

Today's Rotary meeting featured the Dream Home Kickoff. I started my year as President with a celebration of cowgirls, in connection with the Calgary Stampede. As I ride into the sunset of my year as President, I want to continue to share the spirit and heart of cowgirls. During the meeting, we showed a video called "Cowgirl Culture". The link to the video is: <https://youtu.be/Y2xQPqkRpU>

It tells the story of former Stampede Queens and Princesses who continue to stay connected through horseback riding. Although I have never been a Stampede Queen or Princess, I have connected with other women through horseback riding, and am sharing a couple of memories with you.

One picture is my trainer and friend, Cub Wright, with her student, Allegra. Cub has competed at the World's Cutting Horse Competition in Amarillo, Texas, and I will not have enough time, before she retires, to learn all there is to learn from her. This picture was taken immediately after Allegra won the junior cutting horse competition at the Calgary Stampede in 2016. It wasn't long after that it was determined Allegra had outgrown her cutting horse, Tule Texas, and I bought him. He was a special horse with a special personality.



Another picture is the two young ladies that Cub and I spent a day with a couple of years ago. They start 'em young in the Foothills. Not only did they give Cub and I a few lessons on riding, but they also reminded us how much fun girls and horses can have together, if they just let everything else go. We had a picnic by a creek. There was lots of laughter.

The other couple of pictures are just random pictures out on the trail. The scenery is spectacular. The air is fresh. There is lots of camaraderie. All I have to think about is keeping "one leg on each side and my head in the middle." Every ride like this is a privilege.

Tule Texas died suddenly in April, 2020. It was a very sad day in my life, but he went out at the top of his game, and he wouldn't want to be remembered any other way. Last summer, I purchased a mare. Her registered name is Oak Sox. She and I are still trying to connect, and to feel comfortable with one another. She is a dream to ride, but she can be very frustrating until you get on her. Our next ride is Tuesday. There is fabulous weather in the forecast, and I know it will be a great day.

A friend once told me that women in their 50's go back to doing what they loved when they were 7 years old. I guess I am proof of that statistic. There is a difference, though. When I was 7, I had a pony, and I could not get her to go as fast as I wanted. Now, in my 50's, the horses want to go fast, and I don't want to...



President Penny Leckie

HOWDY. GOOD TO SEE Y'ALL.

Thank you to **Past President Murray Flegel with Bailey and the Boys** for serenading us into the meeting today. Today is the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park's Dream Home Kickoff and we are going to have a hoedown. I am the Club's President for 2020/2021 – Penny Leckie.

It has been a while since I have shared a National Day with you. None of them have "grabbed" me lately. But today, well today is National Grape Popsicle Day. What could help us think more of the summer ahead than eating a grape popsicle?

In San Francisco, California, in 1905, 11-yr-old Frank Epperson was outside on his porch, mixing water with a white powdered flavoring to make soda. Upon going inside, he left it there on the porch with the stirring stick still in it. That night the temperature reached a record low and the following morning, Frank discovered the drink had frozen to the stick.

Years later, in 1922, Epperson introduced his treat at a fireman's ball where it was a huge success. Then in 1923, he made and sold his frozen treat-on-a-stick at an amusement park in Alameda, California. Epperson applied for a patent in 1924 for his frozen confectionery, which he called "Epsicle" ice pop. He then renamed it "Popsicle". With that little bit of trivia, please rise for O Canada. 🇨🇦

Welcome to all our guests today. I hope you enjoy the meeting.

Bulletin Editor: Sandy Dougall Photographer: Clive Pringle

2021/2022 Committees: President Elect Craig is asking that you complete the email that was sent to you today. Please list any interests or skills that you enjoy as well as your Committee Preferences. Thanks !!!



Songs and Stunts: Deb Sands: Welcome to Songs and Stunts! You know, it occurred to me one spring morning that although we have done lots of songs and games.....the STUNTS part of our program has never really been given much attention. So to remedy this oversight, I have hijacked this week's Songs and Stunts program to focus on Stunts!

And where do you ask, would I go to find Stunts? Well, the circus of course! Can I see by a show of hands who enjoyed the Shrine Circus as a little kid? That's great! Lots of Circus lovers in the crowd! So now, let's watch a quick circus stunt from our childhood hero, Bugs Bunny and THEN, I am going to play the PROUD MAMA card,

and show you a short video of my daughter performing "circus SILKS" For this honor, I will gladly donate \$20.00 to the Sergeant at Arms kitty. Hope you enjoy!!



If you recall last year, we featured Cowgirls as part of our Stampede Spirit Celebration. Today's meeting is all about the Calgary Stampede. To get you into the mood, and as this cowgirl starts to ride off into the sunset, I wanted to leave you with a bit more cowgirl flavour.

