

Last week, I shared part of a presentation I gave a couple of years ago to the female branch of the Financial Executives Institute. Since we are celebrating International Women's Day, I thought the following excerpt from the same presentation would be appropriate.

"Being Female"

In the area of business, if something isn't happening, do you still wonder is it because you are a female? If you do, should you instead be wondering if there could be other reasons?

When I worked at a large accounting firm, we pursued a prospect for over a year. I was the lead on the file. The potential client was in the oilfield service industry and was a man's man. I was convinced he was not coming to our firm because he didn't want to deal with a woman.

When I started my own firm, I mailed out hundreds of announcement cards. I made a conscious decision not to mail an announcement card to this man. I assumed he did not want to deal with a woman, so decided it would be a waste of time to mail a card to him.

I will never forget sitting on the heating register in my new office, because I hadn't purchased furniture yet, with my laptop on my lap, when my cell phone rang. It was this man.

He was calling because he was offended. He had heard through the grapevine I had started my own business, had sent out announcements and he wanted to know why he hadn't received one. I explained to him that I didn't think he wanted to deal with a woman. He told me he didn't want to deal with a large firm, and now that I was on my own, he wanted to deal with me.

He became my first client and is still one of my best clients.

I almost missed this opportunity by assuming my gender was impacting his business decision."

And...

"So often we believe we are facing challenges in our business and in our careers, but we need to check in with ourselves to see if it's possible we are creating our own limitations and challenges through assumptions, blind spots or internal biases."

"Get Out of Your Own Way"

Thank you for joining our celebration of International Women's Day. Please continue to look for ways to help women move forward, just as you have helped me move forward.
Thank you.

"ALOYAHOOHA"

I am Calling everyone with an "ugly green shirt"

to wear it next week.



President Penny Leckie

Good afternoon Rotarians and Guests. Welcome to the March 4th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President for 2020/2021 – **Penny Leckie**

Today, we are recognizing International Women's Day, which takes place on Monday, March 8th.

In October, 2019 I was invited to attend the global conference of the International Women's Forum in Toronto. Our former governor general, Julie Payette, was a keynote speaker at the conference's gala dinner. In addition to being our former governor general, Ms. Payette holds engineering degrees from McGill University and the University of Toronto. She worked as a research scientist before joining the Canadian Space Agency in 1992 as a member of the Canadian Astronaut Corps. She completed two spaceflights, and has logged more than 25 days in space.



At the time of the conference, the news and headlines were full of chatter about the first all female spacewalk. Jessica Meir and Christina Koch were the 14th and 15th female astronauts to walk in space. There were female astronauts attending the dinner. Ms. Payette acknowledged and introduced her astronaut sisters and then discussed the news about the all female spacewalk, and the fact the astronauts were also being described as the 14th and 15th female astronauts to walk in space.

Ms. Payette said, "We will know we are there when they stop counting..." This comment resonated with me, and I wanted to share it with you today.

I am our Rotary Club's second female president in the Club's 65 year history. I anticipated that throughout my term, I would be introduced as the Club's second female president. However, that hasn't happened. Anytime I have been introduced, I have been introduced as "the Club's President", end stop. It is important you hear this story, and you hear how it relates to our Rotary Club. I want you to know fellow Rotarians, in this Club, "we are there."

We should all be very proud, and I want to start today's meeting by celebrating the equality we experience as members of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. You've come a long way, Baby, so Congratulations.

On that note, let's sing O Canada. As we are signing, let's reflect on the great country we live in. It's great, because compared to many other countries, Canadian women have more opportunities overall and we have access to more opportunities for equality with our male counterparts. Please rise. We experienced some technical difficulties and Minister Aheer and her Son and Rotarian stepped up to the place and provided us with an amazing version of O Canada. Thank you for that ...



Now I have a lot to get through in a short time, so Buckle up and pay attention..."

I want to start by welcoming Minister Leila Aheer and her team. Thank you for joining us today. Minister Aheer will be more formally introduced later. Richard Gotfried, MLA for Calgary Fish Creek is attending as a guest of Bryan Walton today. Welcome.

