



# 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 O'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 15<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Stay in  
School Luncheon**

**Next week: May 9<sup>th</sup>  
70 Years of Rotary  
Gala**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the May 15<sup>th</sup> 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!**

It was **Jim Cairns** birthday!! We all sang happy birthday to him!!



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

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.



Past President **Bryan Walton** came up to introduce our guest speaker today. **Bryan** shared a bit about our speaker before welcoming him to the podium.



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

## Dream Home Shifts are going live soon!!


Shifts go live next Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:schaabd@gmail.com)) for more information on hosting Victor.

 Congratulations!

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> we are proudly celebrating this remarkable milestone with a gala event of elegance, connection, and festivities. To learn more about our Club, visit [rotarycs.org](http://rotarycs.org) or call **403-244-9788** or email [admin@rotarycs.org](mailto:admin@rotarycs.org)



### 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 **9** 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 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Next week: **May 9<sup>th</sup> - "70 Years of Rotary" Gala**

The week following: **May 16<sup>th</sup> - 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 1<sup>st</sup>** - Dr Duane Bratt

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** - NO MEETING

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** - 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Stay in School Luncheon

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** - MRU President and Vice Chancellor

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** - Richard GotFried

## May

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

## JUNE

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** - No LUNCH meeting

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** - Presidents Social

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** - Stampede Update

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** - No Meeting

**June 26<sup>th</sup>** - 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	19 	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