

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the May 14th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Gordon Weicker, and I am honoured to be your President for 2025/2026.

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



Head table (L-R): Hermann Logsend, Julian Ci Castri, Max Feldman, President Gordon Weicker, Gerald Sseguya, Ted Stack

<p>Presentation: International Service Grants Project</p>	<p>Highlight: Stampede Lottery Prizes Review</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">May 21st</p> <p>Next Week: Annual Stay in School Scholarship</p>
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Click [HERE](#) to register for upcoming meetings.

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

Today's Meeting:

Guests were introduced by **David Field** and asked to remain standing as they were serenaded with the Welcome Song.

Sergeant-at-Arms **Spencer Tonkinson** handed out some "luxury fines." He then followed with the Dream Home Minute, which highlighted:

- Dream Home kicks off in 7 weeks
- Dream Home is the largest and most successful fundraiser in the Rotary ecosystem

Pat Neuman reminded us that President Gord's Gala will be held on May 28th at Heritage Park. [Registration](#) is due on Friday the 22nd at 10AM



STAMPEDE LOTTERY PRIZES REVIEW

Jon Veith, gave an overview of the 2026 Stampede Lottery prizes. Rotarians got a sneak peek of the \$1,473,200 [dream home](#), which will be located in Vermillion Hill.

Between Rotary and the Kinsmen, the total lottery value is \$2.5 million.

Prizes include (but are not limited to):

- **Season passes** for ski hills, Calgary Flames games, and the Calgary Zoo
- **Vehicles** such as trucks, cars, trailers, side-by-sides, and dirt bikes
- **Experiences** for golf, rodeo, and vacations
- **Cash** and gift cards
- **Dream Home**

International Service Comittee

Head of the International Service Committee, **Ted Stack**, spoke about the global impact our club is making, with 16 ongoing projects in 13 countries and a budget of \$139,000. Ted further recognized service members: **Brenda McKinley, Bob Wiens, Evan Strong, Hermann Logsend, Max Feldman, and Tony Fisher** for their dedication. He further introduced our Lady of Kibeho guests.



Julian Ci Castri and **Gerald Sseguya** joined today's meeting as representatives of Our Lady of Kibeho Orphanage Foundation. In ten years, the foundation has helped hundreds of girls who have come to the orphanage because of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Uganda.

The foundation focuses on providing safe housing, education, nutrition, and emotional care for children in need, while also promoting spiritual development and community stability. Rotaru has helped sustain orphanage operations, access to clean water, reliable energy and improve long-term opportunities for the children it serves.

However, there is a new focus on the project; sustainability and quality education. To know more, watch the Youtube video by clicking [HERE](#)



Click [HERE](#) for the presentation slides

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

Announcements

Partners in Print

Rotarians are encouraged to donate a bottle of wine for the Kids At Heart Leader Event on May 21st. Donated bottles will be wrapped by the Partners and featured for sale during the event. As a new fundraiser, the sales are matched 100% by a donor, and all proceeds go directly to the charities.

It's not a raffle. It's not an auction. It's the good old-fashioned "grab bag" for \$25, and inside will be a lovely bottle of wine.

Funds will support of three great community charities: Firefighters Burn Treatment Society, CP Kids & Families, and Calgary Counselling Centre.

If you'd like to participate, you can bring wine to Thursday's meeting and give it to **Sharyl Madigan**. Alternatively, you can reach out to **Corinne Wilkinson** for it to be picked up.



ULTIMATE Mountain Getaway

IN SUPPORT OF ROTARY KIDS AT HEART

The DRIVE FOR FIVE continues with the Ultimate Mountain Getaway raffle. You can win a **one-week stay in a private Canmore home** tucked in the trees and just a short walk from Main Street. The three-bedroom, three-bathroom home features open beam ceilings and a timeless, rustic ambiance. Expansive outdoor spaces, including a wraparound main floor deck and two private upper balconies. Furthermore, a **two-week use of a Lexus GX 550**, one of the most in-demand luxury SUVs today.

In our Drive for Five, every new dollar carries twice the impact. Twice the healing. Twice the hope. **An anonymous community leader will MATCH every NEW and INCREASED sponsorship dollar raised up to \$100,000.** That means when we push beyond last year's total, your support doesn't just help, it doubles.