Cowgirl culture video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2xQPvqkRpU&authuser=0>

Isn't it great that the Calgary Stampede Queens and Princesses really are cowgirls, and that over the years, they stay connected? The spirit of the Stampede continues through them



DREAM HOME KICKOFF – JIM BLADON

Jim Bladon began by thanking the Dream Home Committee, Calgary Stampede Lotteries and everyone involved that has been working tirelessly to make this year's Stampede a reality.

Mark Ambrose, Brad Brewster, Sandy Dougall, John Fellows, Walter Flores, Amy Giang, Dana Hunter, Stacey Johnson, Norm Legare, Denise MacLeod, Kevin MacLeod, Brenda McKinley, Blake Pelham, Ted Rowsell, Rudy Ruberto, John Shield, Larry Stein, Craig Stokke, Spencer Tonkinson, Lynn Topp, Bryan Walton and Gord Weicker



- ⇒ Stampede 2021 Update Summary (incl ATC to date)
- ⇒ Prizes (Dream Home, Kinsmen, Stampede Millions 50-50...)
- ⇒ Ticket Packages
- ⇒ Dream Home
- ⇒ Kinsmen Prizes
- ⇒ Stampede Millions 50-50 and "Chase the Ace" (basically, this replaces Stampede Showband daily 50-50 at Rodeo and Chuckwagons)...
- ⇒ Prices for all ticket packages
- ⇒ Ticketless/Tech Update
- ⇒ Booths (new locations, sellers, Sales managers, Hosts and Hostesses, Greeters, etc)
- ⇒ Scheduling Changes (because SLIMS is basically gone, we are using the new relatively simple scheduling software and app...however we will NOT yet open this for general registration until later this week or early next week...TBD)
- ⇒ Training Sessions (planning is underway to complete via virtual - with the Stampede Lotteries team...)

Stampede Lottery comments: Bruce Williams: Numbers are looking good on the Advance Ticket Sales and things keep changing.

Thank you from Larry Stein: Jim you have done us proud in completing the most successful Dream Home in 2019. Your leadership has been stellar and I am sure that we will the 2021 edition through to a successful finish.

Thank you from President Leckie: A big Yahoo and Thank you, Jim, for all you and the Dream Home Committee are doing to make this year's Dream Home successful. Thank you to everyone in our Club who is on the Calgary Stampede Lotteries Committee, and for representing our Club there. Thank you to everyone who plays any part in the Calgary Stampede. You have kept the Stampede Spirit alive, so we can all ride again. Buckle Up, Cowboys and Cowgirls.

Here is a link to the pdf of the Presentation today for details:

<https://bit.ly/3vv1hTd>



NEXT WEEK: World Community Service Committee Presentation:

My observation in previous years was that our World Community Service Committee talked about their projects on the last meeting of the year, when the changing of the guard was taking place. For various reasons, WCS was always forced to squeeze their presentation into a few minutes. WCS had so much to talk about, and Members always seemed to want to hear more, but there just wasn't enough time.



This year, I asked our Programs Committee to set aside a separate meeting for our WCS committee, and I know they will have a great presentation for us. This committee under Co Chairs **Christine Kyte and Bob Wiens** have been very busy. They have lots of projects they have been working on. Some were initiated in prior years, and some are being initiated in the current year, through District Grants. I hope you will join us to learn about the tremendous work this Committee is doing on behalf of our Club.

So as we close, a little bit of rodeo humour for you. It's an old one and a groaner, but I thought it would make you smile.

A man is on the phone with a bartender. He says to the bartender "Is there a young, blonde lady there?"

The bartender responds "There are dozens, sir. Be more specific." "She's wearing a plaid crop top, ripped short jean shorts, boots, pigtails and a cowboy hat."

The bartender replies "yeah, she's here, what of it?"

The man answers "Well, we are rodeo folk and I was wondering if you could give her a message? She needs to get her darn bull out of my yard!"

"I'm not a messenger pigeon, come tell her yourself.", said the bartender. The man replies with great concern "but it's urgent!"

The bartender contemplates for a moment. "Fine, I will deliver her a message, but for each word you want me to repeat to your young lass, I will charge 100 dollars.

The man seems uneasy, "that's ridiculous!" "Alright then"

Before the bartender can hang up, the man says "WAIT!! Tell her this single word, but very slowly, ok?" "Fine"

"Just say one word 'Comfortable, but remember, very slowly." The bartender turns to the woman and says very slowly. "Com-for-ta-ble". The young lady jumps up and runs out the door.