I understand we have some daughters, granddaughters, spouses and female friends of Rotarians in attendance. Thank you so much for joining us. It is wonderful to have you here. Welcome to all our guests

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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: I have heard from a few sources about Peter Penner. My most recent information is that Peter Penner is resting comfortably at home, on oxygen, after spending some time in hospital last week. Peter is receiving 24 hour monitoring from the medical team at Prominence Way Retirement Community. Calls from Rotarians are welcome.

George Adam: Rudy sent me a note telling me he had made a few calls, and particularly noted his call with George Adam. George shared with Rudy he was a Charter member of the Club, and Rudy thanked George for creating the opportunity for himself and other Rotarians to give back to the community.

Treasurer: During the last week, Treasurer **Don Mintz** completed the application for the Government of Alberta Relaunch Grant. Don determined our Club is entitled to \$9,265 through this grant program. This money will be very helpful to our Club during these challenging times. I wanted to share this information with our Members, but I also wanted to express gratitude to Minister Aheer for the support her government is providing to not for profit organizations such as ours. Thank you.

Rotaract: On Friday evening, **Past President Chas Filipski and I** attended the Pitch Night for the U of C Rotaract Club. Talk about inspiring. Our Club donated \$250 to the event, which was third prize. It was won by an organization called Project 90. This is a group of volunteer student engineers who are doing projects around the globe. I expect they will present to us in the future about their work. The first prize of \$1,000, donated by the Chinook Rotary Club, was won by the Summer Book Bag Project.

Bylaws: Secretary Larry Stein sent an email with the results of the Bylaw votes. I won't say any more about that other than to thank everyone who voted.

Community Kitchen: On Tuesday, I volunteered alongside **Dorothea Schaab and Bob and Marlene Wiens** at the Community Kitchens. We filled 900 boxes of fresh produce for their Good Food Box program. The produce is purchased, the boxes are filled, and clients purchase the boxes at a price less than what they would pay in the stores. I asked Dorothea who is eligible to buy the boxes, and she said, "You and Me". The concept is to make good food affordable for families. There is no qualifying involved. After volunteering there, I have to say I am very impressed with the organization and this concept. Some corporate organizations have backed out of their volunteer pool, so the Calgary West Club is trying to fill the gap with fellow Rotarians. They have latched on to Dorothea because she showed up one day. Dorothea is putting details in today's Bulletin about shifts where help is needed. If you feel comfortable and could take a shift, that would be great. Also, if you know a family that is facing challenges with its grocery budget, you should refer them to Community Kitchens. I told a couple of young people in our office about the program and they were very interested because of the price of produce in the grocery stores.

Sergeant at Arms: John Fitzsimmons was in his usual can rattling element! Questions were all about "First" women.

Greg Martin: He picked on Greg in beautiful Hawaii with the first Question: Who was the first woman in our Club?. If you don't know find out, it was in 1998! the answer was Allison Redford!

Tony Ng: Who was the first female Sergeant At Arms?: Carol Graham.

Amy Giang: Who was the first female President of the Club. Sherry Austin

Jack Thompson: Who married a member? Myrna was sitting beside him and he got it right!

Good job John.



To kick off our celebration of International Women's Day, I asked one of our members to chat about her career path. I don't want to steal any of her thunder, but I know she will not brag about herself. I have asked Kathyann to put a copy of an article from Avenue Magazine in today's Bulletin, so you can see it. The article is from 2016 when our fellow Rotarian, **Amy Giang** became a Top 40 Under 40. Amy, tell us a bit about your journey as an entrepreneur.



Hello everyone!

Thank you **President Penny** for inviting me to do an experience share. It seems I'm always in a male-dominated industry. From getting my degree in computer science to developing control stations for unmanned aerial vehicles for the US military for tactical purposes to starting a real estate company, an automotive repair shop, and today founder and owner of Lube Town, three independent express lube centers in Calgary and Okotoks.

I didn't get into these industries because I wanted to show men what women can do, I got into them because I was passionate about the growth and a lot of men happen to be there already. Sharing my accomplishments is tough for me to do because I'm raised to be humbled. One challenge in my journey as a woman has reconciled our femininity, my gentle, caring nature with abilities, talent, and power.

I've come to learn to reconcile those in a journey towards self-worthiness and self-trust. I may choose my power and still be my gentle kind self. It's not about taking up someone's space but about creating a space that wasn't there before. I don't ask for opportunities. Instead, I ask for training and guidance that will allow me to acquire abilities equal to that of my opportunities.

