

# RCCSP Weekly Bulletin March 10th 2022 Volume Number 67, Issue Number 31

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### Welcome to the March 10th 2022 meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, Craig Stokke



I've been looking forward to this meeting for a long time. As many of you know I'm a huge football and Stampeder fan. I've been attending games my whole life and, with the exception of 2021, I have attended (in person) every Grey Cup game since 1992. I look forward to being in Regina when the Stamps win Grey Cup 109.

The reason I'm such a big fan goes back to the old "Quarterback Section" at McMahon Stadium. For those who don't know what the Quarterback Section is, it was a fenced off area in the North end-zone (where the Red and White Club currently is). Parents would drop off their kids prior to kickoff, the kids would watch the game from bleachers inside the fenced area while the parents would go to their seats. At the end of the game, the patents would pick up their



kids. My sister, brother, and myself spent at least four years locked up in that "cage". It was a blast.

The best part; there was always a group of us that would spend the entire first half scheming on how we were going to sneak out. Sometimes we would go over the fence, sometimes we would go under the fence, sometimes we would pretend some random stranger was our parents, but more often then not we would all charge the security guard at the same time knowing full well the worst case scenario would be one of us would be caught (while the others would go find our parents).

So, to say I have great memories of Stampeder games would be an understatement. And with that, I would ask that you join me for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.

#### HEAD TABLE: Neil Fraser, Bob Brawn, PP Chas Filipski, Pres. Craig Stokke, Stamps Head Coach Dave **Dickenson and Stan Cichon**





GUESTS: Bill Sumner: Bill read out a very lengthy guest list today! President Craig: I would like to extend a huge welcome to everyone in person and on Zoom! Let's sing the "Welcome Song"

INTERNATIONAL DAYS: Craig Stokke: As we know, March 8th marked International Women's Day. But throughout the year there are a number of other important days that are recognized around the world. There is International Literacy Day, International Day of Democracy, World Hangover Day, National Dress Up Your Pet Day, and World Mental Wellness Day. So how exactly do these days come to be? Let me tell you the story of World Plumbing Day.





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### **INTERNATIONAL DAY; Continued:**



In 2008, our own **Hans Tiedemann** was the Treasurer of the World Plumbing Council. At their Board meeting in Zurich Switzerland, one of the Board members mentioned International Women's Day and suggested that, in order to promote the history and importance of plumbing throughout the world, they should create World Plumbing Day. In reviewing potential dates, it was decided it should be held in March. As it turns out, one of the Directors had a birthday

on March 10 and Hans' birthday was March 12th. So of course both Hans and the Director started lobbying to have their birthdays selected. As a compromise, it was decided to split the difference and celebrate World Plumbing Day on March 11th. So, ever since 2008, plumbers from around the world have been celebrating World Plumbing Day on March 11th in part because of International Women's Day and in part due to Hans' birthday. So, happy World Plumbing Day tomorrow and happy birthday to Hans on Saturday. Now, if you're curious about the Director who had his birthday today? The world has already forgotten about him.

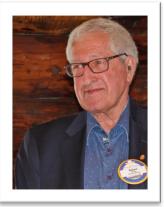
#### 5050 Michel Zacharki: An anonymous guest (see picture) won \$100. and donat-PRAW ed it right back

**BRAWN FAMILY FOUNDATION: Craig Stokke:** We have some pretty amazing members in this Club who generously donate their time, their money, or both. Extremely generous. I'm honoured to share just one example of that generosity with you today. **Past President Bob Brawn and his family** have recently made (another) significant donation to our Club. Through the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation, the Brawn's have donated one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to our Club in support of mental health initiatives.

While our applause today shows our gratitude to Bob and his family, for those who know the Brawn family, they do not do this for recognition. When I asked Bob's permission to inform the Club of his generosity he said "I guess you can say something if you'd like, if not that's OK too". **Bob, I'm honoured to!** 

In the near future, our Club will have significant money to spend on (much needed) mental health projects. I told Bob I would like to mention it today, in hopes others will be inspired to join Bob in making an investment in mental health. I would also like to arrange formal recognition for the Braun family later in the Spring (once our members return from the sun). The topic of mental health touches everyone and every family in some way. I would like to say thank you again to **everyone** who supports our Club and its foundations.





