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at Stampede Park

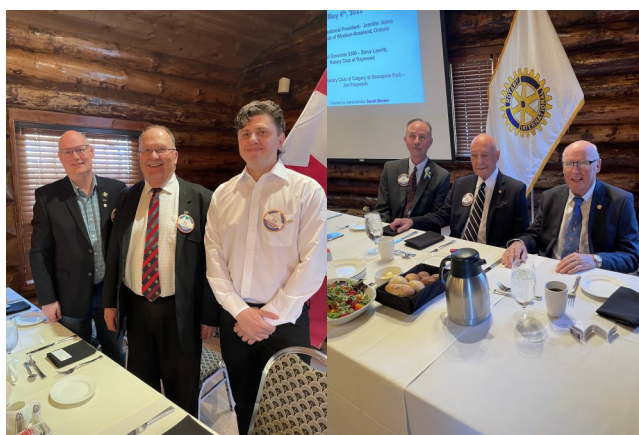


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Welcome to the May 4th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, Jim Fitzowich.

Head Table: Mike Ruttan, PP Al Johnson, Rudy Ruberto, President Jim Fitzowich, PP Bruce McDonald, and PP Greg Martin.



President Jim Fitzowich

This week's program is PP Bruce McDonald's Rotary profile. Today is also May 4th which is Remembrance Day in the Netherlands, followed by Liberation Day on May 5th, both days important to Canada and Canadians as well:

1943 – On January 19, Princess Margriet is born in an Ottawa hospital. Her father Prince Bernhard and mother Crown Princess Juliana were forced to flee the Netherlands in 1940 after the Nazi invasion. Juliana becomes Queen in 1948.

1944 – in September the 1st Canadian Army starts the liberation of Netherlands – operation market garden. The campaign finally ends in April 1945, after the Dutch endure the hardships of the "hunger winter". Canadian airborne aid drops saves 100's of thousands.

329 – thousand are lost during the liberation, including 7600 Canadian troops, the majority were Dutch civilians.

10,000 – Is the number of tulips the Netherlands sends to Ottawa every year to celebrate Liberation Day. You can see them along Dowse lake and the Rideau canal. I recommend it.

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





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Announcements:

Visitors and Guests: **Greg Smyth** welcomed all of our guests, with the quick help of Blake (thanks for always being on top of things at registration you two!!!) and they stood as we provided a loud rendition of our Welcome Song!

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

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

We were so happy to welcome back **Gail Williams!!!**

Dale Struksnes advises **Keith Davis** is in the South Health Care Campus Hospital. Please keep Keith and Family in your thoughts and prayers.

50/50 : Michael Zacharki did his usual fine job selling and looking after the draw today. He had \$140.00 which was won by **Stan Chicon** who donated the proceeds to the club.

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>

Rotary Golf Trip - Invermere

June 2-4th

Please send an email to Brett.Albers@nbpcd.com with you choices for Friday and Saturday. 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 no sooner than May 24th 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>

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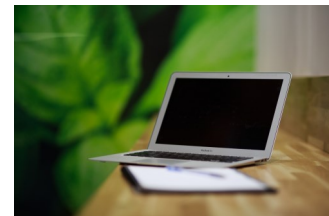
The 5360 District Conference is happening THISweekend, May 5th & 6th in Lethbridge. Our very own **GR** and Jeanette Richardson are among the honourees being recognized for achieving Arch Klumph Society status. It would be great to have some members of the club there to support them. If you are going please let me know at admin@rotarycs.org so I can add you to the list on our website. We hope to see you there!!



Announcements Continued:

Club Ask

"Penny Leckie is asking if any of our members will be updating their computer in the near future, and might be looking for a place to donate their used computer. The computer given to Penny's Stay in School Student, Danielle, by our Club, when she came into the program at the end of Grade 6, has exceeded its life expectancy. Danielle requires a functioning computer to carry on with her studies, and the family does not have the financial means to acquire one. Hopefully, we can find a used computer for Danielle. Please contact Penny if you can help."



May 6, 2023 – For the Bulletin, from Luanne Whitmarsh, Secretary



1. Meal ordering: I know we can all say we wish that meal ordering was an easier process. But it is not and it is not able to be changed. I am here to remind you that you **MUST** register for the meal by 9am the Friday prior to the next weeks meeting. When you don't it puts extra work on Sarah, the Registration crew and the Stampede staff. Additionally, we have to literally beg the Stampede to allow extra meals. If Sarah is busy with other projects (which she always is) she may not see your emails and therefore cannot ensure you get one.

