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## RCCSP Weekly Bulletin March 23rd, 2023 Volume Number 68, Issue Number 34

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### Welcome to the March 23rd meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

**Head Table:** (L to R) **Dilan Perera**, **Max Feldman** (new member), **PP Bill LeClair**, **President Jim Fitzowich**, **Bill Gray** (Stampede Foundation Chair), and **PP Sherry Austin**.



### President Jim Fitzowich

Today we are going to have a presentation on the Stampede Foundation. It is also 3 days after the start of Spring Equinox, the time when the daylight and nighttime hours are equal across the planet.

**2500 B.C.** – The Great Sphinx of Giza is completed. Its face is exactly into the sunrise on the Spring Equinox. Stonehenge in England, Angkor Wat in Cambodia and Chichen Itza in Mexico are also aligned with the spring equinox sunrise.

**45 B.C.** - Julius Caesar declares the equinox to be March 25 in his new calendar. Because of the Julian Calendars 11 minutes and 15 seconds/year error, the equinox was March 11 by 1500 A.D. before Europe switched to the modern Gregorian calendar.

**2023** – The spring equinox was on March 20th at 3:24pm Mountain Time. What were you doing at that time? Which way was your face pointing?...

Please join **Glen Potter** for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.





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## Announcements:

**Visitors and Guests:** Greg Smyth presented all of our guests and we entertained everyone with our Welcome song! And a special note of wonder for our own **Hugh Delaney** for always leading us with his amazing voice!



## Health and Wellness:

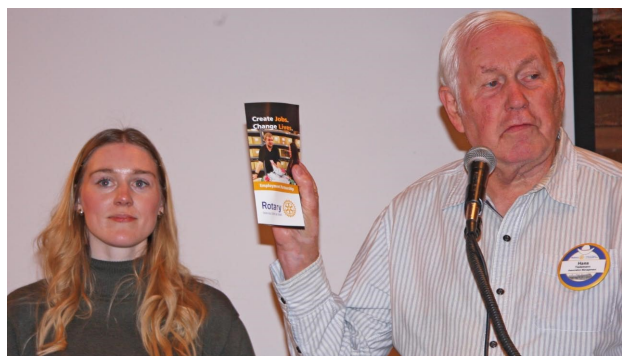
Health and Wellness contact going forward and into April is ; **Brenda McKinley** Tel 403 870 4292  
Email: [b-mckinley@hotmail.com](mailto:b-mckinley@hotmail.com) . She passed on the wonderful information that our Club is currently in great health!



**50/50: Michael Zacharki:** Michael picked the number of our own **President Jim** who honorably gave the \$105.00 to our Club's Ukrainian Fund.

## New Member Event "Wine, Wheels and Jazz":

**Todd Richardson** says **SAVE THE DATE of April 21 for our New Member event** to be held at Lexus of Royal Oak! We will have live jazz music featuring Vitaliia Vash, wine tasting by Co-op Wines, a fun "Name that Rotarian" contest, Lexus new technology presentations, and more. It will be a great opportunity to mingle with the new members and it will be tons of fun – hold the date and more information will be forthcoming!



## Rotary Employment Partner Coordinator:

**Hans Tiedemann** introduced Marya Abma as our new Rotary Employment Partner Coordinator. She would enjoy discussing any employment opportunities that our membership may have. She would help negotiate the process.

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## New Member Induction: Max Feldman

**Dilan Perara:** Max was born and raised on a farm in southern Saskatchewan which Max's grandfather homesteaded and which Max and his extended family still own. Max is the proud father of his daughter Stephanie, who is graduating with a Masters in Social Work this spring. His lovely partner, Peta Glezerson is attending today's meeting also.

Max is an avid golfer as a member of Canyon Meadows and Stewart Creek courses. He has played in the SIS tournaments with me for the last 4 years!

Professionally, after earning a Mechanical Engineering degree and a MBA, Max had a 40+ year impressive career in the oil and gas industry. His career concluded as the Senior Vice President responsible for all TransCanada Pipelines (now TC Energy) natural gas pipelines in Canada and NE USA. This was a huge job with several hundred people and a multibillion-dollar amount of responsibility. Max and I worked in different buildings so did not meet for a long time – but, I knew him through his very positive reputation.

One of my responsibilities was executive development and succession planning. I remember several high potential engineers and geologists wanting to be transferred to Max's department, which caused me to check this out. I found out that he had a reputation for being an excellent leader and mentor and an all-around good man to work for. The staff knew that if they worked on Max's team, they would learn a lot and get promoted.

