

# ROTARY NEWS

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**Welcome to the November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Gordon Weicker, and I am honored to be your President for 2025/2026.**

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

Head Table (L-R) : Rudy Ruberto, Valentin Franunknecht, Myrna Dube Thompson, President Gordon Weicker, Alan Tennant, Jim Hutchens



**Presentation:  
 Alan Tennant**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>  
 TBD**

**Next Thursday  
 December 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas  
 Party with Partners**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the December 11th Meeting.

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

# Today's Meeting: **David Field** introduced our guests followed by the welcome song.



**Neill Magee** asked our inbound exchange student Valentin Franunknech to pull the \$145 50/50 draw. **Don Taylor** had the winning ticket!!!



Rudy Rurberto delivered an energetic and entertaining Sergeant-at-Arms session with a political twist, inspired by Calgary's newly inducted council and the prime minister's visit to the city. He guided members through a series of lighthearted political trivia questions, assigning humorous fines along the way. **Don Mintz, Dana Hunter, Jim Bladon,** and **Bryan Walton** each took their turn answering **Rudy's** creatively crafted questions, earning both laughs and modest penalties for themselves and their tables. Shifting gears, **Rudy** collected Happy Bucks. **Bruce McDonald** shared an amusing parking-lot encounter, and **Mel Gibson** contributed Happy Bucks tied to last week's winnings and some extra to our new Rotary House.

**Rudy** then invited members to guess what was "different" about him—a missing red stripe—before hinting at a mystery culprit responsible for removing it and issuing a collective fine should the responsible party be identified. He closed with a reminder of the true order of authority: the mayor governs the city, the prime minister governs the country, and the Sergeant-at-Arms governs the meeting. **Rudy's** segment brought strong energy, plenty of laughter, and great club spirit.

## ROTARY HOUSE update

**Murray Flegel** reported on the New Rotary House

Approximately \$80,000 raised so far. **Murray** highlighted that all donations are eligible for tax receipts, encouraging contributions of any amount. The goal is to wrap up the campaign by the end of December, and members can submit their checks to **Grayce, Penny Leckie, Sherry Austin,** or **Murray Flegel**. Donations over \$1000 will get there name on the builders wall in the new Rotary House.

**David Bissky** tells us about the upcoming **Business Club** meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm. This is a great opportunity for network so bring family, friends, and anyone who would be interested in Rotary or talking business. More under Announcements.



**Rick Jakubec** provided an update on volunteer positions currently needed for Community Kitchens. Members interested in helping can find additional details in the announcements section.

**Valentin Franunknecht** our inbound exchange student shared with us his first few months in Canada, **Valentin Franunknecht** is from Munich, Germany, and is spending the year in Canada. **Valentin** is currently staying with the McIsaac family. He shared insights about Germany's culture, school system, and his musical performances, as well as his first impressions of Canada, including the differences in public transportation and taxes. Valentine is excited to explore the country, meet new people, and embrace this unique cultural experience. I have linked Valentin's presentation [HERE](#)



**Jim Hutchens** introduced our guest speaker. **Alan Tennant**, a distinguished leader in Calgary's real estate industry. **Alan** has served as President and CEO of the Calgary Real Estate Board since 2011, guiding a team of 54 staff and representing more than 8,000 members. With over 40 years of experience, **Alan** has held numerous leadership roles, including President of the Calgary Real Estate Association, chair of industry councils, and board member for charitable organizations. He has been recognized with awards such as CRB Realtor of the Year (1995), honorary life memberships in local real estate boards, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, and the 2020 AEN Award for Excellence. A grandfather of four, **Alan** enjoys skiing, cycling, and reading thrillers. Today, he will share his insights on Calgary's real estate market and what the future may hold.

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**Alan Tennant**, President and CEO of the Calgary Real Estate Board (CREB), spoke to the Club about the important role realtors play in building communities. Drawing parallels between Rotary's volunteer-driven mission and CREB's commitment to supporting members and clients, **Alan** emphasized that real estate is about more than homes—it's about connecting people to the right communities at the right stage of life.



