



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park

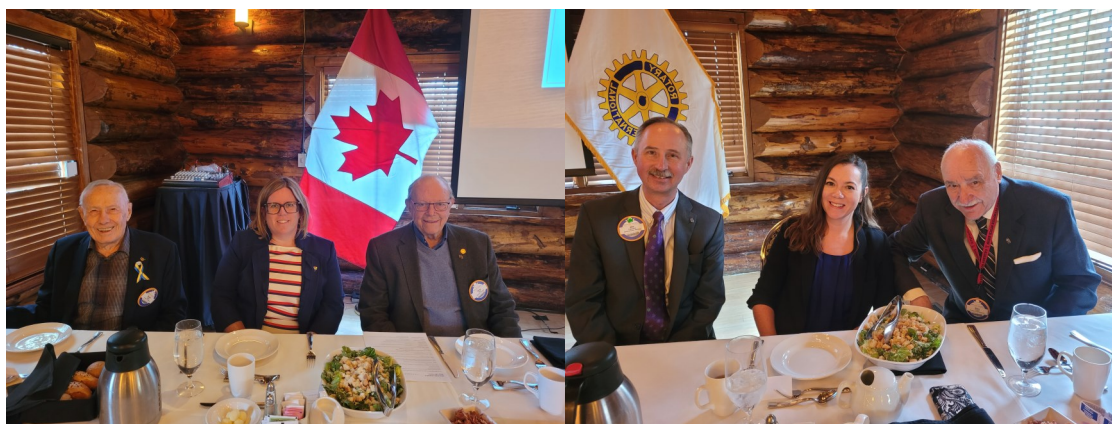


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Welcome to the May 18th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, Jim Fitzowich.

Head Table: Brian Targett, Shannon Cormier (John XXIII), Terry Allen, President Jim Fitzowich, Dr. Karena Munroe (Sherwood), and Stan Cichon.



President Jim Fitzowich

This week's program is our annual Stay in School Luncheon. In honour of our students, a bit of a history test about May 18th:

1642 – Montreal is founded by Lord Paul de Chomedey.

1850 – English physicist and engineer Oliver Heaviside is born. He discovers the Heaviside layer of the atmosphere (Ionosphere), which makes long range radio communication possible before the age of Satellites

1980 – Mount St. Helens in Washington state erupts, spreading ash across 11 states and provinces, including here in Calgary.

2001 – The animated movie Shrek is released in Calgary and elsewhere. All of which occurred before any of our SIS students were born...

Please join **Glenn Potter** and me for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.





Announcements:

Visitors and Guests: **Greg Smyth** introduced over 20 guests today, many of whom were scholarship recipients, family and teaching staff at Sherwood and St. John 23 rd Schools. This included Azeb Wandu Ilma, Fartun or Seyfudin, Ayaan Mohamid Ali, Owen King, Amber Sparrow, Dr. Munroe, Everett Winn, Nicole Hounjet, Misgana Esayas, Hanna Cheru, Esayas Berhanu Agedie, Elijah Patacsil, Joanne Patacsil, Zaldivar Patacsil, Shannon Cormier, Joy Beason, Cherlynn MacIssac. We also welcomed Glen Sumner (son of Bill Sumner), Kate Wilye, Carrie Lodermeier and John McDonald.



Health and Wellness: Health and Wellness contact for May is ;

Dorothea Schaab Email schaabd@gmail.com Tel / Text 403 660 6232

- Condolences are extended to **John** and Carol **Fitzsimmons** and family on the death of John's mother, De-
lores Fitzsimmons. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Catholic Church on Saturday, June 3 rd
at 11am. Please sign the sympathy card that is being circulated.
- **Dorothea Schaab** advises that a Celebration of Life of Larry Madigan (**Sharyl Madigan's** husband) will be
held on Sunday, May 21st from 2pm-6pm at The Barn, Shawnessy Community Centre, 224 Shawmeadows
Road SW, Calgary.
- **Keith Davis** is home now and can take calls and the occasional visitor.
- **Earl Huson** is at home awaiting medical treatments for his back and leg and would appreciate phone calls.
- **Norm** and Linda **Legare** advise the happy news of the arrival of their 3 rd grandchild - Rosie.
- **Brett** and Lydia **Albers** advise the happy news of the arrival of their first child, a son – Blake Anthony on
Mother's Day. 8lbs 7oz, 21 inches. Happy news indeed! If you would like to send Brett and Lydia and the
family personal message or a note of congratulations, please feel to
at lydiamcquillan@gmail.com Brett.Albers@nbpcd.com

Rosie - Granddaughter
to Legare's



Blake Albers



50/50 : Deb Sands brought one of the Stay in School students up to draw the
lucky ticket! Deb and Elijah Patacsil drew **Kevin MacLeod's** ticket and he won
the pot of \$145! Congrats Kevin!



