

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the May 15th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. Today we have our annual Stay in School presentation! My name is Jim Bladon, and I am honoured to be the President of this Club for Rotary year 2024-25.

2024-25...Please join Vitaliia Vash, and everyone here in attendance, in the singing of O'Canada followed by Rotary Grace.

Head Table (L-R) : Evan Strong, Shannon Cormier, Stan Cichon, President Bladon, Kathy Demorest and Max Feldman.



Welcome St Mary's Guests!	Multiple Amazing Golf Opportunities	Next week: MRU President & Vice Chancellor, Dr. Tim Raily.
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Click [HERE](#) to register for next week's meeting and [HERE](#) for this week's meeting link

Today's Meeting:

David Field introduced our guests, followed by the Welcome Song

Jim Hutchens pulled the fifty-fifty with help from our guest **Shannon Cormier**, where **Ken Copithorne** won the prize of \$185!

Gerry Darichuk provided a Ukrainian Relief update, highlighting that the power of Rotary has helped contribute to the success of the \$750,000 hospital which is now fully equipped and operational. This is only "the beginning of a lot more," as the success of this initiative has sparked further progress, with three additional fully funded hospitals now underway across Ukraine. **Gerry** is currently seeking volunteers to support the Ukrainian booth in the House of Friendship at the Rotary International Convention.



We had the opportunity to hear from one of our new members, **Peter Lafontaine**, a "Happy, Healthy, Wealthy (in that exact order)" businessman with a keen interest in tech and experience in the fur trading industry. Welcome to the club!

John Shield reminded us that there are still Dream Home shifts that need to be filled. If you're having any issues, contact shifts@rotarycs.org to help fill your 8 shift commitment. Only 49 days left!

Rick Jakubec informed us that volunteers are needed to help fill food hampers for the Rotarians Community Kitchens. Shifts needed to be filled are May 26, 5 to 8 pm and June 24, 5 to 8 PM. Please forward your name including email address and shift preference to **Rick Jakubec** at rjakubec@shaw.ca.

STAY IN SCHOOL

Kathy Demorest warmly welcomed our four Stay in School students, including **Petra**, a scholarship recipient who completed the program in 2011, and **Danielle**, who is

currently in her first year of college. Kathy also extended heartfelt thanks to the dedicated mentors, both past and present, whose guidance has made a lasting difference in the lives of these students. Lastly, welcomed president of the Alberta School Boards **Marilyn Dennis**.

Max Feldman introduced **Peace, Able, Arshpreet** and **Ethan**, the grade 8 students from St John XXIII and Sherwood who's in-school and community activities, hobbies, education and career goals stood out, allowing them the opportunity for the SIS scholarship. "We were impressed with all the students we interviewed, particularly, what they do to support their family, their school, and the community – all would be great Rotarians" - **Max**.



Kathy Demorest introduced **Bryan Targett**, the visionary who developed a plan to give students a meaningful opportunity for success, a plan that evolved into what we now know as the Stay in School program. Since its inception, the program has welcomed 42 students, helping to shape brighter futures through mentorship and support. **Kathy** then invited Sherwood Principal, **Breanna Fraser**, to the podium. **Breanna** spoke about the lasting impact of the scholarship and the inspiration it brings to students: "Someone who believes in them walks beside them and helps them stay on course. Thank you for believing in our students and making a lasting difference for their futures."

Shannon Cormier, Principal of St. John XXIII, spoke about the profound impact of the Stay in School program, not only through financial support but also through the value of mentorship. She emphasized that the program teaches students important life lessons, particularly the value of earning something rather than simply receiving it. The application process itself is a valuable learning experience, guiding students on how to write an application, request references, and meet submission deadlines. Most importantly, all applicants are given the opportunity to celebrate their hard work, regardless of the outcome.

Stan Cichon concluded by expressing heartfelt gratitude to **Shannon** and **Breanna** for their unwavering dedication to their students. He emphasized that thanks to programs like Stay in School, and to the people who care so deeply about our youth, we can look to the future with great hope and confidence.

To watch the full presentation click [HERE](#)

ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK 70TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park celebrated its 70th anniversary with a gala event. **Ken Copithorne** highlighted the club's early growth, community projects like the Stampede Dream Home Lottery and Rotary Challenger Park, and youth programs. He recognized past leaders and members' contributions. District Governor **Christina Hassan** and Past President **Craig Stokke** emphasized the club's impact and future potential. **Teresa Stokke** and **Rhonda Yaskowich** coordinated the event, with over 24 past presidents and partners participating. The evening included a 50/50 draw, a poem by **Teresa**, and a thank you to volunteers. The event concluded with a dance and band performance.



Attached to this bulletin is a video greeting from RI President Stephanie to congratulate the club on 70 years of service to the community.



Any photos from the gala, please send to admin@rotarycs.org. Updates will be made when they are posted to the website.

From the desk of the Secretary

1. Please respect that the Stampede requests ALL requests to have meetings before or after our weekly meetings MUST be requested. The Stampede has many groups that use Rotary House and most of the time they can accommodate us. Your request should go to Grayce at admin@rotarycs.org
2. There is an interest from our membership to borrow some of the amazing archive materials that were on display at the Gala! You are welcome to borrow what you need by emailing Grayce at admin@rotarycs.org and by signing it out and ensuring it all comes back to the office.
3. If you have any pictures from the Gala, please send them to admin@rotarycs.org please!

