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Club of Calgary at Stampede Park

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Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, Craig Stokke

Videography: Steve Mason / Jamie Moorhouse Welcome to the June 2nd, 2022 meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at

As a native Calgarian, I am proud to have attended every Stampede since I was born. And like most of us, the Calgary Stampede has played a very important role in my life. And like most of us, I have incredible memories of the Stampede. I would like to share a few of those memories with you today.

- Before cell phones, I remember having to make arrangements to meet my parents at the clock tower on the grounds at a pre-set time, or you'd never find them.
- I remember when the Big 4 was a curling rink and a casino. I remember the wacky midway ٠ exhibits; buying tickets to see the "Dog Boy", the "Bearded Lady" or the "World's tallest woman". I remember eating too much cotton candy and drinking too much pop before going on the Monster. The people waiting in line probably remember that too. I don't go on spinning rides anymore.
- I remember the pride I felt standing centre stage on the final night of the Grandstand Show ٠ singing with all the former Young Canadians during their grand finale in the Young Canadians 25th anniversary celebration. The problem was I was never a Young Canadian, I was just a guy who got lost trying to find a beer. True story.
- I remember attending Stampede Wrestling and Rodeo Royale. I remember walking the parade route selling the Calgary Albertan newspaper. I remember walking the concourses at the Corral looking at all the pictures during Flames games and other shows. I remember the first time I entered the Saddledome. Wow! It was SO bright.
- I got my first job with the Stampede in 1985. I remember the uniform lady on the 4th floor of the Grandstand telling me how nice my blue polyester pants would "wash up"... and boy was she right!
- I remember the look on the faces of the Rotary International Convention site inspection team as we exited the Saddledome, looked down the stairs and were greeted by the Stampede Show Band, Stampede Royalty, and a trolly bus wrapped in Rotary colours. I was like "YES!!!" I can assure you the inspection team did not experience a welcome like that in Boston, Paris or Dubai.
- I remember attending harness racing at Stampede Park and trying to pick up betting tips in the concession ٠ lines and the bathroom.
- I remember passing pancakes through car windows in 2020 along with several other members of the Stam-٠ pede Lotteries Committee.
- I remember phoning the winner of the Rotary Dream Home and the winner of the 50/50 to tell them their ٠ lives had changed forever. That was pretty cool.
- And speaking of phone calls, I remember receiving a phone call from Warren Connell thanking us ٠ for the very small part our convention played in pushing the BMO Centre expansion past the finish line. That was pretty cool too.
- And finally, I remember sitting in the Silver Slipper Saloon at the Westin Hotel reading the cardboard advertisement on the table. One side was promoting Motts Clamato Juice and the other side told the story of the Caesar and how it was invented in Calgary in 1969 by a gentleman named Walter Chell. So of course I did what seemed most logical at the time; I walked over to the nearest phone booth, looked Mr. Chell up in the phone book and called him at 2:00 in the morning. "Did you invent the Caesar?" When he said yes, I told him "I just drank 20 of them!"

Please join me for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.

















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Head Table: John Fitzsimmons (Joined Rotary 1998), CEO Calgary Stampede: Joel Cowley, President and Chairman of the Board: Steve McDonough, Dilan Perera (2009), PP Bonar Irving (1993) and President Craig Stokke (2008)



GUESTS: Bill Sumner announced the guests – but, before he did, he clarified that the illness from the Stampede grounds that **President Craig** spoke of was not a result of his cotton candy booth! We sang the Welcome song to our Guests and **President Craig** said that he would like to welcome everyone both in person and on Zoom!



CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Becky Shaw (Dick Shaw's daughter) asked me to let the Club know that Dick Shaw's Celebration of life will be held on Friday June 17th at Eden Brook Cemetery. There will be information in the bulletin if you would like to attend. June 17th would have been Dick's 94th birthday.

50/50: Neil Magee gave \$150.00 to Murray Flegel (who was razzed pretty good!).



DREAM HOME SHIFTS: We have been doing great filling Dream Home shifts but there are still a few members who have not signed up. This is a very important fundraiser for our Club. Just a reminder that **each member** is required to fill eight shifts (either personally or with the support of family and friends). If you need help registering for shifts please reach out and someone from the Dream Home committee will be happy to help you at email: shifts@rotarycs.org. There are many Sales Manager positions to fill but this is a fairly easy task!!!