Member Survey

Dear members of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park – we want your feedback on our
Club! **President Elect Bryan Walton** would like you to complete this short survey to provide the 2023-24
Board with some guidance in planning and executing the initiatives of our Club.

The survey is only a few questions and there is ample room to provide comments which you are encouraged to
offer. We would like all responses submitted by **May 31** so we can have time to assemble the results which will
be presented to the Club thereafter. Thank you for your participation as strive to keep this the best Club in Ro-
tary.

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Announcements Continued:

At DISCON in Lethbridge, the **Richardsons**, Jeanette and **Glen**, won the Arch Klumph Award. Here is the video from the event! <https://youtu.be/4Hg5EojBksM>

Rotary Golf Trip - Invermere

June 2-4th **LAST CALL**

Please send an email to Brett.Albers@nbpcd.com to register, with you choices for Friday and Saturday **ASAP**. Accommodations are with CopperPoint Resort or Invermere Inn just mention Rotary to get the discount.

Please e-transfer to Mark Ambrose, at; markambrose@shaw.ca PASSWORD: Rotary

See the PowerPoint below for more info. <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1op47QxRnd69SVQ8c-YsNidM25ID8mP7F/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=104018752905867396918&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Business Club Meeting #5

Business Club Meeting #5 will be held this month, on May 31st. This time talking about Agriculture! Click here; www.rotarystampedepark.com to register now. Deadline to register is **May 29th**, tickets are \$20 and refreshments and fellowship to follow after the discussion. These are always so much fun and you get to learn from our Members who are experts in their field. Join us on May 31st at the Legion on Horton Rd SW.

“As you are aware of, our business club was created to learn more about our members and their respective industry they specialize in. This month the agriculture industry has been chosen as the focus and the industry experts in our club will be speaking to it. The agricultural industry is the second largest industry in Alberta with billions in revenue. The Alberta cattle industry produces 60% of all the beef in Canada. The dairy industry is close behind. Come out and listen to the complexities of the industry from our resident experts; what are the opportunities and challenges. As well let’s discuss the commercial global impact we now have. Join us at the Horton Rd Legion to learn more and have some great networking afterwards. Snacks will be provided.” -**Sharyl Madigan**

ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK
BUSINESS CLUB MEETING

An Agriculture Discussion
Networking & Refreshments to follow.

⌚ 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Join us at: Legion #285
9202 Horton Road SW

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tickets by May 29th at:
rotarystampedepark.com

The poster features a blue background with a white dotted pattern in the bottom left corner. It includes a small photo of a woman speaking at a podium and two smaller photos of men. The Rotary logo is in the top right corner.



Announcements Continued:

Fireside Chat: Norm Rose thanked John and Carol Fitzsimmons for hosting the new members at their home on May 17th for the traditional new members Fireside Chat which has now been reinstated after covid.

Dream Home Update: Norm Rose provided an update on the Dream Home ticket sales campaign. 88% of the shifts are filled! If you register for shifts before midnight tonight (May 18th) you will be eligible for a Stampede 2023 buckle prize draw. Ticket sales training and iPad training will be held on the evenings of June 21st and 23rd. If you have any other questions you can direct them to Jim Bladon at shifts@rotarycs.org.



Stampede Lotteries Off-Park Sales: Dana Hunter provided an update on the new off-park sales initiative this year.

Goal: to develop incremental revenue for the lottery and the partner organizations by accessing buyers who would not otherwise visit the park and make a purchase.

Opportunities: We have 6 unique events committed for the 2023 event in cooperation with 3 other Stampede Committees, Parade, Downtown Attractions and On-Park Breakfasts.

What to expect: As these events will have you roaming and mingling you should be prepared to walk a fair distance. No shelters will be readily accessible so sunscreen and umbrellas should be in your event day kit. Water will be provided.

