

National Awkward Moments Day: March 18 2021

When people ask me about my most awkward moment, I never even hesitate. I refer to it as the *"What's With the Leg?"* moment.

It started with a client, who was an elderly gentleman, calling me and telling me he needed to meet to discuss some financial matters. He said, "With the operation on my leg, I am having trouble moving around, so wonder if we could have the meeting at my home?" I said, I would be happy to meet at his home, and we arranged a day and time. He then went on to say, "My Partner will be here and you will be able to meet him." I said I looked forward to it.

I hung up the phone and immediately became worried. My Client was very wealthy and for some time, I had been concerned that his newest Life Partner, who was younger, foreign, and an artist, as compared to being closer in age, resident in Canada and self-sufficient, was taking advantage of my Client. It was none of my business, but I couldn't help being concerned for my Client and wanting to protect him. I was worried that when I met his Life Partner, I wouldn't be able to conceal my annoyance with and my suspicions of his Life Partner. But, as I have said, it was none of my business, so I knew I had to "show up and shut up..."

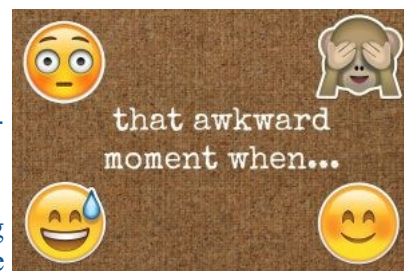
The day of the meeting was a very warm day. Things got off to a bad start when I became lost trying to find my Client's home. Once I found his home, there didn't seem to be any parking spots. Since I was late, I parked illegally and figured I would deal with it later if the car was towed. I jumped out of the car and literally ran in high heels down the street, packing my briefcase and purse, doing my best to get to the meeting.

When I rang the doorbell to my Client's home, I was out of breath, frazzled, hot, bothered and still paranoid about how I would react when I met his Life Partner. My Client opened the door, greeted me warmly, and invited me in. I could see a man behind him, and with my personal fretting, I focused on "the Partner." My Client said, "Penny, I want you to meet my Business Partner..." I was so incredibly relieved to be meeting his Business Partner, and not his Life Partner... My Client said he had to go do something out on the patio. He suggested his Partner and I head into the dining room where we would have our meeting.

It was a beautiful home. That combined with being so relieved to be meeting with the Business Partner and not the Life Partner, had me just chitter chattering away to the Business Partner.

My Client came into the dining room, and wanting to be conversational with him, as well, and to be caring and interested in his health concerns, I turned to my Client and said, "What's With the Leg?"

My Client responded, "I got it amputated." Sure enough, I then took a moment to make the observation that my Client was wearing khaki shorts and a prosthetic leg. To this day, I don't know what happened or was said in that meeting, because all I heard was my brain exploding inside my head.



President Penny Leckie



Good afternoon Rotarians and Guests. Welcome to the March 18th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President for 2020/2021 – Penny Leckie

Today is National Awkward Moments Day. My goal is to get through today's meeting without an Awkward Moment.

Aren't we having fabulous weather? I have been doing a lot of thinking about the saying "In like a lion, out like a lamb", or "In like a lamb, out like a lion." I have looked ahead at the weather to the end of the month, and I only see a lamb for this March. I don't see any lion. I can't help wondering, where is the lion, and that has created an "earworm" in my head, you know a song that you just keep singing over and over...

So, I thought, I am going to transfer this "earworm", about where the March lion is, to everyone else at today's Rotary meeting. Here goes, "In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the lion sleeps tonight..." I think that will be enough to plant it with you for the rest of the day. You can thank me later.

When I was driving home yesterday, they were talking about limericks. I thought I would write one for today's meeting. Are you ready?

*Just this past weekend we jumped ahead, an hour on the clock.
Most of us are still recovering from the shock.
This coming weekend, we celebrate the first true day of spring
Thinking green grass, flowers, tax returns and all the joy spring brings.
While enjoying the sun, we can pause and we can think, daylight savings really rocks.*

Please rise for O Canada.

