



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



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Welcome to the June 22nd meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, Jim Fitzowich.

Head Table: (L to R) Mike Ruttan, Todd Richardson, Bill LeClair, President Jim Fitzowich, Doug Lair, and Stan Cichon



President Jim Fitzowich

This week's program is Doug Laird speaking on the cattle industry. Today is also a new members induction and some RI and CRCF pin presentations.

Yesterday at 8:58am Calgary time was the summer solstice. Some items on the longest day of the year:

Why? – Because the earth's axis is tilted 23.5 degrees, and at the solstice, the pole is closest to the sun. Astronomers theorize this may be because the earth was hit by a large object during its early history.

Magnetic pole– is where our compasses point, and is different than the geographic pole. It used to be in Canada (1831 in Boothia peninsula), but is now making a beeline to Russian Siberia at an accelerating rate. This is because the poles reverse about every 450,000 years, and the last reversal was about 750,000 years ago. The sun's poles reverse every 11 years and this determines the solar cycle.

Magnetic field – is what keeps the sun's harmful radiation, and other cosmic radiation from harming the earth and its inhabitants. When the poles reverse, the field diminishes dramatically, and that is happening now over the south Atlantic. You can google the rest if you have an interest.

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





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Announcements

Visitors and Guests: **Marietta Maier** did a wonderful job of introducing our guests and we sang a loud and enthusiastic rendition of our Welcome Song.



Health and Wellness: Health and Wellness contact is; **Dorothea Schaab** reported that Lynn and Karen Grant's son Wade is recovering from surgery after a stroke. Please keep the Grant family in your thoughts and prayers.



50/50 : **Michael Zacharki** asked the Guest Speaker, Doug, to pull the lucky ticket and \$170 went to **Corinne Wilkinson!** Congrats.

Sergeant at Arms: There was no Sgt of Arms today

Social Committee Upcoming Event

The Social Committee has reserved 24 seats for the Sound of Music, August 18, the 1:30 matinee show at Rosebud theatre. You are responsible for your own transportation. Call your friends, carpool and have some fun. We will meet for lunch first and then the show starts at 1:30. Cost of the tickets are \$77 if we can get over 20 people going. (under 20 \$95 each)



This does not include tip at the restaurant. Deadline to let **Brenda McKinley** know if you are wanting to go and payment is July 31st. Brenda 403-870-4292, b-mckinley@hotmail.com

Stampede Shirts Stampede shirts are in! For those who ordered shirts, please pay at the Meeting and tell registration you're paying for your Stampede shirts. **Stacey** will bring them to the next Meeting.

Are You a Pianist? Any Piano players want to take over **Glenn Potter's** role for playing O'Canada, Rotary Grace and the Welcome Song on the piano at Meetings? Send an email to admin@rotarycs.org if you would like to volunteer. Glenn we thank you for your wonderful service all these years!!!

Gone but Not Forgotten We want to say thank you to **Walter Flores** for his many years of service to the Club, he is moving to Ontario but we want to extend a warm welcome any time he is in Calgary. Thank you Walter, we wish you the best!

Thank You from Cambodia Clean Water & Toilet. We supplied the funds to complete 7 toilet/washrooms for families with children who have a disability.



Please watch the recording of the Meeting for all the announcements

Click [HERE](#)



“Kids at Heart” Golf Classic Closing in on Tee Time

The hard-working organizing committee of the “Kids at Heart” Golf Classic, under the direction of Chair **Dale Struksnes**, is heading down the home stretch to the tournament date of Thursday, July 20th at Cottonwood Golf and Country Club.

Primary among the tasks facing the Committee is the recruitment of sponsors and the donation of items for the silent and live auctions for donors/sponsors wishing to help make this tournament one of the best ever.

Chair **Dale Struksnes** said sponsorships and donations can range from as little as \$100 to as much as tens of thousands of dollars. The Presenting Sponsor for the tournament, beginning with last year’s classic, is the Charlesglen Toyota group.

“We need everything from online auction items, to cash sponsorships, to major donations and everything in between”, he said. “In particular, we still have a few hole sponsorships available for \$1,500. We are very pleased with the way things are going, but the more people that choose to participate the better the result will be.”