Shifts available:

Parade - Friday July 7, 2023 - Sales will take place during the pre-parade from 7:30 am to 9:00 AM, Sellers to arrive by 7:00 AM. Each sales team will be one Rotarian and one Kinsmen. You would be responsible for sales in a 4-block zone on the parade route. Aprons and Hi-vis vests will be made available. **We require 8 Volunteers.**

On Park Breakfasts - Sunday July 9 and Wednesday July 12, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Each Sales team will be one Rotarian and one Kinsmen. You would be responsible for making sales to the patrons awaiting and/or enjoying their breakfast. Aprons will be made available. **We require 4 volunteers for each date.**

Rope Square, (Olympic Plaza) - Thursday July 13, Friday July 14 and Saturday July 15 from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Each Sales team will be one Rotarian and one Kinsmen. You would be responsible for making sales to the patrons awaiting and/or enjoying their breakfast. Aprons will be made available. **We require 2 volunteers for each date.**

How to sign up - Contact Dana Hunter, dana@hunterstaffing.ca or 403-477-2340 Shifts will be assigned first come, first served.

RCCSP Casino Volunteer Effort: Thanks to Lynn Grant, our Casino Committee Chair for organizing all of our wonderful Rotary volunteers for our RCCSP Casino efforts. And thanks to all the volunteers who spent long hours on May 3rd and May 4th at Cowboys Casino to help raise funds for the club. Glen and Jeanette Richardson were troopers, doing the long late shift as chip runners on May 3rd!



Main Presentation - Stay in School

Stay in School (SIS) Program: **Stan Cichon** provided a review of the Stay in School program. 25 years ago some of the visionaries from our club conceived the concept of our Stay in School Program. One year later in 2001 this program was started under the watchful eye of then president **Bryan 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 \$32,000 per recipient payable to their post-secondary institute in increments of \$8,000 over 4 years. In addition each successful applicant receives a computer, printer and appropriate software. This year we had over 50 applicants which was shortlisted to 17 candidates interviewed. However the unsuccessful interviewed applicants each receive a reward of \$100.00. As a side note the Stay in School Golf Tournament has morphed into our Kids at Heart Golf Classic.

Some quick facts:

- To this date we have 70 students in our program and we will add 4 more today.
- Currently we have funded \$1.24 million
- 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 program.

In the evolution of our program today sets another bench mark. Under the Chairmanship of the late Bill Sumner we have moved from originally interviewing candidates in the 6th grade to now students in the 8th grade with the mentorship formally beginning in the 9th grade.

In our 22 year history there have been 3 chairs. The first was the godfather or should I say grandfather, **Bryan Targett**. He was followed by **Bill Sumner** as the second and I am truly humbled to be your third chair. Bill gave his heart and soul to Stay in School. In his detailed and exhaustive style I was well briefed and given two huge paper binders of instructions. God bless you Bill... Bill your legacy continues as your son Glen and his partner Kate both here today have agreed to be part of our Mentorship program.





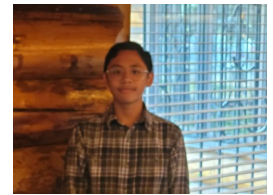
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Terry Allen introduced the 2023 Scholarship Recipients from St. John 23rd School in Falconridge. These included:



Misgana Esayas attends Grade 8 at St. John 23rd School and is an excellent student, achieving high grades in all of her subjects at school. Her teachers comment that she has strong ethical and moral values and is very committed to her studies. She is a talented athlete, in particular she loves gymnastics and has won a gold medal in one of her recent competitions. She also participates in her church activities and is responsible for helping with family responsibilities at home. Misgana wants to go to university and study medicine.

Elijah Patacsil is in grade 8 at St. John 23rd school and has excellent grades in all of his subjects. He participates in the school programs helping out in Pep Rallies; as a Buddy for younger students and also plays in the school band. In his community he helps his neighbours as a Snow Angel and is active in his church. Elijah enjoys playing the piano and his piano teacher noted that he is quick learner and is very diligent. Elijah is interested in pursuing either a career in Music or Engineering.



