



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



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Welcome to the March 9th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

Head Table: (L to R) **PP Bruce MacDonald**, New Member **David Schwarz**, **Dilan Perera**, President **Jim Fitzowich**, David Flemming, and **PP Terry Allen**.



President Jim Fitzowich

Today we are going to have a presentation on Banff History with speaker David Flemming. Some interesting facts about Banff:

1884 – CPR President George Stephen names Banff for his hometown in Scotland. The CPR line in the area was completed in the previous year.

1885 - The Canadian Government creates a federal reserve around the Cave & Basin area, that is further expanded in 1887.

1888 – The first Banff Springs Hotel is constructed, initially of wood and later replaced in 1927 and 28 by the stone structure we see today.

1915 – The Canadian Government creates internment camps in Banff and Castle Junction for “Enemy Aliens”, mostly Ukrainian immigrants who have neglected to become British subjects in time for the war. They are used as slave labour to build the Parks until 1920, long after the war is ended.

2023 – David Flemming comes to Rotary to fill in these Wikipedia gaps...

... which will wait for our speaker’s presentation.

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





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Announcements

Visitors and Guests: Brenda McKinley presented all of our guests and we sung a spirited rendition of our Welcome Song!



Health and Wellness:

Health and Wellness contact for March is **Dorothea Schaab** Tel 403-660-6232 schaabd@gmail.com



50/50: Lynn Topp gave \$120.00 to Chas Filipski who in turn donated the funds to our Ukrainian fund.

Sergeant at Arms:

Chad Hason Since International Day of Women was missed – all male members donated to the center of the table. Also, today is 'National Get Over It Day' so Chad invited us all to 'get over it', forgive, call that person, etc.



Kids at Heart:



Reminder: Kids at Heart Selection Committee and informed us of the deadline for applications is **March 15th, 2023**. The application is available on our website at this [link](#) (please advise Charities that you think may qualify to access the application via that link). The application is also on Facebook and lastly, to download a copy click [here](#)

WATER CHANGES EVERYTHING

Apr 25, 2023 11:45 AM - 2nd Annual James Wheeler Davidson Luncheon—**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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Classification Talk: Greg Smyth

Greg Smyth classification talk: Good afternoon and thank you **President Jim**. Guests and fellow Rotarians. My classification is Estate Planning. I was born 75 years ago in the now non-existent Calgary General Hospital when Calgary had a population of 135,000. I have 2 younger siblings, my brother Jerry and my sister, Susan.

All of my formal education has been in Calgary including 7.5 years at the U of C or the U of Alberta at Calgary as it was known then. After all of this time I never did complete a degree. I enrolled in the Faculty of Arts and Science with the hopes of studying to become a doctor but I didn't have the marks to make the grade so I bounced around in the science faculty for 2 more years studying Organic Chemistry and Zoology before moving to the Faculty of Commerce in Business Study. I chose business studies because I thought it would help me in my move into professional golf as a club professional. After 2 years in Business studies, I left university to pursue my golf career. In March 1971 I joined the staff at the Calgary Golf and Country Club as an assistant golf professional. I moved to Silver Springs Golf Club in 1972 and stayed until 1975.

Looking for a winter job in 1972 I joined Sun Life of Canada, thus beginning my 50 year career in the field of life insurance which has morphed for me into the world of estate and retirement planning. I combined both golf and Sun Life until 1975 when I was able to leave the golf business for good.

In the late 1980 I met Leah – she was working in the insurance industry with the PPI Financial Group, she was the Managing General Agency I worked with at that time. Leah and I began dating in 1990 and were married in 1996 – it was the 2nd marriage for both of us and she brought her son Dallas into our marriage. Dallas is the child/son I had always wanted, having never had children before and wanting them dearly. Today, I not only have a son, daughter-in-law Maria but 2 grandchildren as well. Dallas and Maria have given Leah and I 9 year old Ethan and 7 year old Liesl to dote over – they are both extremely important in our lives.

Another thing that is extremely important in my life is Rotary. My Rotary life began in August 2013 when Doug Hood introduced me to the Heritage Club. I became the Treasurer in July 2014 and was in that portfolio until I left last March. **Jim Fitzowich** and **Allan Johnson** introduced me to Stampede in March of 2022 and I was accepted as a member May 4, 2022. Stampede has been a rejuvenation to me in my relatively short life as a Rotarian – this Club is extremely dynamic and energetic and so friendly. I am so proud to be a part of it.

So, to wrap up, I have a full life – I am not retired nor do I wish to be. Ethan, Liesl, Dallas and Marie keep us always on the go as a family and as a result I am inspired to keep on working at the job I love: HELPING FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES REALIZE AND SOLVE THEIR ESTATE AND RETIREMENT NEEDS. Thank you!





