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at Stampede Park

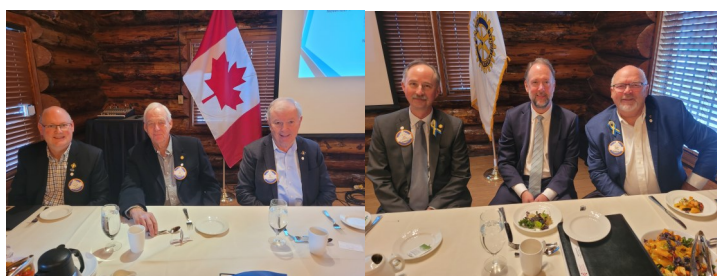


## RCCSP Weekly Bulletin November 24th, 2022 Volume Number 68, Issue Number 18

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**Welcome to the November 24th 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:** (from L to R) **Mike Ruttan, Don Gass, Bill LeClair, President Jim Fitzowich,** Guest Speaker David Mann, and **President Elect Bryan Walton.**



**Announcements:** President **Jim Fitzowich**

Today is Thanksgiving in the US. **Chas Filipski** is our only member today from the US.

Some interesting information:

There are 330M American's and with the 46M turkeys sold equates to 3 pounds per person!

The American Turkey Association say that 62% of Americans love turkey AND they also have ham as their side dish. Today is not a good day to be a turkey or pig in the US! Also, the US tradition of pardoning a turkey at the White House continues. The President pardons "Tom" the Turkey. Jim got to thinking that being pardoned means you committed a crime – so seeing how there are a lot of turkeys in our crowd, if he was to pardon all of the Members for their crimes, we would not have time for lunch or program!

You will notice I am wearing my Paul Harris pin as today is the last meeting in Foundation month. Some history of the RI Foundation:

1917 – The RI Endowment (Foundation) is started at the convention by outgoing President Arch Klumph.

It starts with contributions of \$26.50.

1930's – The first foundation grants are used to help disabled children.

1947 – The foundation starts its Peace Scholarship programs.

1979 – Rotary starts its campaign to eradicate polio, a multi-year, multi-billion effort.

Today – the foundation has dispersed over \$4 billion in global grants over its history, including \$7.5 million annually for scholarships alone.

**President Jim** thanks everyone for their generosity!



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

**Acknowledge Members Who are in Attendance:** **Bob Brawn** was recognized for having received the Order of Excellence award! Bob – well deserved!

**Visitors and Guests:** **Blake Pelham** started by fining himself for teasing our President last meeting, and for being called out, and many, many more atrocities that went on and on and on... What a fun time! Then, Blake introduced the guests (a huge long list) and we delighted in our signature Welcome Song! **President Jim** thanked Blake for his funds and for the extraordinarily long presentation!

### Health and Wellness:

**David Read** advised of the following:

**Tommy Low** has sadly passed away today. We send our condolences to his family.

**Gui Salazar** remains in Foothills Hospital Unit 58. He welcomes visitors. He hopes to be home in December.

**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. He is eating well and that is good progress!

**Jack Thompson** is back in Calgary, and is in the Foothills, but may be home tomorrow awaiting further medical intervention. Please contact **Myrna** if you wish to connect.

**Dan Dunlop** is home but has mobility issues.

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

**50/50: Jim Hutchens** had no story for us today! But he had great news – we beat our record from last week and had \$180.00 to give to someone! Our visiting Guest, Narda Ramkissoon, from Trinidad and Tobago won the funds!

**Announcement: Walter Flores** updated the Club that we are proceeding with Youth Exchange after 2 years of it being halted for Covid. There will be lots of information in the link below – but please consider being a host family or incoming counselor. See Walter or **Stacey Johnson** for more information. Walter asks us all to review the information in the link and please help provide a wonderful experience being a host family or incoming counselor. To view the link please click [here](#).

**Announcement: Glen Godlonton** removed **Deb Sands** red stripe. Deb is appreciated for all she does!



**Announcement:** **Deb Sands** and **Darlene Whitmore** on Social Committee updates in the bulletin. Jim thanked the social committee for all of their work.



Upcoming events are the potluck dinner and dance tomorrow, Friday November 25 at 6 pm at the Millican Community Center.

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.

