



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



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Welcome to the June 29th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, for one more Meeting, Jim Fitzowich.

Head Table: (L to R) Incoming President Bryan Walton, Brenda McKinley, Incoming President Elect Jim Bladon, Last Meeting as President Jim Fitzowich, Candice McCarthy (Kids Cancer Care), and Spencer Tonkinson



President Jim Fitzowich

This week's program is our annual WCS and CRCF endowments presentation. Today is also the "Changing of the Guard" for the Club Board of Directors. To that point I would like to recognize the following retiring Directors:

Stan Cichon – Stan was our Director of Operations for the past 3 years, or stated another way, the "Minister of Everything", not included in other Directors portfolios.

Walter Flores – was our Director for Youth, and has reinstated our Youth Exchange programs that were suspended during the Covid pandemic. Unfortunately this is also Walters final day of Rotary, as he is moving to Ontario.

Don Taylor – was our Director of Charities, and the WCS and CRCF endowment presentations today are part of his portfolio.

Myrna Dube-Thompson (revision) I neglected to include **Myrna Dube-Thompson** in the list of retiring Directors and would like her to be included in the Bulletin for the meeting record. My sincere apologies to Myrna as her contributions were, and are, greatly appreciated as Meetings Director. My thanks to **Jack Thompson** for pointing out the oversight. As we know, my year as President has been imperfect, and this is no exception.

Please thank these retiring Directors for their outstanding service to Rotary.

I would also like to recognize Mr. **Glenn Potter** for all of his years of playing the piano for us, as today is his last day "tickling the ivories". As you may or may not know, Glenn is a highly accomplished musician and teacher and in addition to Rotary service, has been Music Teacher at Henry Wisewood and Choir Master at Grace Presbyterian.

Please join **Glenn Potter**, (for the last time) and me for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.





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Announcements

Visitors and Guests: **Greg Smyth** was back and 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** had nothing to report this week but a correction from last week; it was reported that Lynn and Karen Grant's son Wade is recovering from surgery after a stroke but it was actually a Brain Aneurism and Karen said he had surgery and is holding his own but will have a long recovery. Please keep the Grant family in your thoughts and prayers.

50/50 : **Michael Zacharki** asked the Guest Speaker, Candice, to pull the lucky ticket and about \$170 went to **Janet Matthews!** Congrats.

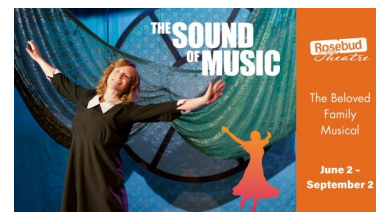


Sergeant at Arms: P.P Chas Filipski did an amazing job of draining people pockets today, including himself! He sure made up for the weeks we didn't have a Sgt! Way to go Chas!



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 and didn't pick them up today, they will be in the Dream Home office so come early to grab your shirt before your first shift. You can also contact Stacey Johnson to see about alternative pick-up options. **If you haven't paid you can pay at the Meeting on July 27th or write a cheque to the Club and deliver to Sarah or Don Mintz.**

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!

Please watch the recording of the Meeting for all the announcements/minute speakers

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 a few Sales Manager shifts on the app again, please sign in to pick up shifts if you can! 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

