



Club of Calgary  
at Stampede Park

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### MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CHAS



*"It is amazing how much can be accomplished when it matters not who gets the credit"*

As I prepared my final remarks as President of this Club, I quickly came to the conclusion that a conventional address was not what I felt I wanted to do. In that light, we set some goals for this year and we accomplished them. We all know what they were. What is most important to me, and perhaps more important still - and that I relay to this membership - is recognition of those who made it happen.

**Past President: Ron Prokosch (R.I.P.)**  
**President-Elect: Penny Leckie**  
**Club Secretary: Larry Stein**  
**Treasurer: Don Mintz**  
**Director: Dorothea Schaab**  
**Director: David Young**  
**Director: Gena Rotstein**  
**Director: Jamie Moorhouse**  
**Director: Ted Stack**  
**Director: Michael Ruttan**  
**Director: Bryan Walton**  
**Board Liaison: PP Sherry Austin**  
**Club Administrator: Kathyann Reginato**  
**Partners President: Denise MacLeod**  
**Committee Chairs**  
**Fellow Members**  
**Exchange Students**

I profoundly thank you for your first-rate friendship, endless effort and personal passion. It has been my honor to have worked with all of you. If I can, let me leave you with two asks.

1. I said this to my Board members at the conclusion of our last meeting on Monday. Having occupied the Chair this past year - gave me the perspective of seeing how much talent this Club possesses. It is my ask of you to allow this Club to benefit from those skills and continue to contribute by answering the call when it comes. No matter the position. The collective capabilities of our membership are as enormous as they are endless. Everyone this year pulled on the rope and it produced some pretty good things. Which leads me to my second ask.

Don't - let go - of the rope! Your new President - who is the perfect person for these times - still needs our sustained passion, insight, ideas and support to assist her to accomplish new goals for the Club.

My friends and fellow members of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, it has truly been my honor to be President of the finest Rotary Club anywhere. I sincerely thank all - of - you - for making it a remarkable and rewarding experience.

With that, Madam President Penny, I stand ready to assist you and your team.

**"Facta non Verba"** - Gene and Marge Filipski's favorite quote to me. It stuck!

## Adios!

*E. Chas Filipski, Jr.*

*Past! President 2020/2021*





## Expressing Gratitude

I just want to say one more time, thank you to President Chas, to the Directors coming to the end of their term on the Board, Dorothea Schaab, David Young and Bryan Walton, and to Past President Sherry Austin, who has served as an advisor to the Board. The investment of your time, heart, your efforts and your personal commitment make our Rotary Club stronger, better and more vibrant. You have set the bar high for those who follow. Take time to relax, breathe, have a drink and savour your accomplishments. You have earned the moment. Enjoy it. Last, but not least, and because she is in a special category all on her own, thank you to Kathyann for EVERYTHING!!!!.

Sooooooooooooooooo, here we go.

On July 2nd, we have been given the **opportunity** and will be celebrating Canada Day – wear your pants. We will be standing for the singing of O Canada. Wear red and white. Show off your maple leaves, wherever you may choose to wear them... (I do know the plural of leaf is leaves, but not in Canada, and particularly, not in Toronto)

At the meeting on Monday evening, our Board approved funding to thank the presenters each week during my year as President, with an honorarium. The weekly honorarium will be donated to Calgary Rotary Clubs' Foundation. As Past Chair of CRCF, I want to promote the **opportunity** our Club has with CRCF. Let's face it, if it wasn't for the wisdom of past donors to CRCF, I would be setting up a lemonade stand and drinking all the vodka... Kickstarting this program with an honorarium to CRCF on behalf of our speaker on July 2, **Senator in Waiting, Mike Shaikh**.

During the meeting on July 2, I will be announcing the launch of a "**20 Days in 2020**" fundraiser for the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank. Thanks to **Corinne Wilkinson** for naming the fundraiser. (It never occurred to me that between July 2nd and July 22nd there are 20 days, and we are in 2020...) Look at her "sell the sizzle". All funds collected in connection with this fundraiser will be accumulated, flowed through our charity account, and presented to the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank following their presentation to the Club on July 23rd, which coincidentally would have been the date of the Stay in School Golf Tournament. For those of us who typically sponsor or spend funds at the Stay in School Golf Tournament, here's an **opportunity** to spend some or all of those funds, make a contribution to an important organization in the community and assist the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park make an impact. More specific details on how to participate in the "**20 Days in 2020**" will be provided on July 2nd.

There is a saying "You Should Do Something Every Day that Scares You". I am covered from now until June 30, 2021. Just saying!!! (If any of you are paying attention, you should be scared, too...) Just saying!!!

