciting and important event.

Register and pay now at <https://rotarystampedepark.com/product/dream-home-kick-off-party-july-6th/>





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## Announcements Continued: All Things Dream Home

**Dream Home Update:** Norm Rose provided an update on Dream Home shifts, mentioning there are only 31 shifts and 5 Sales Manager shifts left to fill. Please sign up on Homebase or email the shifts email below. If you registered for shifts before midnight on May 18th, you will be eligible for a Stampede 2023 buckle prize draw. Ticket sales training and iPad training will be held on the evenings of June 21st and 23rd. If you have any other questions you can direct them to **Jim Bladon** at [shifts@rotarycs.org](mailto:shifts@rotarycs.org).



**Training:** June 21 & 23; time 5:30 to 7:30 and location is in the international room of the agriculture building

Reminder: Volunteers will not be available to walk to cars after shifts, please arrange with a fellow worker to come together or park in the same lot if you are worried or nervous about walking at night off the grounds. Many Rotarians and volunteers park at the St. Mary's School lot, which you can Volunteer to work shifts there as well by emailing **Bonar Irving** at [bonar@shaw.ca](mailto:bonar@shaw.ca) but that lot is close, helps our Club and usually has someone walking there after every shift, so you can walk together.

### Stampede Lotteries – Off Park Sales

Goal: to develop incremental revenue for the lottery and the partner organizations by accessing buyers who would not otherwise visit the park and make a purchase.

**Opportunities:** We have 6 unique events committed for the 2023 event in cooperation with 3 other Stampede Committees, Parade, Downtown Attractions and On-Park Breakfasts.

**What to expect:** As these events will have you roaming and mingling you should be prepared to walk a fair distance. No shelters will be readily accessible so sunscreen and umbrellas should be in your event day kit. Water will be provided.

### Shifts available:

#### **Parade**

Friday July 7, 2023 – Sales will take place during the pre-parade from 7:30 am to 9:00 AM, Sellers to arrive by 7:00 AM.

Each sales team will be one Rotarian and one Kinsmen. You would be responsible for sales in a 4-block zone on the parade route. Aprons and Hi-vis vests will be made available.

We require 8 Volunteers.

#### **On Park Breakfasts**

Sunday July 9 and Wednesday July 12, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Each Sales team will be one Rotarian and one Kinsmen. You would be responsible for making sales to the patrons awaiting and/or enjoying their breakfast. Aprons will be made available.

We require 4 volunteers for each date.

#### **Rope Square, (Olympic Plaza)**

Thursday July 13, Friday July 14 and Saturday July 15 from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

Each Sales team will be one Rotarian and one Kinsmen. You would be responsible for making sales to the patrons awaiting and/or enjoying their breakfast. Aprons will be made available.

We require 2 volunteers for each date.

#### **How to sign up**

Contact **Dana Hunter**, [dana@hunterstaffing.ca](mailto:dana@hunterstaffing.ca) or 403-477-2340

Shifts will be assigned first come, first served.





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## Announcements Continued:

**“Kids at Heart” Golf Classic:** Dale Struksnes, the chair of the “Kids at Heart” Golf Classic provided an update on the event which is being held Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at Cottonwood Golf Course.

We have three great children’s charities for our club to support at this year’s golf tournament. They are:

- [Between Friends](#) which has camps and programs for disabled children.
- [New Heights School](#) for kids on the autism spectrum.
- [Youth Centres of Calgary](#) provides an after school program for youth in the Ogden area.

We are less than two months away from the golf tournament on Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>, and we would appreciate your support in any of the following four ways:

Golf in the tournament - [Home - ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK "KIDS AT HEART" GOLF CLASSIC \(eventcaddy.com\)](#) . If you need assistance with registration, contact either **Spencer Tonkinson** [stonkinson86@gmail.com](mailto:stonkinson86@gmail.com) or **Dale Struksnes** [debanddale@shaw.ca](mailto:debanddale@shaw.ca) .

Sponsorship – we are still looking for hole sponsors. If you can help out, please contact **Janet Matthews** [janrickmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:janrickmatthews@gmail.com) or **Glen Richardson** [gr@charlesglentoyota.com](mailto:gr@charlesglentoyota.com)

Auction Item Donation – if you have any items to donate for our live or online auctions please contact **Pat Neuman** [pneuman647@gmail.com](mailto:pneuman647@gmail.com) .

Spread the Word – let your family, friends and contacts know about this great event in support of three deserving children’s charities. You can find the event website at: [Kids at Heart – Rotary Stampede Park](#) .

Thanks for your support!

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**Changes in Bulletin Format:** Effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Bulletin content will be different in some aspects.

### What won’t change...

The Bulletin will continue to be distributed on Thursday evening. The messages on upcoming events, pictures of various activities such as the Partners’ luncheons, the Hiking Club as well as District notices will all continue to be printed in the Bulletin. The important stipulation is these submissions must be forwarded to Sarah Brown by Wednesday at 12:00 on the day before our Thursday meeting.

A picture of the head table and the President’s introduction to the meeting will continue to be at the beginning of the Bulletin.

### What will be different...

We have the huge privilege of having every meeting recorded and the meeting link circulated. As a result a speaker’s presentation or a partner’s presentation or a club induction of a new member will not be summarized in the printed Bulletin. Rather members can watch the entire meeting by clicking on the meeting link. Sarah Brown will produce the Bulletin in the above format. There will not be a precis of any of the meeting contents by a Bulletin editor. However if a photographer is on hand, random pictures taken at the meeting can be included. Most importantly the unsung heroes who have been faithful editors for many years deserve our upmost thanks. We extend sincere gratitude to **Luanne Whitmarsh, Carol Graham, Sandy Dougall, Glenn Potter, Dale Struksnes** and many others who have assisted.