Guests: We have many special guests with us today. Welcome to everyone, but in particular, I want to recognize Jack Black's four children, going with ladies first, Cathy Buckle, and Jack's sons, Senator Doug Black, and Mike Black. It truly is an honour to have you join us today. Unfortunately, Jack's other son, Wayne, is not able to attend, but we will make sure he has the link so he can watch later. Also, our guest speaker, who will be more formally introduced later, Sue Ozdemir, CEO of Exro Technologies. Thank you for joining us, Sue. Again, welcome to everyone. We hope you enjoy the meeting.

Yesterday, I made a pitstop at the Partners' St. Paddy's Drive-by. It was great to see the ladies out in force celebrating the day, their friendship, and the sunshine. I always enjoy visiting with these ladies, and I don't know who made the Shamrock cookies, but they were to die for. Members in attendance from our Club included **Corinne Wilkinson, Jim Hutchens and John Price**. Thanks for coming out. Please

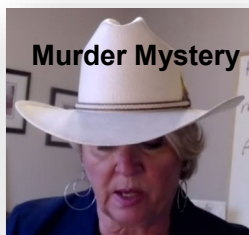
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Health and Wellness: For the months of March and April please contact **Rudy Ruberto** at 403 919 0908 or email: rudyruberto@gmail.com

Peter Penner turns 96 on April 7th. It would mean a lot to Peter and Justina to receive birthday cards from Rotarians c/o 420, 905 Prominence Way SW Calgary AB T3H 2B4 Phone: 587-392-2899. Justina's email: justina.penner315@gmail.com

Where is **Norm Devitt**? Norm, you have been my man of mystery today. Some sources say your birthday is today. Other sources say your birthday is on Monday. Norm, will you reveal the true date of your birthday? Either way, I wanted to say Happy Birthday to Norm. I want to tell you that Norm has been one of my biggest cheerleaders this year. He phones me and boosts me along. I am so grateful for those calls and conversations. I hope you have a special birthday, Norm and if anyone has a minute, pick up the phone and give Norm a call.





Murder Mystery

Sharyl Madigan is Chair of our New Members Committee and encouraging all of us to attend the event that they are organizing for April 22nd. Please review the poster in the bulletin. Here's the link for the Murder Mystery: <https://youtu.be/SPES32PLGvk>

Drivers Need: Kathy Demorest is requesting drivers for our next Door to Door Fellowship Campaign. Please email her at: kathlynnne@shaw.ca to volunteer to deliver and visit.

Community Kitchen Volunteers: Ted Stack and Kathy Demorest volunteered on behalf of our Rotary Club at Community Kitchens. Ted shared with Dorothea that it was a positive experience, and I have asked Kathyann to put Ted's comments in today's Bulletin.

Hiking Club: I am hearing great things about the Hiking Club that is doing snow shoeing and cross country skiing during the winter. It sounds like the group is seeing some beautiful country in our great outdoors just west of Calgary. It sounds so wonderful that next year, when I have time in my life again, I hope to join them on a few excursions. If you want to learn more about the group and its activities, connect with **Larry Stein**.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Joe Connelly

Joe is still stuck on an Irish theme – maybe he had just a few to many green beers!!?? He had fun quizzing the crowd and fleecing their pockets \$2 at a time!!

It's the morning after and sympathy all around for the Irish and thoughts who want to be Irish... For today, we find ourselves very tired.

Max \$2 fine per Rotarian... and remember "it is better to have had a few mornings after, than never to have had a night before." Jack Wasserman

\$2 is a small price to pay to claim you are Irish

So Yesterday....

If you had a meal yesterday (St. Paddy's), and it was: Irish Stew, Lamb Sliders or Sheppard's Pie it's \$2 (If you ate all three, cause you were in a bar all day, then you get a pass as you are probably Irish).

If you wear something green, saw someone wearing green or if you felt green this morning, then you should pay \$2. If you are like **Bill LeClair**, and lost your green, like he did all those years ago...you get a pass.

If you listen yesterday to U2, Cranberries, Irish Rovers or Thin Lizzy then you owe \$2. If you heard all of them yesterday because the bar only has one Irish CD and you heard them every hour on the hour - then you get a pass!

If you had a Green Beer or any beer for that matter: A Guinness, Jamison or a Bailey's Irish Cream

Then, you pay \$2. If you drank all three, then you are Irish and you get a pass.