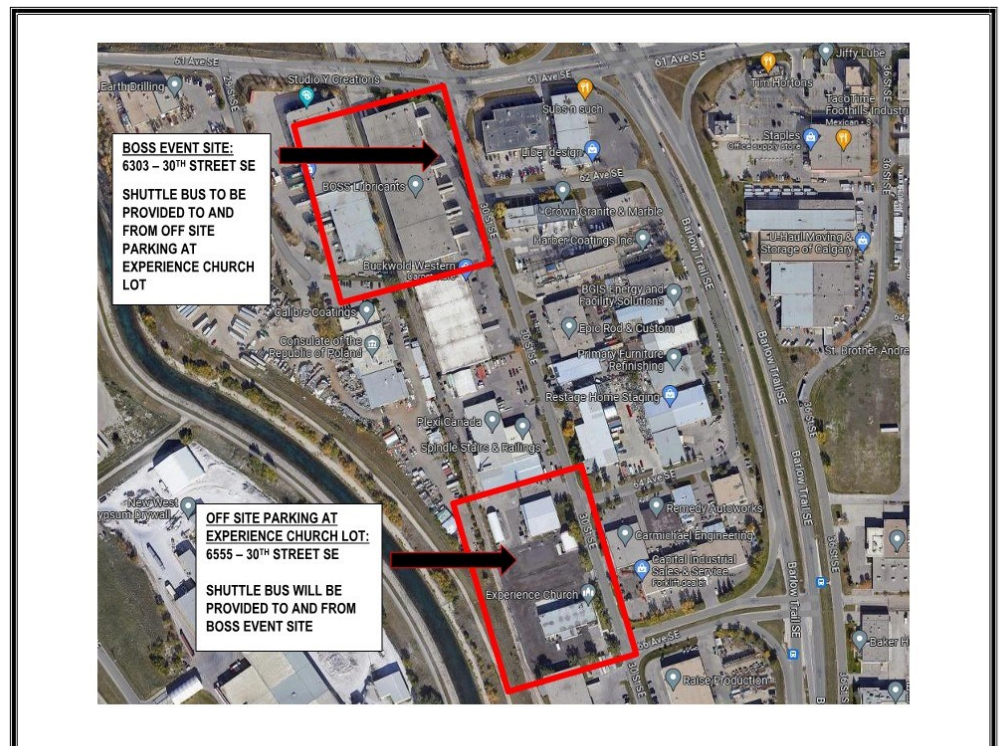
Registration is CLOSED! If you registered we will see you there.

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!

The free parking is indicated on this map and a shuttle will be transporting people back and forth.

If you have not registered you can ask **Pat Neuman** very nicely and she might have a couple extra tickets. pneuman647@gmail.com





Main Presentation: World Community Service

Brenda McKinley enlightened us on what the WCG Committee has been up to all year, she thanked the Committee for their hard work and played a very heartwarming video from one of the Charities who received funds, we highly recommend you watch the recording to see the video and presentation. To see the write up for this presentation please [click here](#) Below is a summary of which category each Charity fit in and the funds that went to each project. Watch the recording for more information, [click here](#)

Community Development	Foster economic empowerment, improve food security, and build community self-sufficiency. CreateAction.org LEVERAGED VIA GLOBAL GRANT	Senegal	\$2,850	
Community Development	Expand the use of micro savings for families with no bank access. investinghopefoundation.org	Colombia	\$10,000	
Education related	Provide solar pump, tank and water treatment for a school. buildinghopesociety.com	Kenya	\$11,565	
Education related	Supply rechargeable solar lamps to students. cambodiaruralstudentstrust.org	Cambodia	\$10,200	
Education related	Enhance teacher training and access to Khmer teaching resources LEVERAGED VIA GLOBAL GRANT RCCD	Cambodia	\$2,850	
Food Security	Support planting of fruit trees to improve nutrition and economic development. TreesThatFeed.org	Haiti	\$10,000	
Food Security	Ensure availability of food for a boarding school via purchase of garden plots and cows. EatingStoneKenya2008.org	Kenya	\$11,525	
Health related	Contribution to a van to transport patients to therapies. FANDIC.org.co	Colombia	\$10,000	
Health related	Provide dental surgeries and dental hygiene products to children. AfricanAidInternational.org	Guinea	\$18,000	
Health related	Provide wheelchair accessible toilets to persons with disabilities. safehavenkhmer.org	Cambodia	\$5,000	
Health related	Set up a workshop to produce ecological smoke free rocket stoves. ATZIN.org	Mexico	\$7,000	
Health related	Establish a national lending bank for Ponseti splints to correct clubfoot LEVERAGED VIA GLOBAL GRANT with District 4281 and SCCOT.org	Colombia	\$13,300	
Health related	Support an Edmonton Rotary Club delivering cataract surgeries. Mission Clarity	Ecuador	\$9,667	
Water/Sanitation	Provide a solar water pump to a Masai village. LandAndLife.foundation	Kenya	\$7,800	
Water/Sanitation	Protect water springs to ensure sustainability. GARDAfrica.ca	Uganda	\$10,000	
Water/Sanitation	Provide household filters to rural families. Rotary Club of Bogotas Chapinero	Colombia	\$6,500	
Disaster relief	Donation to ShelterBox.		\$2,500	
			\$148,757	