**Corinne Wilkinson and her sister, Joanne ter Harmsel** (from the Calgary Zoo) gave a heartfelt thanks to the Brawn Family Foundation for their support of the Calgary Zoo as well. We love the new "Dinny".

**OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH THE UKRAINE:** Many members have been asking how Rotarians can support the Ukraine crisis. The UN is predicting as many as 12 million people may need humanitarian assistance. In response to this crisis, The Rotary Foundation has made available their Disaster Response Fund as the main avenue for contributions. Also, a long term Rotary partner ShelterBox is helping to provide safe accommodation for this who have been displaced. Because Rotary is a volunteer driven organization, we do not have the overhead and marketing costs of other humanitarian organizations. Year after year, Rotary is ranked #1 in the world for ensuring donations actually get spent on its intended cause. Also, we have Rotary clubs in Poland and other parts of the world mobilizing to offer support. See Rotary Foundation page in this bulletin ...

And again, thanks to member generosity and the <u>Richardson Family</u>, we hope to announce a significant Club response to this situation over the next week or so. So please look for that.

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**ROTARY CURLING: Jim Fitzowich**: spoke about the Curling Trophy which was on display at the head table. The Trophy was won on Tuesday evening at the Rotary Curling Finals. RCCSP had three teams in the event and the trophy was for the winners of the B Event Curling Group: Roger Sonntag, Jim Fitzowich and Greg Smythe. They beat out Larry Kennedy, Mark Ambrose, Roselyn **Jack and Donna Kennedy**. The A Event Team was comprised of: **AI Johnson**, Penny Leckie, Jim Bladon and Dale Struksnes

The Rotary Curling League plays at 4:30pm on Tuesday's at Garrison Curling Club, and will re-start in October. Interested curlers can contact any of the above to get involved. League has a mix of skill levels and its great fun and fellowship. Next year the league is expanding by three teams and the Bonspiel will be held in Calgary next spring. Jim asked all the curlers in the room to stand and be recognized.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Joe Connelly: Joe talked about how Great Cities have significant architectural objects for which they are recognized: Sidney – the Opera House; Paris – the Eiffel Tower; New York – the Empire State Building and Calgary – McMahon Stadium. He then asked the following questions!!

McMahon Stadium or heliskiing in the Rockies?

McMahon Stadium or The Berlin Wall?

#### What is older?

McMahon Stadium or the Space Race? McMahon Stadium or Tommy Douglas & NDP? McMahon Stadium or the very first Dick Van Dyke Show? McMahon Stadium or Wayne Gretzky? Trivia: McMahon Stadium opened in August 1960.

Ted Stack Bryan Walton Kevin MacLeod Ken Copithorne and Bill LeClair all answered and money was made that is all we are sayin' ... Joe made sure to hit **Corinne Wilkinson** up for her windfall at the 50/50 last week. Trivia: McMahon Stadium opened in August 1960.

**NEXT WEEK'S MEETING:** We are back at Rotary House. This should be another amazing meeting. There will be people on the lookout for the best dressed Member "leprechaun" and a photo booth for all as well as a special 50/50 Draw. Restrictions have lifted we would love to see you back at Rotary House. If you have a friend or Rotarian from another club who may be interested please consider inviting them to our meeting. And just a reminder that you must register by 9:00 am tomorrow morning to attend.

Go to: <u>www.rotarystampedepark.com</u> to register—scroll down to upcoming events (if you require assistance learning how to register online contact Kathyann and she can provide you with a login and password.

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

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

And with that, our meeting is adjourned **Thank you for coming. Have a great week!** 

MEETING LINK: https://youtu.be/X46ACwBoFwc







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### DAVE DICKENSON: CALGARY STAMPEDERS

**SPEAKER INTRO: Stan Cichon**: It is truly my honour to introduce our guest speaker. He is Montana's "Legend of the Fall" who also is known throughout that state as "Super Dave", Mr. Dave Dickenson.

