



# ROTARY NEWS

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**Welcome to the March 20th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Jim Bladon, and I am honoured to be the President of this Club for Rotary year 2024-25:**

**Please join me in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.**

Head Table (L-R) : Bill LeClair, Jim Hutchens, Terry Tenove, President Bladon, Bob Wiens, Ted Stack



<b>Presentation: Grants &amp; Endowments</b>	<b>April 3rd – St Marys High School (4- way speeches)</b>	<b>Next week: March 27th Kids at Heart Charities presentation</b>
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Click [HERE](#) to register for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting video.

# Today's Meeting:

**David Field** introduced our guests followed by the welcome song...



**Neill Magee** brought up the 50/50. **Neill** had our guest speaker draw the lucky ticket. The pot was \$155 and it was won by a Guest!!!

Big thank you to everyone who was involved in organizing last weeks amazing program.

Curling teams from the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park won the A Event, B Event, D Event, and E Event!!! Congrats everyone.

Our Sgt@Arms **Carol Rosdobutko** started off by asking anyone who has not registered for the RI25 Convention or to Volunteer please put \$2 into the pot. Next **Carol** asks anyone who has not attended one of our social clubs international dinners to add \$2 to the pot.

Next **Carol** asked some members some questions. If you are incorrect or do not know the answer then you put \$5 in the pot.

**Lisa van Hemert** - Added \$2

**Jerry Ohlsson** - Added \$5

**Sue Lasher** - Added \$5

Next **Carol** asked **Hermann Logsend** to share something about happiness in 30 seconds. If the club thinks what he said is a good thing then he is off the hook, if we don't agree then he pays \$2.

**Hermann** said "Happiness is about having friends you can dine with every Thursday" We all agree with him!

**Luanne Whitmarsh** came up next to give us a RI25 Convention update. If you need help with registration for the convention and or the signature events please contact **Luanne L.whitmarsh@shaw.ca**.

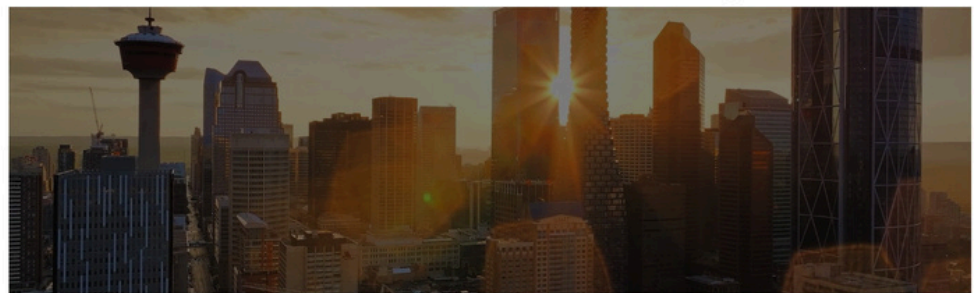
On March 30<sup>th</sup> the price goes to full price so please get registered ASAP! If you have not got your name down for Host Hospitality please do so and join the fun!!



Exciting news for all Rotarians! The Calgary Hosting Organizing Committee for the 2025 Rotary International Convention has unveiled the updated website at [www.rotarycalgary2025.org](http://www.rotarycalgary2025.org). Get ready to join us in Calgary to honor the diversity, unity, and influence of Rotary's worldwide community!

And guess what? We're gonna blow your socks off!

The countdown to the convention kickoff is at 91 days! Visit the website today and begin mapping out your journey to experience the enchantment of "Magic All Around."



## Countdown to Calgary 2025

June 21-25, 2025

**We would appreciate if you could share this on your social media. You can find this posted on our club facebook and instagram. Simply login and click share!**



**John Shield** came up next to give us a Dream Home update.

Stampede is 105 days away!!!

You can now register for a Dream Home Training session on our website! These training sessions are **mandatory for all new members**! Even if you have sold before these sessions are a terrific opportunity to gain experience about the volunteer process, the types of shifts available and what to think about when recruiting family and friends to help fulfill your eight shift commitment!

There are two training sessions you can choose from and register for.

1. April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm at the pub in the Inn on Officers Garden.
2. April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm via zoom.