-Luanne Whitmarsh



Partners in Print

Invitation: Rotary Partners Farewell Lunch for President Teresa

**Monday, June 2, 2025
Cost \$35.00 per person**

**Door
Prizes**

BUFFET MENU:

Assorted Sandwiches
with egg salad, tuna salad, salmon salad,
chicken salad, ham & cheese,
smoked meat, turkey & brie and vegetable & cheese

Tomato & Parmesan Soup

Organic Green Salad with sherry vinaigrette
Marinated & Pickled Vegetables

Fresh Seasonal Fruit and Assorted Cookies
Chocolate Dipped Strawberries

Coffee/Tea

**50/50
Draw**

**Willow Park Golf and Country Club
639 Willow Park Dr SE, Calgary**

**Registration 11:00 am
Lunch at 12:15 pm**

PLEASE BRING A FRIEND

Reminder: Membership dues of \$50.00 are due on July 1

Please Confirm Attendance, Payment and Food Allergies

NO LATER THAN MAY 25, 2025

**To Karen Grant at
partners@rotarycs.org
Phone: 403 239 8987**

Celebrating 25 years of Reading and Friendship **Partners Book Club Anniversary Luncheon**

**Monday, June 16, 10:00 AM
Calgary Golf & Country Club**

Lunch menu:

**An Avocado and Citrus Salad with Chicken
Rolls and Butter**

Lemon Birthday Cake

Coffee and Tea

The Cost is \$45.00 all in.

A cash bar will be available.

EMAIL janetopp@shaw.ca by June 13 at noon to RESERVE your spot.

Second Host Family Needed
for New Generations
Student Exchange In July



The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park will host incoming New Generations Student Exchange participant, Victor Dalla Costa, from Germany. Victor is 20 years old; is from Munich and is fluent in German, Italian and English. We are in need of a second host family for Victor's stay Time frame would be approximately the last two weeks of July. His exchange will involve cultural experiences, a work internship and service opportunities. Victor enjoys engaging in sports like tennis, polo on horse, skiing, swimming and working out at the gym. He also has a passion for drones and photography. Please reach out to **Dorothea Schaab** (403 660 6232 or schaabd@gmail.com) for more information on hosting Victor.

THE SHOWDOWN

YOU ARE INVITED TO

PRESIDENT JIM'S APPRECIATION JEANS & JERSEYS BBQ

THURSDAY, JUNE 5
5PM

DEWINTON COMMUNITY HALL
114 MACLEOD TRAIL EAST
DEWINTON, AB

DRESS: JEANS AND JERSEYS, BOOTS OR
COMFORTABLE SHOES TO DANCE IN!
MUSIC BY BAILEY AND THE BOYS

\$50
REGISTER AT
ROTARYSTAMPEDEPARK.COM

Dream Home Kickoff

Thursday July 3, 2025

9:30 am to 1 pm

at Heritage Park
1900 Heritage Drive SW
Chautauqua Tent

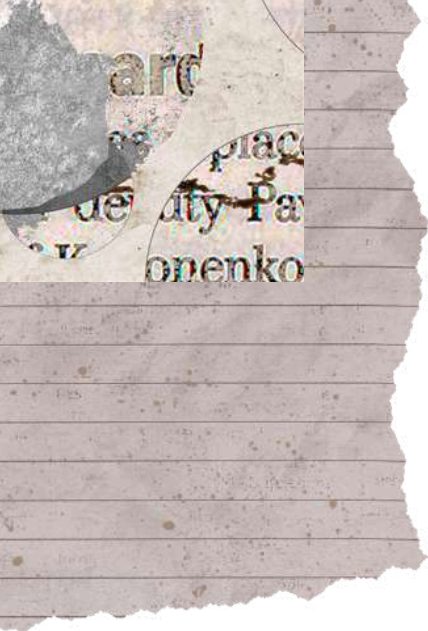
Join us for breakfast &
some Western fun!

Calgary Stampede Western Welcome,
Calgary Riddlers, Bailey and the Boys,
and Special Guests!

\$50 per person
Register at rotarystampedepark.com

Breakfast at 10:30 am
Program at 11:00 am

Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park



Closing:

Next week: **May 22nd - MRU President & Vice Chancellor, Dr. Tim Rilly.**

The following week: **May 29th - Former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Richard Gotfried**

Closing words:

I saw a sign on High School Bulletin Board a few years ago...and it said: FREE KNOWLEDGE every Monday to Friday: ...Bring your own Containers!

Remember: You create the Magic. You unlock the Magic. You advance the Magic...You are all the Magic of Rotary!



Calendar

May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						
						
					16	17
18	19	20	21		23	24
25	26	27	28		30	31

May 1st - Dr Duane Bratt

May 8th - NO MEETING


May 9th - 70th Anniversary Gala

May 15th - Annual Stay in School Luncheon

May 22nd - MRU President and Vice Chancellor

May 29th - Richard GotFried

JUNE

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June 2nd - Farewell Lunch for Pres. Teresa

June 5th - No Lunch Meeting

- Pres. Jim's Presidents Social

June 12th - Stampede Update

June 19th - NO MEETING

June 20th to 25th - Internation Convention

June 26th - NO MEETING

Dates to Remember - Save these!!

May 9th - 70th Gala

May 21st - Turkey Int'l Dinner

June 2nd - Farewell Lunch for Partners President Teresa

June 5th - President Jim's Jerseys and Jeans Presidents Social

June 21st - 2025 Rotary Internation Convention, Calgary

July 3rd - Kick off for Dream Home