

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the May 16th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Gordon Weicker President Elect Nominee and it's my honour to be Chairman of today's Meeting.

Please join me in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table (L-R) : Bryan Target, Paul Brick, Evan Strong, Gordon Weicker, Luanne Whitmarsh, Stan Cichon



**Presentation:
Annual Stay in
School Luncheon**

**May 30th meeting
will take place at the
INN Officers Garden**

**Next week:
Telus Feedlot
Health
Management**

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

Greg Smyth introduced our guests today. Followed by our Welcome song

Today's Meeting:



Michael Zacharki had **Luanne Whitmarsh** pull the 50/50 draw which was won by **Shondell Sabad** the pot was \$135 Which he donated to the Ukraine fund!



Dream Home Minute



There is less than 50 shifts left!
Sales for ticket's on the dream home are over \$1,000,000 already!!
50/50 is over \$400,000 Already!!!

Michael Zacharki talks about the **May 30th** Meeting. This is an off site meeting!!! please check the website for more information! There is limited parking due to construction in the area, it is all street parking. **Please car pool if you can!** If you are unable to find parking there may be some available at the Clear Water Academy building. it is only a block away. There is about 4 parking stall right next to the building for handicap.

Get your tickets as soon as possible as there is limited tickets.

Click [HERE](#) to Register



Some quick facts:

- To this date we have 74 students in our programme and we will add 4 more today.
- Currently we have funded \$1.41 million. In 2007 our student expenditures were \$623. Yes that is \$623. Our funding growth and accounting is another WOW with great thanks to **Paul Brick** who is the team treasurer
- Our success rate with our students is 93%...Yes this is a WOW. It is my belief as a professional educator this in no small way can be attributed to our successful Mentorship programme.

Stan Cichon is going to lead us through the discussion.

We had a lovely crowd today!!

25 years ago some of the visionaries from our club conceived the concept of our Stay in School Programme. One year later in 2001 this programme was operationalized under the watchful eye of then president **Brian Targett**. And WOW it has been a phenomenal success. Originally funded by our annual golf tournament it raised over 5 million dollars to create a lasting endowment for our students. The current scholarship now available is in the amount of \$32000 per recipient payable to their post-secondary institute in increments of \$8000 over 4 years However the unsuccessful interviewed applicants each receive a reward of \$100.00. In addition each successful applicant receives a computer, printer and appropriate software. This year we had over 65 applicants which was shortlisted to 17 candidates interviewed. As a side note the Stay in School Golf Tournament has morphed into our Kids at Heart Golf Tournament under the leadership of **Gord Weicker**.



Terry Allan talks about the candidate selection process that is very lengthy. Terry has stepped up again this year as one of our club leaders for this very vital link to our Stay in School programme. He is the Vice-Chair of our Stay-in-school programme. Thank you to the principles and the staff of the 2 schools! they have done an AMAZING job helping us!



Thank you **Shannon Cormier** and **Karena Munroe** we could not do this without you!

Luanne Whitmarsh has been a fierce mentor and another of our committed Mentors. Sit back and hear this amazing story! **Click [Here](#) to Watch**

A little bit about **Shannon Cormier**
Shannon is originally from Montreal but grew up in Kingston Ontario. She went back to Montreal for her undergraduate degree and completed a Bachelor of Education at McGill University. Shortly thereafter she moved to the Sunshine Coast and worked with at-risk youth programming and reintegration into schools. 25 years ago she then moved to Calgary and began her career with Calgary Catholic where she served as a classroom teacher, a diverse learning teacher, a behavior consultant and administrator.



Shannon Cormier introduces our Candidates and there family's



Evan Strong has been apprenticing for the past year to be Chairman of our Mentor Programme . It is our committee's firm belief that the success of our 20 plus year programme is in a major way due to the contributions of our mentors and our mentorship programme.



We need more mentors!!!
This program could be in jeopardy if we do not get more mentors's



Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pat Neuman tells us what **Social Committee Event's** are coming up.