Please register for these on our website <https://rotarystampedepark.com/>

**President Jim Bladon** invited **Bob Wiens** our Director of Grants and Endowments to come up and start the program.

**Bob Wiens** came up to introduce **Jim Hutchens** one of our Co Chairs of our Community Grants Committee. **Jim** came up to recognize our 2025 charity partners. I have linked the powerpoint presentation [HERE](#) for you to flip through. Listed below is the Community Service Grant Recipients. Please watch the meeting video linked on page 1 to hear more information on each grant.



These funds are distributed to Charities which serve the community and who have a proven track record of delivering projects which enhance the lives of youth, to seniors, to those in need and to our most vulnerable. A huge thank you to all our committee members for their unwavering commitment to our process.

**Hull Service - \$35,875 for Security Systems Upgrades**

**The Foothills Country Hospice Society - \$27,500 for New Furniture**

**Simon House - \$45,000 for Energy Efficient Windows**

**Rosedale Hospice - \$110,00 for a Elevator**

**Youth Centre of Calgary - \$50,500 for Garage Conversion to Multi-Use Games Room**

**Sheep River Health Trust - \$75,000 for Digital Imaging Machine**

**Spinal Cord Injury Alberta - \$35,805 for Rehab Equipment**

**The Alex - \$52,850 for Medical Equipment**

**Calgary Meals on Wheels - \$10,500 for Shrink-Wrap Machine**

**Bethany Care Foundation - \$45,708 for Therapeutic Equipment**

Brenda Kinnie the CEO for Spinal Cord Injury Alberta came up today and share a bit about her self and about Spinal Cord Injury Alberta before introducing Terry Tenove.



Terry Tenove talked to us about the impact that these grants have on people. It is very moving to hear how much these grants can impact each person.



**Bill LeClair** the Chair of the CRCF Endowments and Grants Committee came up next.

The CRCF Endowments & Grants Committee deals with endowed funds which are restricted as to their use. There are four of them.

- 1. Rosetta and Mario Stella Endowment Fund - Transportation services for special needs persons.**
- 2. Brawn Family Endowment - Mental Health Wellness including but not limited to Dementia and Alzheimer's.**
- 3. Sheri and Steve Austin Endowment - Well-being of both wild and domestic animals.**
- 3. ASB Endowment - 75% for education purposes, 15% for community purposes and 10% for animal welfare.**



We had eight applicants apply for the Stella endowment. The total amount of the applications was \$411,470. We had \$135,295.87 to distribute. One of our charities chosen was Step by Step Early Intervention Society. They were successful in their application for a 15 passenger van. Kelsey Schieman their director of operations was present. They provide exceptional early childhood education, therapeutic, and family support for developmentally delayed and disabled children and their families.

Our other successful applicant was Woods Homes .They were seeking funding for a new van to assist with moving young people currently receiving complex medical health treatment and care at there Parkdale and Bowness campuses.

The total grants approved were \$125,000. Neither van has been purchased but once they are and once the necessary windows have been wrapped then we will take pictures , do the cheque presentations and have Steve show them at a meeting.

The Brawn Family Endowment totaling \$15,596 were used in the year 2023/2024 as part of the Club's \$200,000 donation to Silver Linings. We will have \$26,418 available in that fund for next year and anticipate that because we did not use our full amount this year we will probably have between \$145,000 and \$150,000 available in the Stella Fund. We anticipate closing applications December 1 with two months to do our due diligence and final board approval in February, 2026

**Ted Stack** our chair of World Community Service Committee came up next.

In 2024/2025 with a budget of \$155,000 our Club supported 17 projects in 14 countries. With some projects we were able to leverage our funds by working with other Rotary Clubs, our District and Rotary International. The estimated project value of the projects we invested in this past year is in the order of CDN \$535,000.

Here is a list of projects

**Water and Sanitation in Ghana through a Global Grant**

**Umoja Water Project Rwanda**

**Safe Water Healthy Families Colombia**

**Sewing Machines in Ghana**

**Cribs for newborns is Mexico**

**School roof repairs in Uganda**

**Water wells in Ghana**

**Entrepreneurship in schools in Columbia**

**Chicken farming in Rwanda**

**Dental clinics/hygiene kits in Guinea & Nicaragua**

**Ambulance in Burundi**

**Solar lighting in Peru-high Andes**

**Surgical equipment in Ecuador**



Please watch the meeting video to hear more about these amazing projects!

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

President Jim Bladon finishes off this meeting by thanking all the committee members! On behalf of the Club we will be making a \$100 donation to CRCF in the Grants and Endowments committee names.