He provided an overview of Calgary's 2025 housing market, noting a shift toward a balanced market after the high demand of previous years. Sales of detached and semi-detached homes were steady, while the condo market shifted to favor buyers due to increased supply. Key economic factors, such as oil prices and interest rates, have influenced these trends.

**Alan** also highlighted CREB's efforts to support its nearly 8,700 members across 13 regions, including professional development, training, and modernized office spaces designed to enhance member experiences. Finally, he shared insights into the CREB Realtor Community Foundation, which has contributed over \$9.3 million to housing-related charities since 1987, including recent grants supporting safe and dignified housing for vulnerable Calgarians. Alan emphasized that realtors, like Rotarians, play a vital role in strengthening communities and ensuring everyone has access to safe, secure housing.

Click [HERE](#) to see Alan Tennant presentation

**Myrna Dube Thompson** thanked **Alan** for his insightful presentation on Calgary's real estate market and highlighted the ongoing need for supportive and affordable housing in the community. She emphasized that while many in the room have adequate housing, hundreds in Calgary do not, and that addressing affordability is crucial to preventing increased homelessness. **Myrna** acknowledged the role of government at all levels but noted that solutions require time and resources. She expressed hope that Rotary's granting programs could support small-scale initiatives now and potentially evolve into a long-term legacy project addressing affordable housing. She concluded by praising the work of the CREB Foundation and its impact on the community.



**President Gordon** thanked **Alan** for this presentation before announcing that we will be making a \$100 donation the CRCF in recognition of his educational presentation.

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

## [Announcements](#)

### Pictures from 2025 Dream Home presentation to the winners

Please watch this amazing video of the Dream Home Winners learning that they won this beautiful house! Click [HERE](#)



# Announcements

## Community Kitchen Volunteers

Community Kitchen Volunteers Rotary and Community Kitchens in (NE Calgary) are looking for volunteers for December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1PM to 4PM. This three-hour shift requires a volunteer to be on their feet three hours and to fill food hampers. Over the years our rotary club has contributed 3-5 volunteers per shift to this charity. Your help will be greatly appreciated. If you can make it, please respond to [rjakubec@shaw.ca](mailto:rjakubec@shaw.ca) and I will put you name on the list. Thanks, **Rick Jakubec**

# Business Club



ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK  
BUSINESS CLUB MEETING

The Ammonite & Ammolite Business Networking & Refreshments to follow **KORITE**

🕒 6:00 to 8:00pm **DEC 8**

Join us at: Unit 167, 3953 112 ave SE

Get your \$20 tickets by Dec 4th at: [rotarystampedepark.com](http://rotarystampedepark.com)



**Amarjeet Grewal** will be discussing the Ammonite and Ammolite business. We'll hear **Amarjeet's** story, get a peak at the showroom (Christmas is coming!) and enjoy networking time along with some snacks and refreshments.

## Cleven Award Nominations

Cleven Award nominations are open until December 3<sup>rd</sup>. the application can be found on the club website linked [HERE](#). Please send any nominations to **Steve Mason**

## Health and Wellness

**Hugh Delaney** was thrilled to receive the birthday wishes from the club. He is in Unit 59 at Rockyview Hospital. **Hugh's** message to all: Stay healthy and try to catch up to him age-wise....

**Marlene Weins** is continuing to recover from her bike accident. **Bob** and **Marlene** are looking for some meal assistance. If members or partners are able to help out that would be appreciated.

Here is an article from the University of Calgary featuring **Benno Nigg!!!!**

[Click HERE to read!!!](#)

# Announcements

## Stampede Designated Fund

Board Resolution unanimously recommended by the Legacy and Stampede Liaison Committees and approved unanimously by the Board of Directors:

In recognition of the long-term relationship and collaborative partnership the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park has shared with the Calgary Stampede, the Board resolves to establish a designated fund in the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park Community Service Fund, a registered charity. The purpose of the Designated Fund is to accumulate receipts from donors, bearing the notation "Stampede Designated Fund", with the goal of accumulating \$250,000 by December 31, 2025. Once \$250,000 has been accumulated, the balance in the "Stampede Designated Fund" will be donated to The Calgary Stampede Foundation and the "Stampede Designated Fund" will be closed.

