

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the November 6th 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) : Michael Ruttan, Spencer Tonkinson, Evan Strong, President Gordon Weicker, Cheryl Bernard, Myles Hamilton



**Presentation:
 Cheryl Bernard**

**November 11th Rotary
 Remembers at the
 Carriage House Inn**

**Next Thursday:
 NO MEETING**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the November 20th meeting.

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

Today's Meeting:

David Field introduced our guests followed by the welcome song.

Michael Zacharki asked our guest speaker, **Cheryl** to pull the \$180 50/50 draw. **Sherry Austin** had the winning ticket and donated her winnings to the CRCF endowment for animal welfare.

Sgt-at-Arms **Spencer Tonkinson** gave his own happy bucks then cracked down on our members with some sports related questions.



Sherry Austin and **Murray Flegel** reported on updates to our new Rotary House, highlighting that the Stampede has been very cooperative with

our club's vision. The design concept includes an expanded entrance that will clearly identify the building as a Rotary facility. Some of the original logs and memorabilia wheels will be reused to honour the building's history. Inside, there will be a feature wall, a spacious meeting room, newly renovated kitchen, and improved accessibility. Although there has been some delay in obtaining permits, the goal remains to begin construction in the first quarter of this year if possible. More information on donations can be found under [Announcements](#).



Wendy Giuffre spoke on the upcoming **Business Club** meeting on December 8th . 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](#).

CRCF **TRF**

November is Rotary Foundation Month! **Michael Ruttan** shared that the Rotary Foundation (TRF) distributed \$417 million in 2023–24, and over \$6 billion since 1947. Our club supports TRF through PolioPlus, Disaster Response, and the Annual Fund, helping to promote peace, fight disease, support education, and improve communities worldwide. Every donation makes a lasting impact locally and globally. More under [Announcements](#).



CHERYL **BERNARD**

Myles Hamilton introduced our speaker **Cheryl Bernard**, a 2010 Olympic curling silver medalist and President of the Canada Sports Hall of Fame, spoke about the transformative power of sport, emphasizing its role in building resilience, teamwork, and leadership. She highlighted the importance of youth engagement, noting that nearly half of girls quit sport by age 17, and stressed the need for role models and accessible facilities. Bernard also shared her experiences with Special Olympics, underscoring the value of sportsmanship and community support.

Evan Strong thanked Cheryl for her time today. Watch the meeting video [HERE](#).



Announcements

Salvation Army Kettles

Salvation Army Kettle Campaign starts November 14th
We have 3 Saturdays in a row - Nov 29, Dec 6, Dec 13, all at Chinook Mall with location to be determined and advised. Shifts are only 2 hours in duration, starting at 10am and the last shift will be 6pm to 8pm.

Please call David Read to get your shift.
Phone: [403-921-5856](tel:403-921-5856)

Host Family Needed

The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park and the Rotary Club of Calgary Downtown require a host family from mid-March, 2026 through July, 2026



Meet our 2025-2026 Inbound Student:

16-year-old Valentin Frauenknecht from Munich, Germany

- Fluent in English and German Languages
- Activities: enjoys drama, movies, music
- Attends Henry Wise Wood High School (Elbow Drive and 75th Avenue SW)
- Ready to experience new cultural events
- Enjoys preparing German cuisine

You can provide a student with an opportunity to experience different cultures and family traditions. Families do not need to be affiliated with Rotary to host Rotary Youth Exchange Students. Change a child's life and create an experience of a lifetime for you and them. Rotary Youth Exchange Changes Lives Whether you're a student or a host family, Rotary Youth Exchange opens doors, opportunities and minds.

For more information on the Host Family program or for an application to host, contact **Dorothea Schaab** at [403 660 6232](tel:403-660-6232) or email schaabd@gmail.com



Next week: There will not be a Thursday meeting in lieu of the Remembrance Day Ceremonies on Tuesday at the Carriage House Inn

Health and Wellness:

November Contact: Dorothea Schaab
[403 660 6232](tel:403-660-6232) schaabd@gmail.com

Justina Penner has returned to Trinity Lodge and continues her recovery.

Hugh Delaney remains at Rockyview Hospital and is now in unit 59.

Marietta Maier has resigned from the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede park for health reasons.

Busines 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
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Join us at: Unit 167, 3953 112 ave SE

Get your \$20 tickets by Dec 4th at:
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.

Announcements



"Hello everybody,

It's now the beginning of a new month so I have filmed a recap on the last month, I know last time you had asked for a written report about the month and I have done that too, however Downtown club has also asked for the videos and my parents are curious too, so I still filmed a video. I will attach it again just in case, as well as the written report and a couple photos from this month. I know usually in the bulletin each blurb is accompanied by a photo so I thought I would add some, I'm going to attach a few and let you decide which one because I can't decide. I also recognize that I've written a lot. There's just so much that has happened that I would like to share! If you want me to make it shorter I can just let me know how long you'd like me to make it.

"Hello Rotary!