Post retirement, Max completed his ICD.D and took on several not-for-profit roles. He was involved with Calgary Performing Arts, Jewish Family Services and currently United Way 'Gain team' which assists NFP organizations in the area of governance, strategic planning and leadership. I know that Max lives our Rotary values and standards, and he will get involved with various projects within our Club and will definitely contribute a lot.



**Past President Bill Leclair** completed the induction... He starts out by teasing **President Jim** by saying he does not have a tie on today as he had it on last week (but they were rescheduled). Today he had his tie – but forgot it at this office... so here we are!

Max it is my distinct honour and privilege to welcome you into our Club as a new Rotarian. I have put a lot of thought into what I can do to impart a sense of the step you are taking. As you may or may not know there was an induction of **Myles Hamilton** on February 16 by **Sherry Austin** and two weeks ago there was the induction of **David Schwarz** by **Bruce MacDonald**. Max, I would invite you to read the Bulletins for those dates to review what Sherry and Bruce had to say. I thought I would switch things up just a bit to avoid duplicity.



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## New Member Induction: Max Feldman (continued)

As Past Presidents we have a tendency to say that Rotary is a worldwide organization of 1.2 million members who come together to make positive lasting change in our communities at home and abroad. According to Wikipedia the new number is 1.4 million and over 46,000 member clubs. The 1.2 million was the number for a long time and I have heard many Past Presidents use that number. The point is that the number may not change much because there may be a certain number of new members in any given year offset by an equal number who leave. We all would love to see that situation change. Certainly, **Dilan** has upped his game. I would invite you to look at what we have to offer through all the various committees and avenues of service and be selective in your committee choices. The backbone of this Club is the committee work we do. You are given the opportunity to make committee choices in the spring of each year. My message is to proceed at your own pace serving in the way you want. We do not want to have any liability for your leaving so pick and choose wisely! Here is an interesting fact for all of us to consider. The first four Rotarians were Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram E Shorey and Paul P Harris. Harris' desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men in 1905 and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship. Both Loehr and Shorey were Rotarians for only a few years. They may have made the wrong committee choices!? However, Paul Harris, a lawyer, preserved until his death in 1947. I have to take a bow for the lawyers...

Max let me say a few words about this Club in particular. **Greg Smyth** said two weeks ago that this Club is extremely dynamic and energetic and so friendly. **Penny Leckie** has said that she joined because this Club really made things happen. I like to use the word awesome in looking at this Club. All Rotary Clubs contribute in their own way to the communities they live in and those abroad but there is a real sense of accomplishment in this Club as to what we are able to give back to the community. Our Dream Home Sales at the Stampede are the foundation of our fund-raising activities but we have many more sources of funds. We take in and distribute well over a \$1,000,000 each year. We are a volunteer service club running like a business. The foundation of who we are is embodied in the spirit and energy we have as exemplified in our Thursday meetings. Of course, we have to throw in a good amount of humour at our meetings.

I would like to make a few comments on what **Dilan** had to say. I love his comment concerning the high potential engineers who wanted to be transferred to your department and feeling like they had won the lottery when that happened. It speaks volumes of Max Feldman, the man, in that many of the people who worked for you still keep in close touch. Your post-retirement has involved much giving back to the community. You are familiar with who we are and what we do. I look forward to experiencing your contribution to our Club with the bringing of your energy and sense of giving back to the community. We welcome you to the wonderful world of Rotary and to the Rotary Club at Stampede Park in particular. Peta, we welcome you as well. Max, have an awesome experience with us as we will with you. Congratulations.

**President Jim** gave Max his pin, badge and information. He welcomed Max to the Club, noting he was inducted by a lawyer but is surrounded by engineers!





## Stampede Foundation Presentation

**Past President Sherry Austin** in conjunction with **Bob Brawn** introduced members of the Stampede Foundation. Welcome to our Stampede Foundation partners. We have three representatives with us today who will update us on developments on the Park, projects at the Foundation, and conclude with the status of our Legacy Project.

For our new members and guests, first a quick word about our Club's Legacy Projects. Our first Legacy Project was the building of Rotary House which our Club paid for over 8 years with proceeds from our first Dream Home contract.



Our current Legacy Project commenced in 2019. Usually, these projects are for a maximum of 1 million dollars over five years. Due to COVID and the cancellation of the Stampede and thus our Dream Home, thanks to the Stampede Foundation our project was extended for an additional year and will conclude in June 2024. Our Project is comprised of two components: the restoration of the old Oliver House and renovation into the "Rotary Learning

Lab", an education centre for youth leadership, and the "Rotary Accessibility Fund", a funding source for youth who are unable to manage fees for Stampede programs and for children to access Stampede School and OH Ranch.

