



ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the May 29th 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) :Bill LeClaire, Adam Tarabay, Catherine Brownlee,
President Bladon, Richard Gotfried, Bryan Walton



**Presentation:
Richard Gotfried**

**June 12th -
Changing of
the Guard**

**Next week: – President
Jim's Appreciation Party
– "Jeans and Jerseys" BBQ**

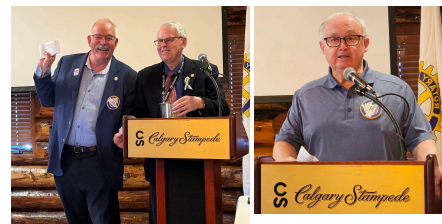
Click [HERE](#) to register for the June 5th meeting.

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

**NO lunch
meeting on
June 5th**

Today's Meeting:

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



Michael Zacharki brought up the 50/50 today. The pot was \$165. **Michael** had our guest speaker draw the lucky ticket and it was won by a **Glen Godlonton!** **Glen** gave his winnings to ME (Grayce Glassford) Thank you **Glen!**

Shout out to our External Communication committee for the hard work they did on the application for the Community Advocate-Organization Award, unfortunately we were not chosen but we want to recognize the hard work they put into the application.

President Jim Bladon invites **Hermann Logsend** up to have his red stripe removed today!!



Catherine Brownlee came up next to introduce our newest member **Adam Tarabay**. **Catherine** shared a bit about our new member before Past President **Bill LeClaire** came up to tell **Adam** some valuable information about our Club. President **Jim Bladon** then gave **Adam** his membership package and member badge! Welcome to the Club **Adam Tarabay!**



Steve Austin the Chair of our for the Rotary Employment Partnership Committee introduced Courtney Wilson from Inclusion Alberta. Courtney gave us an update on the Rotary Employment Partnership.



John Shield came up next to give us a DreamHome update. There is 34 days intill Stampede! There is also 30+ shifts available and we need your help to get those filled!



Norm Legare came up and got to share some amazing news with us. As many of you know **Norm** has been battling cancer this past year. He had 50 chemo and 25 radiation treatments over this past year and on Wednesday this week he found out he is cancer free!!!!

Pat Neuman came up next to give us a social committee update. More information on page 5.

Bryan Walton introduced out guest speaker.

Richard Gotfried was born and raised in Calgary, Richard served 2 terms as Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for Calgary-Fish Creek. He served as Chair of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund and Vice Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, among several other Standing Committees. He was the provinces designated voting member of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region, serving as President in 2021/22. Richard was privileged to Chair Alberta's Facility Based Continuing Care Review Expert Panel which created the road map for continuing care system in Alberta. He currently serves as Chair of Alberta's Strategic Aviation Advisory Council, and is a Director of the Calgary Saddledome Foundation

Mr. Gotfried's career has also involved time with Hong Kong-based Cathay Pacific Airways during which time he built an enduring bond with Canada's Asian-Canadian communities. The Trico Group of Companies, during which time he created Calgary's first attainable home ownership program. Calgary Economic Development, Vice-President of Corporate and Community. On the volunteer front; Kids Cancer Care Foundation, GlobalFest, Chinatown Street Festival, the HK- Canada Business Association, Bow Valley Ranche and Friends of Fish Creek Societies. Richard holds an Executive Management certificate from the University of Hong Kong and studied political science and economics at the University of Calgary, while also completing an Executive Certificate in Corporate and Community Involvement from Boston College.



Richard Gotfried came up and have a wonderful and educational talk, I encourage everyone to watch the meeting video to hear what Richard talked about. I have also linked his presentation [HERE](#) for you to flip through.

Spencer Tonkinson thanked Richard Gotfried for his speech 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 Richard Gotfried's name in recognition of his time with us today. Richard decided to match that donation!

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

Announcements

Health and Wellness

Paul Brick is recovering well from his hip surgery.

Susan Brick is out of the hospital after 13 weeks!!!! Her and **Paul** have not been able to see each other in 7 weeks due to her being in isolation. We are all so happy you are both recovering well together!!!

Summary - 2025 Cowboys Casino

January 7th & 8th, 2025

On behalf of the Casino Committee I would like thank all of the volunteers that made this fundraiser possible.

We managed to cover 34 shifts with 30 volunteers in 2 days.