Another area of need for the Golf Classic, is golfers. A full tournament requires 144 golfers and at present we have almost 100 golfers signed up. We are therefore urging golfers to get your teams together and registered for the event as soon as possible in order to secure your spot in the tournament and help facilitate our planning. You can register [HERE](#)

Last, but certainly not least, is our need for participants in the online auction. There will be a substantial offering of many items that you will find you simply cannot live without and there will be a few good bargains to be had. The online auction will begin on July 6th and successful bidders will be notified at the tournament.

If you have any questions about how to get involved, please call **Dale, Janet Matthews, Pat Neuman or Todd Richardson** and they will be more than happy to assist you. -**Keith Davis**, 2023 “Kids at Heart” Golf Classic Committee

Walk With Our Giant White Smithbilt Hat in the 2023 Calgary Stampede Parade!

To kick-start our community engagement and announcement of the Rotary International 2025 Convention coming to Calgary, we have secured a float in the 2023 Calgary Stampede Parade!

It is a giant, white, Smithbilt Cowboy Hat shown above (with a truck to give you the perspective on size) that will be pulled by a small carriage and horses. It will have a Rotary Blue hat band, a large yellow Rotary wheel on the hat front, and large side vinyl banners attached to the carriage that announce the Rotary International Convention 2025.

The parade route is 4.5 km long, so the ability to walk this distance is necessary. Dress is western, but you can wear your walking shoes!

Sign up by emailing corinne@whitehathospitality.com . **Must be registered by morning of July 5.**

Be part of history! Be part of making our big announcement for hundreds of thousands to see, both in person at the parade, and on Global TV’s coverage for television viewers. RI Calgary 2025 – here we come!

Thanks,
Joe Connelly and Corinne Wilkinson





Announcements Continued: All Things Dream Home

Dream Home Update: Update on the Dream Home ticket sales campaign. There are only 8 shifts left to fill!!!! Please sign up on Homebase or email the shifts email below. **There will be no training sessions anymore, if you are new or need training on the iPad a crash course will be delivered in the Dream Home office prior to your first shift. Please arrive early if you need training.** If you have any other questions you can direct them to **Jim Bladon** at shifts@rotarycs.org.

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 but that lot is close, helps our Club and usually has someone walking there after every shift, so you can walk together. **Bonar is looking to fill one more shift and have back-ups just in case. Please contact him asap!**



Stampede Lotteries Off-Park Sales: Dana Hunter provided an update on the new off- park sales initiative this year. **Dana still have a few shifts to fill, please contact her asap.**

How to sign up - Contact Dana Hunter, dana@hunterstaffing.ca or 403-477-2340 Shifts will be assigned first come, first served.

Dream Home Kick-Off

We need you to register now!!

Dream Home Kickoff is Thursday July 6 - 10 am to 12:30 pm
at Boss Lubricants 6303 30St. SE.

We have a load of fun planned for you.. it starts at 10 am.. lots of free parking!

Get branded by the Stampede Promotion Committee, have your picture taken at the photo booth, get roped, meet the Stampede Royalty, enjoy Stampede Spirit fare...BBQ lunch of smoked brisket, salads and beans, pop and water, plus be entertained by the best!!

Beer and wine compliments of Murray Flegel. Our MC John Fitzsimons. starts the program at 11 followed by lunch and entertainment. We need to get numbers in order, so please get registered now!

Check it out on rotarystampedepark.com under Upcoming Events. List your volunteer when you register. Cost is \$50

Final date to register is June 28th but we are capping at 275!! Only 60 tickets remaining!!!





CRCF and TRF Presentation: Mike Ruttan

Jeanette Richardson – PHF Don Bacon – Leader (5 diamonds + Moon)

Todd Richardson – PHF Ted Rowsell – Leader (5 diamonds + Moon)

Kari Megs – PHF +3 Dan Dunlop - +5

John Fitzsimmons – PHF +7 Don Taylor - +2

Roselyn Jack - +1

Please watch the recording of the Meeting to see the entire presentation, click [HERE](#)



Main Presentation: New Member Induction - Bob Steele

Today we had the privilege of welcoming Bob Steele to our Club. **Todd Richardson** told us of how he knew Bob and said many great things about him. Watch the recording to see the entire Induction.