**PENNY LECKIE**



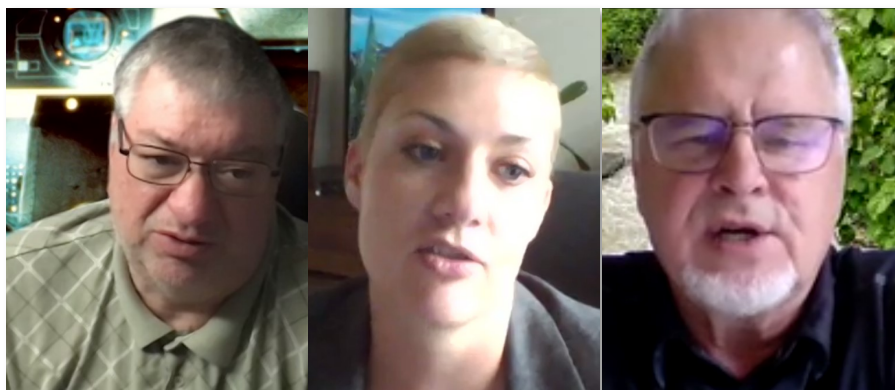
Rotary Opens Opportunities

**Jamie Moorhouse** introduced our speakers, **Bob Wiens** and **Christine Kyte**, co-chairs of the World Community Service Committee, who presented their annual report to the Club. We are thankful that our Club has so many dedicated individuals who believe in the international efforts of Rotary.

*Their full PowerPoint presentation can be accessed through the link:*

## [WCS Presentation - June 25 2020](#)

Thanks President Chas. Fellow Rotarians and guests,



As most of you know, World Community Service has a mandate to manage the clubs donations to international projects. Our committee this Rotary year was made up of 13 members (shown in the slide) that met 8 times this last Rotary year, until our budget of \$115,000 was allocated to international projects. We accepted project proposals throughout the year and those proposals come from a variety of places but mostly they come from our members. Christine Kyte and I shared the chair duties this year and Jamie Moorhouse was our Board Director.

This year we were fortunate to have a significant budget of \$115,000. Thank you board members for displaying such confidence in the committee. The funds available to us were allocated to 20 projects in 14 different countries. We collaborated with 14 NGO's and 8 other Rotary clubs.

Let's get some of the statistics out of the way before we get to the stories.

The Rotary Foundation recognizes 6 areas of focus for any Global Grant type project and we attempt to follow these same guidelines in support of smaller non leveraged projects. This past year we supported projects in 4 of the 6 areas of focus.

The WCS committee tries to leverage funds from all possible sources but that usually depends on the size and nature of the project. An NGO might in their funding proposal to us commit to some form of matching via one of their other donors or perhaps in-kind. On larger projects financed with Global Grants, we are sometimes successful in getting other Alberta clubs to collaborate with us by contributing cash and/or District Designated Funds. We try to maintain good relations with other Alberta clubs and we will sometimes support a Global grant that they are leading. Quid Pro Quo!

For the last 5 years we were very fortunate to rely on government of Canada funds. Matching from The Rotary Foundation has been stable for the last 7 years but that is about to change, with both sources of funds no longer being available.

This table will give you some appreciation for what these changing rules for leveraging might mean.

Comparing what we raised through leveraging over the last 5 years to what the new rules would have meant over the same 5 years, you can appreciate that going forward Rotary Clubs will be doing much smaller and fewer projects. These revised rules will impact Rotary clubs in other Districts even more since almost all have much less access to District Designated Funds than we in District 5360 have. In fact these new rules will make projects using Global Grants rare in most Districts. Our District is most fortunate due to the Ev Mayhood bequest a few years ago which will allow our clubs to continue to do international projects but of a reduced value.

The Rotary Foundation limits clubs to 10 open grants which we have now reached, so our 3 applications not yet submitted will be "on-hold" till COVID allows our partner Rotary Clubs to finish their projects and give us some room. These new applications will each be approximately USD 30,000 smaller because of these new rules.

Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park World Community Service 2019-2020		
Current Rotary Year		
WCS donations to International NGOs		C\$95,527
WCS funds for Global Grants-all		C\$29,125
Potential leveraged impact from Global Grants only (applications in process)		*C\$505,000
Past years	Our Contribution	Total Value
GG active (8)	*USD36,120	*USD576,962
GG submitted (2)	*USD7,800	*USD175,500

Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park World Community Service 2019-2020		
Changing rules starting July 1, 2020		
	Our 5 year benefit	July 1 onward
Govmt of Canada matching	USD 372,900	0
TRF matching of club cash	USD 185,393	0
Total funding loss after July 1	USD 558,293	





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## WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE PRESENTATION



The WCS committee members have a wide range of connections with international NGOs but we also rely on our entire club membership for additional connections. There are 2 projects with registered NGOs that we supported after members recommended them. Not every mention by you, the membership, is taken up but we highly prefer to deal with organizations where we have a personal connection.

Coincidentally both of the registered NGOs are working in Malawi.