Volunteers were:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dorothea Schaab | Glen Godlonton |
| John Fitzsimmons | Jamie Moorehouse (2) |
| Neil Magee (2) | Gail Williams (2) |
| Manpreet Rai | Spencer Tonkinson |
| Sandy Dougall | Gordon Weicker |
| Lynn Grant (2) | Innocent Ottou |
| Max Feldman | Karen Grant |
| Brenda McKinley | Joan Ducommon |
| Kevin MacLeod | Luanne Whitmarsh |
| Lisa Maragh | Sjoert Zuidhof |
| Stacey Johnson | Bryan Walton |
| Dean Hughes | Corinne Wiklinson |
| Paul Brick | Glen Richardson |
| Ken Farn | Jeanette richardson |
| Allan Johnson. | Mark Ambrose |

We managed to raise over \$ 82,000.00 in our 2 day Fundraiser.

Our next casino will be in the 4th quarter of 2026.....which will be sometime in October, November or December 2026....exact dates are not determined at this time.

Thank - you again for volunteering your time to this lucrative event.

Lynn Grant, Chair
Casino Committee

Sponsorship Opportunity for 85 Rotarians - Hospitality Night - June 23rd

Fellow Rotarians, we have a wait list of international Rotarians for the Hospitality Night and we are hoping to raise Sponsorship dollars to help with the food. To date, we have raised \$2500 and to ensure that everyone has a meal, we are looking for another \$2500. Platinum is \$1000 and there is a speaking opportunity. Gold if \$500. Both will be recognized and thanked at the event, with logos on the Sponsorship Board of thanks.

Please contact catherine@cbibusiness.ca for more information. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Catherine 😊

Announcements

Addiction & Mental Health Event

The Rotary Club of Calgary Downtown is hosting an Addiction & Mental Health luncheon from noon until 2:00pm, June 26, 2025, at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel, in the Crystal Ballroom, immediately following the Rotary International Convention.

Marshall Smith, former Chief of Staff for the Alberta Premier Danielle Smith, and one of the main architects behind the "Alberta Recovery Model" along with the Hon. Dan Williams, Minister of Addiction and Mental Health and a driver behind the Alberta Recovery Model's implementation, will speak at our event.

This is an excellent opportunity to introduce some of the most effective and innovative addiction and mental health initiatives being implemented in Canada.

Come join Rotarians. Let's work together to find better ways to provide support for those struggling with the challenges of addiction and mental health.

Hear how Alberta is redefining the problem and focusing on long-term recovery.

Ticket link: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/942/Events/june-26-2025-club-mtg-calgary-addiction-mental-health-event>

Contact: Laurene Wilson, Club Secretary Rotary Club of Calgary Downtown

Clubrunner Updates

Clubrunner has some new updates! Watch this webinar to hear more!

CLICK HERE

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)

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| START TIME 12 PM | ANNOUNCEMENT 12:30 PM |
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**HARVEY THE HOUND
FACE PAINTING
STREET HOCKEY
FLAG FOOTBALL**

**SPECIAL VISITS FROM
FLAMES ALUMNI**

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



IT'S THE BEST PARTY OF THE YEAR!!

We get to thank our President Jim for his leadership this year!

Come in casual dress- jerseys and jeans if you have a jersey.. maybe vie for the best one!!
No Jersey??? Just wear a shirt and jeans!! Be comfortable!

Remember to wear your dancing shoes as Bailey and the Boys will be heating up the dance floor with some great tunes!!

It's "Beef on a bun" dinner with all the trimmings!!

DeWinton Community Hall
114 Macleod Trail East
5 to 11 pm.

Cost: \$50 pp
Drinks: \$5

Register and pay by Monday the 2nd!! Attendance will be taken as no meeting on the 5th.

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



 **Rotary**
Club of Airdrie 

Lobster Boil

STEAK & LOBSTER DINNER
Silent & Live Auction, DJ & Dance

June 7, 2025
Doors Open @ 5pm
Airdrie Town & Country
275 Jensen Drive NE

Tickets **\$100** ROTARYTICKETS.CA 

You all may have received an email regarding volunteers for St. Mary's Parking. For any volunteer inquiries please email **Bonar Irving** bonar@shaw.ca

Hiking Club

It was a great hike on Wednesday doing the southern side of Nose Hill Park on a beautiful sunny day. Thanks to Trish for leading the hike. We saw the Siksikaitsitapi Medicine Wheel with a great view of the downtown Calgary skyline, glacial erratics, archaeological digs, remnants of the gravel pit, labyrinth, lots of spring flowers, and of course, lots of great company with 18 hikers today!