Bill LeClair as PP then officially welcomed him with this speech. “Bob, it is my distinct honour and privilege to welcome you as our newest member. I have seen your Curriculum Vitae and have heard what Todd has said and certainly agree with his comments. Your vast experience in the energy industry is certainly exemplary. The fact you are a Saskatchewan boy and played old timers hockey is purely a bonus.



Rotary is a worldwide organization of 1.4 million members and over 46,000 member clubs. We come together to make positive lasting change in our communities at home and abroad. You are beginning a wonderful journey as part of our Rotary family. Our Club has been described as extremely dynamic, energetic, and very friendly and also as one that really makes things happen. All

Rotary Clubs contribute in their own way to the communities they are part of and abroad as well. In this Club there is a real sense of accomplishment and satisfaction as to what we are able to give back to the community. I would describe this Club as awesome. Our Dream Home Sales at the Stampede are the foundation of our fund-raising activities, but we have many more sources of funds. We take in and distribute well over a \$1,000,000 each year. We are a volunteer service club running like a business.

The foundation of who we are is embodied in the spirit and energy we have as exemplified in our Thursday meetings. The background of our Club is the committee work we do. Please proceed at your own pace with respect to your committee involvement. As you journey with the members of this Club you will truly learn and enjoy the diverse backgrounds of our many members. You will experience many opportunities to provide service to others through our five avenues of service.

Our Rotary motto is Service Above Self which is a wonderful description of what we do. I look forward to the energy and enthusiasm you will bring to this Club. My hope for you is that you will get as much personal satisfaction from your membership in Rotary as I have had during my 34 years. That does not mean you have to stick around that long. We welcome you to the wonderful world of Rotary, in particular, the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. Pat, we welcome you as well. Bob, have an awesome experience with us as we will with you. Congratulations. President Jim will now present you with your Rotary Pin. Members please welcome Bob Steele as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.”

Welcome Bob!!!





Main Presentation: Guest Speaker - Livestock Water Recycling

Today we had Doug Laird from LWR speak to our Club. **Stan Cichon** introduced Doug from LiveStock Water Recycling. See a brief write up of the company below.



LWR provides data-driven, climate-smart resource recovery solutions to livestock farms, food processing facilities and renewable natural gas operations. Their patented technology platform converts manure and bio-liquids into high value products that can be sold into the circular economy including fertilizers, biogas feedstock, and recycled clean water. The results are increased crop yields, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and improved animal health. In 2022, LWR customers mitigated an estimated 300,000 tons of CO₂e and LWR just announced YESTERDAY that one of their clients in Washington state, a 3000 cow dairy, has officially become verified to receive carbon credits for his installation due the methane avoidance created by LWR's First Wave system. LWR's commercialized systems combine to recycle over 3.5 BILLION gallons of manure and digestate annually and they have a goal to *transform **one trillion gallons** of manure and food waste bioliquids into recycled clean water by 2050, directly impacting 10 of the UN's Sustainable Development goals!*

Company one liner: Operating at the intersection of green energy production and cleantech by facilitating biomass from agriculture to RNG, LWR is the award-winning innovator of a multi-patented, data-driven system that reduces the expense and impact of manure liquids while improving operating profit margins for food producers.



Bryan Walton thanked Doug for speaking to our Club today.

To see Doug's PowerPoint click [HERE](#) To watch the YouTube video about LWR click [HERE](#)

To see all of the photos from today's Meeting click [HERE](#)





Dinner Club

Kathy Demorest's Dinner Party

Our Rotary Club does so many great things, and among the top is DINNER CLUB! It is the best opportunity we have to get to know each other.

I would like to thank **Janet & Rick Matthews, Darlene Whitmore, and David & Diane Field** for joining me in my home on Friday evening of food, fun, and conversation! Dinner Club is the perfect way to Build Goodwill and Better Friendships, and it is Beneficial to All Concerned!

Kathy Demorest



Don Bacon's Dinner Party

Don Bacon invited **Craig & Teresa Stokke, Michael Zacharki, Kathy Demorest** and **Sarah Brown** for dinner at the Officer's Mess. This restaurant is located on the Currie Barracks and has a vast history. Queen Elizabeth the II stayed there and we even got a tour of her room! **Michael Zacharki** used to cook here when it was used for the Army and he had many great stories to tell. One of the stories was that he actually cooked for Major General G. G. Brown who is Sarah Brown's other grandfather who died in 1995 so it was great to hear stories of him. What a small world it is. We enjoyed great food and lovely company. Don sure picked a great place! We got the full tour after dinner because of the connections to the past, and we got to learn about all of the renovations they have made since it was an Army Base. Sarah Brown's father grew up on this army base, being the child of the Major General, so Sarah had a few stories to tell of her Father's time there too. All in all it was a lovely evening. Thanks Don!