And finally - if you danced a Jig, or watched others dance a jig or watched a Leprechaun dance a jig (obviously on you tube) then you owe \$2. If you have ever fenced a pig then you are obviously Irish and get a pass.

Thanks everyone - let me leave you with a quote from Shakespeare from the Merchant of Venice.
"Fair thought and Happy hours attend on YOU"! Thanks everyone, make it a great day.....



HEARTY SOULS ENJOYING THE SUNSHINE

PHOTO BY KEN FARN



Dorothea Schaab can you please lead our tribute to a man who was a very special member of our Club, **Jack Black**.

On January 5th, 2021 we lost a special person in our club, **John (Jack) Forrest Black**.



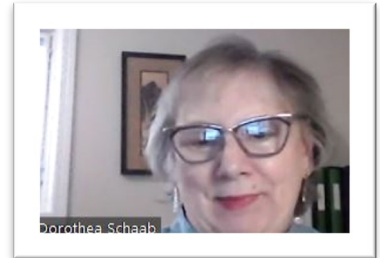
Jack was 95 years old and some of our newer members may not have had the privilege of meeting Jack as he wasn't able to attend a lot of our meetings in person for the past year or two.

If you had met him, you would not forget those sparkling eyes, and his sense of humor. He was special; he connected with people of all ages and backgrounds.

We are in for a bit of a history lesson today as we look back over 43 plus years from when Jack joined our Rotary Club on June 1, 1977.

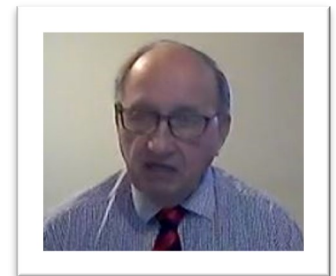
Jack was a Past President serving in 1990-1991 and also served as a Club Director in 1984/1985.

We have a lovely photo presentation created by **Steve Mason** and to share fond memories of Jack are Jack's daughter **Cathy Buckle** and **Past President Earl Huson**.



Earl Huson:

President Penny, fellow Rotarians, the Black family and guests. This is a special honor and privilege for me to recognize and pay a special tribute to our past president Jack Black. Jack passed away on January 5th at 95 years of age. He was a member of our Club for 43 years, joining in 1977 and OUR President for the Rotary year 1990/91. From what I understand, it was a great year! Over the years, Jack performed with integrity and humility. He made many meaningful contributions to the success of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park through his effective committee work and good leadership.



To the Black family, we thank you for allowing Jack to be part of our Rotary family. Thank you Doug, Cathy, Wayne and Michael.

Through the years we always enjoyed loads of fun with Jack's birth community of Nordegg Alberta, a coal mining community, most of all impacted by Jack's great sense of humour and we all enjoyed the laughs through in both directions. Jack's first priority was always his family and we were down the list a bit but he very much enjoyed his Rotary friends. Thursday's were always an important day because of Rotary. He always arrived early to enjoy the fellowship of his Rotary friends. The laughs and stories were plentiful in the atrium where with a coffee he sat with **Terry Allen**, **Bryan Targett**, **Jim Cairns**, **Roger Jarvis** and **Neil Fraser** along with others. Jack – for all these early sessions, we thank you for your participation.



Service above self is our Rotary motto and Jack delivered this requirement on two fronts to support his Calgary community. First, with our Rotary Club and secondly through his pharmacy, delivering improved health to Calgarians. As we go through life we experience many blessings. The blessings of family, of friends of Rotary. Jack Black was one of our blessings. My personal blessing was that I was able to spend 2-3 hours with Jack on many a Thursday. For me time well spent.

Jack always had interesting stories, a few of which were:

His pharmacy always ended up being part of our dialogue and Jack would often talk about his father in the conversation. When his father was older he went to work for Jack in the front shop of his store. Jack's Dad was very good with customers but the real benefit was that Jack did not have to pay him!

He would tell the story of his first date with his wife, Myrt. She was an identical twin and there was a lot of confusion around pick up and who was dating who. I think I heard that story often as Jack knew that I was an identical twin.

He would tell the story of meeting up with his dad, a surprise meeting, at an English pub for a beer towards the end of World War 2.

Each week we tried to sit at a different table for dinner, but anytime we sat with **Dick Shaw** he would only do so if I could keep track of his walker and not confuse the walkers! All was okay when I assured Jack I could do so!