I'm Abigail, your outbound exchange student currently in Italy. It's hard to believe my second month here has already come to an end! In the beginning of October we went on a rotary trip to Sardinia for our orientation camp. Italy has a multi-district so this meant that every exchange student in Italy was there, making just under 200 people. I really enjoyed getting to meet everyone and exchange pins with them. My blazer is really getting full! This month I also attended a Rotary meeting and participated in the banner exchange. The meeting I went to the district governor was there and I exchanged banners with him as well meaning I have two banners to bring home for you, the district banner and my host clubs banner!

I also went on a trip to the Italian alps with my host family and I had a lot of fun. I thought it was very interesting because they weren't really anything like the mountains we have in Canada. I was surprised that we drove almost halfway up the mountain to a town! I hadn't expected that people lived on the mountain, especially since in Canada the mountains are mostly only hiking trails. Another thing that was surprising to me was the cows. They all had cow bells around their necks. I had only seen this in cartoons before so I hadn't realized it was a real thing! Especially since our cows in Alberta don't have bells around their neck.

Lastly, It's started to get cooler here. I think it's been around 15 degrees, which for me is perfect, however the Italians think it's freezing! They're all bundled up in big winter coats, my host sister even has a coat from Canada that she wears. However this coat looks like a coat I would wear for our -30 degree weather so it's very interesting to see her put it on for 15 degrees!

Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity! I wouldn't be able to learn these things or experience our culture differences without you guys! I am so grateful!"



See video **HERE**

-Abigail McIsaac

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.

As presented at the meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park on October 2, 2025:

- Any amount donated to the Designated Fund is welcome.
- Tax receipts will be issued by our Club.
- Our Club will establish a Donor Wall in our new Rotary House to recognize donors.
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- 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 and cheques are acceptable.
- E-transfers need to be sent to Donations@rotarycs.org. Notation should be made that they are 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".

from the **ARCHIVES**

Event from 1985:



5. Rotarian and Children Evening

This event is planned to involve Rotarians and the children or grandchildren of Rotarians. It is an opportunity for the kids to get to know each other, for the kids to get to know something about Rotary and for Rotarians to spend some enriched time with an important part of their family.

This year's Rotarian and Child night was held at Heritage Park on September 27. It included excellent entertainment, hay rides around the park and an excellent baron of beef meal. About 100 members and children attended.

We hope this program will become an annual event.

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. 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.

PARTNERS in PRINT



INVITATION TO THE ROTARY PARTNERS CHRISTMAS DINNER CELEBRATION

Join us for an evening of festive cheer, delicious food
and holiday spirit!



Tuesday, November 25, 2025
Cost: \$65.00 per person

We encourage you to bring a guest – the more, the merrier!
Ugly Christmas Sweaters welcome (but optional)

Location: Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club
12501 – 14th Street SW
Registration: 4:00pm / Dinner: 5:30pm

MENU

Roasted Butternut Squash Soup with Crème Fraiche (GF)
Roast Turkey with Sage Dressing, Pan Gravy & Relish
Seasonal Vegetable Medley & Roasted Fingerling Potatoes
Grand Marnier Crème Brûlée with Fresh Berries (GF)
House Baked Rolls
Freshly Brewed Coffee & Tea Service



Get your cash ready! The 50/50 and Christmas Basket Raffles are
CASH ONLY (who knows – you might go home with a festive prize)
Tickets are: 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00

Need a ride? We've got you covered! Contact Pat Farn at 403-271-5567

Confirm attendance, payment and dietary restrictions/allergies by
November 18th to Karen Grant 403-239-8987 or partners@rotarycs.org ONLY

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season with
friends!





Closing:

Next week: November 11th - Rotary Remembers (This replaces the November 13th luncheon)

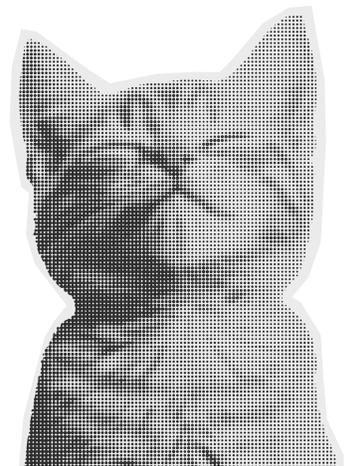
The week following: November 20th – Kyle Burks from the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo. Sign up [HERE](#)

Closing words:

If you don't know what to pursue in life right now.

Pursue yourself.

Pursue becoming the healthiest, happiest,
most healed, most present, most
confident version of yourself.
Then the right path will reveal itself.



Calendar

NOVEMBER

November 6th - Cheryl Bernard

November 11th - Rotary Remembers

November 13th - No Meeting

November 20th - Kyle Burks

November 27th - TBD



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DECEMBER

December 4th - Christmas Party at Silver Springs

December 11th - TBD

December 18th - Christmas Social

December 25th - Christmas Day (no meeting)



December						
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DATES TO REMEMBER – SAVE THESE!!

November 7th - Peruvian Dinner

November 14th - Candlelight Theatre

November 22nd - A Winter's Night

December 4th - Club Christmas Party at Silver Springs Golf Club

December 12th - Cheese Fondue at City and Country Winery