I'm going to share three things that really worked for me.

The first was learning how to ask for help and how to help myself when I received the help.

The second thing was about asking the right questions. Instead of asking how do my business survive covid, I asked how my business can thrive. And if there is nothing I can do, asking how do I contribute and help my community. It puts my mind in a position of helpfulness rather than helplessness. With that mindset, I was able to launch a software business during covid and I am now selling market analysis tools to pro traders around the world.

The final thing that really helps was being grateful. When our family came to Canada we didn't speak English, had no money, and no network. We were grateful for everything that came our way. Grateful for opportunities and even more grateful for losing out on somethings because they taught me what I still need to learn.

President Penny and everyone, I appreciate you all, thank you for allowing me to share my story.

Amy Giang

by [avenuecalgary](#) November 1, 2016
Avenue Calgary's 2016 Top 40 Under 40

Age: 39

Job title: CEO, [Lube Town](#)

Why she's a 2016 Top 40:

Giang is a successful female business-owner in a male-dominated industry and a passionate volunteer for the [Rotary Club of Calgary South](#)

The best advice entrepreneur **Amy Giang** ever received didn't come in the form of words, it came in the form of action. "Sometimes, advice isn't spoken. No one tells you to work hard, persevere and be patient, they just show you. And that's what my father did," she says.

After emigrating to Calgary from Vietnam in 1985, Giang's parents worked minimum-wage jobs to provide for her and her brothers. She recalls as a child helping her father study for his red-seal journeyman machinist certification. Every night, Giang and her dad would tackle a textbook page with the help of a Chinese-English language dictionary.

It's this example of dedication that set Giang's work ethic in motion. She studied computer science in university and was the first person in her family to obtain a university degree. After working as a software engineer for the military developing control stations for unmanned aerial vehicles, a passion for business led Giang to take a risk and open [Lube Town](#) when she was eight-months pregnant with her first child.

As the CEO of Lube Town, an express oil change and automotive maintenance centre with two locations in Calgary and one in Okotoks, Giang is a successful female business-owner in a primarily male-dominated industry. She grew Lube Town from one location in 2008 to three locations by 2013, with projected revenues of more than \$2 million.

But profits aren't necessarily her bottom line. Lube Town has been donating \$2 from every oil change to help families in Fort McMurray who were affected by the catastrophic wildfire. Giang is also a member of the [Rotary Club of Calgary South](#), volunteering at the [Stampede Dream Home](#) booth and regularly devoting weekends to working volunteer fundraising casinos.

As a business-owner, Giang is committed to going the extra mile for her customers – no appointments are necessary, every vehicle receives a courtesy inspection and Lube Town regularly throws customer-appreciation events, including barbecues. It's something her customers have noticed: Lube Town won a [Consumer Choice Award](#) for Southern Alberta in 2015 and 2016 and has also won the [Calgary Chamber of Commerce's Customer Service Excellence Award](#).

"People say there's something unique about what I do, but I just do what I love, and it happens to be something a lot of other women aren't doing," Giang says.

– Meredith Bailey



To refresh everyone on how our Club supports women and girls, I have asked three Committee Chairs and the Partners President to give us their “Top 3” initiatives directed toward women and girls.

Small Grants: Jim Hutchens

The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park is a proud champion for women and supporter of charitable organizations which promote the empowerment of women.

As Rotarians, we believe we can make a difference with our support to the community, and that the help we provide women’s charitable organizations makes a positive impact to not only in their lives, but also for their families.

In the past few years, we have awarded grants to the **Calgary Women’s Emergency Shelter** which provides shelter for women and their children escaping volatile family situations. (In their own words: The Calgary Women’s Emergency Shelter is “More than a Shelter”, by providing many innovative safety, healing, and prevention programs to the community.)



This past year we provided a grant to **Sagesse** to purchase tablets for their clients, **Sagesse** is a self-help group which supports women, and these tablets allows them real time contact with their counselors and their peers on their journey to taking back control on their lives.

Sonshine, another group we have supported offers full year residential programs. Quality, safe and low-cost housing. Individual counselling, goal setting and mentoring. Life-skills groups, parenting education and on-site childcare. Counselling and play therapy for children and many other services.

