

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the November 21st 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 2025-26:

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

Head Table (L-R) : Kaelin Mol, William Wei, Luanne Whitmarsh, President Bladon, Pat Neuman, Craig Stokke



**Presentation:
Exchange Student
Presentation**

**December 5th
Club Christmas Party
with Partners**

**Next week:
November 28th
Time Parker - Book
on Addiction**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the December 5th Christmas Party with Partners.

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

Today's Meeting:

David Field introduced our guests followed by our welcome song.



Michael Zacharki had our outbound exchange student **William Wei** draw the 50/50 ticket. The pot was \$125 and won by one of our guests **Robert Moser**!!



Craig Stokke won \$500 from Grey Cup pool.



Jim Fitzowich, our Sgt@Arms today, started by going to our 50/50 winner, but because our winner was a guest, **Jim** asked the Rotarian who brought him to add money to the pot. **Michael Vandezande** brought the guest and added \$20 to the pot! Next **Jim** asked everyone who was sitting with **Stan Chichon** to add \$2 to the pot. Next **Jim** went to **Craig Stokke** and asked how much of his winnings he would be putting in the pot, **Craig** put \$100 in the pot!

Next trivia!

Anyone who did not watch the Grey Cup adds a few dollars into the pot.

Question 1, **Bonar Irving** answered half correctly. He added \$2 to the pot and so did the rest of his table.

Question 2, **Len Hamm** answered correctly. His table pays \$2 but he does not.

Question 3, **Gordon Weicker** was not paying attention so **Jim** asked **Bryan Walton** to pick **Gord's** fine. He put \$5 in the pot.

President Jim Bladon gave a big shout-out to **Doug Hood**, **Jim Fitzowich**, **Greg Smyth**, and everyone else on that organizing committee for getting the November 11th Rotary Remembers event set up! Thank you!

William Wei our outbound exchange student has come up to give us his presentation about his year in Germany. **William** had an amazing presentation and I encourage everyone to watch the meeting video linked on page 1 to see the full presentation.

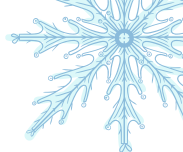


Kaelin Mol came up and gave a lovely thank you to **William** for his presentation!

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

Pat Neuman came up and introduced our HOC Members.

Someone you all know and one of the members who has worked tirelessly for the past 7 years to coordinate the Convention in Calgary next year. Co-Chair **Craig Stokke!! Luanne Whitmarsh** who is not only our Club Champion but the Liaison to the DG Christina Hassan. VP Volunteers, Farid Bedway from Rotary Calgary West VP.



Craig Stokke came up first to share some information about the convention. He shared some information on why you should be a part of this convention, this could mean volunteering or registering for the convention.

Luanne Whitmarsh came up to give us some more information. She also shared some information for **Mark Ambrose** as he was unable to attend the meeting today

Rotary International Convention – Calgary June 21 – 25, 2025 <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/>

Club Champion – **Luanne Whitmarsh**, l.whitmarsh@shaw.ca

1. Registration prices go up December 15 th – get in while the price is reduced! Go to the website above and click on Register Now! If you need help, please let me know. l.whitmarsh@shaw.ca

2. When you register, make sure you sign up for the signature events:
<https://rotarycalgary2025.org/signature-events>

3. To volunteer: <https://calgary2025rotaryconvention.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=81064>

4. For Host Hospitality: <https://rotarycalgary2025.org/host-hospitality-event-landing-page>

5. For pre and post tours: <https://rotarycalgary2025.org/pre-and-post-tours>

Here are some of the signature events

Western Ranch Showcase, Rockin' the Big Tent (Nashville North style), New Blood, Grand stand events and so much more!!!

Farid Bedwany came up next to share some information about volunteering. Please watch the meeting for all the information he shared in his presentation.



Last but not least **Pat Neuman** gave us information about host hospitality. Please watch the meeting video for more information about Host hospitality and how you can get involved.