Principal Shannon Cormier of St. John 23rd School provided some comments. She said the scholarship money is life changing, and described how their teacher, Ms. MacIssac set up classes to help these young students prepare applications. Stan Cichon also came to the school to talk about all of the philanthropic work that Rotarians are doing in the world, and hooked the kids on the concept that it's our job to take care of one another.

This got the kids involved in volunteering within the school and the community, which has been a great outcome. She was very grateful to Stan and the SIS program has come into their school and is looking forward to continuing to work with our club.

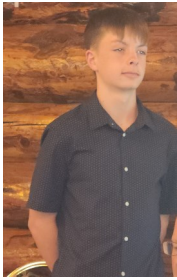
The 2023 Scholarship Recipients from Sherwood School in Ogden were then introduced by **Terry Allen**. These included:

Ayaan Mohamed Ali is in Grade 8 at Sherwood Jr. High School and has 3 siblings. Her family has come to Canada from Somalia and she has done well in school during the time that she has been here. Her teachers highly recommend her for this scholarship and comment that she is a thoughtful and dedicated student. She works very hard and wants to succeed. Ayaan is involved in school sports as well as volunteering at school events. She also volunteers at the Mosque and helps around the house. Ayaan wants to study to become a Radiologist.





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Owen King is in Grade 8 at Sherwood Jr. High School. Owen has shown excellent aptitude for his studies and teachers note that he is a very good student who demonstrates excellent leadership qualities. He plays volleyball and basketball in school. He volunteers at the YMCA and helps his mother in the home as much as possible. Owen aspires to become an Engineer.

Principal Dr. Karena Munroe of Sherwood School then provided some comments. She said that the school, established in 1957 in Ogden supports students and families with diverse backgrounds. She discussed the value in mentorship and the connection between families, teachers and community supporting a “learning to dream big.” She also praised the Rotary scholarship money which is a commitment to develop the skills and gifts of worthy members of the next generation of leaders, given at an age young enough to really make a difference. This funding removes obstacles, represents belief in the potential of an individual, and gives our deserving students the motivation and confidence to strive further for excellence.



Dr. Munroe knows these deserving students will use their education to make a difference in the lives of others. This annual commitment from our Rotary Club will support social change and enhance diversity in learning. With education, as Nelson Mandela said, we have our most powerful weapon for which to change the world! She thanked our Rotary Club for our support, our generosity and our belief in their students and their community.



Thank the Speaker: Hugh Delaney, the Stay in School Steering Committee Member Emeritus thanked the Stay In School committee for their efforts. The committee includes **Bryan Targett, Terry Allen, Ted Rowsell, Paul Brick, Stan Cichon, Earl Huson, Rudy Roberto, Brett Albers and Kathy Demorest**, all of whom worked many hours in order that we are able to recognize our four students here today.

“It is my 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. Also, without the cooperation of our school Principals and their leadership this programme would not be possible. Shannon Cormier and Karena Munroe thank you for being on our team. Ladies and gentlemen, to our Rotarians involved with our Stay in School Programme I am here on behalf of our club to say thank you. Thank you for giving your hands to lift up our youth. Rotary at Stampede Park is fortunate to have you. We are all grateful.”

President Jim: On behalf of the Club we make a \$100 donation in the honour of our speakers and scholarship recipients to the CRCF, which supports Calgary area Rotary Clubs do their good works.

**** please review the recording of the meeting for the complete presentation!****



NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Doug Hood has been proposed as for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Jim Fitzowich** and Seconded by **Greg Smyth** with a proposed Classification of **Financial Management**.

If any Member objects to **Doug Hood** 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 25th, 2023.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Bob Steele has been proposed as for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Todd Richardson** and Seconded by **Sherry Austin** with a proposed Classification of **Oil and Gas Production**.

If any Member objects to **Bob Steele** 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 25th, 2023.

Save the Dates

Save these dates!!

June 23.. President Jim's Party

Polish Canadian Cultural Centre 6pm to 11 pm

July 6...Kick off for Dream Home

Boss Lubricants 6303 30th Street SE

11:00 to 1:30pm





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THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/AGTKi-UIanI>

In Closing:

Next week's Meeting: Will be the Annual St. Mary's 4 way test, as organized by the St. Mary's 4 way test committee. Registration deadline is tomorrow May 19 th , and we will most likely have a full house. Looking forward in seeing you all on May 25 th .