**Only 31 tickets remaining!!** (see page 7)



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](mailto:agpotter@telusplanet.net)

**Announcement:** **Mike Ruttan** on Foundation update and pin presentations:

**Bill LeClair**, Leader

**Don Gass**, PHF+4

**Bryan Walton**, PHF+2



As this is 'Foundation Month' Mike gave a short update on CRCF. It is an endowment funds with donations from Calgary's Rotarians. The funds will be there in perpetuity and the interest is what goes back to the Clubs. At the end of February 2022 there was \$60M in CRCF and our Club donated \$8.2M to this. There is also designated endowments bequeathed through CRCF (Snuggs, Stella, Brawn, Austin). We are truly grateful for all donations and funds. Rotarians are the stewards of this fund and we are able to hire top notch fund managers to assist.

The operating costs of CRCF are less than .1%. Through covid this was our Club's only income. In 2021 we received \$250K, in 2022 \$280K and in 2023 we will receive \$310K. The committee is **Mike Ruttan**, **Sandy Dougall**, and **Neil Fraser** if you need any information.

**Editors Note:** **Luanne Whitmarsh** would like to give a huge shout out to the Meeting Experience Committee! For all you do, you are appreciated! From preparing the room, greeting us, registrations, 50/50 draws, etc. you all make the weekly meeting so amazing! Thank you!



**Announcement:** Glen Potter recognized Bev Ostermann.



President Jim and Fellow Members:

On behalf of the Bulletin Editors Committee it is a pleasure to welcome Bev Ostermann and his wife Dianne to our meeting this morning. Bev served as the Chair of the Bulletin Editors for more years than our records go back. He prepared schedules, which we all had to change due to travel and personal reasons and he would help to arrange a sub or if none available he would step in and see the bulletin notes were submitted. He helped to ensure that this vital part of our club persona was maintained.



Please join us in paying tribute to Bev's dedication to Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. **Thanks Bev!!**



**President Jim** thanked Bev for all he did for our Club and hope we see him and his wife whenever they are available.

**Main Presentation: Introduction**

Speaker Introduction: **Bryan Walton**

David Mann is a partner with the law firm of Dentons Canada. David has over thirty years of experience in the insolvency area and is the National Lead and the Calgary Chair of the firm's Restructuring, Insolvency, and Bankruptcy group.

**Experience:** David has extensive experience in insolvency matters, having appeared regularly before Alberta's Bankruptcy Court and Court of Appeal, as well as having made submissions to the Ontario Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. David has acted for lenders, debtors, receivers/trustees, creditors/counterparties, DIP financiers, and acquirors in a variety of insolvency proceedings. He has also had extensive involvement with financial/derivative contracts in a variety of insolvency proceedings, including such proceedings as Enron and Androscoggin.

**Background:** David was born in Calgary and graduated from the University of Alberta with an LLB (Dean's List) in 1989. In addition to his legal practice, David is involved in a number of ventures in such sectors as agriculture, debt recovery, and wealth management. In his spare time David enjoys travel, the outdoors and sports of all types, particularly tennis and chuckwagons. In 2019, David served as counsel to J. Stephens Allan in Mr. Allan's capacity as Commissioner of Alberta's Public Inquiry into Foreign Funding of anti-Alberta Energy Campaigns.



## Main Presentation: Continued

**Speaker:** David Mann

David is here, as is Steve Allan, but David is the designate to talk today! The report is done and given to the Ministry, but the story did not get the attention it deserved. Link to the full report is here: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/public-inquiry-into-anti-alberta-energy-campaigns-report>

Some highlights from this very informative and engaging presentation are:

The inquiry began in July 2019 and we had a very good team. There was a clear term of reference from the government for us to adhere to. We were to investigate if foreign funding was being invested in Alberta in anti-energy efforts. The final report was submitted to the Minister of Energy, Honorable Sonja Savage on July 30, 2021 and to the public October 21, 2021.

The team reviewed 200K documents, numerous emails, tax returns, websites, etc. The findings were YES, there was foreign funding working very hard against Alberta resources. One of the many challenges was the US government does not track the same way as Canada does which resulted in many 'deep dives' to align information.

Since 2006 when Premier Ralph Klein drove a huge truck to Washington to promote the resources in Alberta and to align relationship with our US partners is when the dedicated effort from the US began looking to curtail the growth of Canada's resources.