Not every NGO that we support is registered with Canada Revenue. In such cases we sign an agreement with the NGO that includes information required by Canada Revenue. Raksha Ascent, for example, was recommended to us by Nancy Spence but is not registered in Canada. It focuses on empowering Nepalese girls who have survived or are at risk of sexual assault and sex trafficking.

CORE Nepal is a registered Canadian charity run by a friend of Janet Matthews and supported by the club in Canmore. It gives marginalized groups the tools and skills to educate young children with a focus on girls.

Given the leveraging structure of Global Grants, our club has been fortunate to lead up to 3 grants a year. We also have the good fortune to support our neighbour clubs in their own Global grants, wither with cash or cash and DDF.

This past year, we supported Malawi Water's 2020 goal of constructing 480 biosand water filters. This Global Grant is between the Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial and Rotary Club of Limbe. The Canadian charity Malawi Water has good relations with the Limbe club and will be the implementer. With small foreign clubs, it can be advantageous to include a Cooperating organization that will actually do the work.

We collaborated with the RC of Calgary Chinook who are leading a Global grant with RC Islamabad Metropolitan. This Global Grant, via a Pakistan Hearing Clinic, will work to identify and support children with hearing loss to improve academic performance.

This year we allocated funds for four Global Grants to be led by members of our WCS. Because of the changing leveraging rules and the limitation of 10 open grants, we have had a lot of juggling to do. Calgary Centennial took one off our hands and will be leading it. Unfortunately these two shown are being delayed because of quarantine rules, the limit of 10 open grants and the changing leveraging rules.

The Rotary Club of Ipiales has done a large project with us before and this new pending project will provide 350 indigenous families living on small farms near the Ecuador border with safe water. The Ipiales Rotarians have a significant amount of skin in the game, contributing cash and their own District Designated Funds.

And **Christine** will speak on Kenya School Water Tank

In February 2020 **Jamie Moorhouse** and **Christine Kyte** utilized a District travel grant to travel to Kenya. The purpose of our trip was to complete a needs assessment for a community water tower project at Eating Stone Orphanage just outside Nairobi. A needs assessment is a requirement for a Global Grant. Eating Stone Orphanage is currently the home to 52 orphans, and Wisdom Academy School which operates at Eating Stone teaches an additional 150 students. The project will be in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Kikuyu and will provide water for the orphanage as well as 200 individuals in the surrounding community.

While we were there we spent quite a bit of time with **Dr. Cyprian Lumumba**, the owner and head educator at Eating Stone, as well as **District Governor Joseph Githengi** and the Rotary Club of Kikuyu in Nairobi. RC Kikuyu will be our international partners on this project.

Eating Stone was one of the organizations that our club supported last year with solar panels for their water tanks, and they recently worked with RC Grand Prairie to dig a bore hole. This bore hole will be the source of water for the water tower, which will then have a fill station for community members to access.

RC Kikuyu has done many water projects in the area, the centre picture is similar to what we will be building, but quite a bit larger. The picture on the right was another project at a primary school that combined rainwater collection with water pumped from a bore hole to fill the cistern, to then be distributed to the community.

These projects proceed slowly, but we hope to have this completed within a year or 18 months.

**Michael Ruttan** thanked **Bob** and **Christine** for their report and all the hard work this Committee does in identifying, assessing, accessing matching funds and executing their projects. Their dedication is appreciated.





**Tribute to the Outgoing President: Sherry Austin, on behalf of PP Ron Prokosch, presented a tribute to outgoing President Chas.**

President Chas, Fellow Rotarians, Special Guests: Thank you for the honour of recognizing our President for his dedication to our Club during his Presidency 2019-2020. Normally, the Past President would be providing this tribute. This Rotary year has been anything but normal.

Not long ago I was visiting Past President Ron and he asked me to help him with his presentation to recognize President Chas. We highlighted some major areas but I never saw the document he prepared. I will do my best to recall our discussion and fill in a few gaps.

President Chas, you have had a year like 'none other' in the history of our Rotary Club. It all started as planned with a wonderful Dream Home kick-off at Heritage Park amongst the falling rain and a record breaking Dream Home event. The fall saw our first 'Rock'em Sock'em Rotary Rib Fest' to raise funds for our club operations and it was a smashing success. During a field trip to Supreme Windows in October, you awarded CEO Ann MacKenna a Paul Harris Fellow for her nearly two decades of title support for our SIS Golf Tournament.

Each week meetings commenced with historical facts both old and new and were always filled with the laughter and good will of fellowship and friendship made all the more fun with our President's quips to delighted members. We really are quite irreverent. Hugs of happiness were commonplace and the table discussions rousing. You ensured our meetings were always available to all wherever one may have been on the planet thanks to weekly videos and the talents of two of our colleagues.

There were some major accomplishments during the year that will have a profound effect on our Club in perpetuity. With huge support from our membership our name was changed to the 'Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park' to honour our 60+ year meeting location. President Chas was the first president to ever welcome us all with our new name. Shortly thereafter, we received great news from the Stampede that our beloved Rotary House would remain insitu for at least the next 8 -10 years and potentially beyond. Thank you, President Chas, you worked really hard to make this happen!