Our speakers will be: Bill Gray –Board Chair, Calgary Stampede Foundation, Sarah Hayes –Executive Director, Calgary Stampede Foundation and Ryan Hancock – Philanthropy Specialist, Calgary Stampede Foundation and Megan Berry (Administration and Stewardship Coordinator, Calgary Stampede Foundation) will also be joining us in a supporting role.

Bill Gray started by saying it is always great to be in Rotary House with our Club. He has had 4 months as Board Chair of the Foundation after volunteering for 35 years. He was also on the Stampede Board from 2015-16. We are working hard to make the Stampede Grounds a year-round meeting space. Thanks so much for all the partnership and work RCCSP does with Stampede and specifically those who have worked directly on our Boards.





## Stampede Foundation Presentation (continued)

A special note of remembrance to Roger Jarvis who passed in 2022. Although I did not get to meet him personally, I have always heard of his caring and commitment. As a note, when Roger passed he had left an insurance policy naming the Stampede (and if anyone of you wish to discuss this, I am available!).

RCCSP and the Stampede have a long and committed legacy of working together in good times and in hard times and we thank you for that. We are really looking forward to partnering with you all for the 2025 Rotary Convention – sounds like it will be a lot of fun!

Today is the AGM of the Stampede Foundation where shareholders come together now that we are 'out' of COVID. The 2022 Stampede made us nervous – would people come back after COVID – and they sure did! We had 1.2M guests and of course Kevin Costner (**Luanne Whitmarsh** really liked this point!). The expansion of the BMO is set to open June of 2024 and we are ON TIME AND ON BUDGET! When the BMO is finished we will have the second largest Tier 1 convention center in Canada! The Youth Campus provided 55,000 hours of programming and the Sam Centre will be complete in 2024.

Sarah Hayes said that the long journey she has had with RCCSP and the great friends she has made are with her through good and dark times. In 2022 the Foundation completed a new strategic plan – Return to excellence was the first goal. It is odd to say 'return to excellence' but after such turmoil with the pandemic there is work to be done. The second goal - Building our Vision, focuses on the infrastructure on ground. The youth campus, Rotary Learning Lab, Sam's Centre and more are all coming to fruition in 2023-2024. Some of our individual donors are in the room with us today and we are very grateful to you all.

Ryan Hancock said how happy he was here to add his thanks for our partnership over so many years. RCCSP is the most welcoming group he works with. Our Club has partnered in many projects over the years, and here are some of the projects in place today. Rotary Learning Lab, Access Fund and Band Camp. He shared a few quotes from appreciative family and participants that were heart felt.

## Thanking the Speakers:

**Sherry Austin:** On behalf of **Bob Brawn** and myself, we have been most fortunate to work with great people from the Stampede Foundation. The fact that the Chair of the Board, Bill Gray, is here today is a testament to the leadership that emanates from the top. Sarah is an outstanding leader at the Stampede Foundation, and we are grateful for her wisdom, dynamic and positive attitude, and her creativity in good and difficult times. She was instrumental in developing and managing our Legacy Project. We had to say farewell to the head of philanthropy, Sandra Lunder, earlier this month as she enters a well-deserved retirement. She will be missed, and we are grateful for her kind assistance over the years. We welcome Ryan in his new philanthropic position. He is a leader in the Education Department and his knowledge is most valuable with respect to our two-part Legacy Project.





## Thanking the Speakers (continued):

In closing, Rotary and the Stampede as institutions are both over a hundred years old. We share common values for strengthening our community through charitable activities. It is through friendships such as ours that truly remarkable things happen to make a difference to those around us who are in need.

**President Jim:** On behalf the of Club we make a \$100 donation in the presenter's honour to the CRCF, which supports Calgary area Rotary Clubs do their good works.

## New Member Proposal:

Terry Kellam has been proposed for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by George Deegan and Seconded by Beno Nigg with a proposed Classification of University Fund Raiser.

If any Member objects to Terry Kellam 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 April 6th, 2023.

## Rotary Curling League Champions!

Congratulations to the three teams with members of our Rotary Club who won their respective championships this year!

**"A" Trophy—Allan Johnson, Penny Leckie, Jim Bladon, Dale Struksnes**



**"B" Trophy—Doug Hood, Art Sumner, Roger Sonntag, Jim Fitzowich, Greg Smyth**



**"C" Trophy—Mark Ambrose, Troy Fredeen, Donna Kennedy, Carmen Toole**





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**THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK:** <https://youtu.be/tfGVuN-daFQ>

## In Closing:

**Next Week's meeting:** Will be a visit from RI President Elect Stephanie Urchick. The meeting will be Chaired by PE Bryan Walton and PP Craig Stokke and will include a number of special guests.