DREAM HOME KICKOFF PARTY: Corinne Wilkinson ASKED FOR A YAHOO!! And updated us on the 2022 Annual Dream Home Kickoff Party. Please register yourself at: www.rotarystampedepark.com as a Rotarian for \$45.00. You can then go in and register your volunteers as well by using a promocode "Volunteer" (see the announcement in this bulletin).



STAMPEDE PARKING: Bonar Irving reminded people that there are shifts to fill as part of our part-

nership. Please email Bonar if you can help at: <u>bonar@shaw.ca</u>. The priority is to get the selling shifts covered – but the parking ones are important as well.



Canada Day: Darlene Switzer-Foster, her husband and Stan Cichon are organizing a Canada Day celebration at her ranch near Bragg Creek. **Please see bulletin for information**.

Reminder: vou will need to register for this event in advance at: www.rotarystampedepark.com on a first come-first served basis, so if you would like to attend please confirm as soon as

possible.



Rotary Ribbons for Peace Ukraine Fundraiser: Len Hamm updated us on what the Rock'em Sock'em committee has been doing. For the last 2 years the committee has tried to put on an event – but Covid restrictions have canceled them. However, we are excited to announce our event set for October 12! Rotary Ribbons for Peace for Ukraine!

There will be more information to come – but save the date! We are partnering with the Warsaw Rotary Club. The food will be Perogies for Peace and ribbon's will be available for sale soon. **Pat Neuman** is going to be pushing this event at the RI Convention.

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Sergeant-At-Arms: Jim Fitzowich started by saying he had good news (last time with him as SOA) and bad news (he will be at the podium every meeting for a year)! Jim also mentioned that at the Rotary Ribbons for Peace event another of the dignitaries is a Rotary President and his wife and he is Ukrainian (Jim)! A lot is going on in the world:

- \Rightarrow **Murray Flegel** will put in an amount he chooses from his win today.
- \Rightarrow We are 'happy' that we will be Net Zero for emissions by 2050.

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- \Rightarrow Today is the provincial election in Ontario.
- \Rightarrow It is our Queen's 70th (Platinum) anniversary celebration starting today.
- \Rightarrow RI Convention is this weekend.
- \Rightarrow Invermere Golf Fellowship Weekend is this weekend.
- \Rightarrow And the CALGARY STAMPEDE is just around the corner!

The fine is if you have not filled all of your shifts then you owe \$1.25 per shift outstanding. Also, if you are going to be traveling to the RI Convention or to the Invermere Golf Fellowship weekend, please add \$5.00. There will be no one fined who believes in the Net Zero goal – the government will look after that!

TOP 7 OVER 70: John Fitzsimmons – John spoke of the Top 7 over 70 event that he and many of our Rotary friends attended. It was such an awesome evening and we have **Murray McCann's daughter here today (Jill McDonough).** Please take some time to listen to these amazing stories: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCvzrvLixIM

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

Larry Stein is having surgery tomorrow morning, so we are sending good vibes Larry's way **Hugh Delaney** has cracked toe and heal and he has an infection in another toe. Hugh says he will be laying low for a couple of weeks but expects to feel better soon.

Also, on my way to Rotary today, I stopped to get my Covid test for Houston. The nurse who did the test asked where I was going. When I mentioned Houston and the Rotary Convention she told me that she is very grateful to Rotary as she stayed at Rotary Flames House while her young baby was in hospice. She was very grateful for the great work we do in the community, so I thought I would pass that on.

MEETING LINK: https://youtu.be/dV7xfE28TwU

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH AT ROTARY HOUSE ON JUNE 9TH: Jim Smith: Rotary Profile We will be profiling Jim Smith so it will be another great meeting. If you have a friend or Rotarian from another club who may be interested please consider inviting them to our meeting.



REGISTER HERE: www.rotarystampedepark.com

FINAL WORDS:

As always, I finish by encouraging you to ask yourself:

What do you need from our Rotary Club this Week? What does our Club and Community need from you this week?

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



RCCSP BADGES

For those that prefer to have a CLIP on their Rotary Name Badge over the existing MAGNET, **Glen Godlonton** has generously donated adhesive clips that can be applied in place of the magnet. Glen has offered to make himself available to change out your magnet for the clip. He has already changed his badge over if you would like to see it, seek him out.