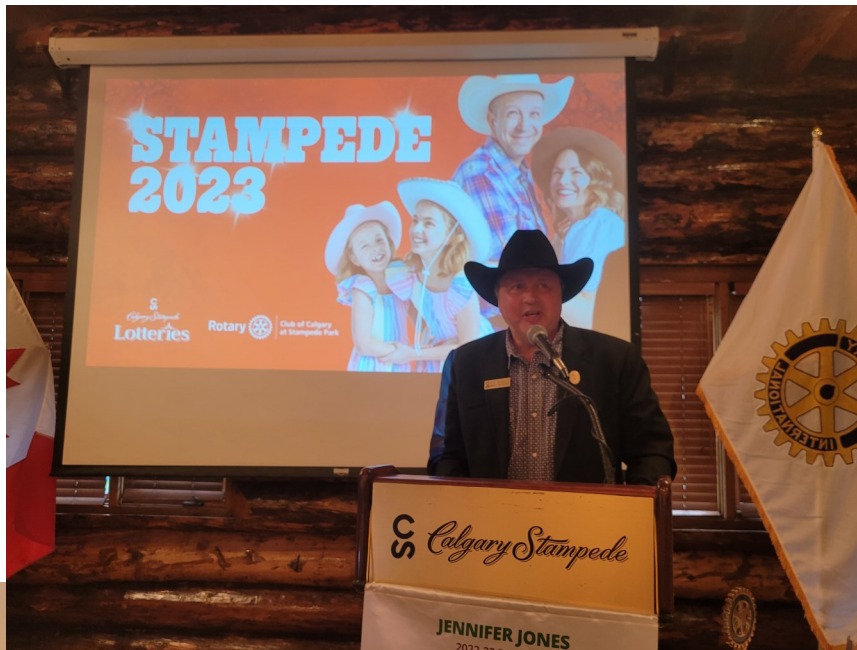


## Main Presentation - Calgary Stampede Board - Steve McDonough

Steve McDonough stepped in for Will Osler - President & Chair of the Board for Calgary Stampede. Steve is the past President and Chair, as we all know, and he filled us in on all things Stampede for 2023. There were many interesting updates on things to come. Watch the video to see it all! [Click here](#)



**Dana Hunter** Thanked Steve and reminded him that he IS family and invited him back any time!







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**THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK:** <https://youtu.be/mTceBYI9ruc>

### In Closing:

**Next week's Meeting:** Will be a presentation on Prostrate Cancer by Stacey Smith and Jeff Davidson.

Registration deadline is tomorrow June 2nd . Looking forward in seeing you all on June 8th .

### Final words:

Thoughts for the coming week come from Tina Turner:

*"I believe that if you'll just stand up and go, life will open up for you."*

And with that, our meeting is adjourned.

**Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week!**

**Final reminder to register by tomorrow morning around 9am.**

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Are you going to the 2023 Rotary International Convention? This time in Melbourne, Australia! If you are planning to go please let me ([admin@rotarycs.org](mailto:admin@rotarycs.org)) know so I can update the names on our Website.

<https://rotarycs.org/page/who-s-going-to-the-convention/>



### **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY !!!**

Volunteers are required to build Good Food Boxes.

**June 6th, 2023- 1-3pm Tuesday shift (usually a daytime shift but I could make this an evening shift starting at 5PM)**

Email Earl or Ken to sign up for a shift.

Earl Huson (403) 686-0828/ [ehuslink@telusplanet.net](mailto:ehuslink@telusplanet.net) Ken Farn: (403) 560-6770/ [kgfarn@telusplant.net](mailto:kgfarn@telusplant.net) **EARL AND KEN REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!! THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!!!**



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## Partners in Print

### Book Club Luncheon on June 19th 2023 at Calgary Golf and Country Club.

Please let us know ([janetopp@shaw.ca](mailto:janetopp@shaw.ca)) by June 15th if you plan to attend so we can order your lunch. The cost for lunch is \$35 inclusive.

We will meet at 10:00 for a coffee and a brief chat about books we've read.

Our guest speaker is the manager of the Owl's Nest Book Store. This local book store has been in business for 40 years and we will find out all about it and why they have been so successful.

Following the speaker, we will have a plated lunch.

Bread and butter on the table

Quiche Lorraine with a side salad

Lemon Posset for dessert

Coffee and tea will be served.

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Book Club

If you wish you may order a drink to go with your lunch. That will be an extra charge for you.

Our group has had such a lovely year full of conversation, book talk, sharing and learning so we hope to see your pretty faces at our wind-up.

**Jane and Maureen.**

## Hiking Club

Eleven hikers enjoyed a beautiful hike on Middle Lake interpretive trail. Middle Lake is called a Kettle Lake and will eventually disappear. It was an easy trail, relatively close to Calgary in Bow Valley Provincial Park. One of the trails took us along the Bow River where Yamnusaka was visible. Dianne found this Yellow Lady's Slipper and adjacent to it were Mountain Lady's Slippers which are white. We occupied two picnic benches for lunch with a view of the mountains and the river. The celebration today was for Kelly and Larry's birthdays. We had Prosecco wine thanks to Helena. The birthday song was sung at the break with Millie's cookies and again with the Prosecco at lunch!

**-Pat Farn**





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June 2-4th Golf Weekend in Invermere  
**Email Brett Albers or Mark Ambrose ASAP to register**



June 8th: Prostate Cancer in Perspective



June 15th: Annual Charity Day



June 22nd: TBA



June 23rd: President Jim's Thank You party



June 29th: Changing of the Guard. WCS and Mario Stella Awards



July 6th: Dream Home Kick-Off Party - No Meeting