Our one million dollar, five year Legacy Project with the Stampede took shape with the naming of the bursary program that was to be used for students with economic challenges as the 'Rotary Accessibility Fund'. The restoration of the old 'Oliver House' was begun with a new Rotary name under development. Our President took every opportunity to promote our Club with the Stampede and ensure our relationship was solid and would continue to grow and flourish. Fundraising activities for the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF) and the Rotary Foundation (RI) were supported and enthusiastically endorsed and promoted by our President at every chance he got. He even attended CRCF committee meetings to learn as much as he could about our local foundation.

A multi-year review of our Constitution and Bylaws was completed and ratified by our membership. The new 'Lifelong Membership' category was launched. A companion 'Policy Manual' is under development and the first 'Member Handbooks' were distributed online. President Chas never lost sight of the end game regarding our club governance. Through his leadership, a newly structured 'Communications Committee' became operational to ensure consistent branding of our image and consistent messaging to our members and the public. Strategic Planning continued to be an important element for moving our club forward in a coordinated manner. Growing our membership was emphasized and our club was rewarded with a significant boost in enthusiastic and talented new members.

Youth activities continued to flourish with an increased number of students taking advantage of short term youth exchanges. President Chas and his partner Terri have been strong supporters of our youth programs for many years. They even visited with past Exchange students during their International Convention in Germany.

**Yes, the 2019-2020 Rotary year was growing into a most memorable one. Then, 'IT' happened.**

The world was hit by a tiny but powerful virus that changed the way we live in a flash. All of a sudden there were no more opportunities for face to face interaction. Gone were our weekly meetings, our committee meetings, our fundraising activities, our social activities and most importantly gone was our ability to be with one another. One would have thought that things would collapse and that would be the end of our Rotary year.

But no, our fearless President was not going to allow an invisible invading enemy to force us into retreat. Together, with his trusty administrative partner Kathyann, his determination led to our very first Zoom meetings. His leadership kept our Club together and ensured that all members had access to club activities and to one another. He encouraged us to reach out to those who might be alone in the isolation created by COVID-19. He kept our social activities alive including the wine club, evening 'fun' events, and weekly business meetings. A new member was inducted online and a new scholarship was created for our students who completed their exchanges and named in the honour of Past President Ron Prokosch. President Chas delivered food created by our own Rotarian and used the opportunity to check on members to ensure they were doing well. He led by his actions and while his heart must have been heavy at times he never let us know.

No one does this job without support and our President had the strength and intellect of his wife Terri at every turn. They are an outstanding team that graced our Club for this past year when it seemed everything changed around us. President Chas, you have taken on challenges never seen before by any of your predecessors during the past 64 years. Your Rotary year, 2019-2020, will go down in our Club's history as one of challenge and triumph. We thank you from the depth of our hearts for your undying positive spirit and your amazing leadership through unprecedented times.

**With deep respect and much gratitude, Past President Sherry Austin, in memorial honour of Past President Ron Prokosch**



**Changing of the Guard:** In light of our current social distancing situation, a special video of the formal changing of the guard and passing of the gavel was presented. **PP Terry Allen**, on behalf of **PP Ron Prokosch**, presented outgoing **President Chas Filipski** with his PP pin and the traditional Rotary House print and ceremonial gavel. In turn **PP Chas** presented incoming **President Penny Leckie** with her President's pin and new gavel, noting that she was the right person at the right time to be taking over the reins. **President Penny** then presented her PE pin to **PE Craig Stokke**.

**CRCF Cheque Presentation:** **Neil Fraser** presented **President Penny** with the RCCSP proceeds from the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation, a cheque for \$221,000. He thanked **PP Sherry Austin** and **Pres Penny** for their service on CRCF, and welcomed **Jim Fitzowich** as the new Chairman of CRCF. He noted that the Club will receive over \$1 Million over the next 5 years from the Foundation, and **Penny** noted that the current cheque will be the only funds received by the Club in her year, so it is doubly important to us.



**President Penny's Closing Remarks:** At the end of a Rotary year, there are so many people to thank. However, in the interest of time, I will echo President Chas' comments and will focus my attention on Chas. Chas, I paid very close attention to what you said at the beginning of your year. I heard you say you wanted to **focus on Communications and Fellowship**.

You saw that in the constantly evolving world of social and other media, our Club requires a **Communications Committee** to support the Executive, the Club Members and other Committees. The messaging and imagery for all communications by our Club needs to be consistent and professional. Everyone knows the incredible value of a good reputation, how quickly it can be damaged and how long a damaged reputation can take to repair. Our Club cannot afford this risk, and the Communications Committee you created is there to oversee and mitigate this risk. The importance of a Communications Committee and consistency in branding became even more obvious and imperative during our Club's name change.

