

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the March 21 meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Bryan Walton, and it's my honour to be Club President for 2023-24.

Please join me, accompanied by Vitaliia Vash, in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table (L-R) : David Leslie, Paul Dussealt, Ted Stack, President Bryan Walton, Chandra Crawford, Catherine Brownlee



Welcome to our speaker, Chandra Crawford

Rotary Employment Partnership Update

New upcoming events

Click [HERE](#) to register for next week's meeting and [HERE](#) for this week's meeting link

Today's Meeting:

David Field welcomed our guests.

As always, **Michael Zacharki**, with help from our guest speaker, pulled the fifty-fifty pot of \$110. **Norm Rose** won and donated the sum to the Rotary Foundation! A great donation!

Sargent at Arms, **Keith Davis** picked on **Steve Austin, Larry Stein & Craig Stokke** to answer some questions ranging from Shakespeare to Gilligan's Island. Then, Keith went ahead and fined Norm for winning the 50/50 and donating it.

David Leslie spoke on the New Generation exchange program, Honouring Indigenous Youth Program, and the upcoming district conference. Thanks for speaking!



Ted Stack introduced 'Misión Claridad' (Translation: Clarity Mission) in Ecuador. The project provides continuous eye care for those who require it.

Paul Duseault then took the stage to address the significant problem of cataracts in Ecuador. Neglected cataracts are a major cause of total loss of vision, yet many people don't have the resources to treat them. The selection of patients for international work is a complex and time-consuming process to prioritize those in genuine need of the procedure. Although surgery is intense, it's a relatively quick process of 20-30 minutes plus recovery time. The surgery has a profound impact on individuals, taking them from near-blindness to a life-altering ability to see. The project has done 230 surgeries, 87 of them being from the October 2023 mission. This was an amazing presentation, Thank you so much Ted and Paul!



OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST CHANDRA CRAWFORD

Catherine Brownlee introduced our speaker.

Chandra Crawford "Skied in from Canmore" (Bryan Walton), earning her Olympic Gold Medal at the age of 22 in 2006. She continued on to compete twice more in Cross Country Skiing. She completed her MBA at the University of Calgary, where she founded a national charity called Fast and Female in 2005. In 2018 she was inducted into Canadas Sports Hall of fame. Chandra is a sought-after keynote speaker on topics such as resiliency, mental health and burnout. Her purpose is to share her high-vibe energy and growth mindset to turn challenges into opportunities. She lives in North-West Calgary, Alberta with her husband Jared, their 4 kids and an affectionate golden retriever.



During our meeting, we had the opportunity for the medal to be passed around. President Bryan said, "Make sure you get it back" and Chandra joked.. " Yeah, if I don't I'll see it at the Pawn Shop."

"You don't always have to be on top of the game, but you have to get back into the game" -Ken Copithorne

Thanking Speaker: **Ted Rowsell**

See her gold medal race interview [HERE](#) and watch our presenters full speech [HERE](#)



She'd love to hear from you and is @ChandraCrawford on linkedin and instagram.

Chandra in recognition of your time with us today we will be making a \$100 donation to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation which supports local initiatives here in our community.



Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: register for future meetings in advance. You can register by clicking [HERE](#)

Rotary Club of Calgary Connect Comedy Night

Rotary Club of Calgary Connect is hosting a Comedy Night at Yuk Yuks on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:30 pm. This is one of their largest fundraising initiatives ever - a pretty big deal for our small club of about 15 members. Tickets are \$30 and you can purchase them at the link below!

<https://www.yukyuks.com/?action=club.comicDetails&comedianID=2674&venueID=2408>

Kids at Heart Auction Item Solicitation

Three incredible charities (Kids up Front, Youth Link Calgary Police Interpretive Centre, and KidSport Calgary) will receive the proceeds of our 2024 Rotary "Kids at Heart " Golf Classic.

As Rotary Club members , we hope you will continue to support this event by providing or soliciting auction items. As in previous years, this year there will be three unique auctions - Online, Live, and Make Rotary an Offer. Please consider joining us to provide this years incredible charities with the funds needed to make a life-changing difference for the children. If you are able to help please contact one of our Auction Team noted on the right.



Information can be obtained from our website under the Auctions tab. <https://rotarystampedepark.com/kids-at-heart/>

Check out a video of last year's tournament and why we are raising these funds by clicking [HERE](#)

For more information click [HERE](#)

Rotary Kids at Heart Auction Committee

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Rotary Employment Partnership Update

The Rotary Employment Partnership teams up Alberta Rotary Clubs, Inclusion Alberta, and the Government of Alberta to create cool job opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. By teaming up with Rotarians, they connect with businesses to hire and support employees. It's all about advocating for inclusion in the workforce, and with Rotarians' dedication to community, it's a perfect match!