JUNE 2, 2022

Steve McDonough

previously from Texas!

Speaker Introduction: John Fitzsimmons introduced our speakers for today. We are very happy to have members from the Calgary Stampede with us! First, Terry's son (Steve McDonough) (President and Chairman of the Board! Also joining us today is Joel Cowley (CEO)



Joel Cowley



Speaker: Steve McDonough started by saying he always feels like he is in a room with friends at our Club. He is proud to be known as 'Terry's kid'!



Steve started at age 12 being a "carnie" and for all the years since he has been involved with the Stampede (although some of the specifics are fuzzy). The last 2 years have been rough. Like so many, the Calgary Stampede took a pounding. Year ending April 2020 had a \$26M loss and year ending April 2021 we had a \$8.5M loss. Layoffs and empty buildings were hard to handle. I knew that since I started as President and Chairman in January 2021 that things can only go up from here!

Also, we did a recruitment for a new CEO after the unfortunate passing of our previous CEO, Warren Connell. We were so pleased to have Joel joining us!

It has been busy – we are putting on a full Stampede!! The staff and 3,000 volunteers are back and ready! In March of this year at the 100 days until Stampede time, we decided that we would be having a full Stampede and the enthusiasm was magnificent! The phrase for this year is TOGETHER AGAIN. The Tarp Auction was a success this year – and we were proud to announce the partnership with Cowboy's Rangeland Derby! And, don't miss out on the Midway food – you have not lived until you have had macaroni and cheese ice cream!

We have a full grandstand program, diverse programming for the Coke Stage, Nashville North will be rocking, Blake Shelton will rock the Saddledome and the Cowboy Tent are going to be awesome. Additionally, Alberta Boot Company is an official partner for boots and hats – get yours now as they are already busy.

We really want to thank everyone; staff, volunteers, sponsors, City Hill, Province and Federal governments for their support and of course your Rotary Club and AVI. We have a new program in partnership with Immigrant Services called Stampede 101 for all new Calgarians to learn all about Stampede.

Speaker: Joel Cowley



Calgarians know how to Stampede! It is in our DNA! John Scott is the Honorary Parade **Marshall** (A third-generation rancher, Scott is an instrumental member of the community and has been at the heart of the local film industry for over 50 years, showcasing southern Alberta on the big and small screens).

Kevin Costner will be our Parade Marshall (The Greatest Outdoor

Show on Earth and will be led by legendary actor, producer, director and musician Kevin Costner as this year's Parade Marshal. For over 35 years, Costner has been entertaining the world through his movies, television shows and music.)



Luanne Whitmarsh very kindly offered to help with any/all activities with Kevin and she REALLY believes Steve and Joel when they say 'they will call her to arrange it'!

loel said that lots has happened since he and his wife moved to Calgary and are settled into a lovely home in Bearspaw. They feel very welcomed by all. His only concern is how darn slow our traffic speed limits are!

no doubt the future will bring another thousand stories. Thank you both so much for everything you do to help create these lasting memories. The Stampede is such an important part of our city and it doesn't happen without amazing leadership, so thank you. In recognition of your time today, our Club will make a \$100 donation to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Founda-

announce that July 12-14 will be Pow Wow's in the Saddle dome. And, the rodeo is back and this year is a PRCA sanctioned rodeo meaning more acknowledgement of the skills of the athletes and Stampede. And, agriculture cannot be taken for granted. We are currently living in a time of food insecurity – so along with oil stability we

Speaker Thanks: Murray Flegel thanked Steve and Joel for a very interesting presentation. Steve - you started and lived through the pandemic; well done! And Joel – great to have you here as Texas is also a great rodeo state. For you both, your expertise, vision and drive have brough the Stampede through a very challenging 2 years and we want you to know that our Rotary Club is 100% in support of you!

Joel & Steve, thank you for taking the time to visit us today. In my opening address I mentioned some of my many memories of the Stampede. Like everyone here, I could have told a thousand stories and I have

ern Art, Rides, Food (even weird food), and a new ride Super Wheel which is 47 metre high and you can see forever in this ride! Joel is very honored with the partnership the Stampede has with Treaty 7 membership. Elbow River Camp will be ready and he hopes we visit. He was very excited to

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need to ensure we have agriculture stability.

