

### RCCSP Weekly Bulletin November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Volume Number 69, Issue Number 18

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# Welcome to the November 30th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Bryan Walton, and I'm honoured to be the President of this Club for 23-24.

**Head Table**: Pat Neuman, Myles Hamilton, Dr. Sjoert Zuidhof, President Bryan Walton, Dr. Ed Pajor, and Amarjeet Grewal.



Please join everyone as we sing O'Canada and Rotary Grace!



To watch the recording of the Meeting click <u>HERE</u> and to view more photos from today's event click <u>HERE</u>.



#### **Announcements:**

**Health and Wellness**: Health and Wellness contact for November and December is **Brenda McKinley:** phone 403 870 4292 email: b-mckinley@hotmail.com

**50/50**: Norm Rose pulled the lucky 50/50 ticket for Bob Steele! Bob returned the money to go to the Ukrainian Fund! Thanks, Bob!

**Partners Book Club Christmas Luncheon:** December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Calgary Golf and Country Club. 10:30 arrival with coffee and tea, presentation, book discussion, lunch served at 12:00. Our guest speaker is Tamara Smith from "It's a Crime Not to Read". We will be making a presentation from our book club. Lunch will

be Turkey Pot Pie with side salad and lemon Posset with fresh berries. Cost is \$40 all-inclusive. Please respond to janetopp@shaw.ca before December 15<sup>th</sup> so we can reserve your spot. Please let me know if you have allergies so we can order you an alternative lunch. Hope to see you there.

President Bryan and a few others are going to Edmonton this weekend as our Club has been awarded the Ukraine Crisis Humanitarian Aid Award. We are being honoured the Ukraine Crisis Humanitarian Aid Award. Well done to everyone in our Club!

Jack Thompson was the Sargent at Arms today and he had some troubles finding some wise men that could answer the question about wise men! Lots of laughter and some money in the bank!

Myles Hamilton presented his classification talk. He has been married for 39 years and has a son and daughter. He owns a flax seed company in Regina. He loves to golf! He is very active in his church and has helped to successfully build a new church plus he helped to build a huge addition to another (the second one will be offering ESL, meals, clothing, etc. Myles is the Director of a Venture Capital Agriculture Company. Myles currently is the Committee Chair of the Programs and Tours, and is a member of Golf,

Communications, and Mattamy future planning. He is really enjoying Rotary and getting to know the membership!

Pat Newman updated the Club on social events. The Christmas party is **sold out!!** The main page of our website has all of the events listed there and whom to contact.

President Bryan acknowledged the award the Pat received from her home Club: Pat was so pleased to receive a beautiful piece of art from Jessie's (The June Caldwell Centre for Young Women) in Toronto, which thanks the Rotary Club of Toronto Foundation for the donation made on behalf of Pauline Hill's Endowment Fund. She said it was so special to be instrumental in this donation.







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## Main Presentation - Dr. Ed Pajor PhD Professor at UofC - Animal Welfare

Amarjeet Grewal introduced Dr. Pajor. (please watch the video to hear of his exceptional credentials).

Dr. Pajor is a professor at the UofC Veterinarian faculty. He has partnered with the Stampede to review the practises and responses to the concerns that have been raised. It is admirable that the Stampede was so open to invite an external review. He is a specialist of observing and assessing animal behaviours – basically how to 'read' the animals. The various components of several research projects showed the animals are not in distress – in fact they are generally excited and ready to perform, and then they return to calm. The humans were handling the animals



very well. One of the recommendations was to significantly reduce the number of humans that were behind the shoots as that seemed to be an agitator. The Stampede followed through and it really was successful.

Regarding the Chucks and Heavy Horse events, the team made some minor changes that were adopted. One recommendation was very impactful – the horses were given water immediately after their event, and this assisted the animal to return to calm sooner.

(What an interesting presentation. Be sure to watch the video for the whole talk.)

Sjoert Zuidhof thanked Dr. Pajor for his very interesting presentation!

## To see his entire presentation please watch the recording of today's Meeting click <u>HERE</u>, to see more photos of , click <u>HERE</u>.

There was lots of great content in today's Meeting. We highly recommend you watch the recording of the Meeting to see all of the exciting news and to witness the amazing accomplishments of our Club!!! The link for the recording is above, as well as the photos from today's event.

#### 2023 Kettle Campaign

The Salvation Army has been busy preparing for the 2023 Kettle Campaign. The money we raise from the Kettle Campaign in Calgary is used to support our shelters and community programs. These funds help our residents, clients and the community. The Kettle Campaign would not be a success without the help of our wonderful Behind the Shield volunteer community.



Club of Calgary at Stampede Park



As our city grows and Kettle locations are added, it has become more difficult to fill each of our Kettle volunteer shifts. As we know, a Kettle without a volunteer or employee does not generate money for our programs. This year, we will have three Kettle volunteer locations. In addition to these three volunteer locations, we have partnered with a recruitment firm to fill the remaining Kettle location shifts. The combined volunteer and employee model will help ensure every single Kettle shift is full, allowing us to help even more people in our community!

Please watch your email as the volunteer locations and shifts will be released in the coming weeks.

If you are interested in joining our year-round volunteer database, please email <u>cscalgary.volunteerservices@salvationarmy.ca</u>. Volunteer requests for both regular volunteer positions and special events, such as coat drives, kitchen opportunities, Stampede breakfasts, and more, are sent through this database.

We are excited to share more information about the Kettle Campaign as we get closer Christmas.

Thanks again for everything you do Behind the Shield, **The Volunteer Services Team** The Salvation Army Community Services (Calgary) 420 - 9th Ave SE Calgary, AB T2G 0R9 P: 403 410-1109

#### Salvation Army Kettles at Marlborough Mall: December 20th, 3-5 pm and 5-7 pm

## THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK:

## https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UW\_YnRl5qcI

### In Closing:

**Next week's Meeting:** December 7<sup>th</sup> we are with our Partners for the Annual Xmas Luncheon right here at Rotary House.

**Closing Words:** As you go about your business this week remember simple acts of kindness go a long way to *Creating Hope in the World.* 

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



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#### President Teresa, along with her daughters Megan and Emily, were joined by Past President Rhonda Yaskowich and Kerry Stack to decorate the Rotary Partners Christmas Tree at Bracko Home Store.

Let's make a huge difference once again this year for the Calgary Food Bank! Delivery your nonperishables as indicated in the flyer.





Rotary Partners for Food Bank Fundralser ANNUAL BRACKO HOME STORE PARADE OF CHRISTMAS TREES

ALL FOOD DONATIONS GO TO THE CALGARY FOOD BANK

Please drop off food donations to Bracko Home Store under the Rotary Partners Christmas Tree Anytime between November 18 to Jan 1.

BRACKO HOME 5711 BLACKFOOT TRAIL SE CALGARY, AB T2H 117 MON-FRI 10:00 - 6:00 SAT 10:00 - 5:00 SUN 12:00 - 4:00







December 7th: Annual Christmas Luncheon





December 14th: Judge Marlene Graham—A Justice's Comments on Addiction



December 21st: Cleven Awards

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