The recommendations in the report focus on many 'go-forward' plans. Please start at the recommendation section of the report as that will help guide you through the 650 page document. And, so now what? The story did not get much attention, and we encourage you to tell 2 people and so on. Always fact-check before you believe something – there is so much misinformation out there... Talk to your MLA and MP. The anti-energy foundations are working harder than ever. Additionally, the foundations are targeting agriculture, eggs, milk, and anything else they can do.

Thanks so much for your time to hear this information. We are grateful for your attention.

**Thank the Speaker: Brad Brewster** thanked David for a very interesting presentation. Brad learned some new information and now happy he does not have to read the full 650-page report! Thanks!

**Thank the Speaker: President Jim:** 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.





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

**THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK:** <https://youtu.be/R54JPjyBUts>

**In Closing:**

Next week's Guest Speaker is Adrian Smith of Acapella Road. Deadline for online registrations is November 25th .

Guests and family members are always welcome at Rotary for lunch and the 1st would be a good meeting for you and your guests to enjoy another Arts community presentation.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday December 1st!

**Final words:**

Thought for the coming week is from Orson Welles:

*"If you want a happy ending, that depends, of course, on where you stop your story."*

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](http://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](mailto:admin@rotarycs.org)

<https://rotarycs.org/page/who-s-going-to-the-convention/>



**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

**Tuesday December 6th: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Earl Huson (403) 686-0828/ [ehuslink@telusplanet.net](mailto:ehuslink@telusplanet.net)  
Ken Farn: (403) 560-6770/ [kgfarn@telusplanet.net](mailto:kgfarn@telusplanet.net)

**EARL AND KEN REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!  
THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING !!!**



## Social Club

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# POT LUCK 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 10:30am, 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](http://www.rotarystampedepark.com) by **November 30th**.

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

[www.rotarystampedepark.com](http://www.rotarystampedepark.com)



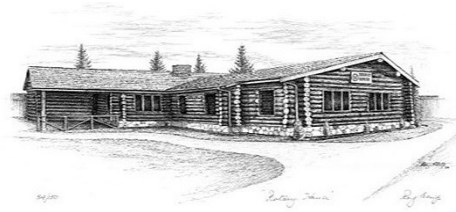
ROTARY HOUSE,  
DECEMBER 8TH, 2022  
10:30 am to 1:30 pm

*Rotary Christmas Luncheon  
with Partners*

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



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## 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



Just a quick reminder that our "CHRISTMAS DINNER" is coming up in less than two weeks! If you haven't signed up yet please do so soon. It looks like it is going to be a great night full of entertainment as well as a couple of surprises. Unfortunately the city is working on 14st so you must take CANYON MEADOWS DRIVE SW to enter the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club. You can confirm your attendance by contacting Karen Grant, see poster for details.

Look forward to seeing you and enjoying fun and fellowship!! -**Rhonda Yaskowich,**

**President Rotary Partners of Calgary  
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The Community Service Funding Committee (formerly Project Research Committee) was very pleased to donate to the Veterans Food Bank. Denise MacLeod, Chair and Rhonda Yaskowich, Partners President, presented a cheque for \$5,000 to Brenda for their *Christmas Care Program*. This program provides a good number of veterans with food, a turkey or ham, and gifts for all members of their family.  
- **Denise MacLeod** Chair







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### 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**

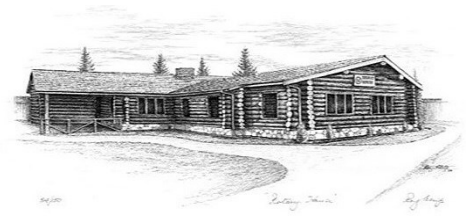
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Good Morning!

It is a warm, sunny morning, a welcome change from torrents of rain!

I invite you to read the blog about a prize won by the rural program of Fandic. It is well merited. Fandic Rural program captures the hearts of all involved because it is so very much needed. I hope to tell you some stories of families visited in future blogs.

<https://capdcalgary.org/blog-en/2022/11/24/fandic-rural-program-wins-first-prize/> **Regards, Marlene Wiens**



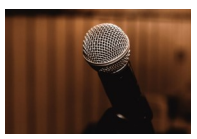
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# Calendar *of Events*

**November 25: Pot Luck Dinner and Dance**  
**Milligan Ogden Community Hall 5:30-10:00pm**  
**Email Brenda McKinley**



**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!**