- **May 25th** Co Bowling at Toppler Bowl on Fairmount Dr in Acadia.
- **June 13th** President Party, Western Casual dress code. This will take place at the De Winton Community Center. You can register on our regular registration site for this event.
- **June 26th** Willow park wine store for a tasting of some lovely Canadian wines along with some food.
- **June 30th** Okotoks Dawgs Game! We have the patio and we can have up to 40 people! your entrance fee covers your food as well!!
- **July 4th** Kick off for the Dream Home Sale's! this will be at BOSS Lubricants (6303 30 St SE) You will be able to register for this on our website very shortly!
- **July 20th** Going to see the Calgary FC play out at Spruce Meadows.
- **August 25th** we are going Rosebud Theatre to see little women!

We will keep you updated on everything!!



2024 Kids at Heart Golf Classic
July 29, 2024
Cottonwood Golf & Country Club
 to sponsor, golf, support or donate auction items these three children's charities please visit
RotaryKidsatHeart.ca
 Online Registration is now open!

peloton well focused! **Million Dollar Hole-in-One is back!!**
 Every player has a chance to qualify for a chance to win & support these amazing Charities



Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park

Health and Wellness

Best wishes for a full recovery go out to

Justina Penner who was visiting her daughter in Nevada to celebrate her 98th birthday at the end of April. She ended up in hospital with blood clots. Following surgery, she was released and returned to her daughter Ruth's care when she came down with pneumonia. She hopes to return to Calgary as soon as she regains her strength.

Dilan Perera is getting the staples out of his knee and hopes to start rehab soon.

Alpha House Cheque

Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park members present a cheque to Calgary Alpha House Society. These funds shall be used for improvements to laundry room and to provide much needed new equipment.

We thank Alpha House for all the wonderful, selfless work they do in support of the vulnerable in our society.



AAFS Cheque Presentation



Youth Exchange Driver Required June 2

- **5360 Rotary Youth Exchange committee** has arranged for a spring camping experience for our Youth Exchange students at Drumhellers' Hoodoo RV Resort & Campground from Thursday, May 30th to Sunday, June 2nd.
- **We require transportation to and from the camp** for three exchange students: Marino Farella and two students from Lethbridge who will have transportation to/from Calgary.
- **Dorothea Schaab** will drive the students to camp on Thursday, but return transportation is required from the camp.
- **This is an opportunity to get to know these young people** as they will soon be returning to their homes, ending their exchange.
- **If you are able to assist and have a Vulnerable Sector check on file with District 5360**, please advise Dorothea

Schaab of your availability at 403 660 6232 or schaabd@gmail.com

Introduction of Marino Farella and Bryan Walton in the Alberta Legislative Assembly Chamber on May 16, 2024 by the MLA for Highwood and Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Hon. RJ Sigurdson

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm happy to rise today and introduce to you and through you **Marino Farella**, an international exchange student from southern Italy who is completing his grade 12 year here in Alberta through the Rotary Club of Calgary exchange program. Joining him is the club president, **Mr. Bryan Walton**. Thank you, both, for being here today, and thank you to Rotary for what they do. Please rise and receive the warm welcome of this Assembly."



Partners in Print

Save the Date
June 19, 2024
 Registration: 4:30pm, Dinner: 5:30pm

Rotary Partners' "Thank You for Supporting the Partners" "Potluck Dinner"

PRICE FREE - Our Thank You!
 Please Bring a Potluck Item (to serve 12)
 Please Bring a Guest

Location: Bragg Creek Snowbird Chalet
 (Let us know if you need a ride!)
 Dress: Country Casual - Not Western

Program: Calgary 2025 Convention Host Hospitality by our Host Hospitality Co-Chairs Mary McPhee and Pat Neuman

Invitation & details to follow

Mother's Day
 Lavender Tea at
 Aspen Heights Retirement Residence

May 10, 2024

On Friday, May 10th, the Partners hosted our First Annual Mother's Day "Lavender Tea" at Aspen Heights Seniors Residence and what a wonderful time it was for both Residents and Volunteers from our Partners group.

