



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



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Welcome to the May 25th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, Jim Fitzowich.

Head Table: Students; Brooklyn Paul, Claire Franno, and Shakeen Oplimo, **President Jim Fitzowich**, Tony Dalcin (St. Mary's Principal), and **Michael Vandezande**



President Jim Fitzowich

This week's program is our annual St. Mary's 4-way speech contest. It is also the first meeting after the Victoria Day holiday on Monday. Some facts about the May 2-4 day:

1845 – the first Birthday holiday for Queen Victoria is held on May 24th in the then Province of Canada, it becomes the national holiday in 1901. It is always celebrated on the Monday just before May 25th.

1939 – Victoria Day is also celebrated as the King's birthday as George VI and Queen Elizabeth were touring Canada at the time. Previous to that, the Monarch's birthday was celebrated as a separate day, on the day.

1952 – The ascension of Queen Elizabeth II makes Victoria Day the Official Birthday celebration of our Monarch. Elizabeth's birthday was April 26th, 1926 and King Charles is November 14th, 1948.

All of which occurred before any of our St. Mary's students were born...

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





Announcements:

Visitors and Guests: Greg Smyth Greg Smyth had 14 guests to introduce today. We gave them all our usual rousing welcome.

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

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



A Funeral Mass for Dolores Fitzsimmons, mother of **John**, will be celebrated at St. Michael's Catholic Church next Saturday, June 3rd at 11 am. Please keep the Fitzsimmons families in your thoughts and prayers. <https://www.simplycremations.ca/obituary/Dolores-Fitzsimmons>

Earl Huson is at home awaiting medical treatments for his back and leg and would appreciate phone calls.



50/50 : Michael Zacharki had Tony Dalcin from St Mary's draw for \$150.00. And the winner was **David Young**..... Again!



Sergeant at Arms: The Sergeant scheduled today was **Keith Davis**. He was punted again due to time. Thanks, Keith, for the prep time!

Larry Kwong; a nice article on one of our own! <https://www.sportsnet.ca/nhl/longform/breaking-the-nhls-colour-barrier-was-only-a-part-of-larry-kwongs-legacy/>

(Editors note) On behalf of all the Editors over the years I would like to send out a big thank you to the Chairs of the Committee. Bev Ostermann looked after things for ever and Glen Potter has been in charge for the last couple of years. They looked after the schedule and were always available to step in as needed. Thanks Guys.

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 Rotary.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RX72ZFB><https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RX72ZFB>



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



Melanie Todd reminded us that 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

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Join us at: Legion #285
9202 Horton Road SW

tickets by May 29th at:
rotarystampedepark.com



Announcements Continued: All Things Dream Home

Dream Home Update: Brenda McKinley provided an update on the Dream Home ticket sales campaign. 92% of the shifts are filled! There are 5 Sales Manager Shifts left. Please sign up on Homepage or email the shifts email below. If you registered for shifts before midnight on 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.



Correction from last week, Volunteers will not be available to walk to cars after shifts, please arrange with a fellow worker to come together or park in the same lot if you are worried or nervous about walking at night off the grounds. Many Rotarians and volunteers park at the St. Mary's School lot, which you can Volunteer to work shifts there as well by emailing **Bonar Irving** at bonar@shaw.ca but that lot is close, helps our Club and usually has someone walking there after every shift, so you can walk together.

Stampede Shirts have to be ordered by MAY 31ST to arrive in time for Stampede, please email Stacey Johnson at sjohnson@printthree.ab.ca to place your order (postcard sent earlier today)



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

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

Dream Home Kick-Off

On behalf of the Dream Home Committee and the Social Committee we invite you to join us for the Annual DREAM HOME KICKOFF!!

This most important event will help us ramp up excitement for our record setting 2023 sales!!

When: Thursday, July 6

Where: Boss Lubricants at 6303 30th Street SE

Time: 10am to 12:30 pm

Tickets: \$50 for a great lunch, which includes BBQ Beef on a bun, salads, beans, chips, pop, juice and water. Also, you will receive 2 beer/cider drink tickets, compliments of Boss Lubricants.

There'll be fun entertainment and special guests. Get your dancing boots on... Don't delay in registering as we are capping the numbers at 275! Volunteers helping with Dream Home sales will also be invited, compliments of our Club.

Special thanks to Boss Lubricants (**Murray Flegel**) who are hosting this very exciting and important event.





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Announcements Continued:

“Kids at Heart” Golf Classic: Dale Struksnes, the chair of the “Kids at Heart” Golf Classic provided an update on the event which is being held Thursday, July 20th at Cottonwood Golf Course.

We have three great children’s charities for our club to support at this year’s golf tournament. They are:

- [Between Friends](#) which has camps and programs for disabled children.
- [New Heights School](#) for kids on the autism spectrum.
- [Youth Centres of Calgary](#) provides an after school program for youth in the Ogden area.

We are less than two months away from the golf tournament on Thursday July 20th, and we would appreciate your support in any of the following four ways:

Golf in the tournament - [Home - ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK "KIDS AT HEART" GOLF CLASSIC \(eventcaddy.com\)](#) . If you need assistance with registration, contact either **Spencer Tonkinson** stonkinson86@gmail.com or **Dale Struksnes** debanddale@shaw.ca .

