



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



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Welcome to the November 17th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. It is my pleasure and honour to be the Club's President, Jim Fitzowich.

Head Table: President **Jim** introduced Russ Kane, 1st Vice Chair, Lotteries Committee, Tracy Zehl, Director, Liaison to Lotteries Committee, Richard Agnew, Chair, Lotteries Committee and **Kevin MacLeod, Chair, Dream Home Committee**. The President asked us to imagine Steve McDonough was also sitting at the Head Table.



Announcements: President **Jim Fitzowich**

Today is World Philosophy Day, a fact I learned just 45 minutes ago on the CBC radio. Some deep thoughts to start our meeting:

Reality – Is what we see all that there is? Physicists tell us we may exist in just 4 of 11 dimensions. Alternately, we may inhabit just one of many universes, potentially infinite in number.

Free Will – Is our Universe and our lives within it pre-ordained, or does our Free will allow us to change current and future events?

Update – I don't have any answers to those questions other than to advise that as of 12:15pm today, all attempts to organize future events are done, and the meeting will be what it is.

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





Health and Wellness:

Tommy Low is at Bethany North 4 th Floor. Visitors are welcome ... mornings are best.

Gui Salazar remains in Foothills Hospital Unit 58. He welcomes visitors.

Bill Sumner has been in the Foothills Hospital for pain control from his cancer treatments. He says phone calls would be appreciated as he is often out of the room for various treatments.

Jack Thompson has been released from hospital in Mexico and is in transit back to Calgary today, and will be going to the Foothills. Myrna also advises her sister has passed away. Please contact Myrna if you wish to connect.

Dan Dunlop is home but is having mobility issues.

Ted Stack – Dorothea advises Teds mother passed away a couple of weeks ago. Our belated condolences and sympathy goes out to Ted and family. Dorothea is circulating a sympathy card.

Please keep all of these folks in your thoughts and prayers.



50/50: Jim Hutchens announced the pot being \$175 today and has a new chant, “no more Ben” as he is now the holder of largest 50/50 pot thanks to all of Neil’s Guests! Jim asked our Honoree **Neil Fraser** to pull the winning ticket. Lucky winner was **Sandy Dougall**.



Sergeant at Arms: Joe Connelly introduced a Stampede theme to his pocket picking of our members today. Victims included **Ken Copithorne, Deb Sands, Stacey Johnson, Corinne Wilkinson, Bill LeClair**, and our 50/50 winner, **Sandy Dougall**. Great job Joe!

Guests: Blake Pelham introduced our many Guests today and we welcomed them with our beloved Welcome Song. In true Blake fashion of trying to get fired from his Registration Chair position, he forgot an important Guest, Troy Fredeen, Master of all things Dream Home, so he deserves a special mention here!



Stampede Lotteries Presentation: Dana Hunter and Kevin MacLeod introduced the Lotteries Committee members in attendance and the exciting news of the final cheque presentation to our Club. Kevin also introduced the 2022-23 Dream Home Committee who are already working toward Stampede 2023. He also advised that Rotary volunteers were 15 of the top 25 sellers at the 2022 Stampede. The top sellers were: **Sarah Brown, Jim Fitzowich, Jim Hutchens, Manny Rai, Dale Struckness, Norm Rose** with the top seller being **Corinne Wilkinson**. Thanks to all for their efforts!





Stampede Lotteries Presentation:



Tracey Zehl thanked the Club for all that we do and how important our partnership is to the Stampede Board. It is important to deepen the partnership and let the community know the impact we make through Stampede Lotteries.

Richard Agnew as Chair of the current Lotteries Committee echoed Tracey's thanks and that we were an extension of the Lotteries Committee as the front face for the community during the Stampede.

He then presented the cheque to President Jim of **\$636,268.00**

This will allow our Club to continue to help the community where it is needed the most.