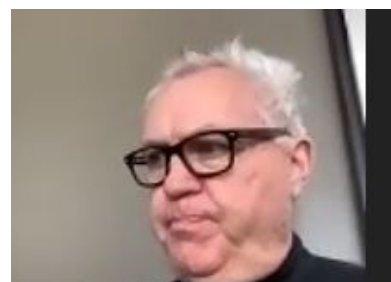
Jack, you will definitely be missed at the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. We know that Thursday at noon, when we back to our regular meetings, that you will be looking down on us. To the Black family, you are welcome to join us on any Thursday at noon. And finally Jack, the memories of you will be a special blessing for all of us at Rotary. Again, you will be missed. Thank you...

Cathy Buckle (Jack's Daughter):

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to honor my Dad, Jack Black. Dad passed away at the age of 95 very peacefully on January 5, 2021. Dad was such a proud member of Rotary and he would be thrilled to know he was being remembered and honored today.

Dad was born on October 23, 1925 in the coal mining town of Nordegg, Alberta. Dad was extremely proud of his Nordegg heritage and of his deep roots in Alberta. I'm pretty sure that any of you who knew Dad well, knew about Nordegg! There was no shortage of tales over the years! His dad, our grandpa, was born in 1899 in Fort Macleod. Dad's grandfather, our great-grandfather, and Dad's namesake John Black, was a politician and entrepreneur in southern Alberta in the late 1800's. His storefront sign in Fort Macleod read: "*Old John Black, Adventurer and Agitator, Groceries and Guff*". Dad came by his sense of humor honestly.

Dad left Nordegg in 1943 at age 17 to join the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWII and became a Flight Sergeant Air Gunner. When Dad returned to Alberta after the war he settled in Calgary. He met our Mom, Myrtle Julia Johnson at Penley's Ballroom. At the time Dad didn't know that Mom was an identical twin. When he went to pick her up for their first date he saw her twin sister, Marion, heading out arm-in-arm with her boyfriend! Dad was so surprised as he thought he had made quite an impression on Myrt on the dance floor at Penley's! Anyway they sorted it out and as they say the rest is history. They were married on May 20, 1948 and spent 69 happy years together until Mom's passing in 2017.



3 of Jack's Children: Cathy, Doug and Mike joined us at the Tribute today!

After Dad's graduation in Pharmacy from the University of Alberta in 1951, he started in business in Calgary. His first job and his only job where he worked for someone else was at Marshall Drugs. He worked for Ross Marshall, a charter member of this Club. According to Dad, the back room of Marshall Drugs on Macleod Trail and 50th Ave SW was the birthplace of the Manchester Rotary Club! Jack Westbrook, the manager of the CIBC branch across the street was a regular. Many of their meetings took place at Harry's Café which became the official coffee shop of the founding father!

Dad started his independent business career in Calgary in 1954 when he bought his first drugstore. And although it was only a short distance from Rotary House, because of his young family and the fact he had no staff, he was unable to join Rotary at that time.

Dad went on to have a very successful career in the drug business in Calgary. From A&B Drugs on 1st Street and 9th Ave, to Victoria Pharmacy on 11th Ave and 2nd Street E, to Southridge Drugs at Chinook Mall, to Britannia Pharmacy, Dad provided outstanding customer service. Some of his customers and their families patronized him over his entire career! He was not only their pharmacist but he became their friend and confidant.

Dad was very active in the community and in his professional world. But bar none Dad always said that joining Rotary in 1977 was the best move he ever made. Rotary became an important part of Dad's business life, and of Mom and Dad's social life. Through Rotary they met so many wonderful people. Their lives were truly enriched by these strong, enduring friendships. In 1990-91 Dad served as President of this Club and in 2007 he felt privileged to be granted Honorary Membership.

Dad was always physically active, skiing and curling in his younger years and playing golf until he gave up his Glencoe Club membership at age 94. He was an avid fan of the Calgary Flames and the Calgary Stampeders and he supported local theatre groups.

Dad was a very special person who connected with people of all ages and backgrounds. Growing up in Nordegg instilled in him the importance of family, community, and hard work. With these pillars, and his good fortune to connect with Mom, he lived a rich, happy and full 95 years. Dad was always so inclusive, generous, fun-loving and energetic, with a sincere interest in others.