Today, we have learned about two fabulous things about summer. The Calgary Stampede and grape popsicles.

Going back to National Grape Popsicle Day, and as we prepare for the Calgary Stampede, always remember, nothing is impopsicle.

Stay Cool and Have a Grape Popsicle. Have a good week everyone. Happy Trails.



MEETING LINK FOR TODAY:

<https://youtu.be/9ZKP2wmq5Qg>

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING



June 3rd: World Community
Service Presentation

June 10th: Peter Tertzakian: "Energyphile"

June 17th: Stay In School Presentation

June 24th: Changing of the Guard

July 1st: **Canada Day—No Meeting**

July 8th: Dream Home Kickoff

July 15th: Dream Home Operations

July 22nd: **STAY IN SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

July 29th: District Governor Martin Parnell

Aug. 5th: President's Inaugural Address

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CONTACT

For the month of May please contact **Hugh Delaney** at: (403) 255- 0422



THE LATEST NEWS FROM YOUR STAY IN SCHOOL Golf Tournament Committee

Remember participation at the Golf tournament is on a First Come (and paid), First Served basis.

We have over 111 Golfers already registered!

MORE NEWS!!

We are making some changes to the tournament pace of play and improve the overall experience in this year's Golf Tournament that we think you'll like!!

Change 1: There will be 3 Sets of Tees and Accessible Pins on ALL Greens

Ladies: Gold
Men: 15+ Bronze
Men: 0-14 Blue

Change 2: ALL Four Par 3's will have Hole in One Prizes (\$50,000)

Ladies: 125 yards
Men's: 150 yards

****The Million Dollar Hole in One remains at 165 yards ****

**** Don't Forget to take a sneak peek at the amazing online Auction Items by visiting our Golf Tournament website: <https://www.stayinschool.ca>***

ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK COULD USE A CLUB CHAMPION FOR THIS ...

Over the last two weeks we have had several meetings with the “Move for Polio” committee and are making good progress.

In a recent email to the membership we had asked for Club Champions to support their Clubs and we currently have had 14 members who stepped up as “Club Champions”.

The clubs they’re from are: Brooks, Calgary, Calgary East, Calgary West, Canmore, Drumheller, High River, Lethbridge, Lethbridge Sunrise, Medicine Hat Sunrise, Raymond, Rotaract UCalgary, Stettler and Sylvan Lake.

The Club Champion will promote and communicate the Move for Polio fund raiser with their club.

Some back ground information:

Date: July 1st to October 24th 2021

Wrap up: Join us for a zoom Celebration on Tuesday Oct. 26th 2021

Action: Run, walk, bike, hike, swim, skateboard, canoe, fish, yoga, tennis, pickle ball etc.....
Whatever helps your Mental Health & Wellness

Who: Family of Rotary (Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and EarlyActors) and potential members

What: Each club adds up weekly kms

Goal: 30 clubs and \$100,000 raised

Fund Raising Platform: Eventgroove

Eventgroove set-up training will consist of 5 step by step one hour training sessions to ensure your club is ready to launch and you have a positive set up experience.

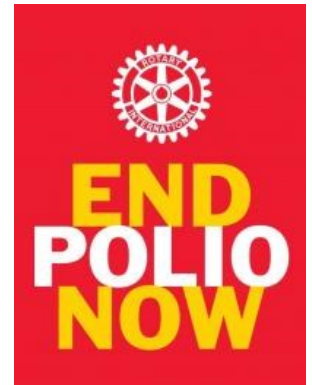
We are looking for 30 clubs or more to be part of this initiative so I would like to ask that you approach your club to see if anyone would like to step up as “Club Champion”.

Please have them contact Marlene Doherty (marlenedoherty@outlook.com) and she will share more details.