Registration deadline is tonight March 23rd. Important note is that next weeks meeting starts at 11:30, with doors open at 10:30.

## Final words:

Thoughts for the coming week are from Baseball pioneer Jackie Robinson:

*"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."*

And with that, our meeting is adjourned.

**Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week!**

**Final reminder to register for next week's Meeting by 9am tomorrow!!**

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Are you going to the 2023 Rotary International Convention? This time in Melbourne, Australia! If you are planning to go please let me ([admin@rotarycs.org](mailto:admin@rotarycs.org)) know so I can update the names on our Website. <https://rotarycs.org/page/who-s-going-to-the-convention/> As well as the District Convention in Lethbridge.



## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY !!!

Volunteers are required to build Good Food Boxes.

### March 27th, 2023 - 5-8pm Monday evening shift

April 17th, 2023 - 5-8pm Monday evening shift

June 6th, 2023- 1-3pm Tuesday shift (usually a daytime shift but I could make this an evening shift starting at 5PM)

Email Earl or Ken to sign up for a shift.

Earl Huson (403) 686-0828/ [ehuslink@telusplanet.net](mailto:ehuslink@telusplanet.net) Ken Farn: (403) 560-6770/ [kgfarn@telusplant.net](mailto:kgfarn@telusplant.net) EARL AND KEN REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!! **THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!!!**



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## WATER CHANGES EVERYTHING

Apr 25, 2023 11:45 AM - 2nd Annual James Wheeler Davidson Luncheon (JWD)—**Downtown Rotary Club (optional)**

We celebrate the legacy of James Wheeler Davidson by focusing on the impact of clean water and sanitation projects around the world.

Without JWD's persistence and diplomacy where would we be as an international organization? Many of the clubs in our district partner with Rotary and organizations such as CAWST to provide the education and services needed to provide a basic human right: clean water.

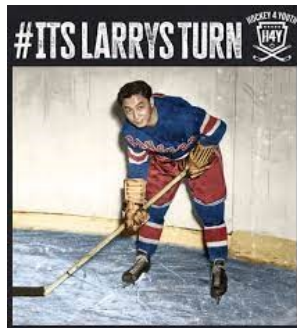
Join us as we connect learn and grow in celebration of JWD and all the WASH (Water and Sanitation and Hygiene) projects we've run Internationally. Get your tickets [here](#)

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## Let's Get Larry Kwong Into the Hockey Hall of Fame!

Please sign the petition "**Induct Larry Kwong into the Hockey Hall of Fame #ITSLARRYSTURN**"

The goal is to reach 10,000 signatures and we need your support. You can read more and sign the petition here: <https://chng.it/2xfDKTtJR4>



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**Tomato Guy - Dave Read** has tomato plants ready for pick-up end of March. Please phone or text if you are interested. Limited number available. Thank you.

Cell 403-921-5856

Home 403-271-5856





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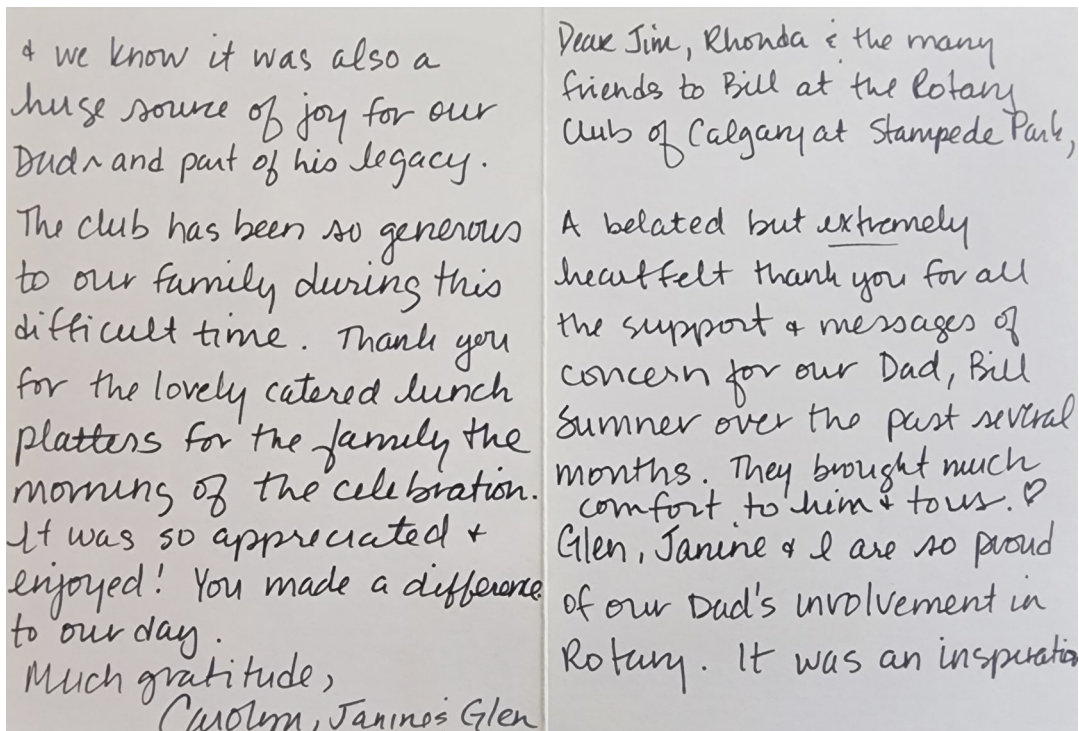