He loved his 4 kids and we all loved him. Doug, my older brother, is an elected member of the Canadian Senate and is a passionate voice for Alberta. He was honored to speak to this Club about his work in Ottawa. My brother Wayne is a painting contractor and the youngest member of our family, Mike, has just retired after a successful career as a lawyer. I am also retired from my career as a geologist.

Dad was also blessed with 7 grandchildren, who have all earned university degrees (except for the 4 year old!) and 7 great grandchildren, all who adored him. Dad was incredibly proud of his family and we all felt this. He was a role model for us and we all really miss him.

I'm providing this tribute on behalf of my brothers, Doug, Wayne and Mike and all of our families. Rotary meant so much to Dad and he loved you all. Thank-you again for this opportunity.

Doug Black: I support all that my sister Cathy said and I know how much Rotary meant to my Dad. For Jack it was so important to contribute to the community and Rotary was a huge part of Dad and Mom's life. I can't wait to see you all again on a Thursday!

President Penny: Thank you for sharing these memories and stories with us. It really is a privilege, and I know it helps our Members have some closure. Cathy, Doug and Mike, you are most welcome to stay on for the remainder of the meeting. We will be learning about a vibrant, relatively new business in Calgary. In case I don't get a chance to say so later, I want to tell you on behalf of our Club, how much your father meant to all of us, and we hope you will continue to feel connected to our Club. You are part of our family. Please stay in touch.



Bryan Walton has his son Scott attending our meeting as a guest today. Welcome, Scott. Bryan, can you please introduce our speaker for today?

BRYAN WALTON:

Sue Ozdemir is an industry veteran and proven corporate leader with an extensive background in the development, sale, and manufacturing of electric motors.

Sue spent nearly a decade at General Electric and was the CEO of GE's Small Industrial Motor Division overseeing the division's North American and international markets.

Since childhood, working in her parent's electric motor shop, Sue has dedicated her life and career to the innovation and advancement of the electric motor. Her passion for the industry, combined with her technical background and strategic mindset has made Sue a rising star in the dynamic industry.

At the helm of Exro, Sue looks to bring the same work ethic and entrepreneurial instincts that helped her scale GE's Small Industrial Motor Division and guide it through the successful sale for \$160M USD to Wolong Electric, one of China's largest motor manufacturers.

Sue Ozdemir speaks:

Our company is publicly traded company. We are Calgary based a year ago. We decided to move to Calgary as we were in Victoria but I lived in Toronto. We recruited engineers into this new industry. We have 10,000 square feet now and expanding and we have patents pending and we are setting up our US expansion.

Exro is a North American based technology company providing intelligent electrification solutions for performance and sustainability. It combines its patented software and hardware with in-house design, development, testing and final assembly for the most cost-effective solutions.

What we do is make electric motors smarter through next generation power electronics. We are able to use our technology on electric bikes, to mining haul trucks and cars and trucks.

A year ago we were a team of 7 people and since we have moved to Calgary we have grown to 30 plus 15 jobs are currently posted. We did not get any government grants – it was our choice to move to Calgary. We have worked with the university – and we train our recruits internally.

Sue provided a lesson on the difference between classic powertrain versus Exro powertrain. Their technology is a new style of inverter.

As technology continues we will be in the research and production of making sure we keep up with the changes. Exro created what it believes to be the first "intelligent" coil switching driver for electric vehicles that provides greater speed, power and distance, while potentially reducing weight and space inside a powertrain. We can look at a cost improvement on investment 20% savings.

IMAGINE... Driving up a hill

- ◆ The Coil Driver will dynamically send a command to the motor to switch coils to get more torque or speed as required by the driver
- ◆ Fluid motion
- ◆ Go further on a single charge
- ◆ A municipal bus can go further while covering more routes
- ◆ A refuse truck can carry more load and better navigate hills



Q & A for Sue Ozdemir:

Is that sweet red scooter yours?

Yes! I love it!

www.exro.com

Once you transition from R&D, where will your facility be?

We will be staying in Calgary with a second space in the US.

Is there industrial application potential for your technology?

Yes, we are diversifying all of the time.

What forecast are the revenue generations and sales?