Yours in Rotary,

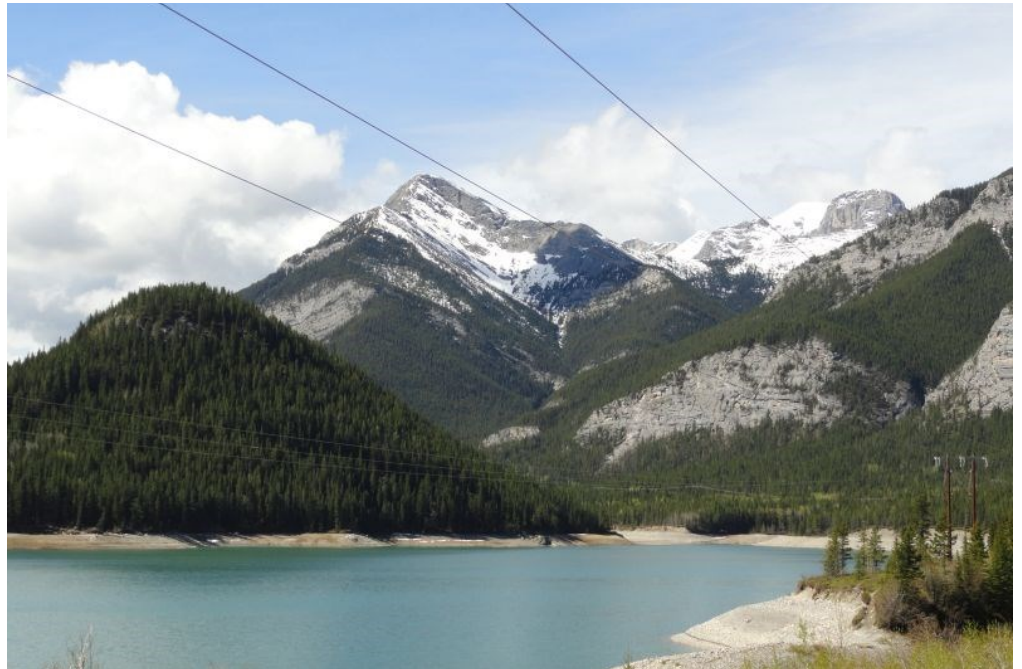
Sincerely,
MARTIN PARNELL, District Governor-Elect

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It was a joy to get out and hike under sunny skies with a total of 17 hikers. We circled Barrier Lake on the Stoney Trail Loop. Snow on the mountain and turquoise waters made it a pretty site. We saw these Prairie Crocus, Kinnikinnik, Strawberry and Early Blue Violets which all speak of spring. Larry celebrated his birthday with wine, both red and white, that someone had to lug up the trail. Some said that was the only reason I made it to this hike on my now healed broken leg. This is what social distancing, with wine, looks like at lunchtime. What a great day!

Submitted by Pat Farn



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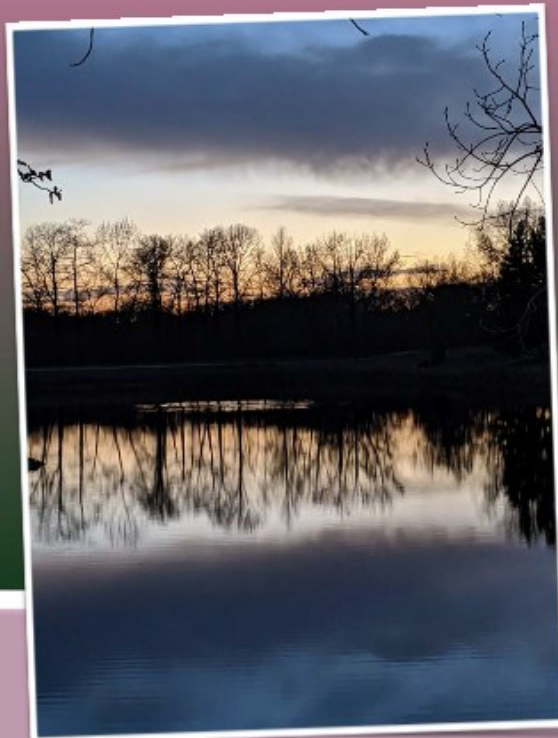
Stubborn and hard-hearted . Strong-willed and highly motivated. Sharp thoughts. Easily angered. Attracts others and loves attention. Deep feelings. Beautiful physically and mentally. Firm Standpoint. Needs no motivation. Shy towards opposite sex. Easily consoled. Systematic (left brain). Loves to dream. Strong clairvoyance. Understanding. Sickness usually in the ear and neck. Good imagination. Good physical. Weak breathing. Loves literature and the arts. Loves travelling. Dislike being at home. Restless. Not having many children. Hardworking. High spirited.

Happy May Birthdays
Rotarians & Partners !

Jim Cairns	May 1
Stacey Johnson	May 3
Bob Wiens	May 4
Freda Fraser	May 6
Brenda McKinley	May 8
Sharyl Madigan	May 9
Caroline Bacon	May 20
Lynn Topp	May 22
Dan Dunlop	May 25
John Fitzsimmons	May 28
Larry Stein	May 28
George Adam	May 31

"Carburn Park Waiting for the Leaves"

Photo taken by Corinne at Carburn Park Pond



Happy May
Birthdays

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WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS

- A link will be sent out every Monday or Tuesday
- There is a reminder an hour before the meeting and 10 minutes before the meeting
- You can share the link with friends and Partners
- Save the link and join us at Noon On THURSDAYS