For example, at the April 27 th meeting we had 53 pre-registered, and 89 people in attendance. So, the percentage pre-registered this week was 59.5%. And out of the 89 that showed up there was 56 that had not prepaid. That percentage was 51.6% - No wonder we were busy... This results in long lines at registration, frustration, extra work, and members and guests not getting fed. It is embarrassing to have this occur so often. We **REALLY** need our membership to step up, register and prepay. Thank you.

2. Attendance: During the pandemic RI stopped registration requirements and had everyone at 100%. Since July of 2022 registrations have returned and are tracked. So, please send in your make-up meetings to Sarah so you are credited with that for your annual attendance.

3. Bulletin: We have had 2 of 5 members resign from the bulletin. Without more of you stepping up and helping, the viability of the bulletin is in jeopardy. Truly, I have been an editor for over 10 years and find it easy once you get the hang of it. I will happily help anyone who comes forward. Myrna Dube-Thompson (the Director), Sarah and I have discussed this and unless 2 more members come forward to help be an editor, we will have to change the format to a link to the YouTube link and a few announcements that are not already announced on the video. We will be making this decision by May 31 so please, please step forward to Myrna or I.

Thanks, we really appreciate you helping us provide a great meeting experience!

Business Club Meeting #5



Melanie Todd announced Business Club Meeting #5 will be held this month, on May 31st. This time talking about Agriculture! It is now live on the site for registration, go to 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 and experts in their field. Join us on May 31st!

ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK
BUSINESS CLUB MEETING

An Agriculture Discussion
Networking & Refreshments to follow.

6:30 to 8:30 pm
Join us at: Legion #285
9202 Horton Road SW

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tickets by May 29th at:
rotarystampedepark.com



Announcements Continued:

TRF and CRCF Presentation

TRF:

Gail Williams - Legacy Level 2

Paul Brick - PHF +6

Janet Matthews - PHF +3 & +4

Sandy Dougall - PHF +3

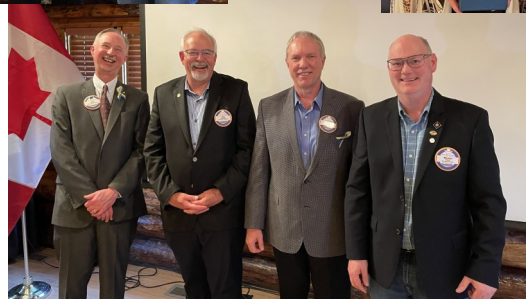


CRCF:

Jim Fitzowich - +5

Glen Godlonton - +2

Dale Struksnes - New Donor



Kids at Heart Charity Selection Committee

Gord Weiker brought us up to date on the choice of Charities to be supported with the proceeds of this year's event. In keeping with last year, the Committee has agreed to split the entire proceeds equally with three worthwhile Charities that fit the name "Kids at Heart"

They are as follows

- 1) **Youth Centers of Calgary (YCC)** : They operate an after-school program that concentrates specifically on at risk youth who are economically and socially disadvantaged in grades 5-10 in low income, underserved communities in SE Calgary, that otherwise lack a safe place and healthy activities for youth.
- 2) **Between Friends**: Between Friends provides quality social, recreation, and development opportunities so that people with all disabilities can connect, grow, and belong - empowering people with meaningful experiences..
- 3) **New Heights School and Learning Services**: A Community dedicated to pioneering a bright future for individuals on the autism spectrum to live independent, confident, and purposeful lives.

Dream Home

Chad Hason reminded us that next week was "Dream Home Kickoff". Further details will follow but Committee members will be available to help you with shift sign ups.



Dinner Club

Dinner Club at the **Matthew's**. A wonderful evening of great fellowship!!





Main Presentation - Rotary Profile - Bruce MacDonald

Today's programme was to honor **Past President Bruce McDonald** with a "Rotary Profile."



Introduction. **Greg Martin** did a great job in introducing Bruce and providing many humorous stories of both Bruce and Lorraine and his time in the Club. The following is a summary of his remarks. Greg mentioned Bruce was about to be something great for the Club and his first clue was his Classification, Gas Bar Developer, they didn't know what that was at the time, stating that Classification would probably never be repeated and neither will Bruce. He touched on his ELECTRIC personality, comparing him to 110 Volts of electricity and continuing that Lorraine was 220 Volts and together they were 440 V which could charge 2 TESLAS at the same time.