810 jobs have been created since inception of the partnership. 11 of those being new and 5 within our city. For more updates and information click [HERE](#)



From the Secretary's Desk

1. Meeting/Meal registration:

- a) Please register and pay by TOMORROW (Friday March 22) BY 10am for the meeting on March 28th.
- b) Please register and pay by next Thursday (March 28 by 10 am) for the meeting on April 4th. (This is one day earlier due to Good Friday).

2. Do you know that Club Runner is FULL of documents, information, member data and Club information? I encourage you to take a bit of time to wander through our Club area to see if what you need is there for you to access. For example, you can find:

- a) Our Club policies
- b) Our mission, vision, logos
- c) Our Bylaws
- d) Our Strategic Plan
- e) Membership package
- f) Member handbook
- g) Financial information
- h) Forms for organizations to apply for grants
- i) District information
- j) RI information

3. The Committee that is searching for a new Administrative Assistant continues through the process of search, interview and selection. As we have information to update the Club on, we will make the announcement!

4. As always, if you need support please reach out and I will do my best to assist you.

-LUANNE WHITMARSH

Partners in Print

Hello Everyone,
We had a great day cooking at Made By Momma - As you can see we had a full table 252 portions of meals and desserts. Thank you to **Leah, Pat, Donna, Karen**(a friend of Joan's) **Denise, Joan, Mary** and Myself. Really appreciated all your help.

-Rhonda Yaskowich

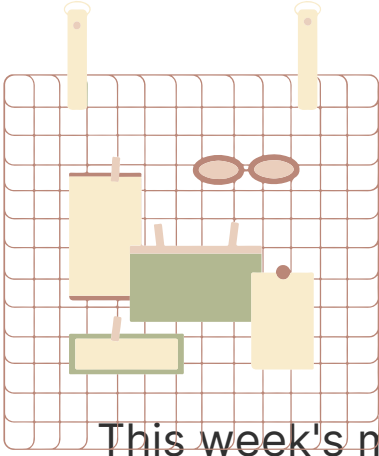


Our beautiful Rotary Partners

Rotary Partners
of Calgary at Stampede Park
SPRING EVENT

SAVE THE DATE
Tuesday April 30, 2024

Location: Willow Park
Golf and Country Club
639 Willow Park Dr SE
Registration: 10:30
Lunch: 12:00
Cost: \$40.00 per person
Please feel free to bring a guest
Invitation to follow



Rotary

Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park

This week's meeting link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2lk5co1OrDY>

Closing:

Next week's meeting: March 28 we are here at Rotary House to hear from Arlene Adamson about affordable housing for seniors and the induction of new member, **Jerry Ohlsson**.

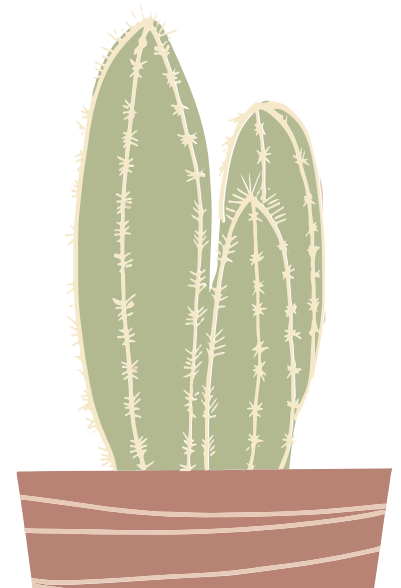
Please remember to register for the luncheon by tomorrow at 10 am!

Closing words:

As you go about your business this week remember, as Rotarians our simple acts of kindness go a long way to Creating Hope in the World. Have a great Rotary week.



Final reminder to register for next week's meeting:
www.rotarystampedepark.com



Calendar

MARCH

- 3rd: Jubilations Dinner Theatre
- 7th: International Women's Day
- 9th: St. Mary's High School Band Annual Dinner
- 10th: Social Committee - Everly Brothers
- 13th: Business Club
- 14th: St. Patty's Meeting
- 17th: Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- 21st: Olympic Cross-Country Skier
- 23rd: "Rock the Nation" at Studio Bell
- 24th: Feed The Hungry at St Mary's
- 28th: Affordable Housing For Seniors
- 31st: Happy Easter

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APRIL

- 1st: Easter Monday
- 4th: What Happening with Artificial Intelligence
- 10th: Rotary Connect Comedy Night
- 11th: Rotary Profile
- 18th: New Member Event (in lieu of our meeting)
- 25th: Tom Jackson
- 30th: Partners Spring Event

| APRIL | | | | | | |
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HELPFUL INFORMATION

March 23rd- "Rock the Nation" at Studio Bell (National Music Centre)
 12 noon show, followed by lunch at King Eddy.

April 10th- Rotary Connect Comedy Night at Yuk Yuk's link:
<https://www.yukyus.com/?action=club.comicDetails&comedianID=2674&venueID=2408>