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The BMO expansion has about 60% of the steel installed. When it is done it will be the largest facility in western Canada. I am proud to announced we are on-time and on-budget!

In Closing: President Stokke:

tion. This gift will help support our community. Thank you.

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THE CALGARY STAMPEDE **Rotary Club of Calgary** at Stampede Park JUNE 2, 2022



Speaker: Joel Cowley (Continued)

Steve McDonough

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Richard Frank Shaw, Jr. (June 18, 1928 – September 27, 2021)





The family of Richard Frank Shaw, Jr. invite you to a Celebration of His Life on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 2 pm

> Eden Brook Funeral Home & Cemetery 24223 Township Rd 242, Calgary, AB (403) 240-4032

We would love to have you join us to toast the well-lived life of a well-loved gentleman, to commemorate what would have been his 94th birthday.

In accordance with pandemic guidelines, please refrain from attending if you are feeling unwell, or if you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.



CANADA DAY BARBECUE: FRIDAY JULY 1ST

Darlene Switzer-Foster, Bill Foster and Stan Cichon are co-hosting a CANADA DAY BBQ at Darlene and Bill's homestead 146102 Hwy 762, Bragg Creek

PLEASE GO TO: <u>www.rotarystampedepark.com</u> to register

WHO: This is for our Rotary Club members and families... there will be good fun for all ages

WHEN: Friday July 1st at: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Gates open at 12:30 and close at 3 pm

MENU: Hot dogs, hamburgers, Vegetarian Chili, chips, popcorn, cotton candy, Canada Day Cake and lots of ice cold soft drinks and bottled water, coffee and tea.

GAMES, PHOTOGRAPHER, BULLS (MAYBE) BAILEY & THE BOYS (Murray Flegel) will provide live music PUT YOUR DANCIN' BOOTS ON SPECIAL GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE PRIZES FOR BEST CANADA DAY OUTFITS

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PARKING: near front gate, with shuttle service via hay ride, for seniors to get to the main event area

BYOBorL: Bring your own BLANKET or LAWN CHAIR.

NO CHARGE!!! - any donations made will go to upcoming "President" Jim's choice of Charity: "Ukrainian War Relief".....more to come on this..

Let's usher in the new Rotary year and our new President Jim, in fine style. It's **Canada Day 2022 with a Western theme...**.expect great fun and fellowship... The event goes on rain or shine..

Numbers are limited to 160, so you must RSVP by June 16, with names and number of family members. But it is **first come, first served...we cannot take more than 160!!**







Need help or have questions?

We want you to have a wonderful volunteer experience. Let us know if you need help or have other questions about being a Rotary Dream Home volunteer.

Please email <u>shifts@rotarycs.org</u> and remember to leave your name and number. If you have ANY concerns or questions the best response you will receive will be to: <u>shifts@rotarycs.org</u> The Dream Home Team and specifically Troy Fredeen have been responding as quickly as possible to any questions, problems or concerns. THANK YOU to the Dream Home Committee for providing such timely assistance







https://rotarystampedepark.com/kids-at-heart/

The Rotary *"Kids at Heart*" Golf Classic is being held on July 21st at Cottonwood Golf & Country Club.





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"the most fun you can have with your Golf shoes on!!"

- Sponsors with player spots included in Sponsorship will not be required to pay
- Register your Team with Spencer Tonkinson: 403-991-0177 or: stonkinson86@gmail.com



ALL AUCTION ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE TO VIEW AT: rotarykidsatheart.ca

"SAMPLE LIVE AUCTION ITEMS" - BID AT THE EVENT OR WITH A PROXY BID

Puerta Vallarta Condo For 10 Days

Cottonwood Golf & Country Club – Annual Membership for 1 golfer Two Premium Tickets to 10 Calgary Flames' Games

Bronze Statue "Proving Ground" by Sculptor Rick Taylor Wine Tasting and Passed Gourmet Dinner for 20 people at your home

Royalty Weekend – 2 night stay at Post Hotel & Spa, VIP Car Detail, Lexus Loaner for 3 days and a Manicure