The very professional video produced by Jamie and Steve was presented. Watch it [here](#)

We found out about Bruce's upbringing in Saskatchewan, to his many moves, eventually finishing High School in Vancouver. He met Lorraine and remembers the first night out at Kerrisdale Arena to hear Little Richard (I remember them!). Married in 1961 and have 3 Boys and one Girl with 8 Grand Children. Worked for Gulf Oil in their Service Station business and moved to Calgary where he left them and managed his own. He started building Gas Bars that he leased back to Gulf. Rotary became a big part of his life when he was introduced to this club by Garth Nicol. Bruce went on to play an important part in this club over the years.



The Club gave him a hearty standing ovation.

Bruce's Comments. Following the Video Bruce told us that he was totally surprised by the number of people here today. Again you need to view his comments on line but it was highlighted with

- Rotary is a good place to be.
- It was a good life here in Rotary.
- Most of our friends are here in the Room.
- It is just like home.

He encouraged all to keep up their attendance, stay involved, and to get their spouse involved. He said that when he attended the Convention in Houston we kept saying this is the best Rotary Club in the World. We keep saying it but maybe we are the best given what we do in the Community each year. The Dream Home started small, but we thought big and with that and our other activities we are making contributions in excess of \$1,000,000 back to Community annually.



Al Johnson closed with more stories of Bruce and Lorraine and a heartfelt thanks. Al told stories of their curling trips and winning championships and how it was an honour to be his Skip. He then emphasized that Bruce was the best dressed man in the Club and one of the funniest Rotarians. We all agree!!

Watch the recording of the Meeting to see everyone's full remarks.



President Jim Fitzowich

On behalf the of Club we made a \$100 donation in Bruce's honour to the CRCF, which he knows very well the great work the foundation does to support Calgary area Rotary Clubs do their good works.





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THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: https://youtu.be/VT-6ogJM_ag

In Closing:

Next week's Meeting: Will be the Annual Dream Home kick-off, as organized by the Dream home committee. Registration deadline is tomorrow May 5th. Looking forward in seeing you all on May 11th.

Final words:

Thoughts for the coming week are from Sir Walter Scott:

"For success, attitude is equally as important as aptitude."

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/> As well as the District Convention in Lethbridge.



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 PARTNER GETS ANOTHER HOLE IN ONE!

Betty Stein got another hole in one! Way to go Betty!!!



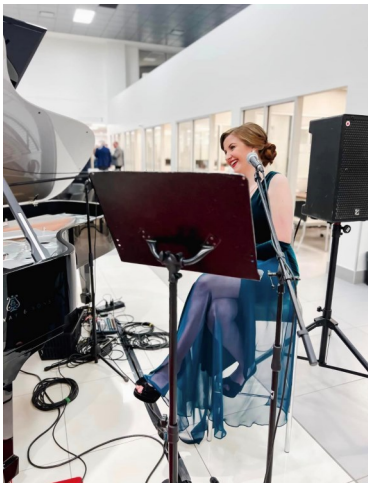
Rotary Partners Book Club for May 15th , 2023

Our next Book Club will be on May 15th at 9:30 at the Calgary Golf and Country Club. It is a week earlier because of the Victoria Day holiday. Please let me know if you are coming by emailing (janetopp@shaw.ca) before May 12th . We need to inform the club of our count. We will have our delightful breakfast buffet at the cost of \$20.00. Our faithful treasurer, Maureen will collect the money and pay the club.

We will be discussing "Ordinary Grace" by William K Krueger. We hope many of you will have read the book but if you haven't -come anyway because we will have time to review one or two books from each of you. If you have one of the library books that I brought please return it to me. 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

I ♥
Book Club



Enjoy these photos courtesy of the amazing Julia Richardson! To view
the rest of the photos click [here](#)

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May 11th: Annual Dream Home Kick-Off



May 18th: Annual Stay in School Luncheon



May 25th: Annual St. Mary's 4 Way Test Contest



May 31st: Business Club Meeting #5



**District 5360 Convention in Lethbridge - May 5th and 6th
This weekend! See you there!!**

