

# ROTARY NEWS

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**Welcome to the May 9th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Bryan Walton, and it's my honour to be Club President for 2023-24.**

**Please join me in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.**

Head Table (L-R) : Murray Flegel, Paul Bourassa, Shondel Sabad, Bryan Walton, Bill LeClair, Marino Farella



**Presentation:  
Bill LeClair**

**May 30th meeting  
will take place at the  
INN Officers Garden**

**Next week:  
Annual Stay in  
School Luncheon**

Click [HERE](#) to register for next week's meeting and [HERE](#) for this week's meeting link

# Today's Meeting:

David Field introduced our guests today. Followed by our Welcome song

Neill Magee pulled the 50/50 draw which was won by **Todd Richardson** the pot was \$175 Which he donated back into our club!



Welcome From India! **Anna Perna** is from the Rotary Club of Mayapur. She was here today to exchange a banner! Thank you for Coming! it was great to have you! We hope you enjoy Calgary!



**Red Stripe Removal:** Some of our member had the opportunity to get there red stripes removed today. They have completed all the tasks required of them. Thank you for everyones patiences as this has taken a little while. Congrats Everyone!

**Joe Connelly** removed **Catherine Brownlee's** red stripe

**Catherine Brownlee** removed **Shondal Sabad** and **Cathie Saoka's** red strips

**Greg Smyth** removed **David Field's** red strip

**Dorothea Schaab** removed **Susan Lasher's** red strip

**Joe Connelly** removed **Ruby Ruberto's** red strip

**Stan Cichon** removed **Gail William's** red strip

## Shondal Sabad Classification Talk

**Shondal Sabad** shared his journey and the values of Rotary with us. He was born in Calgary but raised in a small town in southern Manitoba, where he learned the importance of community. Sports taught him values like fairness, teamwork, resilience, and hard work. These teachings carried on in summer jobs during high school and university. After graduating from the University of Manitoba, he moved to Calgary in 1990 and began my career in oil and gas derivatives trading. This period taught me integrity and helped build trustworthy relationships. He have also held diverse roles, including CFO for a family office and co-founding a Prairie vertical Farms. Currently, He am the CEO of Rainforest Energy, where we transform agricultural waste into carbon-negative fuel. He was introduced to Rotary by his life partner, Catherine Brownlee, and we are both dedicated to community service. Whenever they travel, they visit other Rotary clubs and are inspired by the dedication of Rotarians. He thanks you for welcoming him to the Rotary Club of Stampede Park. He is excited to contribute to our shared goals and embrace the Four-Way Test every day.



**Murray Flegal** Past President talks about how he met **Paul Barossa**. **Murray** talked about his and **Paul's** history together. He Shared the lovely story of how **Paul** had become apart of his family when **Paul** was only 10 years old. He shared so many amazing things about **Paul**. **Greg Martin** did the induction ceremony. Welcome to to club!!



**Marino Farella** tells us about his year in Rotary! **Marino** has been here in Calgary for 9 months now! He said he has experienced so many new things and has new amazing memories that he will never forget



# BILL LECLAIR

Sherry Austin introduced **Bill LeClair** for his Rotary profile

To watch the full presentation click [HERE](#)

Born in Charlottetown, Bill grew up playing hockey, basketball, and football. The hockey continued as he did his business degree at University of PEI where he was class president. To this day Bill continues to play Oldtimers hockey with the PEI Rumrunners. Bill and Teri met at a singles dance sponsored by Uncles at Large. Teri's girlfriend Marie was counting the number of men and women at each table. She came across Bill's table and there were more men than women so she and Teri joined the table after Bill said they could have the chairs if they sat in them. Teri danced with Bill all night. The girlfriend had arranged it so that they would need a ride home and our noble Bill drove Teri. Bill waited a whole week to call Teri for a date which to a woman is an eternity. Teri thought he would call the next day. Bill can be a bit of an imp and went back to that same dance the following year but assured Teri she was the one. He is a lucky man!



Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

## From the desk of the secretary May 9, 2024

1. Important verbiage: I just was corrected (and appreciated the distinction) that it is the District Conference and the International Convention. I wanted to make sure we all use the correct verbiage as the International Convention is here in Calgary in 2025!
2. Dream Home shifts opened up today – and Troy has been working all day to solve the errors that were caused by a committee member who opened the registration site at 8:00 am instead of 1:30 pm. By having the site opened at 8:00 am, this resulted in many people registering and, therefore, members who came to do their registration after the meeting (as was supposed to happen) discovered that few shifts they were looking for remained. On behalf of Troy, please be patient while he solves this matter and he is sorry that it caused such confusion.
3. Remember to email [shifts@rotarycs.org](mailto:shifts@rotarycs.org) for all of your Dream Home questions (changing shifts, questions, where you are working, etc.). Grayce does not have anything to do with this and cannot help you!
4. The chaos at lunch hour continues. When members show up without registering it results in confusion, upset and disorganization. The registration desk, stampede staff and the many members and their guests are stressed unnecessarily. Please, please register!!!!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Mel Cunningham Publicity Award

Our Club received this award at the District Conference. Kudos to **Dilan Perera** and his XComms Committee, specifically **Deb Sands** and **Steve Mason** who drove the application and production of the video.