Social Committee:

Pat Neuman thanked **Brenda McKinley** for organizing the recent event at Stage West "Driving Miss Daisy" which was a great success. (see page 9)

Upcoming events are the potluck dinner and dance next Friday November 25 at 6 pm at the Millican Community Center. (see page 8)

The Rotary Christmas Luncheon with Partners is on December 8 at Rotary House from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at a cost of \$55/person. (see page 8)

The Social Committee is already thinking ahead to some January events. Details to be provided later. Great work!



Bulletin Editors Request for Assistance:

Our Bulletin Editor Committee is going to be short staffed in the new year. We are looking for at least two club members to assist by taking on the role of being an editor four times during the period of January through to the end of March. You would need to take meeting notes, then type your notes into a template which Sarah will use to produce the bulletin. The time commitment each time would be approximately one to two hours. Assistance is available to keep the process quick and simple. If you could provide some help, please contact **Glenn Potter**, (403) 244-4641 or email me at agpotter@telusplanet.net



Main Presentation: Introduction



Bill LeClair did the honours of introducing the video tribute to **Neil Fraser**

I am here to introduce the video of Neil Fraser but not Neil Fraser, the man. When Steve Ma-son asked me if I would do this, he sent me the video you are about to see but cautioned me not to talk about the contents of the video. That is a reasonable and logical request. So here are a couple of comments:

1. Neil, you have aged well. Sorry folks, you will have to watch the video.

2. Neil and family are all present. There was a rumor that Blake Pelham was asking for the day off from record-
ing visitors and guests as there may be too much writing involved.

Sorry again, but you will have to watch the video.

3. On a more serious note, when I was the President-elect in 2017 I circulated my planned committee lists to everyone. I walked into this building in 2017 prior to my presidency right into a discussion with Neil. I had him slated for the Greeters Committee where he had been but he told me that he really wanted to go in a different direction. I suggested that CRCF might be a good fit and moved him to that committee. I will let you be the judges of that discussion but you will have to watch the video.

4. I have to tell you the story of the Bob Brawn Family Foundation designated CRCF fund for Mental Health Wellness and Christmas 2021. Neil and I had worked on two agreements: one between CRCF and the Brawn Family Foundation and the other between the RCCSP and the Brawn Family Foundation. Those agreements now form the template for future designated fund donations to CRCF. Neil and I wanted to get the agreements signed and Bob's \$1,000,000 in place before year end. Bob was having a family get together just before Christmas and could get the signature of his daughter Kelley at that time. Bob, being the fine gentleman he is, offered to then drive the cheque and the agreement to wherever it had to go. Neil and I discussed this and agreed that if Bob Brawn was giving the Club \$1,000,000, he wasn't driving anywhere. So, I drove over to Bob's got the agreement and the cheque, drove to Neil's and Neil made sure the cheque was with the Treasurer by year end. Neil was excited to tell me in January that the Treasurer of CRCF was very happy to have received the money in 2021. None of this is in the video.

5. This is a wonderful video as are all the ones that Steve and Jamie have produced. You will learn things about Neil that you never knew.

One last thing. There could be skill testing questions at the end of the video. **There is an obscure part of the video where Neil reveals his middle name.**

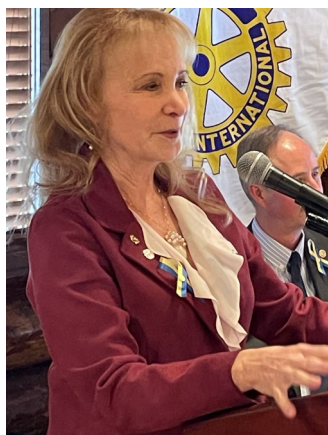


Main Presentation: Continued

Please watch the wonderful tribute to our very own **Neil Fraser**. Link is included in the Bulletin (see page 7)

As Bill noted, another wonderful Rotary Profile by **Steve and Jamie**. A standing ovation followed the video presentation.