As we move forward, **I know our Club will continue to benefit from the vision you brought in this area.** As incoming President, I have already reached out to the Communications Committee, more than once. I have received support and assistance from this tremendous committee. Thank you for your leadership and for creating the Communications Committee.

Chas, you grew up in a Rotary family. You saw the **benefits of Rotary Fellowship**. In your heart and in your gut, you knew that our Club is nothing without Rotary Fellowship, and our Club is greater with Rotary Fellowship.

As President, you aspired to preserve and steward the culture of Fellowship within this Club that you observed through your parents' membership. I would say you achieved this. That preservation and stewardship became even more challenging when we were no longer able to meet in person.

However, Chas, you rose to the challenge, you kept us connected through COVID and **I know both your mother and father would be proud of you, their son, and what you accomplished as President of Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.**

On a personal note, Chas, not only did you build our Club's Fellowship, but you solidified our Friendship. **I always liked you, but now I consider you a close friend.** Thank you so very much, Chas, for being open and welcoming to me during your year. Going forward, I know I will need your support, your insights and your guidance **as I move into my year as President.**

And speaking of that, **Let's Get This Party Started...**

Next week, Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, **we are celebrating Canada Day.** Wear your red and white. Wear your maple leaves. Wear your pants!!! We will be standing for the singing of O Canada. **Our speaker will be Senator in Waiting, Mike Shaikh.** He will refresh our memories on why we live in such a wonderful country.

Finally, **if I am going to have to be on TV,** I am going to be like other famous women of TV, like Lucille Ball, Mary Tyler Moore and Carol Burnett...

**I am going to close the show with my theme song.**

**Don't Stop (Thinking About Tomorrow) by Fleetwood Mac**  
**CRANK IT UP!!!**

Have a great weekend and a great week.





**President Chas Filipski** welcomed us all to the June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 ZOOM meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. The background he had chosen for this meeting was the Get Out of Jail FREE card from Monopoly, which exemplified his feelings about his final meeting!

Recognizing the passing of our **PP Ron Prokosch** last weekend, **Chas** noted that it is very unusual for a sitting President to lose his predecessor. He is grateful that **PP Ron's** relentless attention to detail gave him, as the new President, a solid Club structure and cleared the path for his year. Regard for **Ron** is evident in the recent enthusiastic tribute given to him by all of the YEX students that were such a large part of his involvement in Rotary. A moment of silence for **Ron** followed. He will be missed. We acknowledged Past President Ron with a moment of silence

**Lisa Fernandes** led us in absentia for the singing of the national anthem.

**Bulletin Editor: Bev Ostermann Photographer: Paul Brick**

Thanks to **John Fitzsimmons** and **Kathy Demorest** and the rest of the Social Committee for the pop up ZOOM event they hosted this week. It was a lot of fun.

Happy Birthday to **Jamie Moorhouse** and **Glen Richardson**. Also, welcome to **Jim Cairns**, who is attending his first ZOOM meeting.

**Sergeant-At-Arms: Brett Albers** picked on **George Deegan** and **Jim Hutchens** for a game of personal knowledge.

- What was your first date?
- What is your wife's favourite junk food?
- What would she pick – sweet or savoury?
- What is her favourite movie?
- How many years have you known her and how many years married?



After some fumbling around and off screen coaching, they managed a tie, so everybody watching is dinged for \$2 in their can of fines. Those cans must be getting quite full. It will be interesting to see what the final tally is when we return to Rotary House

**Stampede Announcement: Corinne Wilkinson:** The Stampede is selling special 2020 t-shirts for men and women - when I clicked thru and ordered, it is coming directly from the Stampede Store, so perhaps a bit of a fundraiser for themselves? I did buy one - I think it will have extra special meaning to our members since 2020 was the year of "no Stampede Lottery Rotary Dream Home"..... Here is the link: <https://shop.calgarystampede.com/>

**Have a great Rotary week**



**Michael Ruttan** introduced **Michael Vandezande**. They first knew each other through volunteer work, and Michael will be a good fit for our Club.

Mike Vandezande: I was born and raised in Calgary. I am the oldest of two children and have one younger sister. I am lucky to have a close-knit family – where family dinners occur almost every weekend – even during Covid restrictions where we would facetime or zoom in lieu of being together. I grew up playing hockey in SE Calgary, first with Bow Valley and then with the Calgary Buffaloes where I played AA and AAA and then Junior B hockey, while attending the Haskayne School of Business at the U of C. I also love golf, and



have memories of golfing when I was young with my dad and grandpa. I was lucky to golf as a sponsored member at Willow Park during my junior high and high school years. Now I am hoping that I will get to help teach my own children these sports.

