



ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the March 6th 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) : Roselyn Jack, Grayce Glassford, Lisa Van Hemert,
President Bladon, Billie Fortier, Penny Leckie



**Presentation:
International Women's
Day - Billie Fortier**

**March 20th :
Grants &
Endowments**

**Next week:
March 13th:
St Patrick's Day**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the March 20th meeting.

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

Today's Meeting:

President Jim Bladon started off our meeting with a land Acknowledgement...

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



Neill Magee brought the 50/50 up today. **Neill** had our guest speaker draw the ticket. The pot was \$135 which was won by one of our guests today.

Our outbound exchange student Abi McIsaac joined us today!! She will heading to Italy soon!

Big shout out to all our member's who went down to Olds over the weekend for the District 5360/5370 Annual Curling Bonspiel!

Spencer Tonkinson our Sgt@Arms today starts off by giving **Ken** a fine for his phone ringing several times. Next up **Spencer** asked **Hermann Logsend** to pay the fine for his guest winning the 50/50.

Spencer asked every man in the room who has a wife, a sister, mother, grandmother, daughter or any important woman in your life to pay \$5. Next **Spencer** asked some questions to some of our members. **Penny Leckie** gets to decide if the answer is good or not.

Jim Hutchens - his table pays \$2

Norm Rose - his table pays \$2

Marietta Maier - her table pays \$2

Dale Struksnes - his table pays \$2

Peter Lafontaine - his table pays \$2

Jack Thompson - his table pays \$2

Evan Strong - his table pays \$2



Dorothea Schaab came up today to highlight the incredible impact of our club's scholarship and burster initiatives before inviting the recipient of our 2024 scholarship at Old's College of Agriculture and Technology, Megan Connors to come up and share a few words with us.

Megan Connors came up shared a bit about her self and how thankful she is for this opportunity.

On behalf the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park **Dorothea Schaab** presented this years \$3500 scholarship to Olds Collage.

Debbie Thompson the President of Olds College of Agriculture and Technology came up to accepted this scholarship on behalf of Olds Collage. Debbie shared a bit about the wonderful things happening at Old's Collage. Please watch the meeting video linked on page 1 to hear more!



Today's Meeting:

Past President **Penny Leckie** came up and shared a bit about our guest speaker today and who she is before inviting her up to the podium.



Billie Fortier a Partner with MLT Aikens LLP Calgary and our amazing guest speaker came up and shared about her self. She shared a bit about her back round and her family along with information about her practice and so much more. I strongly encourage everyone to watch the meeting video to her more about Billie!



Lisa Van Hemert came up and gave a lovely thank you to Billie Fortier for her presentation today on behalf of the club.



President Jim Bladon finishes off the meeting by making a \$100 donation on behalf of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park to CRCF in Billie Fortier's name.

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

Announcements

Health and Wellness

Susan Brick is continuing to under go some tests. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Tomato Plants!

David Read still has some tomato plants to give away in April/May. If you would like some please contact **David** to get your name on the list. nread@telusplanet.net 403-271-5856

Chest Freezer in the office

We have an extra chest freezer in the office that we are looking for information on. If you know who brought this freezer to the office and what we need it for please contact Grayce.

CALGARY 2025: RI CONVENTION CHEAT SHEET



HOC Website: <https://rotarycalgary2025.org/>

REGISTRATION

1. Create or sign into [MY ROTARY](#) account.
2. Follow the [HOW TO REGISTER](#) guide, includes: how to register, add a guest, register a child, Rotary Convention ticketed events, payment
Non Rotarians: can register themselves by going through registration process and need to create a MyRotary account
Last day for any registration **discount : March 31, 2025**

SCHEDULE

- General Sessions: Opening Ceremony seating information will be communicated to registrants about 2-3 weeks before the Convention.
- The House of Friendship will be open Saturday-Wednesday, 21-25 June 2025

SPEAKERS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Monday-Wednesday, 23-25 June 2025

SIGNATURE EVENTS

Grandstand Spectacular: June 21. Performances of a marching band, Indigenous hoop dancing, world-class country music, horseback relay races and firework show. Let's fill the stadium with cowboy hats.

White Cowboy Hat: Pickup Saturday in House of Friendship before show.

Rockin' The Big Four Roadhouse: June 22. History of Canadian music from the 60's to 2025.

New Blood with The Calgary Civic Symphony: June 22. Blackfoot music, dance and drumming with contemporary music. Follows the story, "The Indian in the Child," as told through Peter Gabriel.

Western Ranch Showcase: June 24. Western hospitality, live entertainment, and the chance to experience the timeless traditions of the Old West.

Home/Host Hospitality: June 23. Memorable evening of local hospitality and international fellowship. Deadline: April 20.

Pre and Post Tours: Spectacular tours in and around Alberta and the Rockies, including unique Indigenous tours. Trips are offered in every direction, with spectacular scenery around us

TRAVEL

Airline Discounts

- Westjet: **up to 25%** off select fares for travel to Calgary, Alberta between 1 June 2025 and 15 July 2025
- Air Canada: Variety of discounts on select roundtrip flights from Friday, June 13, 2025 to Thursday, July 14, 2025 with CODE **R3YT9E41**

Direct Flights scroll to bottom of page for direct flight travel info.

VOLUNTEERING : Volunteers of all kinds make for a successful convention.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) (\$120/2 Bed, \$210/4 Bed)

- Use code **CRIC2025** when booking
- Transit (free with registration) from SAIT to Convention Center 15 minutes. No RI shuttle buses
- Located on Light Rapid Transit (LRT)

Mount Royal University (MRU): (\$60/2 or 4 bed, \$119 Hotel Suite)

- Book directly through MRU residence services. Indicate Rotary Conference when booking.
- Parking \$5/night, transit (free with registration) from MRU to Convention Center is a 30 minutes. No RI shuttle buses
- City Transit Bus Connected

Rotary's Official Hotel Block: Official Hotel Options within the RI block. Check back often.

Non-Rotary Hotel Block: Non-Official Hotel Options

Announcements

Email from Waterton Glacier International Peace Park

Good morning WGIPPA Directors & Executives,

I feel compelled to touch base with all of you to find out how you are doing during these increasingly difficult and untenable times we are currently faced with. I am sure all of you are as heartbroken, frustrated, and often angry, as I am. Our two nations have lived in friendship and peace for what seems like forever. No matter our personal political beliefs I do not want this to come between us.

As a cross-border, Peacebuilding organization I believe that we need to remember that what is happening is not happening because of the amazing humans who live in both Canada and the United States but rather by politicians who are unfortunately looking out for nothing but themselves. The selfishness and childish antics currently in play are deeply disturbing.

I have a big ask. I believe this is our time to shine! I believe we Peacebuilders must step up as a united front and provide an example for everyone feeling saddened, frustrated and discouraged by all that is going on around them. We can set an example for others to follow. An example that will help them to deal with the hopelessness and lack of control they are feeling. We can show them that Peace is possible! This can be our finest hour.

With deep love and respect,

Nadine 🕊️❤️
Pres., WGIPPA 2024-2026

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.

Please send **Stacey Johnson** an email to 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. 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.)



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



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





Closing:

Next week: **March 13th - St Patrick's Day**
Reminder that the bar opens at 11am!!

The week following: **March 20th : Grants & Endowments**



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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23	24	25	26	27 	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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 - New Members Celebration

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27	28	29	30	1	2	3

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