Thanks to Neil: Sherry Austin



What an amazing video celebrating a talented and wonderful friend and fellow Rotarian! I have had the good fortune of sharing many parts of Rotary with Neil. We both joined this Club in the same year after serving in large downtown clubs for years. Terry Allen asked us both to serve on his Board and Bruce MacDonald inherited us for his year.

I remember Neil as being the calm voice of reason during spirited debates. We curled together for many seasons enjoying evening meals to discuss our athletic prowess on the ice. Through the years, we dedicated much of our Rotary time to CRCF (Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation), me with my Club Team and Neil with the centralized Board overseeing all Clubs participating in the Foundation. Our goal was to build CRCF into a recognized, charitable vehicle, where Rotarians would trust to have their donor dollars invested. I learned a great deal from this accomplished businessman.

Neil was a master of capturing the essence of the Foundation, articulating its value to the community and the donor, and marketing CRCF to all Calgary Rotary Clubs. He worked relentlessly to help clubs feel valued and part of the overall enterprise. He challenged others to share their resources, no matter the amount, to help those in need. He transformed CRCF for the entire City and has left a legacy that will continue in perpetuity. While his seemingly gentle demeanor may appear to be at odds with his quest, never doubt the master business mind and focused intent behind his endeavours. He was and is a force to be reckoned with.

As the CEO of an international company, Neil was a lifelong learner, spending much of his inhouse educational training focused on enhancing his tech skills. As a leader, mentor, and hard worker, his accomplishments in business abounded.

On a more personal note, Freda and his family were everything to Neil. Freda was a young private secretary to the CFO of Sask Power and was required to dress in skirts, hats and gloves. Neil happened upon her in the street one day and was so stricken by her demeanor that he fell in love instantly. This beautiful couple shared a love story for over 60 years travelling the world and exploring new cultures for decades. Freda was the COO of the family, loved her studies in the sciences and arts, and was a beautiful gardener. Having purchased the first lot in a new subdivision, Freda transformed that barren land in Lake Bonaventure into a garden of paradise for the family to enjoy for 35 years. Neil was so happy with his life.