Sponsorship – we are still looking for hole sponsors. If you can help out, please contact **Janet Matthews** janrickmatthews@gmail.com or **Glen Richardson** gr@charlesglentoyota.com

Auction Item Donation – if you have any items to donate for our live or online auctions please contact **Pat Neuman** pneuman647@gmail.com .

Spread the Word – let your family, friends and contacts know about this great event in support of three deserving children’s charities. You can find the event website at: [Kids at Heart – Rotary Stampede Park](#) .

Thanks for your support!

Changes in Bulletin Format: Effective June 1st, the Bulletin content will be different in some aspects.

What won’t change...

The Bulletin will continue to be distributed on Thursday evening. The messages on upcoming events, pictures of various activities such as the Partners’ luncheons, the Hiking Club as well as District notices will all continue to be printed in the Bulletin. The important stipulation is these submissions must be forwarded to Sarah Brown by Wednesday at 12:00 on the day before our Thursday meeting.

A picture of the head table and the President’s introduction to the meeting will continue to be at the beginning of the Bulletin.

What will be different...

We have the huge privilege of having every meeting recorded and the meeting link circulated. As a result a speaker’s presentation or a partner’s presentation or a club induction of a new member will not be summarized in the printed Bulletin. Rather members can watch the entire meeting by clicking on the meeting link. Sarah Brown will produce the Bulletin in the above format. There will not be a precis of any of the meeting contents by a Bulletin editor. However if a photographer is on hand, random pictures taken at the meeting can be included. Most importantly the unsung heroes who have been faithful editors for many years deserve our upmost thanks. We extend sincere gratitude to **Luanne Whitmarsh, Carol Graham, Sandy Dougall, Glenn Potter, Dale Struksnes** and many others who have assisted.



Announcements Continued: Cheque Presentations

Sonshine Cheque Presentation



Check presentation to "Made By Momma" by Large Grants Committee member Mark Ambrose, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Calgary @ Stampede Park . Yahoo





Main Presentation - St Mary's 4-way test Speech Contest:



Michael Vandezande - Thank you to the Rotarians that gave their time to help with judging the 4 Way Test Speeches earlier last month. Thank you also to the St Mary school team members for the work they have done this year to recruit and inspire students to take part in this years competition. This year there were 8 students to select from. Our club partnership with St Mary's High School dates to 1993. Each year our club helps students with scholarships, funding the band, field trips, new technology and student enrichment. With the Rotary International Convention coming to Calgary in June 2025, this will be a great opportunity to strengthen our partnership with St Mary's High School and introduce them to other Rotarian lead initiatives.

Today we have the privilege to listen to three confident students deliver their speeches. My kids are currently in a Disney Winnie the Pooh phase. So in the words of Christopher Robin – “you’re braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think”. I know you will all do great today.

I would like to introduce Tony, the principal of St Mary's to introduce our speakers today.

Michael introduced Tony Dalcin the Principal of St Mary's to tell us about the 4 Way Test contest at the school.

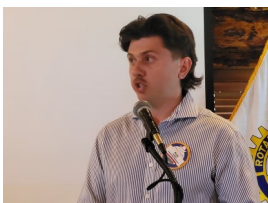


Tony: Thanked the club for hosting all the St Mary's folks today. Even with his loaned glasses he was able to handle the podium! He mentioned our 30 Year partnership with St Mary's, supporting the School with this Contest but in many other ways. They are grateful for our contributions which foster development of their students. They look forward to the partnership continuing for a long time!.

The three young ladies who won the contest then spoke.

First up was Claire Franno who spoke about “ChatGPT and AI”
She was followed by Shekinah Oplimo who spoke on “Self Acceptance.”
Then came Brooklyn Paul whose topic was “Feminism”

You must watch the video to see the Quality of all three presentations. They were clear and articulate and wove the 4Way Test into each presentation with considerable skill.



Thank You: Rudy Ruberto thanked them; “ Ladies you knocked it out of the Park today” Rudy and a number of other Members attended the Contest at the school and these 3 were the winners. First went to Claire, Second to Brooklyn and third to Shekinah. We can only imagine how difficult the decision was!



To watch the recording of the Meeting and see the amazing Speeches from these Students, click [here](#)



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THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/p67gic4MD4I>

In Closing:

Next week's Meeting: : Will be the Annual Stampede Board Presentation by CEO Joel Cowley and Chair Will Osler. **CORRECTION: Not in the Blue Room, in Rotary House!**

Registration deadline is tomorrow May 26th , and we will most likely have a full house. Looking forward in seeing you all on June 1st .

Final words:

Thoughts for the coming week come from Steven Covey:

"Listen with the intent to understand, not with intent to reply."

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!!!**



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

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Book Club

Hiking Club

Ten hikers enjoyed wonderful weather on our hike to Dyson Falls. It was so nice to see everyone (including Karola who returned from South Africa). The trail had a steep climb for the first 1.5 K and then levelled off. We saw the first Shooting Star flowers of spring along with Old Man's Whiskers and Strawberry flowers. We had a relaxing lunch by the river before walking over to Dyson Falls. Larry Stein took this photo of us from above. The only disappointment of the day was the ice cream place in High River was closed!



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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



June 22nd: TBA