The Dream Home Committee, Stampede Lotteries, and Kinsmen were down on the grounds this week to see the prize reveal for the Stampede Lotteries. Submitted by **John Shield**





Main Presentation: Mario Stella Grant



Spencer Tonkinson was proud to introduce Candice McCarthy from Kids Cancer Care who spoke about being the recipient of the Mario Stella Grant. She spoke of the amazing program they have for kids and their families to enjoy some form of normal-ness. She played a lovely video of many children smiling that will pull on your heart strings. Please watch the recording of the Meeting to see her speech and video. President Jim concluded that Mario Stella would be elated with where his money is going to help with transportation for these kids!



To watch the recording of the Meeting [click here](#)

Main Presentation: Changing of the Guards

In the interests of time, I am not going to repeat the comments I made on Friday night. However, I would be remiss if I didn't make some acknowledgements and thanks. As you know, a Rotary club is a big team sport, with many participants, both on and off the field:

- I would like to start by thanking all of the Stampede staff who have served us all so well over the past year, and over the many years. Special thanks to Erica who would always serve me with a pot of Camomile tea, chosen for its "calming" affects.
- Thanks to all of the Club members and Committee Chairs that did the outstanding work to make this such an outstanding year.
- Thank you to all of the Clubs Board of Directors that implemented (hopefully) the last of the governance and financial changes started in PP Bill LeClair's year. Lets hope that heavy lifting is done.

Best wishes and good luck to the new Board of Directors and club executive, in particular President Bryan and PE Jim. I think the advice Tiger Williams gave to Jim Bladon is probably appropriate to you all.

I have been thinking for some time about what final quote I would use to finish my year as President. Churchill, Thatcher, Nixon and Groucho Marx all came to mind. The one I think most appropriate is the one used by fellow Classics student Boris Johnson, whose farewell as British PM included a quote from Roman General and Consul Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus: *"I return to my plough."* Thank you for the opportunity to be your President. - **Outgoing President Jim Fitzowich**

President Jim then passed on his President's Pin to incoming President **Bryan Walton**. The Past President, **Craig Stokke** then exchanged pins with **Jim Fitzowich**. President Bryan passed his President Elect Pin to **Jim Bladon**. President Bryan then presented **Jim Fitzowich** with a framed photo of Rotary House to proudly hang in his home.

President Bryan took over as President of the Club! Welcome **President Bryan!!!!** A BIG thanks to **Jim Fitzowich** for an amazing year under his rein. We look forward to working with **President Bryan** in the year to come.



To watch the entire presentation please [click here](#)
To see all the photos from today's Meeting [click here](#)



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

In Closing:

Next week's Meeting: No Meeting for the next 3 weeks. Meetings will resume on July 27th

And with that, our meeting is adjourned.

Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week!

Reminder, there is not Meeting for the next 3 weeks but please register for the July 27th Meeting on the site now.
Deadline is July 21st



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We want to thank President Jim for an amazing year and for all of his hard work!! You have done many great things in your rein President Jim and you were a pleasure to work with!

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.



Tee it Up Again, Sam

If you hate golf, have way too much money, and don't like to help charities, then please don't read this article. If you do read it you'll find out how you can have a great day on the golf course, multiple chances to win between \$50,000 and \$1,000,000, and enjoy great fun, food and entertainment. You guessed it. It's the \$1,000,000 2023 Rotary "Kids at Heart" Golf Classic, made possible by the outstanding generosity of our Presenting Sponsor, Charlesglen Toyota and many other sponsors and donors. Lucky for you, we have got a few great spots left for individuals or teams who want in on the action, but you have to act quickly as the tournament is less than a month away and most years it sells out.

Tee off time is 9:00 AM on Thursday, July 20 th at the fabulous Cottonwood Golf and Country Club and you definitely don't want to miss it. This is the 22 nd year of the tournament (previously named the Supreme Windows \$1,000,000 Amateur Golf Classic) and it is undoubtedly one of the most popular tournaments in Calgary. Your green fees cover your golf, free beverages and food on the course, a wonderful tournament dinner, an exciting live auction with fabulous offerings, and substantial cash prizes for the top teams. If that isn't enough there is also an online auction that begins July 6 th and runs up until the tournament with a wide array of items you'll be competing to bid on.