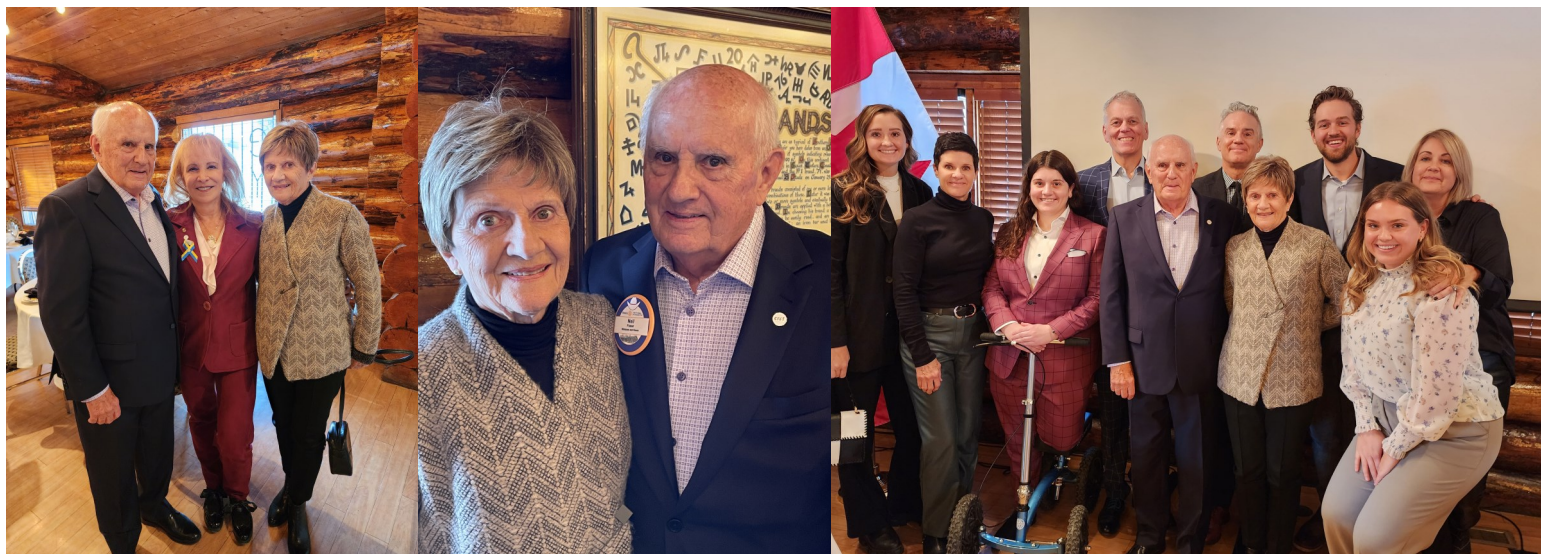
Main Presentation: Continued

Creating a new charitable Endowment for a new area of focus for CRCF is not an easy task. Steve and I owe Neil a huge debt of gratitude for shepherding our Endowment through the Rotary approval process. He is a trusted and respected professional and a cherished friend. Neil, it is such an honour and privilege to have been asked to share your continuing story with our membership. You are truly a Rotarian of significant stature whose legacy has left a compelling message of dedication and giving.

With the deepest respect and admiration, I congratulate you upon your Rotary Profile.—**Sherry Austin**

Response by Neil: Neil addressed the Club and was moved by the tribute.

He gave thanks to the Club with a special thanks to Steve and Jamie. He noted that his involvement with CRCF for the last 5 years has been very satisfying and thanked the Club for 35 years as a Rotarian. We are his Rotary family and he wanted to introduce the Club to his family who attended today: Daughter Tannis with husband Paul and their two children, Martin and Carmen and his son Todd with his wife Jody and their children Tatum and Chloe with their third child Annie writing an exam today and unable to join her family at the tribute today. Finally he introduced his wife and partner of over 60 years, Freda.



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Thank the Speaker: President Jim Fitzowich

On behalf the of Club we make a \$100 donation in your honour to the CRCF, which supports Calgary area Rotary Clubs do their good works.

**** please review the recording of the meeting for the complete presentation!****

THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/ZZOQkS2ngas>

Link to Neil Fraser's Profile: <https://vimeo.com/770061345>

In Closing:

Next Week's meeting: Is author David Mann speaking about anti-energy media campaigns. Deadline for online registrations is tomorrow November 18th .

Guests and family members are all welcome at Rotary for lunch on the 17th and it would be a good meeting for you and your guests to learn more about the media and the Canadian Energy industry. Looking forward in seeing you all on Friday November 24th

Final words:

Thought for the coming week is from Harry Truman:

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."
And with that, our meeting is adjourned.

Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week!



Final Reminder To Register For Next Week's Meeting

www.rotarystampedepark.com

Are you going to the 2023 Rotary International Convention? This time in Melbourne, Australia! If you are planning to go please let me know so I can update the names on our Website. admin@rotarycs.org



**COMMUNITY
KITCHEN**

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY !!!

Volunteers are required to build Good Food Boxes. Click on [Sign Up](#) to view available slots and book yourself directly online

Monday November 21st:

Tuesday December 6th:

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Earl Huson (403) 686-0828/ ehuslink@telusplanet.net

Ken Farn: (403) 560-6770/ kgfarn@telusplanet.net

EARL AND KEN REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING !!!