President Jim Bladon came up and finished the meeting by making a \$100 donation in the name of **Pat Neuman, Luanne Whitmarsh, and Craig Stokke. Farid Bedwany, and William Wei** to CRCF.



Rotary Remembers

On November 11 over 230 Rotarians and guests joined together to recognize and thank the veterans whose service has ensured the freedoms we enjoy today.

The memorial began with DG Christina Hassan bringing greetings from Rotary and asking those in attendance to take a moment to reflect on Reconciliation. Christina was followed by "Oh Canada" and the invocation from Salvation Army Rev. Maj. Harold Aitkenhead.

This year's Rotary Remembers was fortunate to have three outstanding speakers.

Dr. Alana Gowdy shared her work of fiction based on a true story about a Canadian soldier protecting a French family in the middle of the Battle of Normandy.

Major (Ret) Bruce Henwood spoke about his experiences as a disabled veteran and his successful fight to ensure that disabled veterans receive proper care and support, something that, unfortunately, was lacking.

Finally, Major (Ret) Bob Wade shared some of the many interesting and humorous stories from his days as a fighter pilot in the RCAF. As this year is the 100 th anniversary of the RCAF, Major Wade provided a history and his view toward the future of the RCAF.

President **Jim** presented the Honour Roll recognizing the service of both the living and deceased members of the Rotary Club at Calgary Stampede Park as did the presidents of the other clubs in Calgary.

The formalities of the memorial ended with "God Save the King" and then we sat down to a wonderful lunch and great Rotarian fellowship.
Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event successful.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

November is Rotary Foundation Month
Committee members will be at front desk Nov 21st and Nov 28th

CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH PARTNERS



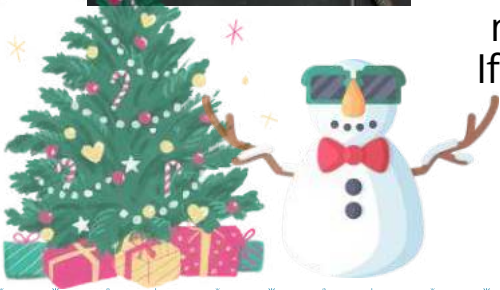
Melanie Todd came up to give us some more information about the December 5th Christmas Party at 11 am at the Cayon Medoaws Gold Club which is \$60 per person. You **MUST** be registered and pay before this event. If you need help registering for this event you can contact **Brenda McKinley** and she will help you get registered.

Email: b-mckinley@hotmail.com Phone: [403-870-4292](tel:403-870-4292)

Please remember to bring an unwrapped toy or a nonperishable food item for the Partners tree at Brackos. If you are unable to attend the Christmas Party but want to bring a toy, you can bring the unwrapped toy to **Allan Johnson's** office anytime before December 20th.

Allans contact information

allan.johnson@labelink.ca [403-931-3204](tel:403-931-3204)



CASINO

January 7th and 8th at Cowboys Casino. There are a number of shifts available! Please reply to **Lynn Grant's** email for the shifts!

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE CAMPAIGN

There are 4 shifts left on December 21st. Please contact **David Read** to secure your shifts at nread@telusplanet.net [403 271 5856](tel:403-271-5856)

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Norm Legare had some bad news regarding some cancer, He is undergoing some treatment right now.

Janet Matthews had hip surgery and is recovering well.

Earl Huson is recovering from heart surgery and is doing well.

Hugh Delaney has pneumonia but is recovering well. **Hugh** is also turning 94 on November 25th!!!