Final words:

Thoughts for the coming week come from Rose Kennedy:

"Life is not a series of milestones, but of moments."

And with that, our meeting is adjourned.

Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week!

Final reminder to register by tomorrow morning around 9am.

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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/>



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY !!!

Volunteers are required to build Good Food Boxes.

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@telusplant.net **EARL AND KEN REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!! THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!!!**



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INTRODUCING OUR 2023 ROTARY “KIDS AT HEART” GOLF CLASSIC CHARITIES

Once again our “Kids at Heart” selection Committee has chosen 3 incredible Charities as the recipients of the proceeds of our 2023 Rotary “Kids at Heart” Golf Classic. We will partner with these amazing organizations whose mission it is to provide children with an opportunity to be safe, to be fed, to be loved and supported, to learn and to achieve the bright future every child deserves.



Between Friends *“Creating an inclusive community where children of all abilities feel valued and included is essential for their development and well-being. Between Friends' Inclusion Services provides training and support to organizations and community members to promote an inclusive environment that fosters diversity, equity, and inclusion. By supporting our Inclusion Services through “Kids at Heart” you are helping to ensure that every child has the opportunity to grow, learn and thrive in a community that celebrates and embraces diversity, leading to improved social skills, self-esteem, and overall quality of life”.* Kimberly Presser, CEO



Youth Centres of Calgary *“Ogden is a safe and welcoming “home away from home” for kids living in households who struggle with poverty, mental health challenges, social isolation and do not otherwise have access to the resources that they need to thrive in school and in life. To break the cycles of poverty in their own lives as adults, they need much more now. With the very generous gift from the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, our staff and volunteers will be able to provide some of Calgary's most*



underserved youth the healthy food, sports coaching and equipment, art supplies and instruction, music lessons and access to technology for homework during the vulnerable after school hours, all in a safe place "to be a kid", Executive Director, Jane Wachowich



New Heights School and Learning Services *"New Heights strives on pursuing their*

mission statement of "Preparing our kids for the community and our community for our kids" which helps create systemic change for individuals on the Autism Spectrum. The Rotary "Kids at Heart" funding will provide over 50 students in the Transition to Adulthood Program, ages 15-25 with the opportunity to find and maintain meaningful employment within their individual interest areas, have access to community involvement such as social opportunities, health and wellness integration, post-secondary support and independent living supports." Board Chair, Gary Vickers

Kids will always be the passion behind and at the heart of so much of what we do at the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. We remain committed to Investing in the lives of children and youth to create real, long-lasting change for kids, families and our community. Join us again this year in giving children back their Future through Sponsorship, registering for Golf or contributing an item to our Live or Online

Auction. For details go to: <https://rotarystampedepark.com/kids-at-heart/>

ROTARY "KIDS AT HEART" Golf Classic

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Cottonwood Golf & Country Club



The Wild Wings Bird Watchers group was out on another adventure on Tuesday of this week, journeying to Frank Lake, East of High River. There was a great deal of bird activity on the lake and in surrounding areas, including Swallows, Herons, Grebes, Pelicans, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Red Wing Blackbirds and many varieties of waterfowl. This photo includes (L-R) **Keith Davis**, Angie Schutz, **Corinne Wilkinson**, Harold Weir, Pat Burns, Candy Struthers and **Jim Burns**.

The next outing of the group will be in three weeks; call **Keith Davis** if you wish to participate.



Partners in Print

Rotary Partners' Next Book Club for June 19th , 2023

SAVE THE DATE

Our Book Club June LUNCHEON will be on June 19th . Please put it on your calendar.

We have such a wonderful turn-out at Book Club and really appreciate your enthusiasm.
Maureen and Jane

I ♥
Book Club

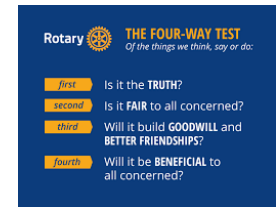
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May 25th: Annual St. Mary's 4 Way Test Contest



May 31st: Business Club Meeting #5



June 1st: Annual Stampede Board Presentation - Will and Joel



June 2-4th Golf Weekend in Invermere
Email Brett Albers or Mark Ambrose ASAP to register



June 8th: Prostate Cancer in Perspective



June 15th: Annual Charity Day