## Social Club

**Social Committee is taking you to Grey Eagle Resort Event Centre to see the Legends Show on March 31.** Get your tickets by calling Sjoert Zuidhof.. 403- 471-6275 or email him at [zuidhofsjoert@gmail.com](mailto:zuidhofsjoert@gmail.com)  
Tickets still available for Legends Show at Grey Eagle Resort...March 31...\$58.  
Tickets are going fast so don't delay!!

### **Bill Sumner Family Thank You Card**

We received this beautiful card from the Sumner Family. We sure miss Bill a lot!! We were so pleased to be his extended family and were grateful for our time with him. Thanks to everyone who went to see him and made time to chat, as evidenced by this card it was surely appreciated!





## UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS ALBERTA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

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Calgary Ukrainian Evacuee Welcome Committee  
Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council

February 28, 2023

**Attention: PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS**

**RE: Invitation to Participate in Ukrainian Evacuee Job Fair – April 21, 2023**

On behalf of the Calgary Ukrainian Evacuee Welcome Committee UCC – APC, I would like to invite you to take part in a Hiring Fair for Ukrainian Evacuees.

As you are aware, many Ukrainians have been forced to flee their homeland because of the Russia violent unlawful invasions of Ukraine and the ongoing war. To date over 10,000 have arrived in Calgary. They have intentionally chosen Calgary because of job opportunities, the good cost of living, and a great quality of life. These professional and skilled laborer newcomers are hardworking, responsible, and well educated and are eager to secure employment. Our previous Job Fair in January 2023 was very successful. We had 30 employers and close to 900 Ukrainian evacuees attend, with over 150 job offers being extended. We expect that your participation in the April 21, 2023 Job Fair will be equally successful.

**The Job Fair will take place at St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall (north entrance), 4903 45 Street SW, Calgary, between 9 am to 3 pm on Friday, April 21, 2023.**

We invite interested employers to reserve a table to connect newcomers with job opportunities in your organization. Many individuals coming from Ukraine are arriving with very little and are looking for work immediately.

If you are interested in participating in the Job Fair, **please email Mark Ewanchyna at [UkraineSupport@protomartyr.ca](mailto:UkraineSupport@protomartyr.ca) before Friday, April 10, 2023** to reserve your table. Reservations are on a first come first served basis, and our last job fair booked up quickly. Please include details regarding your available positions and the qualifications required. Tables and chairs will be provided in addition to onsite volunteer translators. There is no cost to participants.

Please bring all recruitment materials related to your organization. If you are unable to attend the Job Fair but are still interested in hiring, please advise Mark Ewanchyna in advance. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Yuliya Gorbach**  
Chair, Calgary Ukrainian Evacuee Committee (UCC - APC)

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## Calendar of Events

March 30th: Rotary International President Elect Nominee - Stephanie Urchick

\*\* Please note: due to high demand and limited seats, we cannot guarantee we will be able to accommodate walk-ins who have not pre-registered.  
Thank you for your understanding.\*\*



April 6th: Rotary Profile - Don Taylor



April 13th: Premier of Alberta - Danielle Smith

**\*Meeting in the Palamino Room\***



April 20th: **No Meeting** in lieu of New Member Event on April 21st.



**District 5360 Convention in Lethbridge - May 5th and 6th**

