

Rotary

Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



ROTARY NEWS

RCCSP Weekly Bulletin May 22nd 2025
Volume Number 70, Issue No. 39

Administrative Assistant: Grayce Glassford

Bulletin Editor: Grayce Glassford

Photography: Glen Godlonton

Videographer: Steve Mason



Welcome to the May 22nd 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) :Stacey Johnson, Elise Fitzgerald, Jill Conroy, President Bladon, Dr. Tim Rahilly, Janet Matthews



**Presentation:
Dr. Tim Rahilly**

**June 5th – President Jim's
Appreciation Party
-“Jeans and Jerseys” BBQ**

**Next week: May
29th – Richard
Gotfried**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the June 5th meeting.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting video.

Today's Meeting:

Greg Smyth introduced our guests followed by the welcome song...



Jim Bladon handled the 50/50 today. The pot was \$145. **Jim** had our guest speaker draw the lucky ticket and it was won by a **Lisa Maragh!** **Lisa** gave her winnings to our inbound exchange student Trini!!!

Today was **Lynn Topp's 82nd Birthday** so we all sang happy birthday!

With our very busy program we did not have time for a St@rms so **President Jim Bladon** asked everyone to add \$1 to the pot.

Jill Conroy came up today and gave her classification talk. **Jill** shared a bit about her self. **Jill** told us about her love for sports and about her family. We got to learn about her career and a bit about her history in rotary prior to our club. Thank you **Jill** for sharing!!



Next **Pat Neuman** came up to give an update on social events coming up. More info on page 5.



Sjoert Zuidhof came up and gave us an update on the Kids at Heart Golf Tournament. **Sjoert** had everyone laughing with his way of reminding us to get registered or get involved with the tournament. **Ken Copithorne** loved **Sjoert's** speech so much he is donating \$500 to the Kids at Heart Tournament!!!



Michael Ruttan came up today and presented the annual cheque from CRCF to our club. The cheque was \$377,860!!!



President Jim Bladon reminded us that everyone needs to go in and select your committees for this coming year!!! The email was sent out to everyone, if you did not receive it then please check you spam mail! Please select your committees before June 1st

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

Janet Matthews introduced our guest speaker today. Dr Tim Rahilly, is the 10th President and first Vice-Chancellor of Mount Royal University, where he also serves as a Professor of Psychology. A strong believer in the transformative power of education, he provides inclusive and strategic leadership—working closely with both the campus and broader community to advance MRU's mission and contribute to Calgary's vibrancy. Tim is passionate about student-centred learning, mental and physical well-being, and preparing graduates who are both practical and critical thinkers. Over the past 25 years, he has held academic and administrative roles at institutions including Simon Fraser University, UBC, and McGill, and has published in the fields of international and higher education. He has served as President of both the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services and the Canadian University Survey Consortium and currently serves on several boards including the Katimavik Foundation. Among his many accolades, Dr. Rahilly received the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal in 2022 and was named a Compelling Calgarian by the Calgary Herald in 2020.

Dr. Tim Rahilly came up and gave a lovely speech today. I have linked his powerpoint presentation [HERE](#) for you to look though. I encourage everyone to watch his presentation linked on page 1.

Dorothea Schaab came up and thanked our guest speaker today.



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 Tim Rahilly's name in recognition of his time with us today.

Announcements

RYLA Camp Thank you letters



Thank you for my RYLA Camp Experience From Finn Seggewiss (**Marietta Maier's** grandson) Thank you so much Rotary for the opportunity to go to RYLA 2025. I had such an amazing time and I learned so much about myself and others. I had lots of fun with all the activities with some of my favorites being Shark Tank and Town. I enjoyed that they were exercises for running or starting a business and they were very funny to watch and play with everyone. It was truly an eye opening experience and I feel happy for the chance to go to RYLA. Again thank you so much for sponsoring me. - Finn



RYLA Camp Thank You My name is Yelyzaveta (Elizabeth) Myroshnychenko. I attended RYLA leadership program by rotary, from 8th May till 11th May. I wanted to thank Rotary for this opportunity to join this camp, it was one of the best programs. Really impacted my understanding of being a leader, cooperation in different life situations. Loved this program, and would love to come back.

Special Announcement!

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Partners, friends, and families of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park
Our newest Legacy Project is becoming a reality!

The official opening of our Legacy Project – Flames Rotary Sports Zones – will be held at Pineridge Community Centre on Friday, June 20 at 12 noon. There will be schematics of the Sports Zones, speeches at the beginning, children will be playing sports, and the community association will be in attendance. Pineridge Community Association is thrilled to have our first Sports Zone in their community. This is the first of four Sports Zones that comprise our Legacy Project that will be built for communities that desperately need places for their children to play.

Please let Grayce know if you are planning to attend by June 12 so we have a count for refreshments.
This is very exciting!

Admin@rotarycs.org

JOIN THE CALGARY FLAMES FOUNDATION FOR A **A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** **ON JUNE 20, 2025**

Pineridge Community Association
(6024 Rundlehorn Dr NE)

START TIME
12 PM

ANNOUNCEMENT
12:30 PM



HARVEY THE HOUND
FACE PAINTING
STREET HOCKEY
FLAG FOOTBALL

**SPECIAL VISITS FROM
FLAMES ALUMNI**



Announcements

Jim Bladon and **Jim Hutchens** attended the Ronald McDonald House Expansion - Rotary Flames Park Grand Opening today. Below are some pictures of the grand opening!!



George and Pat Deegan are featured in this article which was co-written by Pat Neuman's granddaughter.



GETTING THROUGH THE OFTEN LONELY GOLDEN YEARS

Getting through the often lonely golden years

The loneliness epidemic is an increasing problem among older adults across the country. However, combatting social isolation includes socializing, volunteering, and participating in community events. Social...

Calgary Journal / Apr 7

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 Fiddlers, 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

This PowerPoint will be available for viewing, along with other projects by other Clubs, at the Ukrainian booth at the House of Friendship during the Rotary International Convention.

CLICK HERE

We have a new
Linkedin!! Check it out!

**CLICK
HERE!**

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 or
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.

Health and Wellness

Bryan Walton has been diagnosed with pneumonia.
He is still recovering.

Paul Brick got his hip replaced and is now in
recovery.

Condolences go out to **Troy Fredeen** on the passing
of his father

Rotary

Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



Closing:

Next week: **May 29th - Richard Gotfried**

There is NO lunch meeting on June 5th as it is replaced by the presidents Party that evening.

The week following: **June 5th - President Jim's Appreciation Party "Jeans and Jerseys" BBQ**

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
			X	1 	2 X	3 X
4 X	5 	6 X	7 X	8 	9 	10 X
11 	12 X	13 X	14 X	15 	16 X	17 X
18 X	19 X	20 X	21 X	22 	23	24
25	26 	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	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