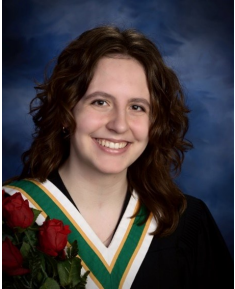


Friendly reminder: When submitting Dinner Club photos please include a short write up!



St. Mary's Scholarship Winners

Hanna Rudelich:



Hanna Rudelich was the recipient of one of two St. Mary's High School scholarships awarded by the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park on Thursday, June 1, 2023. The value of the scholarship is \$2,500.

Hanna has been dedicated and committed to academic excellence. In addition she has played a crucial role in the production of St. Mary's High School Yearbook as a photographer and editor. She also worked behind the scenes to live stream events and design for Saints TV.

She actively participated in the student council, black history month council, and Rotary Inter-act club, showcasing her leadership skills and passion for making a positive impact. She also contributed to her community as a writing center tutor; an art club member; and a member of the Rugby team.

Hanna will be pursuing a Bachelor of Arts program at the University of British Columbia, specializing in film studies.

Meghana Jijo:



Meghana Jijo was awarded the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park scholarship for \$2,500 on June 1st during the St. Mary's High School Academic Awards. President Jim Fitzowich and Scholarship chair Dorothea Schaab presented the scholarship. She is a full International Baccalaureate (IB) student. She has participated in the Speech and Debate Club and has been involved in Peer Tutoring, Technical Theatre and the Poetry Club.

Beyond her school commitments, Meghana is actively involved in the Syro Malabar Youth Movement and her church community. She has also helped with fundraising for non-profit organizations such as the Mustard Seed.

Meghana plans to pursue a degree in Biomedical Sciences with the ultimate goal of becoming a Doctor of Medicine.





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THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/S3IBCZfdTlw>

In Closing:

Next week's Meeting: Will be the end of our Rotary year, the Large Grants and WCS presentations, and the passing of the gavel from yours truly to PE Bryan Walton. Registration deadline is tomorrow June 23rd. Looking forward in seeing you all on June 29th.

Final words: Thoughts for the coming week come from U.S. President John F. Kennedy:

"Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction."

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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Rotary House Update

Starting July 24th, there will be construction on Rotary House and therefore we are being moved to the Blue Room until September 8th. I will remind you all many more times but **please plan to be in the Blue Room starting on our July 27th Meeting.**

June 29th the parking lot at Rotary House will be closed. We have been instructed to park in Lot 10/11 which is on the other side of the BMO center from Rotary House (near the Cowboy Casino, in the top left corner of the map) More info to come in an email closer to the date. But there will be golf carts shuttling people back and forth from Lot 10/11 to Rotary House from 10:00am, and 12:45-2 after the Meeting.



For more information on the Calgary Stampede please visit:
calgarystampede.com



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Annual General Meeting & Assembly
Waterton Lakes National Park
Alberta, Canada
21 – 24 September 2023



Register Now!! Join Us For This Exciting Event

Waterton Peace Garden Service Project and Peace Pole Dedication

Golf Tournament (optional \$\$)

Waterton Lake Boat Trip to Goat Haunt (optional \$\$)

Hike the Great Divide Trail – Goat Haunt to Waterton Township (optional \$\$)

Opening Reception

WGIPPA Annual Assembly with International Recognized Speakers

Fran Leggett | Jeff Mow | Cam Stewart | Jenny Feick

WGIPPA Annual General Meeting | All Rotarians are Voting Members

Peace Park Assembly Gala

Craig Davidson from Rick Steves' Europe | Youth Exchange Students | Entertainment

Non-Sectarian Celebration of Peace, Love, and Life

Hands Across the Border Ceremony

Waterton Village Area Hotels are Offering Discounted Rates | CALL EARLY!