My wife Maria and I have two children. Giuliana, who is 5 years old and Anthony, who is 2 years old. As family is so important to us, we named Giuliana after a small town in Sicily, Italy where my wife's father was born and raised before coming to Canada. Anthony also takes the first and middle names of both his grandfathers – not very original, but a special meaning to us as they are currently the only grandchildren on both sides of our family. Our kids bring a lot of energy, creativity and fun to our lives. We appreciate the activities Calgary and the surrounding areas provide as we raise our family here.

After graduating from the U of C with a business degree I worked for a mid-sized accounting firm before being blessed to find a position with Matthews Group, where I completed my Chartered Accountant (CA) and Certified Financial Planning (CFP) designations. This winter will be my 10<sup>th</sup> year working with the Matthews Group. Matthews Group was started by Kris and Ray Matthews, a wife and husband team, who I am very fortunate to work closely with and who have taught me many life lessons. We are a “family” of accountants that get to assist business owners and their families. We work with entrepreneurs in providing accounting, tax and business advice. I now manage the controllership area where, depending on the size of the client and the resources they have available, will work with their internal accounting staff or act as their internal accountant. This involves assisting clients with month end procedures, reviewing budgets to actual results, key performance indicators and ensuring short and long term goals of the shareholders are being met. We are also involved with strategizing on growth, profitability and achieving tax efficiencies. I enjoy being a part of the clients trusted group and working with other advisors – whether it is their bankers, investments advisors, lawyers, or whoever is in their corner, to help them make the best decisions for their business.



Being given the opportunity to become a member of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park has given me yet another family that I am now honored to be a part of now, and for many more years to come.

Michael Vandezande



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our brother, father, grandfather and wonderful friend, Ron Prokosch, who passed away Saturday, June 20, 2020 at the age of 73.

He is fondly remembered by his sister Pamela Crawford, step son Scott Prokosch, son, Matthew Prokosch (Laureen) and his cherished grandchildren Christina, Jake, Taylor, Joey, Caitlin and Haley, his numerous close friends and many Rotarians and Youth Exchange students.

He was predeceased by his parents Edward and Audrey Prokosch.

Ron was an active member of Rotary and recently served as President of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. He was a dedicated leader in the coordination of the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program.

A memorial to celebrate Ron's life will be held at a later date.

Donations can be made to: Rotary Foundation Canada or to a charity of your choice.

Notes: Joined RCCSP June 4, 1982  
RCCSP President: 2018-2019

To forward condolences to the family, visit

<https://www.arbormemorial.ca/en/leydens-calgary/obituaries/ronald-edward-prokosch/50934>







**We lost a great friend and Mentor Past President Ron Prokosch on  
Saturday, June 20th. Rest In Peace**







## Ode to E. Chas. Filipski, Jr President 2019-20 Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park

You have been our leader for one year  
An image of Gene the father you admire;  
A longtime Rotarian looking down from much higher  
The torch is now yours in our Club so dear  
Inaugural musings were taken to heart  
Club members responded by doing their part  
Presiding with attention and care,  
Your apologies were too much to bear;  
Oh Chas we said – ‘bid sorriest adieu’  
Otherwise you will start sounding like Justin Trudeau  
Always gracious and frequently loquacious  
But never ever were you rapacious.

Service over Self – the motto of RI  
A Rotarian, husband, father and son,  
Your abiding love is second to none  
It is true the Four Way Test you exemplify  
The fun started early in our hats and boots  
The Dream Home Kickoff all laughter and hoots  
Real trepidation with e-tickets sales,  
Fears evaporated quickly with encouraging tales  
Carlotta we gain, Kaylee to Spain  
Both returned early ‘twas the Covid strain  
Members did vote to rebrand our mark;  
The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park  
It was Rock'em Sock'em the Rotary Rib Fest  
You captained the team in our hockey best.

Meetings rolled on, the program was strong,  
We kept our traditions with socials and song  
Fund raising was sturdy  
Donations were pretty  
Oh the pleasure you took in leading the throng  
By-laws were updated,  
The process it grated  
You leaned on experts to fill the gaps;  
The Board worked hard to finish the map  
The New Year held such great promise,  
But emerging events would cause a grimace  
You declared, “This too shall pass”;  
Covid 19 pushed us to Zoom en mass  
We found our own ways to stay with the trends,  
Though sadly we said good-bye to some dear Rotarians  
Chas my friend the honour was mine  
To serve with you in this moment in time.



Our rotary year is over, time to ring the bell  
President Chas' reign is over and it is time to say farewell  
Some misguided members may groan and sigh with relief  
But we cannot get too emotional, cos we know we have to be brief  
Yes, Chas is not known for his jokes or his levity  
But is renowned for long clarifications of his brevity  
Many a meeting have we waited in eager anticipation  
As we hear of the important events on this day, in our nation  
As his opening remarks drone on and the minutes roll by,  
The crowd is getting restless and wondering who is this guy  
Yes, it is our beloved President Chas whose year although hit by a virus  
Has finished on a note of hope that will help to revive and inspire us  
But on a more serious note, cos we know we have to be brief  
We must thank him for being our leader and chief  
As he hands over the reins of power to the indomitable Penny  
He can look back relax and think of the good times...oh so many.