**Deb Sands** took this on by herself and ran with it from concept to execution. **Steve Mason** took the idea of a power point presentation and turned it in to an energizing and heart warming video.

To watch the **AMAZING** video click [HERE](#)

## NEW SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK

To read the **AMAZING** article click [HERE](#)



**Lobster Boil**  
Steak & Lobster Dinner  
• Silent & Live Auction  
• DJ & Dance  
June 1, 2024  
Doors Open @ 5pm  
Airdrie Town & Country  
275 Jensen Drive NE  
rotarytickets.ca  
Tickets \$100

## JAMES WHEELER DAVIDSON JUNE 5TH 2024

Please make sure you register for JWD **ASAP!!** Registration will be open for Rotarians intill **May 15th**. After that it will be open to the general public! Get your tickets right away. You will be registering through the Downtown Club website.

Click [HERE](#) to Register

## Health and Wellness

**Dilan Perera** is home recovering from his second knee replacement surgery. It will be up to 3 months recovery ... he is following doctor's orders!

**Rick Matthews** underwent back surgery May 3 (Friday) and returned home Monday. Experiencing some post surgery pain but is walking and showing good recovery strength.

**Jim Cairns** continues his rehab at Glenmore Auxiliary Hospital. He expects it will be about 8 weeks to recover from his fall and broken femur. He says he is kept busy throughout the day and is often out of his room for treatments so recommends people wait to visit him when he is home. A phone call to him is welcomed.

**Earl Huson** has been experiencing more health issues. He is waiting for information from his cardiologist following a recent angiogram and he has an upcoming appointment with a specialist regarding his essential tremors. Sometimes it's enough to get a person down!

## DISCON

Our club had a great couple of displays at DISCON. Thanks to Everyone who was apart of DISCON. Great Job!



**Youth Exchange Driver Required June 2**  
5360 Rotary Youth Exchange committee has arranged for a spring camping experience for our Youth Exchange students at Drumheller's Hoodoo RV Resort & Campground from Thursday, May 30th to Sunday, June 2nd.

We require transportation to and from the camp for three exchange students: Marino Farella and two students from Lethbridge who will have transportation to/from Calgary.

Dorothea Schaab will drive the students to camp on Thursday, but return transportation is required from the camp.

This is an opportunity to get to know these young people as they will soon be returning to their homes, ending their exchange.

If you are able to assist and have a Vulnerable Sector check on file with District 5360, please advise Dorothea Schaab of your availability at 403 660 6232 or [schaabd@gmail.com](mailto:schaabd@gmail.com)

# Partners in Print



## Book Club



Our next Book Club is on Monday, May 13th (a week earlier because of the long weekend). It is at 9:30 at The Calgary Golf and Country Club. The cost is \$20. (pay when you come). You'll need to email [janetopp@shaw.ca](mailto:janetopp@shaw.ca) to confirm your booking. A delightful brunch of muffins, scones, fruit and cheese with coffee and tea is included. We will be discussing "A New Season" by author Terry Fallis. We will have time to review one book per person too. We like to think of our book club as a place to enjoy "book talk" and visit with our dear Rotary friends. We welcome new members. **Jane Topp** and **Maureen Hutchens**.



This week's meeting link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=la2ltDsUQKA>

### Closing:

**Next week's meeting:** May 16th, 2024 Annual Stay In School Luncheon at the Rotary House. Please note that the bulletin will be coming Tuesday May 21st Due to Grayce Glassford and Megan Stokke being out of town. Don't Panic when it does not come out on Friday!!

REMINDER

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The week following we are at the Rotary House for **Telus Feedlot Health Management at 12:15pm**

### Closing words:

As you go about your business this week remember, as Rotarians our simple acts of kindness go a long way to Creating Hope in the World. Have a great Rotary week.

**Final reminder to register for next week's meeting:**  
[www.rotarystampedepark.com](http://www.rotarystampedepark.com)

# Calendar

## MAY

- 2nd: St Marys Partnership
- 9th: Rotary Profile/ Kids At Heart Info
- 16th: Annual Stay in School luncheon
- 23rd: Telus Feedlot Health Management
- 30th: PPCLI Officers Club
- 31st: Invermere Golf & Social Weekend

May						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	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	31	1

## JUNE

- 1st: Invermere Golf & Social Weekend
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- 5th: Jame Wheeler Davidson
- 6th: No Meeting
- 13th: President's Social
- 18th: Business Club
- 19th: Board Meeting
- 20th: Community Grants Meeting
- 27th: Changing of the Guard

June						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	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						

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

Sign up for meetings [HERE](#)

May 25th Glow Bowling: Location: Splitsville 3919 Richmond Rd. SW  
 Food and refreshments: Lennox Irish Pub 5909 Signal Hill Centre SW.  
 Join us by contacting: **Sjoert Zuidhof** ([zudhofsjoert@gmail.com](mailto:zudhofsjoert@gmail.com)) or  
 403-471-6275. Payment can be made by cash, check or etransfer.

May 31st-June 2nd Invermere Golf & Social Weekend: Please return your registration sheet along with your payment of the total of your choices for these events to Mark Ambrose ([markambrose@shaw.ca](mailto:markambrose@shaw.ca)), At your earliest convenience

June 18th Business Club \$20, sign up by clicking [HERE](#)