"SAMPLE ONLINE ITEMS" - BID ONLINE

Golf for 4 at Sirocco Golf Club

Golf for 4 with carts, plus Gift Card for \$400 for a meal, Glencoe Golf & Country Club

4 Tickets to the Calgary Phil, plus gift card to Teatro for \$300

Panorama Condo for 3 nights with 4 Tee Times at Copper Pointe Golf Course Gift Card for \$140 at Nick's Restaurant Plus 4 tickets to a Stamps/Argo Game

\$500 Safeway Gift Card with Smoker

"ONLINE AUCTION" – LIVE BIDDING IS JULY 11, 11 AM – July 23, 6 PM

If you have something that you or someone you know, can offer for our auctions, please let us know. **Please contact Janet Matthews, Corinne Wilkinson or Sharyl Madigan**









PARTNERS in PRINT

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You're Invited to the Rotary Partners of Stampede Park "Summer Sharing Luncheon" Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 Location: Calgary Golf and Country Club 919 50 Avenue SW Time: Registration 11:30am Cost: \$50.00 per person (Guests Welcome)

Confirm your attendance to: Karen Grant NO LATER THAN June 20, 2022 partners@rotarycs.org or 403 239 8987 Payment via e-transfer to: Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park partners@rotarycs.org Payment by cheque. Made out to: Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park Mail cheque to: 3927 Vancouver Crescent NW, Calgary, AB T3A 0M2 Attention Karen Grant or pay by cash at door. Any Food or Fish Allergies, contact Kerry Stack 403 256 7201 or kerrystack@gmail.com



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HIKING CLUB

June 1st was the first summer hike of the season with 14 hikers. We went on Wildrose West Trail in Brown Lowery Provincial Park, where there were lots of roots to watch out for on the trail. It was a

BBC kind of hike - Baileys, backrubs, and cookies thanks to June, Brent, and Glenda respectively. The flowers included Blue Clematis, Prairie Golden bean, Canada Violet, Venus'slipper, Hairy Arnica and the delicate Shooting Stars. The viewpoint was beautiful and extended for miles. At lunch, we sat on cut logs which are part of the cleanup after a bad windstorm in December. Coming back we spotted a deer on the trail, but the camouflage stopped one from getting a good picture. Nice start to the season.

SUBMITTED BY PAT FARN



THE HIKERS



SHOOTING STARS



THE VIEW



THE LUNCH



LUNCH AT ROTARY HOUSE ON JUNE 9TH





Jim Smith: Rotary Profile www.rotarystampedepark.com LUNCH AT ROTARY HOUSE ON JUNE 16TH **Annual Charity Day Presentation** www.rotarystampedepark.com JUNE 17TH AT 2:00 PM: CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR DICK SHAW -see details in bulletin LUNCH AT ROTARY HOUSE ON JUNE 23RD Shereen Dillon: Shen Yun www.rotarystampedepark.com Partners "SUMMER SHARING LUNCH": MONDAY JUNE 27TH CALGARY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB—Details in Bulletin LUNCH AT ROTARY HOUSE ON JUNE 30TH Changing of the Guard, WCS and Large Grants Presentation www.rotarystampedepark.com JULY 1ST: CANADA DAY BARBECUE SEE BULLETIN FOR DETAILS www.rotarvstampedepark.com JULY 7TH: DREAM HOME KICKOFF At Heritage Park Celebration Tent www.rotarystampedepark.com JULY 14TH: NO MEETING DREAM HOME ON PARK TICKET SALES JULY 21ST: NO MEETING **ROTARY KIDS AT HEART GOLF TOURNAMENT At Cottonwood REGISTER HERE:** https://rotarystampedepark.com/kids-at-heart/ JULY 28TH: MY R.I. EXPERIENCE IN HOUSTON Will be on the event website shortly ...



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



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**





Any Bulletin submissions must be received by Wednesday afternoon to be included in the weekly bulletin

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY !!!

Volunteers are required. Click on Sign Up to view available slots and book yourself directly online

Monday June 13th: Tuesday July 12th: Monday September 12th: Tuesday October 18th: Monday November 21st: Tuesday December 6th: **5:00 pm to 8:00 pm** 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Earl Huson (403) 686-0828/ ehuslink@telusplanet.net Ken Farn: (403) 560-6770/ kgfarn@telusplant.net

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING !!!

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