This year's tournament will benefit three very deserving charities: Between Friends, Youth Centres of Calgary and New Heights School and Learning Services. These charities will each share in hundreds of thousands of dollars raised through sponsorships, donations and golfers. Those monies will make a huge contribution to the hugely beneficial works these charities provide to youth in Calgary.

Mark the date in the calendar, get your registration in, and polish up your clubs. If you can't make the golf date you can still participate as a sponsor, a donor or a bidder in the online auction. All you have to do is go to <https://rotarystampedepark.com/kids-at-heart> and follow the links. You'll be very glad you did.

Written and submitted by **Keith Davis**





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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!

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Call the Hotel Directly for a 15% Discount Code PCEPRK

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Call the Hotel Directly for a 15% Discount Code WGIPPA

Northland Lodge
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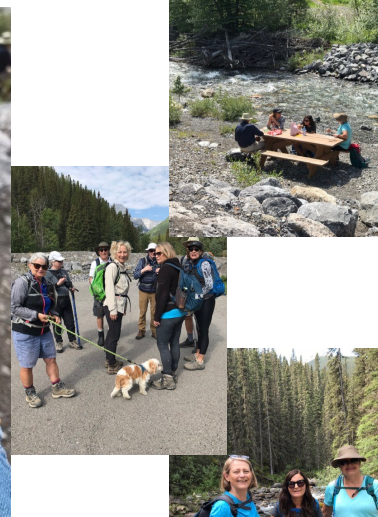
Offering a 12% Discount for Upstairs Accommodations

Registration is Now Available at

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

Hiking Club

12 hikers enjoyed a glorious summer day hiking in the Kananaskis, at Ribbon Creek & Kovach loop. Blue-bird skies, rushing waters from the creek and blooming Indian paintbrush gave us all a gorgeous view. Cookies helped get us up the upward incline. Donna's grand-dog Jasper joined our crew and had a great time as well. Daphne included; "This Butterfly sat on my hand for a full 5 minutes, eyeing my sandwich ha-ha The Butterflies were everywhere! It was magical!" -Daphne Routledge





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To Whom It May Concern – Calgary Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park held its fourth Second Chance Art Sale in April of 2023. It is our second largest fundraiser. We had the benefit this year of use of free space from the Salvation Army for the process of pricing and packaging donated art. We now have only until the end of July to relinquish the space we have been using. At that space we have in storage unsold art that is being saved for next year's sale. We will need to move it to a new storage location. At this time, we have no obvious option.

We would appreciate learning of any suggestions or connections that Rotarians can offer for alternatives for our storage needs. We have two different requirements. First and immediately, for the long term we need a small space in the order of 200 to 300 square feet. That would be used for storage of art saved from year to year. It could be as simple as a rented garage, or perhaps a minor corner shared with a larger non-profit or charity that controls a warehouse.

Secondly, we also need pricing and packing space every year, for the period of January through April. For that period, we need about 2000 square feet as a minimum. Having an overhead door would be advantageous but not absolutely necessary. Reasonable access for multiple deliveries of donated art, and eventually load out to our sale is important. This could be as simple as a short-term lease of a retail strip mall bay, or space in a warehouse when a part of it is not in active use.

As this art sale process is a major fundraiser, we want to keep our costs as low as possible. Our ability to pay what might be "going rates" for space is limited. Donated or subsidized space would be greatly appreciated, as it was this year from Salvation Army. Generally, we would prefer to have such spaces in the southern half of Calgary. But we will consider all options as we know these needs will not be easy to fill.

If you have ideas for us, please contact:

Bill Skinner

Art Sale Chairman

Cell: 403-807-1976

Email: sunboldcalgary@gmail.com

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



July 13th: Dream Home Sales - No Meeting
YAAHHHOOOO



July 20th : Kids at Heart Gold Classic



July 27th : First Meeting Under President Bryan - Future of Irrigation in Alberta



August - TBA