Dave Dickenson joined the Stampeders in 1996 after a stellar career at the University of Montana. There he was a three-time conference MVP with the Grizzlies and in 1995 led the nation in passing while guiding Montana to the NCAA Division 1-AA national title. He was named a member of the College Football Hall of Fame's Class of 2018 and was also part of the Big Sky Conference's inaugural Hall of Fame class in 2020.

### Now a little bit about his coaching history:

- Coach Dickenson is in his 14th season on the Calgary coaching staff and seventh as the team's head coach. His regular-season record is 61-23-2 through the 2021 campaign.
- Last season, Dickenson helped guide the Stamps to a 16th consecutive playoff appearance as the Red and White won six of their last seven regular-season games.
- In 2018, the Stamps advanced to the Grey Cup for the third straight season. Coach Dave led the Stamps to their eighth Grey Cup title in franchise history as Calgary defeated the Ottawa RedBlacks 27-16.
- From 2012-15 under Dickenson's tutelage as offensive coordinator, the Stampeders led the CFL in cumulative points scored over the course of those four seasons, finishing either first or second each year.
- In 2010 he was named quarterbacks coach. That year the Stamps quarterback Henry Burris was voted the CFL's Most Outstanding Player.
- Coach Dickenson's first assignment when he joined the coaching ranks in 2009, was offensive assistant where he tutored the Stampeders running backs and helped Joffrey Reynolds claim the CFL rushing crown.
- Dickenson joined the Calgary coaching staff after an outstanding 13-year professional playing career. He spent 11 of his 13 seasons in the Canadian Football League, six of those with the Stampeders (1996-2000 and 2008).

#### Now a bit more about Montana's "Super Dave":

- A potent combination of intelligence, athletic ability & courage, Dickenson set a number of CFL passing records and was named the league's Most Outstanding Player in 2000 after throwing for 4,636 yards, 36 touchdowns and only six interceptions while guiding the Stampeders to a 12-5-1 record.
- After spending two seasons in the National Football League; with San Diego in 2001 & with Seattle, Miami and Detroit in 2002; Dickenson returned to Canada & signed with the BC Lions. After 5 seasons with the Leos – including a 2005 campaign in which he established league records for highest completion percentage and quarterback rating in a single season and an MVP performance in the 2006 Grey Cup – Dickenson returned to Calgary in 2008 for what proved to be his final season as a player.
- He and his wife Tammy along with children Avery and Cooper live in Calgary year-round. His coaching role extends into the off-season as he annually operates the Dickenson Passing Academy to work with young quarterbacks and receivers.

Ladies and gentlemen will you please join with me in extending a very warm Rotary at Stampede Park Welcome to Montana's "Legend of the Fall" Mr. Dave Dickenson .













### DAVE DICKENSON: CALGARY STAMPEDERS



Dave began his address with the fact he loves coming to meetings like this because he gets to hear "how good he was!" He had to replace Jeff Garcia so he had to live up to expectations.

He thanked the Club for inviting him and enjoyed Joe's use of facts about McMahon and posed the question, "can we do something about it?"

He indicated that he didn't have any prepared notes but would just like to talk. Apparently his wife thinks he is a "very good" talker!! She even calls him "Chatty Cathy"

Coming to Calgary from Montana was not a difficult transition – there were many similarities in both the game and the city culture. The fans are also similar and he indicated that the team cannot func-

tion with their appreciative fans. He supports the concept that the players have to get out into the community and this is a priority in a postcovid environment and especially to develop a "younger" fan base.

#### Last Season:

It was a season full of "the Good; the Bad; and the Ugly. As he was looking at films, he realized that there were a lot of significant changes in the team as people had moved on. From players to the coaches that went to the Argos in Toronto. They do seem to pickup some of Calgary's best. This meant that as a coach he was going to have to "grow the team". BUT covid meant there was no pre-season – this was a huge problem – football is NOT A SAFE SPORT – he recognizes this but you do everything you can to make it as safe as possible and part of that is the whole aspect of "getting physical" and having "full contact". He is the classic example of this, after having four of his joints replaced!