A bit of revenue this year, build a bit better next year and be in good place 2023. However, we do not have any debt. The revenue will build over time.

Are there other technologies you are working on?

Yes, we are driven by innovation. I am so proud of our team, a few ideas are continuing in R&D all the time.

What did your journey to Exro look like?

I am passionate about what we do and to be nimble and quick and to build a team has been amazing.

Chas Filipski Thanks Sue:

Just before I thank Sue, I would like to say a bit about Jack Black. I had the pleasure of knowing him and Jack supported me and was a positive influence on me. He wanted to be around for my presidency year and he sat at the head table for my inauguration.

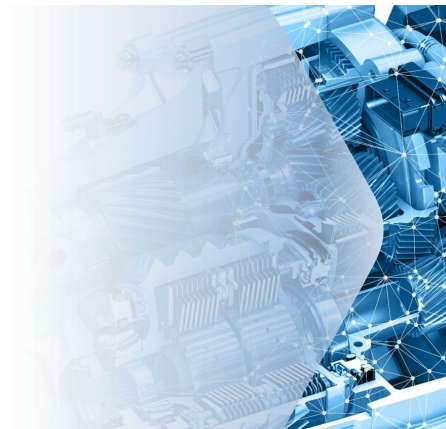
Sue: Fascinating overview of your company – incredible story – so great that your enthusiasm of relocating to Calgary and we extend and open invitation to join us at any time. It means a lot to have you and Exro in Calgary and we look forward to hear how your company continues to grow and flourish!



President Penny:

Thank you for telling us about **Exro Technologies** today, and reminding us we have dynamic, innovative businesses moving forward in Calgary.

In appreciation of your participation in our meeting today, our Rotary Club has donated \$100 to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. This gift will be invested in an endowment fund to generate income which our Rotary Club will use in the future to support organizations in our community.



NEXT WEEK'S MEETING:



One committee that has made great strides this year is our MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS Committee Chaired by Dilan Perera. They are going to give us an update on the work they have done and the impact they are going to help us make in the community.

DG Mary Turner is going to join us and bring us up to speed on the world of Rotary, both at the District and International level.

And, you never know, there might be a few surprises. You won't want to miss.



So, just in case you were wondering, I have another limerick for you.

*There once was a great Club of Rotarians
A tremendous sense of humour had everyone
In the good days, they met, in their house, at Stampede Park
But since the pandemic, on ZOOM, they make their mark.
Returning to regular meetings will be a day good very one.*

This morning, I read my limericks to Darren, and he kept laughing. I know they are not that funny, so I couldn't understand why he was laughing. He told me that when I said I had written two limericks, he thought they would be dirty. I said you know I can't say anything dirty at Rotary. He said, they were fine, but they weren't really limericks, they were just poetry. I don't think he was being very supportive. Is there a rule that a limerick has to be dirty? I am going to look that up.



As we move to the first day of spring, and still really not sure if we will see a lion in the weather, I thought I would share a quote from Henry Van Dyke who said:

"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month."



Annnnd, even though it's National Awkward Moments Day, I think I might just have snuck through this meeting with only a couple of awkward moments

I hope you are enjoying our longer daylight hours and our wonderful weather. Make the most of both and we will see you next week.

MEETING LINK TODAY: <https://youtu.be/HJ6dQvotOH4>

I just wanted to say thank you for organizing the order of Rotary masks.

I had some photos done yesterday to update my social media profiles and thought I'd get a shot with the Rotary mask as a sign of the times.

Hopefully I'll be able to look back at this year and remember how strange it was – meaning I hope wearing masks and dealing with other pandemics does not become a common thing in our lives.

Thank you for your efforts as President of our club during this trying year. I know Covid threw a wrench at you but you've managed through it - keeping us together and safe so we can continue the good work Rotary does. That's a big accomplishment in the face of a pandemic with a club full of high risk individuals.

Here's a little picture you can add to your memories of your accomplishments this year. I look forward to seeing you and the rest of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park crew at lunch today.



FANTASTIC NEWS for the Rotary Dream Home/50-50 Team and all RCCSP Rotarians ...

As some of you may know, Stampede Lotteries (SL) have been waiting for the full package of Licenses, etc from AGLC.