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From the External Communications Committee

Earlier in September we had a notice in the Bulletin that the Club was planning on refreshing Rotary House including the Display Cases in the reception area. This project was taken on by the External Communications Committee headed by **Janet Matthews** and **Dilan Perera**. We are pleased to announce that the Rotary House Upgrade project and budget have been approved by the Board. The Stampede in-house carpenters will be starting on the project, including the upgrading of the Display cases, in the coming weeks. The new cases will include many storyboards of the history of Rotary, our Club, and many of our projects. The Past President's photos have been removed from the cases and are now mounted in large multi-photo frames to go into the refurbished cases. In the next couple of weeks all the other pictures, memorabilia, and trophies will be moved to the Rotary office to be reused or stored as appropriate. If anyone can take anything they need at the next three meetings before Christmas, such as trophies and awards, it would be helpful. The nameplates in the Paul Harris and CRCF displays are the responsibility of the Foundations Committee. They are being replaced with more modern Boards. There will be no change to the recorded names, but the CRCF Board will have a much better layout. We have over 600 PHF name plates and rather than throwing them out we will save those of current members, their families, and friends and take them to the office. If you would like to have any of these, they will be available starting next week at the front desk, but only until the end of December. Stay tuned for further news on this Project either from the podium or in the Bulletin. In the meantime, if you have any questions check with **Dilan Perera**, **Janet Matthews**, or **Sandy Dougall**.

KIDSPORT AND THE CALGARY FLAMES SPORTS BANK

KidSport and the Calgary Flames Sports Bank hosted an Outfitting Day with the Wranglers on November 13th. Six members of the Wranglers joined us to help outfit kids in hockey gear, making it a memorable day for the kids and families coming in. The visit included a tour of the warehouse, Spolumbos sausages, and a chance to mingle with families and Wrangler players as they assisted in outfitting kids with hockey equipment. Our Kids at Heart donation of \$95,500 to KidSport will enable over 270 kids to be involved in sports programs this year! **Jim Hutchens** and **Dale Struksnes** attended the event on behalf of our Rotary Kids at Heart program.



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Stan Cichon was recognized by the Calgary Catholic School system with one of the highest awards given to educators and molders of young minds.
Congratulations **Stan** on the ASCTA Award



We are excited to inform you that our Communication Request Form is now up and running on [RotaryStampedePark.com](https://rotarystampedepark.com).

Here is a direct link to the form: <https://rotarystampedepark.com/event-submission/>

And here is a link to our Event Submission Form Tutorial - [Watch Video](#).

We will no longer be accepting submissions via email. Those who continue to submit requests and information through email will be redirected to this site. (When you submit the form Grayce will automatically receive all of the information and there are no other steps to be taken)

Admittedly, this is new, and new can come with challenges. We request that anyone who has trouble or sees room for improvement regarding this form or process, please reach out directly to **Chad Hason** at chad@agencyatlas.ca. He will be happy to address your concerns and is dedicated to making this a good fit for everyone - if he needs to adjust something, he will add it to the second phase development plan.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY!

1. Grayce has done a great job of setting up a coffee station in the Club office! Call her to make sure it is a time she is in the office, and stop in to have a coffee!
2. For those who have not paid the membership fees – please do so as soon as possible. These funds are necessary to operate our Club. Reminder invoices will go out next week.
3. I am going to be updating the Member Handbook – any suggestions for changes can be submitted to me by November 30th, please.
4. All compliments and complaints about the food at Rotary House must come to me!



Closing:

Next week: **November 28th - Time Parker - Book on Addiction**

The week following: **December 5th - Club Christmas Party with Partners**



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

NOVEMBER

- Nov 7th: Surge Basketball
- Nov 11th: Rotary Remembers
- Nov 14th: No meeting
- Nov 21st: Exchange Student Presentation
- Nov 28th: Tim Parker - Book on Addiction

SOICAL EVENTS

- Oct 26th: Ironwood Stage 1pm
- Nov 17th: Grey Cup Party Riverbend Station
- Nov 26th: 10 pin Bowling at Splittsville
- Dec. 5th: Christmas Party with Partners
Canyon Meadows Golf Club

| NOVEMBER | | | | | | |
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DECEMBER

- December 5th: Members Party Christmas Event
- December 12th: Chris Dinsdale (CEO of YYC Airport Authority)
- December 19th: Christmas Social & Clevelen Awards
- December 25th: CHRISTMASSSSSSSSSS
- December 26th: No Meeting

| December | | | | | | |
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