### STAMPEDE DESIGNATED FUND (FOR NEW ROTARY HOUSE DONATIONS)

To conclude December 30, 2025

- Tax receipts will be issued by our Club.
- Our Club will establish a Donor Wall in our new Rotary House to recognize donors.
- CanadaHelps website: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/Rotary-club-of-Calgary-at-Stampede-Park-community-service-fund/campaign/rotary-house-designated-fund/>
- E-transfers need to be sent to [Donations@rotarycs.org](mailto:Donations@rotarycs.org). Notation must be made: To be applied to the Stampede Designated Fund.
- Cheques should be made payable to Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. They should bear the notation, for "Stampede Designated Fund"



### Items to bring to the December 4th Christmas Party

- Unwrapped toys- for Salvation army
- Non perishable food- FoodBank

iNN from the cold - they will not accept items not on this list and items need to be new.

### Critical Needs List

#### Winter Gear

- **Winter boots** for all family members: Babies, Children, Teens, and Adults.
- **Snow pants** for all family members: Children, Teens, and Adults.
- **Snowsuits** for babies.
- **Winter jackets** for all family members: Children, Teens, and Adults.
- **Thick winter mitts** for all family members: Children, Teens, and Adults.

*Please note that we have a high need for sizes large and x-large.*

#### Additional Essentials

- Laundry soap
- Body wash
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Diapers and training pants (all sizes)
- Diaper Genie refills
- Shaving items

#### General Wear

- **Sweaters/Hoodies** for all family members: Babies, Children, Teens, and Adults.
- **Sweatpants/Pants** for all family members: Babies, Children, Teens, and Adults.
- **Baby clothes** (sizes 0-3T): Shirts, Pants, Socks, and Sweaters.
- **Short and Long-sleeve shirts** for Children and Teens.
- **Underwear** for all ages

# Rotary

Club of Calgary  
at Stampede Park



## Rotary Foundation Month

**Doing Good in the World – Locally and Globally**



The Rotary Foundation  
La Fondation Rotary du  
Canada

## The Rotary Foundation (TRF) (Canada)

**Mission:** To enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is the charitable arm of Rotary International and the primary provider of funds to further Rotary's mission. Founded more than 100 years ago, TRF has invested over \$4 billion in sustainable, life-changing projects. Together, we are winning the fight against polio! TRF has also raised more than \$75 million for humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

The Rotary Foundation is funded by:

- Annual Fund – main source of club and district grants
- PolioPlus Fund – fighting to eradicate polio worldwide
- World Fund and Global Grants which have received approval from RI

TRF supports both international and local projects. Each year our club receives \$4,000 for scholarships, \$4,000 for youth programs, and has funded many projects through District Grants. Through Global Grant leveraging, our contributions multiply many times over.

☑ Recognition: All donations receive a Canadian tax receipt and count toward Paul Harris Fellow awards.

### How to Donate to The Rotary Foundation (TRF):

Go to <https://www.trfcanada.org/> and then click on Ways to Give

- **Donate Online:** By credit Card. Link in this section will take you to TRF donation page. Various Funds are explained and if unsure as to your choice select Annual Fund
- **Donate by Cheque:** Payable to The Rotary Foundation (Canada). Either download form and mail it or simply drop cheque off at the front desk during November.
- **Donate Public Securities:** Download the information sheet provided. Contributing appreciated securities to The Rotary Foundation (Canada) will benefit you in two ways:
  - You may avoid paying capital gains taxes
  - You will receive a charitable tax deduction
- **For Help :** call 1☑866☑976☑8279. Or talk to Foundations Committee members who will be at the front desk throughout November to assist you.



# Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF)

Established in 1972, CRCF is unique to Calgary. It manages the funds donated by members of the 12 Calgary Rotary Clubs. Funds are invested professionally, and each year 5% of the average balances are distributed back to the clubs. CRCF operates with minimal overhead, apart from investment management fees. Three of our members sit on the Board.

At February 2025, CRCF managed \$68.3 million, with \$12.4 million being held for our club. Your Donations go to the General Fund or can be directed to the following designated funds.

- Stella Fund - for Special Needs Transportation.
- Brawn Family Fund - for Mental Health
- Austin Fund - for Animal Welfare
- ASB Fund- for Education

Last Year the Club donated over \$500,000 of CRCF funds to various local community organizations. Some of the notable ones include.

- Hospice Calgary \$110,000
- Alex Community Health Centers \$52,850
- Foothills Hospice \$27,950
- And from Stella Designated funds - Step by Step Intervention Society \$74,555.

In June 2025 we received \$377,000 and the expected distribution in June 2026 is \$541,000

## How to Donate to CRCF:

- **Online:** Visit <https://www.calgaryrotaryfoundation.ca/contribute> ☑ Contribute online. Add Club name & designation if desired (Stella, Brawn, Austin, or ASB).
- **By Cheque:** Payable to CRCF. Drop at the front desk in November, or mail to PO Box 34040, Westbrook PO, Calgary T3C 3W2.
- **E-Transfer:** Send to [calgaryrotaryclubsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:calgaryrotaryclubsfoundation@gmail.com). Include your address (for tax receipt), Club name and any fund designation.
- **Donate Public Securities:** Visit <https://www.calgaryrotaryfoundation.ca/contribute> ☑ Download the Transfer of Securities Form
- Ask any Committee member for help. We will be at front desk during November.

🙏 **Thank You for Your Ongoing Support**

**Together, through TRF and CRCF, we make a difference — locally and globally.**



## **Closing:**

Next week: December 4<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party with Partners (No walk ins)

The week following: December 11<sup>th</sup> - TBD

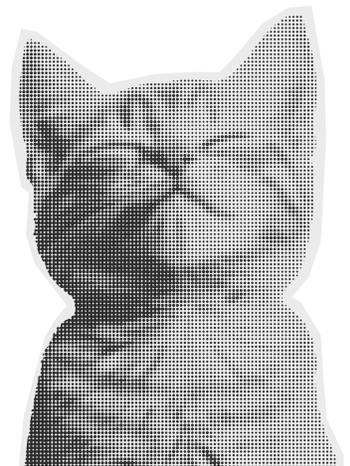
## **Closing words:**

I recently read this and found it to be quite thought provoking:

“You can seem like a millionaire to one person and a homeless person to the next. The ants think you are a giant, and the trees don’t even notice you. You think you have a boring life, but the next person might be striving for your lifestyle. Comparison is the thief of joy, so stay kind and keep loving life. Life is all just a game of perspective.”

Please think about that as we

“Unite for Good”



# Calendar

## NOVEMBER

- November 6<sup>th</sup>** - Cheryl Bernard
- November 11<sup>th</sup>** - Rotary Remembers
- November 13<sup>th</sup>** - No Meeting
- November 20<sup>th</sup>** - Kyle Burks
- November 27<sup>th</sup>** - Alan Tennant



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## DECEMBER

- December 4<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Party at Silver Springs
- December 11<sup>th</sup>** - TBD
- December 18<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Social
- December 25<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Day (no meeting)



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### DATES TO REMEMBER - SAVE THESE!!

- November 7<sup>th</sup>** - Peruvian Dinner
- November 14<sup>th</sup>** - Candlelight Theatre
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>** - A Winter's Night
- December 4<sup>th</sup>** - Club Christmas Party at Silver Springs Golf Club
- December 12<sup>th</sup>** - Cheese Fondue at City and Country Winery