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New Member Induction: David Schwarz

Dilan Perera introduced David. David was born just outside of Vancouver and grew up in various towns throughout BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan. After high school at Medicine Hat College, he met his wife, Tanis and also **Walter Flores**. He then transferred to the U of C and completed his Bachelor of Commerce degree.

David has been a HR professional since 1992. He has worked for many companies including Fluor ICG/Superior Propane (where he met **Gord Weicker**) and held several management positions at the ATCO Group. While there, he went back and completed his MBA through Queen's and also received his Executive Coaching certification through Royal Roads University.



David assumed his first executive role as Vice President of HR with Plains Midstream Canada in 2011. During his tenure, the company doubled in size through both organic growth and the acquisition of BP's and Spectra Energy's Canadian midstream assets. In 2020, he assumed the role of VP/HR in Jim Burns' company Burnco, before semi-retiring to consulting in 2022.

David and Tannis (who is the VP of HR at Novatek) currently live in Heritage Point and will be celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary this year. They have 2 grown children, Brendan and Kristen, who both live in Calgary and are frequent sitters to their 2 grand-dogs. David was a volunteer coach throughout his children's youth and has taught Sunday School at his local church with Tannis. He has supported and served with the Mustard Seed and has been on mission trips with Samaritan's Purse to Cambodia (familiar turf for **Jamie Moorhouse** and **Steve Mason**). **Bob Wiens** knows all about those missions and mission trips to Florida for hurricane relief.

David and Tannis enjoy traveling together and spending time at their cabin in Invermere. David is an avid golfer and curler and he spends a lot of his free time playing competitive pickleball. David is currently holds the Alberta over-50 national champion for mixed pickleball.

David and I were colleagues at ATCO and have been friends for over 20 years. As you can tell from his professional track record, he has outstanding capabilities. 'In addition to that, I have always admired David's integrity and perseverance. When he gives his word, he keeps his word, even when circumstances change to the point that it would be perfectly understandable for him to walk away from his commitments. David has lots of energy, loves to have fun and is humble and giving. He has attended several meetings here in the last few months and will fit in well with this rowdy and fun-loving group. My fellow Club members, please welcome David Schwarz.

Past President Bruce MacDonald inducted David.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, it is my privilege to induct David today. You are beginning a great adventure in leadership, in friendship, in service to your community and fellow man. You have been invited to membership and our Club has accepted you as a person of good character and that you will represent Rotary as a leader in the community.



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Dilan Perera has extended the hand of friendship and invited you to become part of a worldwide organization dedicated to encouraging and fostering the ideal of service as a basis of a worthy enterprise. You have been invited to Rotary, but it will be through your own action that you become a Rotarian. We encourage you to learn all you can about Rotary by actively participating in the activities of the Club, including attending weekly meetings, social events and service projects. You will be provided with many opportunities to provide service to others through club service, vocational service, community service, new generations service and international service -known as our 5 Avenues of Service.

Our Club is known for great work, involved in major projects and many local and international projects. Through your membership, you will enjoy a network of business leaders and professionals and we commit ourselves to do our part in making you feel welcome in our Club. When we join Rotary we become part of something bigger than ourselves. Beyond enriching our own lives and the lives of our family members, the relationships we build foster understanding across communities and cultures around the globe.

I am proud to be a Rotarian and it is my pleasure to ask President Jim provide a pin by which your fellow Rotarians and the community at large will recognize you as a Rotarian, and we ask you that you wear it proudly every day. I also have a challenge for you. My challenge is for you to share the gift that has been given to you by your sponsor and to invite another person, of your same qualities of character, reputation and commitment to join our Club within the next 3 months. The honor of becoming a Rotarian is only surpassed by sponsoring a new member.

With that, I declare you duly inducted in our Club. When you shake the hand of one Rotarian, you are within reach of 1.2 million more. Together we are working to enrich youth, ensure health, develop communities, and promote peace.

President Jim gave David his pin, badge and welcome package.





Guest Speaker: David Flemming - Banff Historian

Speaker Intro: Glenn Potter

We first met David many years ago when I had more hair and was much slimmer. An intruder in a neighbours house prompted all of us to engage David's firm, 3D Security to provide us with security systems. 3D Security operates in Calgary, and the Bow Valley towns from Morley to Lake Louise. Over time we found out that not only is David a Calgary-based entrepreneur but he has a deep passion for the history of Banff and the surrounding area since he is a Banff native and grew up there.



David's love for the region's history has led him to collect thousands of historic photographs and articles, which he has compiled into over 190 albums into a Facebook group called Encyclopedia of Banff History. This is a valuable resource for anyone interested in learning about the rich history of the Bow Valley. The albums are arranged chronologically and tell a unique story of a particular aspect of Banff's history.