DAVID YOUNG



Don't miss out on this  
amazing Barbecue  
Kit from Christine



NO-CONTACT DELIVERY MENU

DELIVERY ON JULY 3

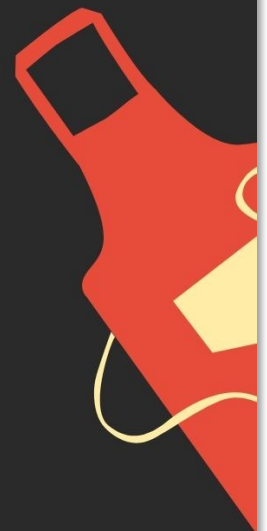
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## TENDERLOIN STEAK DINNER

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# Name that ROTARIAN



Do you know that in our club we have members that have?

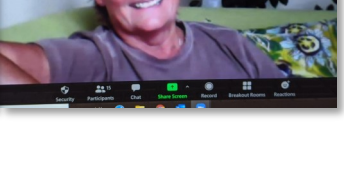
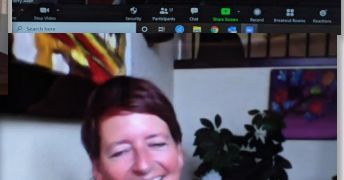
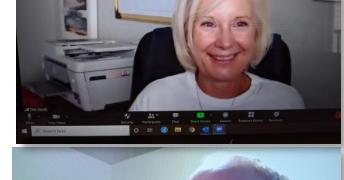
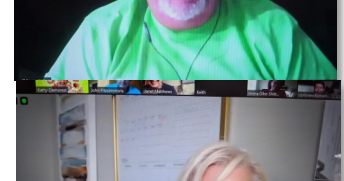
- Walked a Tight Rope
- Raced Motorcycles
- Survived Sky Diving after having to cut away the main parachute
- Been a Rotary Member in 4 different countries
- Learned what happens when you mishear the word GUN for FUN at the Mexican border??? You need to hear this story!
- Bungee jumped with 3-time world lightweight champion boxer (Tony "the Tiger" Lopez)
- Played Hockey in the Montreal Forum
- .....and much, much more!

Turns out this was indeed an educational event! 😊 A+ for all who participated! Although, the truth be known, there was only one winner . . . . BRYAN WALTON – CONGRATULATIONS!



Thanks John for being such an entertaining and gracious host for this event! Sincere thanks to each of you for making the time to connect for "Name that Rotarian". I know that your time is valuable, but the gift of fellowship gained is invaluable!!

Grateful for the laughs and lessons—Kathy Demorest





**Happy Birthday**  
**Glen Richardson**  
**and**  
**Jamie Moorhouse**



### Happy Birthday Rotarians

Larry Koper	June 4
Earl Huson	June 6
Martin Struthers	June 7
Sandy Dougall	June 10
Dick Shaw	June 18
Carol Rosdobutko	June 21
Jamie Moorhouse	June 25
Glen Richardson	June 26
Jan McLeod	June 27
Luke daSilva Curiel	June 30
Kathy Demorest	June 30

*If I've missed a birthday, please contact Corinne Wilkinson at [corinne@whitehathospitality.com](mailto:corinne@whitehathospitality.com)*

*Peacock photo taken by Corinne at our wonderful Calgary Zoo which opened last week with timed tickets.*

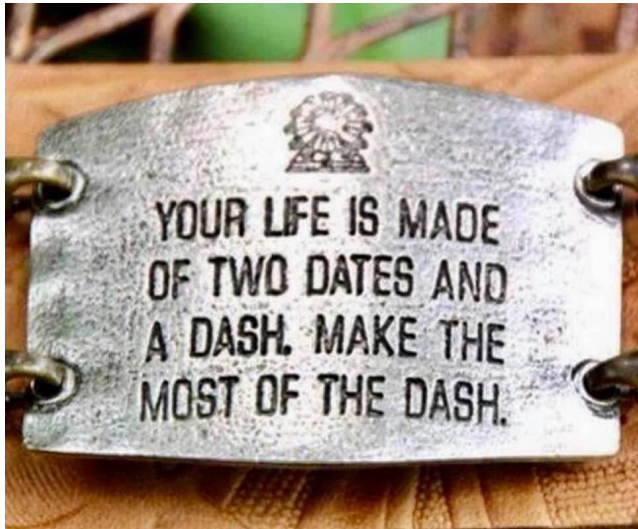


**Happy June  
Birthdays!**





## STAYING CONNECTED ... WITH JOHN SHIELD



"For what it's worth:  
it's never too late or, in my case,  
too early to be whoever you want to be.  
There's no time limit,  
stop whenever you want.  
You can change or stay the same,  
there are no rules to this thing.  
We can make the best or the worst of it.  
I hope you make the best of it.  
And I hope you see things that startle you.  
I hope you feel things you never felt before.  
I hope you meet people  
with a different point of view.  
I hope you live a life you're proud of.  
If you find that you're not,  
I hope you have the courage  
to start all over again."