The season started and they played Toronto and even the stars were

making errors, he aged ten years and it seemed that everything was going to be hard. The Labour Day games were a split and then the team "laid an egg" in Hamilton!. Suddenly you're 2 and 5 and a losing season is looming. Not something that you want to consider. In the BY-week the coaches realized that communication with the players was a problem. McMahon didn't have a "big enough" space to meet safely with the team.

They found that players were often simply using their phones in a variety of situations to analyze the team efforts. Finally they were able to utilize the Dino's space – they put in plastic dividers and finally got down to meeting "one on one". At the end of this process a number of cuts had to be made and the team saw what needed to be done to bring about change. They began to win, made the play-offs and as a team felt good when the season was finished.

#### Looking Forward:

Dave then moved to talk about the team for this year. He felt that Bo will have a "come-back" season. He's a great player, community supporter and has done everything you could ask for to be successful. Jake signed at a lower salary to make things fit and the team has two outstanding QB's for the upcoming season. It will be quite competitive as unlike the rest of the team there really is only room for one QB. They have been able to sign several local "big" boys who really want to be on the team. An important part of the building process is the be able to local talent that can fulfil the roles. Dave feels their Canadian content is very good and they will be able to switch both US and CDN players at several positions. Dave talked of the various players in some of the positions who will be more recognizable as the season progresses. There are several veterans who will be a big asset to the young talent coming up.

Dave wants to continue the focus on developing "young fans" and making our community a better place.





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#### **Questions and Answer Period:**

The question period had a variety of comments for Dave to reply to ranging from contrasting the American four down system, to how the makeup of the game is changing. He even reflected on his time in the NFL following Doug Flutie and working with Drew Brees, someone he felt had an amazing degree of self-confidence.

### SPEAKER THANKS: Chas Filipski

**Coach Dickenson:** it has been a real pleasure to have you speak to us today. Your insights into football and our beloved Calgary Stampeders are fascinating and a real treat for us to share. When Stan Cichon asked me to offer the Club's thanks to you today, it was immediately clear to both of us he was not asking me based on my athletic accomplishments. He was asking because I happen to have a connection to a former



Stampeder. My late father Gene a former member of this club played for the Stampeders many years ago. I know many of his friends still in this club as well as myself sincerely wish that he could be delivering this thank you today but unfortunately, you'll have to settle for me.

Quick Stampeder fact: A month ago I got a call from Daryl Slade who does a lot of historical work for the Stampeders. Daryl got my number from Don Luzzi's son, Tom and called me to tell me that he had recently viewed some archival film that had been stored for many years and was finally produced. In that film Daryl verified that my father scored the first Calgary Stampeder touchdown at McMahon stadium on August 15, 1960. Pop continues to impress me!

Now, like most in this Club, I have been rooting for the Stamps for many years. I share season tickets with a Rotary friend of mine on the sunny and fun side. Coach; I have watched through your years as a player, an assistant coach under Huff and of course under your leadership the consistent and continued success of this football

team. It reminds me of a quote my father kept on his office wall.

It is a quote from Vince Lombardi. My father thought highly of him as Coach Lombardi was my father's backfield coach with the New York Giants. The plaque read:

"Gentlemen, we will chase perfection, and we will chase it relentlessly, knowing all the while we cannot attain it. However, along the way, we will catch excellence!"

Coach Dickenson; on behalf of President Craig, our Board of Directors and the membership of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, I thank you for speaking to us today, for relentlessly pursuing perfection and catching excellence so often with our beloved Calgary Stampeders. Best of luck in the upcoming season - Go Stamps Go!

**IN CLOSING: President Stokke: Coach Dickenson**; thank you for taking the time to visit us today. I know we could have kept you here all afternoon and look forward to supporting you in the 2022 season and beyond. In recognition of your time today, our Club will make a \$100 donation to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. This gift will help support our community. Thank you.