Partners in Print

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.

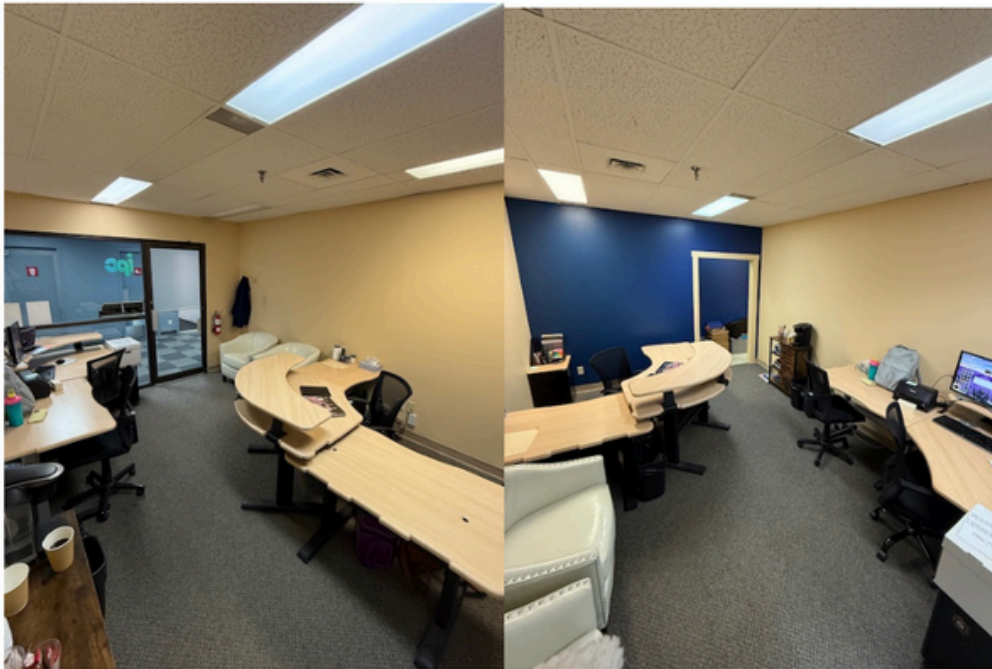
A cash bar will be available.

EMAIL janetopp@shaw.ca by June 13 at noon to RESERVE your spot.



From the desk of the Secretary – May 29, 2025

1. Please make sure you let Luanne know what your **committee choices** are for President Gord's year. Remember, even if you wish to stay on a committee – you **MUST** send the email or phone Luanne **by June 1st**.
2. The **RCCSP POLICY** updates have been approved by the Board May 21, 2025. They are in ClubRunner.
3. Great news!! Starting on June 12th, the Stampede will be dedicating most of the **PARKING AREA** right by Rotary House as disabled parking! This will make the life of those with physical challenges feel safer. We care for all of our members and I am glad that we made this happen!
4. The Board of Directors at the May 2025 meeting changed the name **World Community Service** to **International Service** to match the change made by Rotary International.
5. Our **Club office** got a beautiful make over! Thanks to Penny Leckie (whose office is downsizing) she facilitated having some of the surplus furniture to come to our office! We are so appreciative! Thanks also to Murray Flegel and his team for taking away the furniture that we no longer needed and to Ernie Yaskowich, Lynn Topp, Norm Legare, Megan Stokke and Grayce Glassford for moving and arranging. Thanks everyone for the very nice working space for Megan and Grayce!





Closing:

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

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

The week following: **June 12th - Changing of the Guard / Stampede Update**

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

JUNE








June 5th - No LUNCH meeting

June 5th - Presidents Social

June 12th - Stampede Update/Changing of the Guard

June 19th - No Meeting

June 26th - No Meeting

| June | | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12  | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19  | 20 | 21  |
| 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

JULY

July 3rd - DreamHome Kick off Party

July 10th - No meeting

July 17th - No meeting

July 24th - Exchange student presenting

July 28th - Kids at Heart Golf Tournament

July 31st - No meeting

| July | | | | | | |
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| 27 | 28  | 29 | 30 | 31  | | |

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