# Announcements

## Health and Wellness

Susan Brick appreciates everyone's prayers and thoughts as she continues recovering her health. She remains in Rocky View hospital and has requested that there be no visitors at this time.

## 20th Anniversary of Clayton Carroll Automotive Centre

Please click on the photo to the right to read this lovely article!



<https://www.ctvnews.ca/calgary/article/volunteer-drivers-urgently-needed-by-charity-brown-bagging-for-calgarys-kids/>

## Volunteer drivers urgently needed by charity Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids



Please click on the link to the left for more information

## Western Rotary Shirts

We have decided to support Riley McCormick this year for new western Shirts. Brian Guichon as some of you may know is a member of the DT Club and owns Riley McCormick and with the help our own Lisa van Hemert has found us a very nice looking western shirt. Please see the photo and the sizing and pricing. We shall be putting our Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park logo on the left side of the shirt. I would like to order these in bulk and have the complete order to Brian by April 1st (no joke). I am trying to get some sample shirts that can be displayed at a few of our meetings over the next few months.

A quick heads-up about the Western shirts. Sample shirts will be on display at the side table by the Rotary 4-Way Test during our next meeting. This will give you a chance to see the actual shirt and check the sizing. There will be separate bags for men's and women's sizes.

Please take a moment to look them over at the next meeting.

Please send **Stacey Johnson** an email to [sjohnson@printthree.ab.ca](mailto:sjohnson@printthree.ab.ca) with sizes and quantities. Thanks everyone

Navy/Royal blue print shirt MPL4519

**Embroidered one location**

regular sizes XS to 2XL are \$65.90+ \$8

**\$73.90 plus GST**

big and tall (3XL and Lt to 5XLT) are \$72.90+\$8

**\$80.90 plus GST**



payment for the shirts can be made by e-transfer to [deposits@rotarycs.org](mailto:deposits@rotarycs.org). Please ensure to add a detailed description on the e-transfer. (We need individual names, and if there are multiple shirts, along with what the transfer is for.)



106 people have  
already  
registered!!  
Please remember  
that the sooner  
you register the  
better the table  
is that you will be  
seated at. Please  
get registered  
ASAP

# Invitation to the

## "70 YEARS OF ROTARY" GALA

CELEBRATING THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK  
& ROTARY PARTNERS

\$100.00 PER PERSON

MAY

FRIDAY

9

AT 5 PM

2025

CALGARY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB  
919 50 AVENUE SW

Ticket Sales Begin March 1, 2025  
Visit: [Rotarycs.org](http://Rotarycs.org)

## *Rotary Partners Save The Date*

Tuesday, April 22,  
2025

## *Spring Lunch and Jewellery Sale*

Willow Park Golf and Country Club  
639 Willow Park Dr SE, Calgary

BRING A FRIEND

Invitation and Menu to Follow

## NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

**David Bissky** has been proposed as for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Allan Johnson** and Seconded by **John Shield** with a proposed Classification of financial Planner (Retired)

If any Member objects to **David Bissky** 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](mailto:secretary@rotarycs.org)** prior to **March 28th**.



### Closing:

Next week: **March 27th - Kids at Heart Charities presentation**

The week following: **April 3rd – St Marys High School (4-way speeches)**

### Closing words:

As you go about your business this week remember, that each of you creates the magic of Rotary, unlock the magic, advance the magic, and be the magic of Rotary.

# Calendar

## MARCH

**March 6th** - International Women's Day  
**March 13th** - St Patrick's Day  
**March 20th** - Grants & Endowments  
**March 27th** - Kids at Heart Charities presentation

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## APRIL

**April 3rd** - St Marys High School (4- way speeches)  
**April 10th** - 70th Anniversary of Club (Not the big celebration)  
**April 17th** - Trini Araneda Alcalde (Exchange Student)  
**April 24th** - Minister Mickey Amery

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## DATES TO REMEMBER – SAVE THESE!!

**March 5** - South Indian Int'l Dinner  
**March 13** - St. Paddy's Day Fun at Lunch.  
**March 22** - 5 pin bowling  
**Mar 28** - Thai Int'l Dinner  
**April 6** - Jubilations Dinner theatre

**April 23** - Mexico Int'l Dinner  
**May 9** - Club Anniversary  
**May 23** - Japan Int'l Dinner  
**June 5** - Jerseys and Jeans (Pres Jim's party)  
**June 21- 25** RI Convention Calgary  
**July 3** - Kick off for Dream Home