

# ROTARY NEWS

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MLA Tanya Fir, President Bryan Walton

**Welcome to the March 7th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as we celebrate International Women's Day, which is tomorrow. My name is Bryan Walton, and I'm honoured to be the President of this Club for 2023-24.**

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

Head Table (L-R) : Melanie Todd, Sharyl Madigan, Amarjeet Grewal, President Bryan Walton, Tanya Fir, Brenda McKinley



**Speaker: MLA Tanya Fir- Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women.**

**Welcome back from Mexico President Bryan & Joan Walton**

**Many Volunteer Opportunities**

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

# Today's Meeting:

**Greg Smyth** announced our guests. The welcome song was a fan favourite by our guest speaker, MLA **Tanya Fir**, who "wants (her) assistant, Sarah, to come up with a welcome song and sing it to (her) every day when she comes into the office"

50/50 was pulled by **Michael Zacharki**, with help from our Speaker. The \$170 pot was won by **Catherine Brownlee**, who donated her winnings to the Ukranian Fund. That is a great donation!

In honour of International Women's Day, Sargent at Arms, **Keith Davis**, made all men in the room stand up and pay up! He got a toonie out of the gentlemen, but next year let's aim for \$10

Fresh off the plane from Hong Kong, **Amarjeet Grewal** spoke on her classification piece. It was interesting to hear about the ammolite industry in which she works in. She finished with a beautiful quote- "Let's be kind to each other."

Director of Meetings, **Brenda McKinley** recognized her chairs and talked on her Meetings Portfolio.

## *MLA Tanya Fir*

Minister of Arts, Culture & Status of Women.

To hear the whole presentation click [HERE](#)

**Brenda McKinley** introduced our Guest Speaker

Thank you, Honourable MLA **Tanya Fir**, for joining us today. Tanya was re-elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, representing the constituency of Calgary-Peigan in May 2023. Then in June, she was sworn in as the Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women.

Tanya previously served as Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation, Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction, and as Parliamentary Secretary for Status of Women.

With a resume longer than a Canadian winter, she was a member of the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, Special Standing Committee on Members' Services Select Special Democratic Accountability Committee and Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship.

Before serving with the Legislative Assembly, Tanya was employed with Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) for 16 years as a Human Resources Advisor.

Tanya holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Calgary, with a concentration in Management of Organizations and Human Resources. Tanya was the 916th Member sworn into the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.



**Sharyl Madigan** thanked our speaker

Minister, 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.



# Announcements

## Reminder!!!

Register for future meetings in advance

**partners**  
**in print**

### Business Club

Thank you, **Melanie Todd** for talking today about business club. We are excited to join **Allan Johnson** at Sheraton Labels on March 13th to discuss and learn with other members. Register [HERE](#)

### New Member Event

Grab your passports for the New Member Event! April 18th from 5-9 at the Ranchman's Club. Bring your beach clothes!

## Feed the Hungry

Located in St. Mary's Hall (221 - 18 th Avenue SW), our Rotary Club will "Sponsor and Serve" the Sunday meal on **March 24th, 2024**.

**Ken Farn** talked today about the second-largest volunteer opportunity in our club after Dream Home. Thank you to all the members who have already signed up, however as of today, 30 more volunteers are still needed!

Please take a moment to log on to the volunteer sign-up link to help our Rotary Club support this community outreach program!

<https://feedthehungry.flocknote.com/signup/156374>

-Thank you, Ken Farn. [kgfarn@telus.net](mailto:kgfarn@telus.net)



## SINGAPORE

The Singapore conference is **May 25 - 29, 2024** and is our first opportunity to market and sell the 2025 Conference in Calgary. We will have a very large and popular Calgary booth with loads of digital images and videos, a Calgary Host Committee website ready to take bookings for experiences like Calgary's Host Hospitality Night, Calgary Signature Events, and Pre/Post Trips such as the Rockies, Hoodoos, Cowboy Trail, and the 2025 Calgary Stampede.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Singapore booth to promote Calgary, there are many opportunities to do so. Email **Farid Bedwany** at [bedwany@yahoo.com](mailto:bedwany@yahoo.com). He's on our local Calgary Host Organizing Committee and gathering names for those who would like to join us in the Calgary booth.

# We've been busy...

## Beach Boys of Summer



On March 3, 28 members and guests attended the "Beach Boys of Summer" dinner and Show at Jubilations Theatre.

Dinner was delicious and what a fun show with lots of folks singing along. We hear Sherry and Tony are preparing for their own tour.. anybody want to sing Back Up? Dancers needed too!

A great evening enjoyed by our members and their guests!!



We held our second Wine Club of this year at City and Country Winery with a tour by Gina and tastings with Owner, Chris Fodor. We enjoyed a lovely evening of tasting red and white wines, along with a charcuterie Board. It's great to see how a little winery can make so many cases of wine, using grapes from all over the world. And yes, grape stomping is actually still done...at harvest season!! A fantastic evening, and wonderful fellowship, as always. Special thanks to **Brenda McKinley** for coordinating!



## Veterns Food Bank

Small but mighty group volunteering on March 5th, at the Veterans Food Bank, we are invited back any time. Thank you to everyone who came out!



## Health & Wellness

Dale & Debbie Struksnes's grandson is doing well after heart surgery! Here's to a speedy recovery.



Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

# From the Secretary's Desk

As we are continuing to have great people either join or transfer to our Club, I thought I would share the policies directly related to Membership:

## **Policy #4e: Membership dues:**

Membership fees are due at the start of the Rotary year (July 1). Requests for payments of membership dues in installments should be addressed discretely by the Treasurer and President. The waiving of membership dues is presented to the Executive in camera. For members starting mid-Rotary year, their fees will be assessed by months left in the year. The annual membership fee for the RCCSP may be paid in two equal installments at the end of July and the end of January of each Rotary year. Transfer Member - Initiation fee will be as follows: Members from another club – 50% of initiation fee. Former Member - Initiation fee will be as follows: Former member – 25% of the initiation fee.

## **Policy #9: Membership**

### **A) New Members**

- i. New members are assigned to the Greeting and Registration committees.
- ii. Each new member will have a red strip on their badge, which will be removed at a club meeting once the member has successfully completed the required orientation items. Attachment #4 – Red Stripe Removal Requirements
- iii. The member who nominates a new member is responsible for ensuring that all the qualifications are met before the red stripe is removed.
- iv. New members to receive their badges on the date of their induction into the club.

### **B) Active Members**

- i. Are members with paid annual membership fees.
- ii. Are regular participants in the Club meetings and activities
- iii. Has not come under any concern

### **C) Rule of 85**

The Rotarian is at least 65 years of age and with an aggregate of their years of service with their age being equal to or greater than 85, they will be excused from attendance. The member must still pay the Club dues.

### **D) Honourary Members**

- i. The Honourary Members are to be reviewed and appointed annually by the Board. Rotary members are not eligible.
- ii. To be reviewed within the first ¼ of the Rotary year.
- iii. To be an Honourary Member the following must apply:
  - i. For Rotarians they are unable to participate in Club activities as an Active Member.
  - ii. Is currently a member of The Club.
  - iii. Demonstrated exemplary service while a member of the Club.
  - iv. Agrees to becoming an Honourary Member rather than staying as an Active Member.
  - v. Note: Any member reaching the age of 80 or with 25 or more years of service, will automatically be reviewed annually to ascertain if they are eligible for Honourary membership.
- iv. For non-Rotarians, based on a recommendation of the Recognition Committee and the approval of the Board, a non-Rotarian can be selected as an Honourary member. This would be a person who has performed exemplary work in the community, or has made an impact or difference to our society.

### **E) Classification**

- i. A classification describes the distinct and recognized business or professional service that the Rotarian renders to society. In determining the classification of a Rotarian, the Club will consider the individual in context of his/her leadership role within their business and/or professional activity of the firm, company, or institution to which they belong. The Classification will be the member's primary role within their profession. It should be clearly understood that classifications are determined by activities or services to society rather than by the position held by a particular individual.
- ii. The classification principle also permits businesses and industries to be separated into distinct functions such as manufacturing, distributing, retailing, and servicing.
- iii. Classifications may also be specified as distinct and independent divisions of a large corporation or university within the Club's territory, such as a school of business or a school of engineering.
- iv. In an effort to ensure that the Club represents a cross section of the business and professional service of the community no two individuals may share the same classification.

*-YOURS IN ROTARY,  
LUANNE WHITHAM*



This week's meeting link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P\\_n6fKCGqBk&t=3s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_n6fKCGqBk&t=3s)

**Closing:**

**Next week's meeting: March 14** we are with the Leprechauns here at Rotary House for a celebration of St Patrick's Day and the possible return of Cameron O'Flauge.

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

**Closing words:**

Because, as you know - simple acts of kindness go a long way to Creating Hope in the World. Have a great Rotary week.

REMINDER

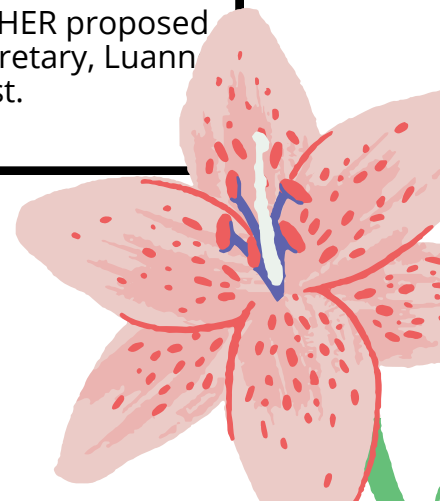
REMINDER

Final reminder to register for next week's meeting:  
[www.rotarystampedepark.com](http://www.rotarystampedepark.com)

**NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL**

**Jerry Ohlsson** has been proposed as for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by Craig Stokke and Seconded by John Fitzsimmons with a proposed Classification of Wholesale Flooring Marketing.












If any Member objects to **Jerry Ohlsson** joining our Club or to HIS/HER proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, Luann Whitmarsh: [secretary@rotarycs.org](mailto:secretary@rotarycs.org) prior to March 21st.



# 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: Rotary Profile  
 23rd: "Rock the Nation" at Studio Bell  
 31st: Happy Easter

MARCH						
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## APRIL

1st: Easter Monday

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## HELPFUL INFORMATION

"Walk Right Back"- The Everly Brothers \$66.60 at Grey Eagle Casino.  
 Contact Pat Neuman at pneuman647@gmail.com.

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