We have also provided project funding to the **Calgary Pregnancy Centre** where young vulnerable women can seek counsel in safety and privacy, free of judgement, and who may have no other place to go for fear of being shunned, shamed, or ostracized by family, friends, or culture.

We are pleased to a partner with and assist organizations which provide positive foundations for the empowerment and advancement of women’s health, wellbeing, and for a brighter future for them and their families.

These organization’s services can be life changing, and by supporting them we really DO make a difference.

Where there is the most need, we can make the greatest impact.

Denise MacLeod: Partners President

As President of the Partners Denise highlighted some projects that the Group has been able to support without funds this year

Sole Girls YYC is an after-school program for girls ages 5-7 and 8-12. It is an empowerment program that combines fun physical activity, discussion and mentorship to give girls the tools they need to live a confident and healthy life. Over the course of the program, girls learn life skills, confidence, being responsible and being healthy in a safe and interactive environment. They also learn how to be a positive peer, make new friends and goal set as part of an active lifestyle. The founder, coaches and volunteers of this company believe that healthy, happy girls make strong, successful leaders and stronger communities.

The Partners Sewing Club made 25 cloth bags with handles and 38 drawstring cloth bags for each girl to use during the program and to keep. Kelly Brittain is the Chair of this Club and did an amazing job.



Our Fundraising Committee is looking at options to participate again in this program.

Made by Momma is a non-profit organization that provides wholesome nourishment and nurturing care for mothers and young children facing situations of adversity and crisis. They provide healthy prepared meals, wholesome baked goods, baby essentials, children's items, supportive in-home visitors and other services to allow mothers the time they need to rest, recover and focus on their families and their health.

Our Fundraising Committee is looking at different volunteer opportunities for preparing meals, home support or organizing donated items for their Resource Centre.

Making Changes is an association that offers programs to empower women and teen girls of all ages, backgrounds and stages in life. They provide resources, clothing, new skills and support to help them pursue education, work, careers and to make meaningful contributions to their community.

Our Fundraising Committee is looking at a fundraiser to collect women's business and business casual clothing and accessories for their "Dress for Success" program.

World Community Service: Brenda McKinley

Kangaroo Mother Care: Uganda

The goal of this project is to improve newborn survival rates. Located in Uganda; the Mbarara hospital has the capacity of 460 beds to service 7million people.

There are approximately 12,000 deliveries per year. The current newborn unitaccommodates 40 neonates in a space designed for 40. About 40% are premature, who contribute about 70% of the 200 newborn deaths per year.

Rotary Club at Stampede Park, along with other clubs contributed to increase space, build a proper latrine, basic equipment and supplies, and training of staffand Mothers all for enhanced newborn care.

Raksha Ascent: Nepal

This organization specializes in the support and rehabilitation of exploitedwomen and girls who have been forced into the commercial sex work. The mission is to provide a safe environment and help them to become self-reliant and independent.

Rotary provided funding for a trek, the purpose of which was three-fold;

- Facilitate healing through time in nature
- Build self confidence and provide personal development through a challenging trek and nightly leadership discussions and training
- Have fun through an adventure in the Himalayas and explore the inner self andthrill of a new experience

Raksha also works to bring awareness to the public of the dangers and realities oftrafficking and commercial sexual exploitation

Core international

Since 2006 Core International has supported education for poor and vulnerable people through scholarships to children of disadvantaged groups and children whose parents are too poor to send them to school.

Core International requested funding to pay for the school fees for 80 children and a social worker to work with parents to get them to send their kids to school in Nepal.

Girls are the priority as only 1% of women in this group can read or write. The funds also paid for student school supplies, food allowance, tutorial classes and extra curricular activities

Thank you; the World Communities Services Committee of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park continues to make difference in the advancement of women, their education and health



Stay in School: Bill Sumner

We have or have had 66 students involved in our scholarship program to date. Keep in mind we are currently interviewing at the Grade six level.

Specifically, when it comes to females, we have 6 young women in Senior High, 4 in Junior High.

Currently we have 10 young women attending post-secondary institutions, and of the 15 graduates so far, 11 of them are females.

Just to give you some idea of where some of our graduates have ended up ...