Back in May David came to replace the battery on our system and he noticed I had my train set running around the perimeter of the living room and dining room. I was showing him two of the model steam locomotives I have and next thing I knew he was telling me their history and why the real locomotives are still in operation in Esquimalt, BC, and Stettler, Alberta. In addition, he regaled us with stories about the first passenger train to cross Canada upon completion of the CPR so we headed back to our kitchen and after several more stories and a few beers I indicated he needed to come and make a presentation to Rotary. He agreed and so here we are. Please welcome a valued historian and member of the Banff community, David Fleming

Guest Speaker: David Flemming

David entertained us with his depth of knowledge and the resources he has catalogued regarding the history of Banff and area. There is no way that we could represent the amazing presentation and so we invite everyone to join the FaceBook page <https://facebook.com/groups/Banff.History>. David's work includes lands, ancestors, animals, people and places. There are 190 albums in the link and 10,000 pictures and articles. Please take the time to read this tremendously interesting look at history!



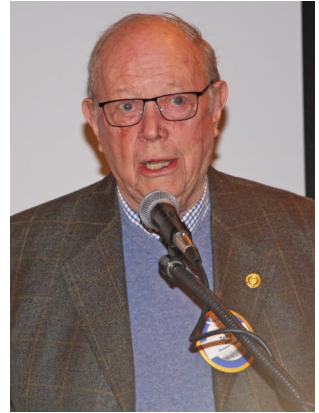


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Thanking the Speaker: Terry Allen

Thank the Speaker: Terry Allan Terry offered our Club's condolences on the passing of David's mother last week.

Then Terry thanked David for his extensive work on collecting all of the history of Banff and area. Terry hopes that David will collect all of the movies that have been done in the area – and noted he had a photo of Marilyn Monroe when she was in a film!



Hiking Club

A winter's tale:

Despite an overcast sky and a -15c temperature 8 hearty souls ventured out and completed an 8.38 km and 227 meter elevation gain winter hike in the West Bragg Creek area.

We saw lots of snow everywhere. Millie wanted to see some wildlife on the trail. It appeared in the form of a dead rabbit and an unidentified animal part hanging from a tree branch.

Be careful what you wish for.

Oh how cruel a winter's tale it is.



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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THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/OJzk8jKdOGg>

In Closing:

Next Week's meeting: Will be our annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration, as organized and presented by our own Irish impresarios and raconteurs **Joe Connelly** and **Hugh Delaney**. Visitors and Guests are always welcome at Rotary, and next week will be a fun meeting for all, especially if the bar is open. **Don't forget to wear green!!** Looking forward in seeing you all on Thursday March 16th . Registration deadline is tomorrow March 10th .

Final words:

Thought for the coming week is from Maya Angelou:

"The more you know of your history, the more liberated you are."

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) 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 Ken Farn: (403) 560-6770/ kgfarn@telusplanet.net **EARL AND KEN REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!! THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!!!**



Partners in Print

ROTARY PARTNERS BOOK CLUB MARCH 20, 2023

Our next meeting is on March 20th at The Calgary Golf and Country Club. We meet at 9:30 for a lovely breakfast buffet of scones, muffins, cheeses, fruit, coffee and tea. The cost is \$20.

Please be ready to share your books and thoughts. Please email janetopp@shaw.ca by March 16th if you plan to attend so we can reserve your spot.

Maureen and I look forward to sharing the morning with you.

Maureen Hutchens and Jane Topp



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
Tickets still available for Legends Show at Grey Eagle Resort...March 31...\$58.

Tickets are going fast so don't delay!!

Saturday March 4 - 23 "music lover" Rotarians attended the "Rock the Nation" show at Studio Bell (National Music Centre).. music from the 50's to the 80's filled our ears and our souls...the museum is fantastic but we needed about 2-3 hours more to visit all the displays!

The Show was amazing and had us dancing in our seats!! Following the show we enjoyed a great lunch at The King Eddy!!

What a great Fellowship event!!! Everyone had a wonderful time!!

Join us for the next one...a Movie Studio Tour and visit to Stampede Ranch.. coming up soon!!! - **Pat Neuman**

To view all the fun photos, click here; https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zrfNwRP8MaTXUmBhOQMxmEq30iirmQKU?usp=share_link



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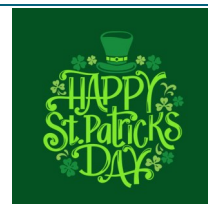
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Calendar of Events

March 16th: Joe Connelly and Hugh Delaney - St. Patrick's Day
Don't forget to wear GREEN!!



March 23rd: Sherry Austin - Stampede Foundation



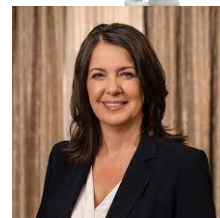
March 30th: Rotary International President Elect Nominee -
Stephanie Urchick



April 6th: Rotary Profile - To Be Determined



April 13th: Premier Danielle Smith



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

