

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the May 1st meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Jim Bladon, and I am honoured to be the President of this Club for Rotary year 2024-25:

Please join me in the singing of 0'Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table (L-R): Dorothea Schaab, Carol Rosdobutko, Jill Conroy, President Bladon, Dr Duane Bratt, Bryan Walton





Presentation: Dr. Duane Bratt

May 15th Annual Stay in School Luncheon Next week: May 9th 70 Years of Rotary Gala

Click <u>HERE</u> to register for the May 15th meeting.

Click **HERE** to watch the meeting video.

Today's Meeting:

David Field introduced our guests followed by the welcome song...





Neill Magee brought up the 50/50. The pot was \$155. Neill had our guest speaker draw the lucky ticket and it was won by a Gail Williams!





As many of you know it is National Volunteer week! President **Jim Bladon** thanked each one of you for being exceptional volunteers!

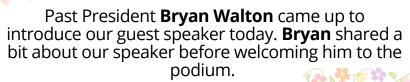
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Our Sgt@Arms for the day was **Carol Rosdobutko**. **Carol** started off by sharing some historical events that happened on this day in the past. Next **Carol** asked everyone who voted to add \$1 in the pot and if you did not vote add \$2 into the pot. **Carol** next asked **Gail Williams** our 50/50 winner to add some of her winnings to the pot. In honour of National volunteer week **Carol** asked one person from each table to stand up. **Carol** asked a question to those standing, If you have volunteered this week or have some volunteering scheduled for this coming week you are off the hook and your table mates pay \$2 each. If you have not volunteered or do not have volunteering in your coming schedule you add \$5 to the pot.





Next **Dorothea Schaab** came up to share some information about a exchange student coming here in July. There is more information on the following page.





Dr. Duane Bratt, a political science professor at MRU, analyzed the 2025 Canadian federal election, highlighting the significant impact of Mark Carney's candidacy and the influence of Donald Trump. He noted the Conservatives' lead in polls before Carney's appointment and the subsequent shift in voter sentiment. Bratt discussed the regional voting patterns, noting the Liberals' strength in urban areas and the Conservatives' dominance in rural and prairie regions. He also addressed the challenges Carney faces, including trade negotiations with the U.S. and managing regional disparities. The discussion concluded with reflections on the leadership qualities and demographic shifts in voting behavior.



Jill Conroy came up to thanked Dr. Duane Bratt on behalf of the club for coming to talk to us!



President Jim Bladon finishes off the meeting by stating that the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park will be making a \$100 donation to CRCF in Dr. Duane Bratt's name in recognition of his time with us today.



Click **HERE** for the photo gallery

Announcements

<u>Dream Home Shifts are going</u> <u>live soon!!</u>

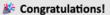
Shifts go live next Wednesday May 7th at 9am!! Make sure you book yours shifts ASAP. This year due to the 70th Anniversary Gala, there will be **no meeting on May 8th,** and therefore no in-person Homebase support after the meeting. If you require any additional support for your shift signup, please email shifts@rotarycs.org and we will contact you.

Health and Wellness

Susan Brick is still in the hospital but is recovering well!!

New Generation Hosts Needed In July

New Generation Hosts Needed In July, the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park has the opportunity to 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 recruiting for two Host families for Victor's stay Time frame would be approximately two weeks with each family. Part of Victor's exchange will involve service opportunities, so as a host you could have him fill a shift or two for you for the Dreamhome and volunteer for the Kids At Heart golf tournament. There will also be an opportunity to mentor Victor in business ventures particularly those involved in business consulting, management, mergers and acquisitions, private equity or procurement. This will prepare him for university studies. Victor has done an internship at FairFleet (see https://fairfleet360.com/) a small but leading Munich-based company specializing in drone services and aerial photography with drones. He has also recently completed an internship with Bottega Veneta in Milan, an Italian luxury fashion house, part of the Kering Group, renowned for its exquisite leather products, particularly handbags. 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. If you could share a coffee with Victor or invite him to shadow you in your workplace that would be a wonderful opportunity to connect with this dynamic young man. Please reach out to Dorothea Schaab (403 660 6232 or schaabd@gmail.com) for more information on hosting Victor.



Celebrating 70 Years of Service

Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park - 1955-2025

Since its founding in 1955, the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park has proudly raised many **millions** to support charitable causes both locally and around the globe. Our members — alongside their families — generously contribute thousands of volunteer hours each year to projects that make a meaningful impact in Calgary and beyond.