Social Club

POTLUCK DINNER AND DANCE

DINNER AND LIVE BAND

FEATURING THE MUSICAL STYLINGS OF
DANNY ROY AND ROYALTONE MUSIC

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2022

FROM 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM

MILlican OGDEN COMMUNITY HALL

2110 - 69TH AVENUE SE, CALGARY

In true potluck fashion, please bring:
An appetizer, Entree, Vegetable Dish,
Salad, or Desert
Your Own Cutlery, Dishes, Glassware
and Beverage*
(For alcoholic beverages please bring purchase receipt.)

Potluck Dinner and Dance being held on **Friday November 25th from 5:30-10:00pm** at the Millican Ogden Community Association. Live music will be provided by Danny Roy and Royal Tone Music. As a potluck, please bring an appetizer, entree, vegetable dish, salad or dessert to serve 8-10 people. Email your food selection to **Brenda McKinley** at; b-mckinley@hotmail.com or text 403-870-4292.

Bring your own cutlery, dishes, glass wear and beverages. If your beverage is alcoholic please bring the receipt for AGLC compliance. There will be a donation box at the door, suggested donation is \$20 to cover the cost of hall rental, insurance and entertainment.

Bring your friends and family, the more the merrier!



Christmas lunch with Partners is coming up on Thursday, December 8th right here at Rotary House. Doors open at 10:30 am, bar opens at 11am and event ends at 1:30 pm.

Santa will be attending, so be good.. naughty members will be noticed!

There'll be entertainment and lots of great fun.

The menu looks yummy!!

Cost is \$55 pp and you must register online at www.rotarystampedepark.com by **November 30**.

Only 128 people !! Darlene Whitmore and Marietta Maier are coordinating.

www.rotarystampedepark.com



ROTARY HOUSE,
DECEMBER 8TH, 2022
10:30 am to 1:30 pm

**Rotary Christmas Luncheon
with Partners**

*\$55/person. Please bring unwrapped toy
and/or food item for donation*



Social Club

Our Social Committee has been hard at work planning several new events.. Thank you **Brenda McKinley** for your work in planning the “Driving Miss Daisy” show at Stage West. What a great show and a fun time was had by all!!

Coming up next weekend, is the Potluck Dinner and Dance.. **Debbie Sands** was busy signing up members at the door and if you want, she will take your \$20 after the meeting. Date is Friday, November 25 at 5:30 pm. Milican Ogden Community Centre. Bring a food item to share, and dance the night away with Danny Roy and the Music Tones. Cost is only \$20 pp. (see page ??)

Next, we are planning a dinner at OMO Japanese Village on Macleod Trail in mid January.. Date to be finalized. The numbers will be limited, so sign up as soon as we give the notice!! **Sjoert Zuidhof** will be coordinating.

Our Larry Kwong Chinese New Year Celebration is on January 27 at Regency Palace... 6 pm. Cost is \$50 pp. **Keith Davis** and his crew are making this a special event, as always.

Dinner Club Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner is well underway.

There will be several social events upcoming in the New Year... be sure you register as asap as numbers will be limited.

Bottom line is more fellowship for all..stay tuned!!

-Pat Neuman—Chair of Social Clubs Committee



We would like to send a big thank you to **Pat Neuman** and her Social Events Committee for organizing Pop-Up Event tickets to Stage West’s “Driving Miss Daisy”! There were 2 weekends we got to enjoy this show. Sunday October 30th and November 13th. 2 Groups of 14 ish Rotarians and Guests met for brunch and show at Stage West! Kathy Demorest shares her experience below. We appreciate all the hard work **Brenda McKinley** put into making this event happen!



“On Sunday morning Nov 13, **myself** and several other Rotarians, Partners and Guest had a FABULOUS BRUNCH followed by the incredible performance of DRIVING MISS DAISY. This was a great show to experience together and discuss afterwards.