Michael and Anna Zacharki mentored a young lady Petra Vadelova

- Petra graduated in 2011 from the University of Calgary with a degree in business, and is using that degree to the extent that she is running her father's business of 35 employees which is a fine concrete operation (shopping malls etc.) She is in charge of hiring and payroll to mention a few of her responsibilities – a very successful individual indeed.



Earl and Millie Huson mentored a young lady by the name of Kaylee Vernon

- Kaylee graduated from the University of Calgary in 2012. Her specialty was Social/ Sciences – she also completed a Master's program as well. Kaylee is currently self-employed (has her own office). She is a practicing psychologist. Kaylee is also married and has two children.

I mentored a student named Leah Racher

- Leah graduated in 2019 from Mount Royal University with a Bachelor of Business degree. She is currently employed full time for a construction Company – Stuart Olson. She is a supply team manager specialist.

In conclusion, these three young ladies all admitted that they would never be where they are today in the work force if it wasn't for the Rotary Scholarship that our club provided.

Thank you for allowing me to share

There is so much need and always so much more we could be doing, but our Club is making an impact on the lives of women and girls. Thank you everyone for supporting and participating in these initiatives. **Luanne Whitmarsh** can you please introduce Minister Aheer.

Luanne Whitmarsh: Introduction of Minister Aheer

It is my pleasure to introduce the Honorable Leela Aheer. She became the Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women on April 30, 2019. This Ministry holds the responsibility for Alberta Film Classification office, Alberta Media Fund, Community Facility Enhancement Program, Community Initiatives Program, Cultural heritage, Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women grants and the Francophone Secretariat.

As Minister, Leela introduced Alberta's version of Clare's Law in tandem with another Minister. The legislation aims to empower those at potential risk of a domestic violence relationship to have access to information about their partner's criminal history, and attempts to provide those at risk of domestic violence with fuller awareness of an intimate partner's previous history of domestic violence or violent acts.

On November 19, 2019, Leela declared the date Women's Entrepreneurship Day in Alberta at the first-ever Canadian-based Women's Entrepreneurship Day summit. The day seeks to break down the barriers faced by female entrepreneurs, and is the first time the day is recognized in Canada. Leela says the day is an "opportunity to be able to recognize the many ways women contribute to the economy".

Today our Club celebrates International Women's Day. The campaign theme this year: **#ChooseToChallenge**. A challenged world is an alert world. Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day. We can all choose to challenge and call out gender bias and inequality. We can all choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements. Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world. From challenge comes change, so let's all choose to challenge. Please join me in welcoming the Honorable Minister Leela Aheer!

Guest Speaker: Minister Aheer

Minister Aheer acknowledged that we were on Treaty Seven lands and said it was great honor to be following presentations by so many capable and accomplished women.

She gave us an enthusiastic presentation and covered a lot of ground and remember if we **"Elevate women, we elevate everyone"**.

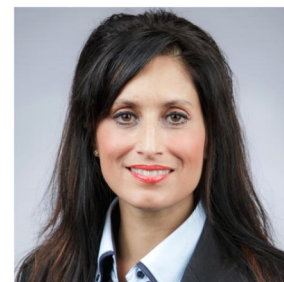
You really need to go to the link to view her presentation to appreciate her passion for the various segments that make up her large and complex portfolio.

MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/I7qssA-RIXU>

She only had time for one Question.... "What recommendations would you give to young women thinking of getting into politics" Again she gave lots and hints and tips to encourage women to get involved.... "the world need women at the table!" cmsw.minister@gov.ab.ca

Christine Martin thanked Minister Aheer on behalf of the Club.

President Penny: Minister Aheer; thank you so much for speaking to us, today, and for joining our International Women's Day celebration. In appreciation for your participation in today's meeting, our Club is donating \$100 to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. These funds will be added to other endowed funds. Investment income earned on these funds will be used to make an impact in our community, similar to initiatives you have heard about today. I also want to thank all the members of our Club who took time to prepare for an participate in today's meeting.



Now let's talk about next week. Our St. Patrick's Day celebration.

To kick it off, I want to say, ALOYAHOOHA. This is the memorable "Irish" word that the "ugly green shirt" brigade should recognize. I hope you aren't using those "ugly green shirts" as garage rags or dishcloths. I am calling you. ALOYAHOOHA. Let's dig the "ugly green shirts" out, and let's wear them next week. It's the wearing of the green, and those "ugly green shirts" will be perfect. Everyone else, try to support St. Patrick's Day by wearing whatever green you have.