# This information has been received from The Rotary Foundation



In response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, **The Rotary Foundation** has made available the Disaster Response Fund as the main avenue for contributions.



All donations made online at <u>Disaster Response Fund | My Rotary</u>, including the use of available district designated funds (DDF), need to be received by **April 30, 2022**. Grant applications to take advantage of the funds will be available now to **June 30**, **2022**. This will be the main avenue for Rotary Foundation support, but Rotary and Rotaract clubs are also encouraged to create their own responses to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

In addition to the support provided through the Disaster Response Fund, the Foundation is coordinating with partners and regional leaders, exploring effective solutions to the increased humanitarian needs.

You will find a comprehensive list of projects <u>at this link</u>, with the contact details and websites that you can share with your club presidents, leadership team, and district and club Rotary Foundation chairs.





# Thank you for all that you do to promote peace

If you have any questions please contact:

Jamie Moorhouse, District Foundation Chair rotaryjamie@gmail.com

Yours in Rotary

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We need you to CONTACT your <u>STAY IN SCHOOL PROGRAM STUDENT</u> to get Report Cards for Semester One which ended in December / January. This also includes post-Secondary Students. We still need last June Report Cards for some Students.

Please send to me and let me know if I can assist: Earl Huson (403) 686-0828/ <u>ehuslink@telusplanet.net</u>

### DISTRICT 5360 CONFERENCE: MAY 14th, 2022

Registration for the **District Conference 2022** is at 173 members from 33 clubs. We do have Sponsorship Opportunities and are looking for Projects for the Tents of Friendship.

May 14, 2022 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM @ Alliance Church 902 Glenbow Drive Cochrane AB T4C 1J2

Your Club President has all the information so do reach out.

Click here to see what's going on and register at <u>www.discon5360.ca</u>. It is going to be a wonderful event.

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**REMINDER** to our club committees:

A limited number of small grants supporting <u>youth programs</u>, <u>scholarships</u> <u>and Community Development projects</u> are available from our District.

Deadline for applications is May 1st.

Connect with Bob Wiens for details or help accessing the forms <a href="mailto:rwwiens@gmail.com">rwwiens@gmail.com</a> 403-922-9723

# Club of Calgary at Stampede Park













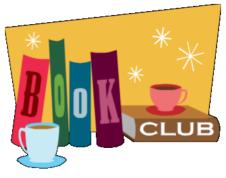




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# **ROTARY PARTNERS BOOK CLUB NEWS**



Our next meeting is at the Calgary Golf and Country Club on March 21st, 2022 starting at 9.30am with a beautiful buffet breakfast.

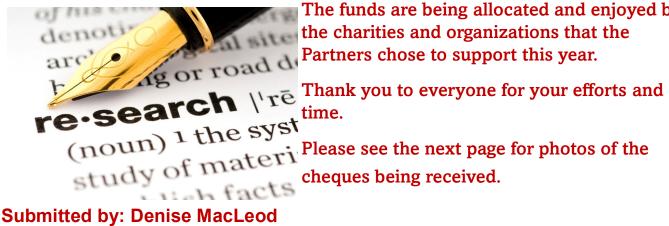
The cost is **\$20.00**. Please let Maureen Hutchens know by March 17th, 2022 if you plan to attend: mo hutch@hotmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE: We have been asked to move our Book Sale to the September Rotary Partners meeting (date to be confirmed). Please continue to save your books.

We are Looking forward to seeing you all and sharing our enjoyable reads.

Submitted by Maureen Hutchens and Jane Topp

# PARTNERS PROJECT RESEARCH



The funds are being allocated and enjoyed by the charities and organizations that the Partners chose to support this year.

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# **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY**



March 15<sup>th</sup> : We're building Good Food Boxes & need 20 volunteers. Help is needed! Volunteers are required. Click on Sign Up to view available slots and book yourself directly online. Tuesday March 15th: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Monday April 4th: Tuesday May 17th: Monday June 13th: Tuesday July 12th: Monday September 12th: Tuesday October 18th: Monday November 21st: Tuesday December 6th:

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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