The Social Team has been very busy providing the Rotarians in our club with opportunities for fellowship, fun and laughter. I am grateful to join in any Pop-Up Event that interests me, and for the opportunity to choose when it works. I am really looking forward to the Potluck Dinner & Dance on Nov 25, hope to see you all on the dance floor!.” —Thank you,
Kathy Demorest





PARTNERS in PRINT

You are Invited:

**Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park
Christmas Dinner**

Date: Evening of Tuesday December 6, 2022
Location: Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club
12501 - 14 Street SW

Time: Registration: 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm.
Cost: \$50.00 per person (Please consider bringing a Guest)

Confirm Your Attendance to:

Karen Grant **NO LATER THAN November 30, 2022**
partners@rotarycs.org or call 403-239-8987

Payment via E-transfer to:

Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park
partners@rotarycs.org

Payment by cheque:

Made out to:

Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park
Mail cheque to: 3927 Vancouver Crescent NW,
Calgary, AB. T3A 0M2
Attention Karen Grant

or pay by cash at door.

Any Food Allergies, contact Kerry Stack
403 256 7201 or kerrystack@gmail.com

50/50 Draw

DOOR PRIZES

Hello Everyone,

Here is what we have been waiting for - the start of the Christmas season!!! We are excited as we have lined up some pretty special entertainment and have a few surprises in store for everyone!

If you have something you would like to donate for a door prize - flowers, wine, whatever please be in touch with Kerry Stack or me to let us know.

Looking forward to seeing you there!!!

Rhonda Yaskowich,

**President Rotary Partners of
Calgary at Stampede Park**



The Rotary Partners Entertainment (Food&Fun) Club enjoyed this wonderful, feel-good movie on Wednesday, November 16 the at Chinook Theatre. 11 Partners and 1 guest attended. The couple sitting in front of our row, commented that it was great to see so many of us together to see the movie. They asked what group we were, and we proudly told them. There was laughter, popcorn and smiles had by the group.

Submitted by **Denise MacLeod**, Chair





PARTNERS in PRINT



Bracko Home's Parade of Christmas Trees

We wanted you to know that once again The Rotary Partners have been asked to participate in The Bracko Home Store "Parade of Christmas Trees Event" Last year we were fortunate enough to win first place with your help and the help of the members of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

Again this year ten charities have been invited to participate and once again prizes will be available. The charity receiving the most items of Food under their tree will receive \$5000.00, 2nd place \$3000.00, 3rd place \$1000.00 and all of the remaining charities will receive \$500.00 just for participating. This is a win, win for THE FOOD BANK, ourselves, the other competitors as well as Bracko Home Store.

Winning the \$5000.00 last year has allowed the Partners the opportunity to support other Charities that don't have AGLC classification. As you all are quite aware the need for help this year by everyone is extremely high.

Please if you have any food items that you can donate to this very worthy cause please deliver them to the BRACKO HOME STORE 5711-6th. Street S.E. The contest runs from November 11th until December 31st. We decorated our tree yesterday and it is located on the same landing as last year, half way down the store as you go up the stairs. FYI - a case of things that contain more than one item - each item will be counted separately. In total last year from all competitors there were 9600 items donated to the Calgary Food Bank which is just amazing!

Thank you all for your help last year for making our efforts such a success. Your continued support will be appreciated by everyone!!

Rhonda Yaskowich, President

Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park

The newest blog is about multi-sector cooperation for a common cause. Thanks to the efforts of Ivan, Rocio and Bob, new contacts are made, and more families can benefit from having a BioSand water filter in their homes.

The link to the blog is: <https://capdcalgary.org/blog-en/2022/11/17/multi-sectoral-cooperation-brings-water-filters-to-isolated-areas/>

Regards, Marlene Wiens

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Calendar of Events

November 24: David Mann - Foreign Funding of Anti-Oilsands Campaigns



December 1: Adrian Smith - Acappella Road



December 6: Rotary Partners Christmas Dinner



December 8: Annual Christmas Luncheon with Partners



December 15: Hanukkah Celebration - Rabbi Illana Krygier



December 22: Cleven Awards & Christmas Social



**Christmas Break December 23rd-January 5th
See you in 2023!**