I understand from the Social Committee that we will be receiving packages to help us celebrate. Can't wait. It's a date. Let's make it a fun meeting.

Now, going back to International Women's Day...

We have heard many positive things today, but there as I previously stated, there is still tremendous need and much to be done. Sometimes it's about money and funding, but more often it's about being a friend and a mentor. I am grateful for the many friends and mentors I have had along the way, particularly, in this Rotary Club. I know each of you will continue to help others wherever you can. Please consider the younger women in your life and how you might help them move forward on their journey.



Thanks once again to all the guests who have joined us today.

I have three quotes for you to take with you.

Serena Williams said:

"Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another. We're strongest when we cheer each other on."

Michelle Obama said:

"The difference between a broken community and a thriving one is the presence of women who are valued."

My final quote is from Golda Meir, but before I share it with you, I want everyone on this meeting to give me credit, because I did NOT quote Oprah at any point in today's meeting...

I will share Golda Meir's quote with a little tongue in cheek. She said:

**"Whether women are better than men I cannot say,
but I can say they are certainly no worse."**



Have a great week everyone



March, 2021

Rotary  Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park

THE PARTY LINE

A News Bulletin from the Member Mentoring Committee

Join us next
Tuesday, March
9th, at 9:00 AM to
join in on an hour
of fun. Catch up
with your friends
and get the latest
news. Bring
Your Own Coffee
or breakfast.

Join Your Friends

Two weeks ago the RCCSP Mentoring Committee held its first ZOOM-based online "chat room". More than 20 Rotarians, as well as numerous spouses, went online and joined the chat, which was moderated by Wendy Giuffre, and there were numerous stories told (some of which were probably true); jokes told; concerns expressed (ranging from Covid, through to Canada's economy, and tips and tactics to deal with the frustration/loneliness of lockdown).

Not Sure How to Join a Zoom Call?

Our weekly online Rotary meetings are on ZOOM. All you need is the ZOOM app on your computer or tablet and you're set to go. We will provide the sign-in to all members, and then all you have to do is click on it. Presto! You will immediately become a member of The Party Line.

This is no different than getting together with a group of friends for a cup of coffee at a café, or chatting over the back fence. The purpose is simply to provide a forum for Rotarians and their family or friends to get together for an hour and share some quality time together.

Rules for The Party Line:

- *No dress code is in effect. Pyjamas, jeans and housecoats are acceptable.*
- *Stories are perfectly acceptable, especially if they are mostly (partly) true.*
- *Jokes are welcomed, particularly if you know how to tell a joke.*

How Does the RCCSP Party Line Work?

Twice each month a one-hour party line will be open on ZOOM, hosted by the Member Mentoring Committee. It's just like attending a regular Rotary meeting, without any agenda, songs, anthem, etc. A topic may be suggested by the moderator, or it can simply be a free-wheeling 'gab fest'.

Penny: Thank you for the note following the Rotary meeting on Feb 25.

I'm sorry that I didn't follow up sooner but I was overwhelmed with Harry's tribute --- first, that Harry was in such wonderful company with Darlene Switzer Foster and Hugh Delaney and second, that Ken Farn and Mark Terrill spoke so eloquently about Harry. It was such a tribute to the high regard that Rotary had for Harry. Because our family could not be together for a funeral, the tribute also provided some much needed closure for my children, Meaghan, Sarah, and Julia and Harry's sisters, Nancy and Carole.

On behalf of our family, I extend my heartfelt thanks to you, to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park and the Wellness Team, and the Rotary Partners and the Executive Team. I especially thank the entire Rotary family that sent me stories, cards, food, and kept in touch. And to all the Rotary members who donated to the Rotary Foundation in Harry's name, I am especially grateful to know that his legacy will continue.

Best regards,
Nadia Pelton

Calgary Stampede Lotteries (CSL) advertising campaign

Greetings - I wanted to give you the head's up reminder that we begin our paid and organic Calgary Stampede Lotteries (CSL) advertising campaigns over the next two weeks. Very exciting news on the Rotary Dream Home, Kinsmen Prizes and Stampede Showband.

The teaser email comes out on March 10th and the VIP Early Bird announcements come on March 17th. Please keep an eye peeled!