18 Residents, many adorned with their best fascinators, were hosted at each table by one of the Partners and served tea, delicious dainties and a special lavender rose decorated cake. The tables centrepieces created by our talented Kerry Stack were beautiful and added just the right touch of "lavender" to the event.

The afternoon included fabulous Oldies music by "Entwined Duo" Heather Thirsk (piano and voice) and Nathan Picklyk (cello), that had everyone clapping and even dancing. Who knew that this would be such a lively, fun group. We even had residents in the hall looking into the room and soon invited them in to join us.

The Tea ended with a Pass the Prize game with one lucky winner at each table leaving with a gift. One of the ladies celebrating her upcoming 100th birthday also left with a gift to celebrate her special day. Everyone went home with a lavender sachet and lavender chocolates made by Denise MacLeod.

As the residents reluctantly left, we heard so many say they had such a great time.

Thank you to everyone that helped make it a special day or these wonderful Seniors. Wow, it's wonderful to see how much fun and joy we can bring to people. What a great Team!!!!

Toby Oswald-Felker, 1st Vice-President
 Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park

From the desk of the secretary May 16, 23

1. The hard deadline for submissions to the bulletin is **Wednesday at 3pm**. Please help us by ensuring your submissions are in on time.
2. The Stampede Ground parking is going digital! Parking will be managed by the Park Plus system starting **August 1**. I want to let you know that I am working on what this means for our Club – but, I already know we won't be paying for parking. Since I had already started confirming the license plates of all our members we are ahead of the game! I will give you much more information as I continue to work with the Stampede!
3. Remember that the office does not handle any Dream Home business. **shifts@rotarycs.org** is where you connect to so you can get your questions answered, and for everything to deal with shifts. Also, Policy is clear: Remember it is EVERY member's responsibility to fill (by yourself or by recruiting family and friends) 8 shifts every Stampede. This has been the policy all of these years and we really need you to do your part! Thanks!

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Krista Rabidoux has been proposed as for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Catherine Brownlee** and Seconded by **Shondell Sabad** with a proposed Classification of Tax accountant Cross Border.

If any Member objects to **Krista Rabidoux** joining our Club or to HIS/HER proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, **Luanne Whitmarsh: secretary@rotarycs.org** prior to **May 30th**.



This week's meeting link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=la2ltDsUQKA>

Closing:

Next week's meeting: May 23rd, 2024 Telus Feedlot Health Management at the Rotary House.

The week following we are at the **Inn on officers garden** for **PPCLI Officers Club**



Closing words:

As you go about your business this week remember, as Rotarians our simple acts of kindness go a long way to Creating Hope in the World. Have a great Rotary week.

Final reminder to register for next week's meeting:

www.rotarystampedepark.com

Calendar

MAY

- 2nd: St Marys Partnership
- 9th: Rotary Profile/ Kids At Heart Info
- 16th: Annual Stay in School Luncheon
- 23rd: Telus Feedlot Health Management
- 30th: PPCLI Officers Club
- 31st: Invermere Golf & Social Weekend

May						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

JUNE

- 1st: Invermere Golf & Social Weekend
- 2nd: Invermere Golf & Social Weekend
- 5th: Jame Wheeler Davidson
- 6th: No Meeting
- 13th: President's Social
- 18th: Business Club
- 19th: Board Meeting
- 20th: Community Grants Meeting
- 27th: Changing of the Guard

June						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Sign up for meetings [HERE](#)

May 25th Glow Bowling: Location: Splitsville 3919 Richmond Rd. SW
 Food and refreshments: Lennox Irish Pub 5909 Signal Hill Centre SW.
 Join us by contacting: **Sjoert Zuidhof** (zudhofsjoert@gmail.com) or
 403-471-6275. Payment can be made by cash, check or etransfer.

May 31st-June 2nd Invermere Golf & Social Weekend: Please return your registration sheet along with your payment of the total of your choices for these events to Mark Ambrose (markambrose@shaw.ca), At your earliest convenience

June 18th Business Club \$20, sign up by clicking [HERE](#)