Your Sponsorship Makes Possible:

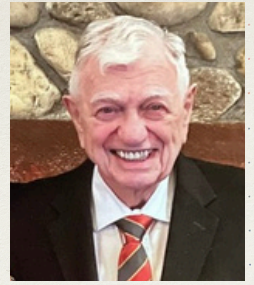
- Life-changing youth mental health counselling.
- Recovery and healing for young burn survivors.
- Mobility programs that transform a child's daily life.

Sponsorship Packages information is available at [Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park – Event Ordering Page](#)

Contact: **Sjoert Zuidhof**, Chair: **Sharyl Madigan**, Co-Chair: **Kim Hickson**

Health and Wellness

Honoured member, **Hugh Delaney's** service was held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church on Friday, May 15, at 11:00 a.m.



Murray Flegel is still in the hospital and hopes to be going home by today (Thursday)

Earl Huson continues to wait for transition from the Chinook Hospice to a long-term care facility.



Full details and ticket purchases at [Ultimate Rocky Mountain Escape | Rafflebox DRIVE FOR FIVE](#)

One ticket \$50.00
Three Tickets for \$100

Draw May 21, 2026 7:30 pm

PRESIDENT GORD'S GALA

Dinner and Concert with Soprano Robyn Hauck



MAY 28 | 6:15 PM - 10:00PM
THE WAINWRIGHT HOTEL AT HERITAGE PARK
1900 HERITAGE DRIVE SW
COCKTAIL OR BUSINESS ATTIRE

Price: \$95 per person

Rotary



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park

Wonderful Fun and Fellowship for All to Enjoy!

2026 Invermere Golf & Social Weekend

June 5th, 6th and 7th

At the Newly Renovated Copper Point Golf Club

Save the date and start planning now!

Friday, June 5th

Golf on The Point

9 Holes
\$65 Including Cart

Dinner Welcome Cocktail Party Reception 6:00 PM

Beef burger with choice of
salad or fries \$28

or

Chicken burger with choice of
salad or fries \$28

Saturday, June 6th

Golf on The Ridge

18 Holes
\$100 Including Cart

*Afternoon shopping and sightseeing option
for those not golfing is a big hit for your
consideration.*

Evening Dinner Reception 6:00 PM

3 Course Plated Dinner with choice of
Chicken, Fish, or Steak \$40-48

Sunday, June 7th

Hosted Brunch at Austin's Cabin

With all the trimmings.
Fresh food, coffee, champagne
and orange juice, etc.



Calgary Stampede

JULY 3 – 12, 2026

COMMUNITY ROUND UP

PRESENTED BY



SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026
9 A.M. – NOON

**7 CHIEFS SPORTSPLEX &
CHIEF JIM STARLIGHT CENTRE**

19 BULLHEAD ROAD, TSUUT'INA NATION, AB, T3T 0A6

FEATURING A **FREE** PANCAKE BREAKFAST
AND **FREE** FAMILY FUN!



KinFest

Music Festival

MILLARVILLE RACE TRACK ISLAND CAMPGROUND

June 19-21st 2026

CELEBRATING SUMMER SOLSTICE



**15 BANDS!
CAMPING,
FOOD AND
MORE!**

**FATHER'S DAY
FREE PANCAKE
BREAKFAST
LIVE MUSIC!**

**A COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER HOSTED BY:
KINSMEN CLUB OF CALGARY**



**GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY AT:
CALGARYKINSMEN.CA**

Grayce will be away from May 14th to May 19th.
For urgent matters, please contact **Gail Williams**.

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Closing:

Next week: May 21st - Annual Stay in School Scholarship

The week following: May 28th - President Gord's Gala
***Off site, no meeting**

Thought of the day!

"None of us changes the world alone. We do it one conversation, one act of kindness, and more than one "slightly" overcommitted volunteer at a time."

*Please think about this as we
"Unite for Good!"*

Social Media Links



[Facebook](#)

[Linkedin](#)

[Instagram](#)

Calendar

MAY

May 7th - WA Ranches (**Off Site**)

May 14th - International Service Grants Committee

May 21st - Annual Stay in School Scholarship
- KAH leader event

May 28th - Presidents' Social (**Off-site**)



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
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10	11	12	13	14 	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

JUNE

June 4th - Valentin Frankenkecht of Germany

June 5, 6, 7 - Invermere Golf Weekend

June 11th - Joel Cowley

June 12th - International Dinner

June 18th - Community Service Grants

June 21st - Okotoks Dawgs

June 25th - Deborah Yedlin



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DATES TO REMEMBER - SAVE THESE!!

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July 2nd - Dream Home Kick off party