In addition to receiving emails, CSL will produce shareable social media announcements that Rotary Club Members are encouraged to send to anyone they feel would benefit from the news that we're back and greater than ever. This is super exciting news....stay tuned!!

Be safe and remain strong - Cheers.

Jim Bladon

Chair

2021 Rotary Dream Home and 50/50

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STAY IN SCHOOL REPORT CARDS FROM MENTORS

We really need to receive the most current Report Cards for the Students in our Stay In School Program.

Covid 19 has certainly had an impact on this and we would appreciate your help in getting to your students for these reports.

Please remind our Students that the contract they signed at the beginning indicated they should get the reports to us **within 15 days**. This report card requirement includes our Post Secondary Institute Students as well

Our job as Mentors is more difficult now and we want to extend a very special thank you to all our mentors, your many efforts are much appreciated.

If you have any questions please call me at: 403 686 0828 or email me at: ehuslink@telusplanet.net

Submitted by: Earl Huson



COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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.

One more volunteer is required for a shift on **Wednesday, March 17**

Two more volunteers are required for shifts on:

Wednesday, March 31

Wednesday April 14

Wednesday, April 28

Wednesday May 12

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

Please contact **Dorothea Schaab** at 403 660 6232 or email: schaabd@gmail.com to confirm availability


NOTE FROM JIM SMITH TO ALL MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

My wife, Ellen wants to express to the Rotary Club her deep appreciation of the warm response of the club members to her illness. It has been very comforting to have the caring friendship of those she has known for these many years. The many cards and flowers have helped during this time.

Thanks,

Jim and Ellen Smith

Nine Important Facts to Remember as We Grow Older

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- #9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
 - #8 Life is sexually transmitted.
 - #7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
 - #6 Men have two motivations: hunger and hanky-panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
 - #5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
 - #4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
 - #3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
 - #2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
 - #1 Life is like a jar of jalapeño peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow. Please share this wisdom with others; I need to go to the bathroom.

Submitted by Bob Wiens



DID YOU KNOW?

The following are found to be true from actual experience

- ♦ **Law of Gravity:** Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.
- ♦ **Law of Probability:** The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
- ♦ **Law of Random Numbers:** If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.
- ♦ **Supermarket Law:** As soon as you get in the smallest line, the cashier will have to call for help.
- ♦ **Variation Law:** If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

Submitted by: Bev Ostermann



The Executive have decided to do a drive-by celebration on March 17th for St. Patrick's Day which is St. Patrick's Day. The drive-by celebration will start at 1:00pm.

It will be in the south corner of the parking lot where Sears was located.

We will be sending out more information in the next few weeks.

Save the Date and start collecting some fun items to decorate yourself and your car!!! Take care

Submitted by Denise MacLeod, Partners President



Rotary Partners Book Club

On March 22nd we are having a 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. This so exciting for us!

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



<https://www.stayinschool.ca/>



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!

Traits February borns are known for

- **February** borns are honest and known for being one of a kind
- They are authentic. self-confident and positive in their decisions
- They are very mysterious
- They are innovative
- They are unique
- They are determined
- They are loyal
- They are generous

Happy Birthday
Rotarians & Partners !

Phil Jackson	Feb 7
Terri Filipski (Chas)	Feb 10
Walter Flores	Feb 11
Bill Sumner	Feb 12
Murray Flegel	Feb 13
Roger Jarvis	Feb 13
Kourtney Tonkinson (Spencer)	Feb 13
Nicole Castle (Kendall)	Feb 18
Ben Steblecki	Feb 19
Bev Osterman	Feb 20
Amy Giang	Feb 23
Blake Pelham	Feb 27
John Shield	Feb 27

*"If only the world was as trusting as the
beautiful and delicate chickadee"*

Photo taken by Corinne at Carburn Park



Happy February
Birthdays

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING:

Mar 11th St. Patrick's Day Celebration



Mar 18th Sue Ozdemir, CEO: Exro Technologies

Mar 25th DG Mary Turner / RCCSP Communications Strategy

Apr 1st Virgil Lowe: Telus Agriculture

Apr 1st CASINO: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Apr 2nd CASINO: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Apr 8th Keith Davis/Hugh Delaney 100 Years of Broadcasting:

Apr 15th Large Grants 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

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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**