As of March 16th Stampede Lotteries were still awaiting word from AGLC, but with the luck of the Irish smiling down on us... Stampede Lotteries received the formal approvals for the 2021 Stampede Lotteries yesterday morning and started selling this year's Lottery tickets online. YES!!!

So...yesterday we were in a holding pattern...**Today we are full speed ahead!**

In keeping with our annual online tradition, we have had a couple of technical glitches, but everything is now open and sales have begun.

Remember...

Great Charities, Greater Proceeds, Greatest Impact!

<https://calgarystampedelotteries.ca/>

First: PRIZE PAGES – this link takes you to the prize carousel

<https://calgarystampedelotteries.ca/prizes/>

Second: Charity/History page. Stampede Lotteries did a great job in getting a few quotes from the Presidents of the Rotary and Kinsmen clubs to include in this year's piece. Since we are celebrating the 70th anniversary you will see more on the relationship in that section.

<https://calgarystampedelotteries.ca/charities/>

Please take a look at all the sections – let me know if you have any questions. More details to follow regarding the new and improved "50-50", and the 2021 Calgary Stampede event and what it will "potentially" look like.



Make it a great day - Be safe and remain strong - Cheers.

Jim Bladon, Chair
2021 Rotary Dream Home/50-50



NEW MEMBER EVENT MURDER MYSTERY



The New Member Event Committee under the guidance of Sharyl Madigan, Chair are hosting a Murder Mystery Night via Zoom on the evening of **April 22nd, 2021.**

There is a dual goal of raising much-needed funds for our Club and engaging new and not new members for fun(d) raising.

Cost: \$150 per individual for the game link which includes: 1 Wine and Cheese gift bag

\$ 50 per one additional partner (date)

\$ 75 per additional Wine and Cheese gift bag

Additional items for purchase on the evening include a Treasure Chest Silent Auction, special on-line wine sale area and more ...

We would like Club Members to purchase a game link etc. for themselves and a date, plus consider additional links for business, friends and family who can all then bid on stuff that evening!

Former YEX Student Bonnie Benjamin (now Tilly) and husband Max are expecting in the late summer/fall. This photo is from 2011. Time flies when I look at how young my knuckleheads are in the picture! – Submitted by Past Pres. Chas Filipski



Disinfect your ride with Lube Town's vehicle sanitization service. In support of our community, this service is FREE for front line workers. Amy Giang, Owner

of Lube Town and RCCSP Rotarian has kindly offered this to our Rotary Club free of charge with no purchase necessary <https://www.facebook.com/LubeTown/photos/a.584288988368315/2304477609682769/>



To our Rotary Family. We thank everyone for their many expressions of sympathy on the passing of our son Jeff

- Pat and Jim Burns

DID YOU KNOW?

- The last year has been like looking both ways before crossing the street and then getting hit by an airplane.
- If you are refusing to wear a mask due to concerns your brain won't get enough oxygen, that ship has already sailed.
- Be careful about reading symptom lists. You might die of a misprint.
- I am not adding this year to my age. I didn't use it.

Submitted by: Bev Ostermann

COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERING

TESTIMONIAL FROM TED STACK:

It was a good experience on several fronts. Great cause, the opportunity to meet and interact with other Rotarians/Clubs in a collaborative endeavour and a chance to get out and do some community service which I haven't been able to do because of COVID-19 and my age. Looking forward to our next date. Ted Stack

Volunteers are required for each of the following shifts at **Community Kitchens** at: **3751 - 21 Street NE** to support the Good Food Box program. The shifts are from 1 pm to 4 pm approximately. Volunteers 18 and older are eligible to volunteer.

Two more volunteers are required for shifts on:

Wednesday, March 31 1 to 4 pm

Wednesday April 14 1 to 4 pm

Wednesday, April 28 1 to 4 pm

Wednesday May 12 1 to 4 pm

Evening shifts starting at 5 pm will be available starting May 31.

CONTACT Dorothea Schaab: 403 660 6232 or email: schaabd@gmail.com to confirm availability



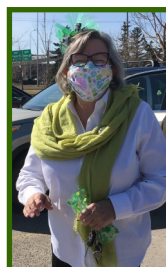
The Partner's Executive Team hosted a St. Patrick's Day Drive-by Celebration & it was a great event for all that attended. It was fabulous to see everyone decked out in their green attire!