- F. Scott Fitzgerald

Always be kind.  
If you see someone falling  
behind, walk beside them.  
If someone is being ignored  
find a way to include them  
If someone has been  
knocked down, lift them up.  
Always remind people  
of their worth.  
Be who you needed  
when you were going  
through hard times.  
Just one small act of  
kindness could mean the  
world to someone.

My Life

**Simple rule in life:  
If you wouldn't like  
it done to you, don't  
do it to others.**

"This letter is to you.

The you that's had a rough week. The you that seems to be under constant storm clouds. The you that feels invisible. The you that doesn't know how much longer you can hold on. The you that has lost faith. The you that always blames yourself for everything that goes wrong. To you.

You are incredible. You make this world a little bit more wonderful. You have so much potential and so many things left to do. You have time. Better things are coming your way, so please hang in there. You can do it."





As the weeks go on, we all try and keep positive and pray for this virus to be on the downside and start socializing again.

Like most of you, I've been getting ready for Summer. Most of the cleaning is done and we have been spending some wonderful time outside in the backyard. We have had a few social distancing visits and it feels good to do something "normal". We are venturing out a little more and spending time with my parents which is a big delight for all of us.

You have seen my email that we were not able to hold the June dinner. I am sad to not see any of you to close out my "year" but our main priority is keeping everyone safe and healthy. We will plan for the Book Sale and jewelry raffle to be held at the September event.

My Theme for the year was "Fellowship Through Generations" and even though I wasn't able to complete this theme for half of the year (at events), I hope you saw it in my newsletters. I want to thank the following amazing ladies for being my "speakers" on *What Being a Rotary Partner Means to Me*: **Kelly Brittain, Jeanette King, Norma Carroll, Terri Filipski, Mary McPhee, Maureen Watson, Susan Brick, Donna Kennedy, Maureen Hutchens, Lorna Hamm and Karen Grant.**

We all have our fingers crossed that we will be holding our September 16th luncheon at Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club. More information will be available in August.

I have wonderful news! We have a 2nd Vice-President for our 2020-2021 year. **Joan Walton** is joining the Executive and I am very pleased to have her on Board. I know she will be a great asset and I am looking forward to working alongside her.

The new Board List, Event Dates and Activity Schedule will go out in mid-August.

**Denise MacLeod**

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## STAYING CONNECTED ... HIKING CLUB

Under threatening skies nine hikers set out on a new hike called Vents Ridge. It was over 5 k with a gain of ~ 300 m but you could have convinced us it was much longer and much higher. The feature of this hike is reaching the White Buddha rock which the hikers walk under. The climb was shall we say rocky, aggressive and sometimes we were on a narrow goat trail near the edge. At the top we were rewarded by fantastic views and one of the group had to balance on one leg on the cliff overhang and another had to climb the highest rock pile for their Kodak moments. The back route down was our choice for survival and it had lots of roots crossing the path. Near the bottom of this back route we had to cross this fast moving creek by walking on logs. Luckily we had Sir Galahad along to help even if he got his boots wet and had to pour out the water that had come over the top of his boot when he went too deep. The route up had multitudes of flowers but then the route down had this Smooth Blue Beard Tongue which you don't often find. The caravan went to Cinnamon Spoon cafe for a drink and a social distancing visit. As soon as we got into our cars the rain poured all the way home.





DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>WE WILL CONTINUE TO UPDATE YOU AS THINGS EVOLVE</b>		
July 2	ZOOM MEETING: Dominion Day Celebration and Senator In Waiting Mike Shaikh	ONLINE MEETING
July 9	ZOOM MEETING: Stampede Spirit: Celebration of Cowgirls	ONLINE MEETING
July 16	ZOOM MEETING: President's Inaugural Address	ONLINE MEETING
July 23	ZOOM MEETING: James McAra Foodbank Update	ONLINE MEETING
July 30	ZOOM MEETING: Alice Reimer: Creative Destruction Lab	ONLINE MEETING
Aug 6	ZOOM MEETING: Sandip Lalli: CEO: Calgary Chamber of Commerce	ONLINE MEETING
Aug 13	ZOOM MEETING: YEX Presentation: Emily Stokke	ONLINE MEETING
Aug 20	ZOOM MEETING: Bethany Presentation	ONLINE MEETING
Aug 27	TBA	
Sept 3	Scott Bolton: CEO - UFA Calgary Co-op	
Sept 10	TBA	
Sept 17	TBA	
Sept 24	CRCF Campaign Kick off	

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**Ron Prokosch (Deceased)**  
**Penny Leckie**  
**Larry Stein**  
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