Aspen Village | Waterton Lakes Lodge | Crandell Mountain
403-859-2255 403-859-2150 403-859-2288
Call the Hotel Directly for a 15% Discount Code PCEPRK

Bear Mountain Hotel

403-859-2366
Call the Hotel Directly for a 15% Discount Code WGIPPA

Northland Lodge

403-859-2353
Offering a 12% Discount for Upstairs Accommodations

Registration is Now Available at

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77619583>

Dream Home Kickoff

Thursday, July 6, 2023
10:00 am to 12:30 pm

at

Boss Lubricants
6303 30th St. SE

Join us for BBQ Lunch &
Some Western fun..

Calgary Stampede Western Welcome, Line Dancing,
Calgary Fiddlers, Bailey and the Boys,
Special Guests!

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Susan Lasher has been proposed as for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Dorothea Schaab** and Seconded by **Keith Davis** with a proposed Classification of **Funeral Service/Funeral Director**.

If any Member objects to **Susan Lasher** joining our Club or to HIS/HER proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, Luanne Whitmarsh: secretary@rotarycs.org prior to July 6th, 2023.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Amarjeet Grewal has been proposed as for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Brett Albers** and Seconded by **Jim Hutchens** with a proposed Classification of **Gem Stone Specialist**.

If any Member objects to **Amarjeet Grewal** joining our Club or to HIS/HER proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, Luanne Whitmarsh: secretary@rotarycs.org prior to July 6th, 2023.



Partners in Print

You're Invited to:
Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park
"President Rhonda's Farewell Potluck Dinner"
Date: June 26, 2023 from 5-8pm
Registration Starts 4:30pm
Location: The Snow birds' Chalet
19 Balsam Ave, Bragg Creek
Cost \$25.00 per person / plus potluck item.
Bring a Guest

Door Prizes **50/50 Draw** **Jewelry Raffle**

Confirm Attendance to Karen Grant
NO LATER THAN June 16
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 CASH at the Door
Any Food Allergies contact Kerry Stack at kerrystack@gmail.com

INVITATION - INFORMATION
 Hello everyone
 As you can see we are making a road trip to Bragg Creek for our June Event!
 It is going to be a POTLUCK DINNER!
 The cost is \$25.00 per person plus one item for the dinner.
 It is important the you RSVP your attendance to Karen by June 16th so that Kerry Stack can be in touch with you and let you know what items we will need for the potluck.
 The Executive will provide the hot food items.
 You can reach Karen @ 403-239-8987 or email partners@rotary.org

We are suggesting that you car pool with one another but if you need a ride please be in touch with anyone of us on the Executive.

I am sure it is going to be a very FUN-FILLED night with lots going on.

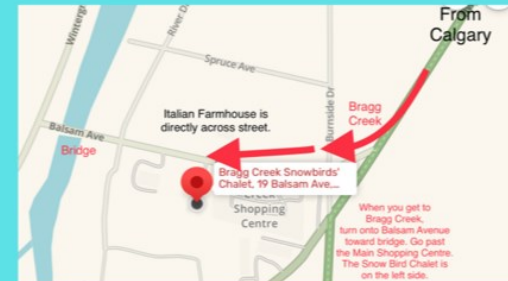
Bring a guest to enjoy this beautiful log cabin setting.

Hoping you can join us as I pass the gavel to your new Partners President, Teresa Stokke!

Until then - I remain
 Rhonda Yaskowich, President
 Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park

PS We are enclosing a map of where the Snowbirds' Chalet is located in Bragg Creek.

Map to Bragg Creek Snowbirds' Chalet 19 Balsam Avenue



Hiking Club

13 hikers met this morning at The Ranche in Fish Creek Park. After 5 days of much needed rain, the mountain hiking trails were muddy and slippery, so we decided to be safe and enjoy the trails closer to home. We were rewarded with 7 km in the sunshine with lovely blowing grasses as well as a few young deer romping in the meadows. We all enjoyed lunch and a few laughs at the picnic tables near Annie's Cafe. A great day after all the grey skies! -Daphne Routledge



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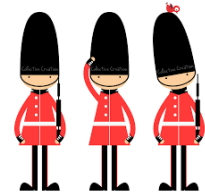
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June 23rd: President's Party



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



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



July 13th: Dream Home Sales - No Meeting
YAAHHHOOOO



July 20th : Kids at Heart Gold Classic