Karen Grant and Joan Walton baked some festive cookies for all of us to enjoy. President Penny joined us and brought delicious Crave cupcakes. We laughed, talked and ate our treats on a glorious afternoon. We even had a visit from a leprechaun! Maureen Hutchens delighted us with an Irish song which made the afternoon even sweeter.

We collected 8 big bags of food and \$90.00 for the Food Bank which I happily delivered. Thank you to all those who made this such a success and to those who came out and joined us.



You are all dear to my heart ... *Denise*



Rotary Partners Book Club



On March 22nd we are having Guest Author Genevieve Graham attend our Zoom Meeting!

Genevieve Graham is from Halifax and is a well known writer of Historical Fiction. Genevieve will give a short talk and answer questions about her novels and the writing process.

Please let Maureen Hutchens know via email (mo_hutch@hotmail.com) if you would like the link to attend. We start at 9:30 am. We hope to see all of our Book Club Members attend this fun event.

Submitted by: Jane Topp and Maureen Hutchens

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In a year of so many "firsts" - here's a really good one!

The Stay in School Golf Tournament is hosting its first-ever online auction with the July 22 tourney. If there's something we've all learned to do it is shop online and support local. There's nothing more local than supporting our deserving, young children from Calgary in their dreams - their dream for an education and desire to make a difference in the world.

The auction will be "live" for bidding July 12 - 22 however you can check what we have on offer now! Go to <https://www.stayinschool.ca/> and click on "Auction" at the top. Items will be added as we receive them!



Stay in School Online Auction

Rotary  Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



Do you want to be a part of history?

Donate to our club's first ever online auction for the Stay in School Golf Tournament

No donation is too small. There's no limit to how many items we receive. Contact Janet, Roselyn or Corinne to donate. Collecting items now!



PISCES

Those born from March 1st to March 20th are members of the **Pisces** sign. One born under the **Pisces** sign, can be recognized for their optimistic ambition and determination. For those who were born from March 21st to March 31st, they are members of the **Aries** sign.



ARIES

March babies are optimistic and happy

Compared to **babies** born in winter months, who tend to be more susceptible to depression and seasonal affective disorders, the arrival of warmer weather and blooming flowers seem to be reflected in the temperaments of **March** kiddos

Happy Birthday
Rotarians & Partners !

Karen Grant	Mar 2
Barbara Cichon	Mar 6
Hans Tiedemann	Mar 12
Allan Johnson	Mar 14
Shellie Marshall	Mar 16
David Read	Mar 17
Bonar Irving	Mar 19
Neill Magee	Mar 19
Norm Devitt	Mar 22
Len Hamm	Mar 24
Corinne Wilkinson	Mar 28
Joe Connelly	Mar 31
Tony Fisher	Mar 31

"The snow comes to life"
Photo taken by Corinne near Carburn Park



Happy March
Birthdays

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING:

Mar 25th DG Mary Turner / RCCSP Communications Strategy

Apr 1st Keith Davis/Hugh Delaney 100 Years of Broadcasting

Apr 1st CASINO

Apr 2nd CASINO

Apr 8th Virgil Lowe: Telus Agriculture

Apr 15th Mario Stella Grant Presentation

Apr 22nd New Member Celebration

Apr 29th Rotary Profile: Jim Burns

May 6th Annual St. Mary's 4 Way Test

May 13th Ray Price, CEO: Sunterra

May 20th Annual Stay In School Luncheon

May 27th Annual Dream Home Kickoff

June 3rd World Community Service Presentation

June 10th U of C Veterinary School Presentation

June 17th Annual Charity Day Presentation

June 24th Changing of the Guard

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CONTACT

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Mobile App



Your key to connect to your club on the go!

Password protected, just like your website, the ClubRunner Mobile App consists of 3 main modules:

- Member Directory
- Latest Stories Feed
- Rotary Club Locator

WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS

- **A link will be sent out every Monday or Tuesday**
- **There is a reminder an hour before the meeting and 10 minutes before the meeting**
- **You can share the link with friends and Partners**
- **Save the link and join us at Noon On THURSDAYS**
- **This meeting is recorded**
- **If anyone would like to join but struggles with Zoom please either help them or reach out to the Tech Committee or Kathyann for assistance**