A Vibrant Community of Over 130 Members From business leaders to educators, healthcare professionals to non-profit champions, we come together every Thursday at noon at the historic Rotary House on Stampede Park.

Dynamic Weekly Speakers

Our meetings feature engaging speakers from across sectors — business, education, healthcare, government, sports, and more — offering fresh insights and fostering inspiring conversations.

On May 9th we are proudly celebrating this remarkable milestone with a gala event of elegance, connection, and festivities. To learn more about our Club, visit <u>rotarycs.org</u> or call <u>403-244-9788</u> or email <u>admin@rotarycs.org</u>







From the desk of the Secretary - May 1, 2025

- 1. For all members who are arranging speakers it is imperative that you submit to Grayce the sheet that shows name(s) of the speakers, who is joining them, food preferences and all other details on that form by the 10am Friday prior to the following Thursday. Please include the speaker's bios, the pictures if you want one put up and any other pertinent information. Lately we have had late submissions and it causes a lot more work for Grayce.

 Thanks. Your attention to this is greatly appreciated.
 - 2. If you are submitting to Grayce something that you wish to be out on FaceBook, please send her the entire article not just a request to link from another person's posting. You can post this yourself from the article. Open the desired post and hit 'share' then at the top @RotaryClubofCalgaryatStampedePark and it will automatically send it to the Club FaceBook.
 - 3. The Club LinkedIn account has been a challenge for over a year and Grayce and I have been. working on it. Grayce is developing a new LinkedIn page but it is not entirely easy. We just wanted you to know we are working on it.

From your Convention Champion - May 1, 2025

- **1.** 49 days to the start of the convention!! Let's get registered and organized and have a blast! https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/
- **2.** To buy tickets for the Signature events here is the website! You don't have to be registered for the convention to attend the Signature events. Bring your friends and family!

 https://rotarycalgary2025.org/

As always, let Luanne know if you need any help! Thanks!

Invitation to the

"70 YEARS OF ROTARY" GALA

CELEBRATING THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK & ROTARY PARTNERS

\$100.00 PER PERSON

MAY

FRIDAY

AT 5 PM

2025

CALGARY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

919 50 AVENUE SW

Please note that this is a CASH ONLY event!

Details:

- ASSIGNED SEATING (BOOK EARLY FOR THE BEST SEATING)
- TO GUARANTEE GROUP SEATING, YOU MUST REGISTER AND PAY FOR ALL GUESTS (IN GROUP) AT ONCE, PROVIDING ALL NAMES AT THE TIME OF BOOKING. TABLES SEAT 10.
- FORMAL DRESS (BLACK-TIE OPTIONAL)
- COCKTAIL HOUR 5:00-6:30PM
- DINNER AND DANCE BAND: "ENTWIND".
- · CASH BAR (NO CREDIT CARDS)
- DOOR PRIZES /50-50 DRAW/BASKET RAFFLE
- THE GALA EVENT REPLACES THE THURSDAY ROTARY MEETING



Closing:

NO MEETING ON THURSDAY MAY 8th

Next week: May 9th - "70 Years of Rotary" Gala

The week following: May 16th - Annual Stay in School Luncheon

Closing words:

As you go about your business this week remember, that each of you creates the magic of Rotary, unlock the magic, advance the magic, and be the magic of Rotary.

Calendar

MAY

May 1st - Dr Duane Bratt

May 8th - NO MEETING

May 9th - 70th Anniversary Party

May 15th - Annual Stay in School Luncheon

May 22nd - MRU President and Vice Chancellor

May 29th - Richard GotFried

May										
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT				
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4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9 1 TH	10				
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17				
18	19	20	21	MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY	23	24				
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31				

JUNE

June 5th - No LUNCH meeting
June 5th - Presidents Social
June 12th - Stampede Update
June 19th - No Meeting
June 26th - No Meeting

JUNE										
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14				
15	16	17	18	190	20	21				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28				
29	30									

DATES TO REMEMBER - SAVE THESE!!

March 5 - South Indian Int'l Dinner
March 13 - St. Paddy's Day Fun at Lunch.
March 22 - 5 pin bowling
Mar 28 - Thai Int'l Dinner

April 6 - Jubilations Dinner theatre

April 23 - Mexico Int'l Dinner

May 9 - Club Anniversary

May 21 - Turkey Int'l Dinner

June 5 - Jerseys and Jeans (Pres Jim's party)
June 21- 25 RI Convention Calgary
July 3 - Kick off for Dream Home