



**RCCSP Weekly Bulletin October 12th, 2023**  
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**Welcome to the October 12th 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: (L to R) Rudy Ruberto, Marino Farella, Gail Williams, President Bryan Walton, Steve Mason, and Corrine Wilkinson**



Please rise and join me, and Vitallia on the piano, in the singing of O'Canada and Rotary Grace.



**Cleven Awards :** **Steve Mason** shared; "We're about to enter a one-month nomination period for the most important award in this club, the Cleven Award and the nominations open today.

They will close on the 16th of November.

The committee will select recipients on the 23rd of November and the Cleven Award will be presented at our Christmas social here at Rotary House on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

The link to the nomination form on our club website will be in the bulletin. And we'll have copies on the tables next week just to remind you. In addition to the nomination form, we require a supporting letter so start thinking about who to nominate now.

Nomination forms and letters can come to me when you see me, by email - [steve@talkinglightmedia.com](mailto:steve@talkinglightmedia.com) or to Sarah. Thanks!"

For the link to the application in PDF, click [HERE](#) or for the link to the application in Word, click [HERE](#)

**To watch the recording of the Meeting click [HERE](#) and to view more photos from today's event click [HERE](#)**





## Announcements:

**Health and Wellness:** Health and Wellness contact for October is **David Read** Tel 403-271-5856 or 403-921-5856 or email [nread@telusplanet.net](mailto:nread@telusplanet.net)

**NORM DEVITT Norm Devitt** No change in Norm Devitt from last week. He had Thanksgiving dinner at home. Doreen is still looking for a place closer to home. He enjoys visits. He is at Father Lacombe room 401 west wing, the address is 270 Providence Blvd SE, Calgary, AB T2X 0X2. He is happily awaiting visitors!!

**Mel Gray**, PP 1995-96, passed away Sunday morning of pancreatic cancer. We will pass along any additional information on how to reach family members and a Celebration of Life as they become available. See his Rotary Profile [HERE](#). We had a moment of silence in his honour.



**Visitors and Guest: Greg Smyth** did a great job introducing our few guests today including our favorite, Troy Fredeen!

**Photographers:** The photography Committee would love a few more Members, if you are interested please reach out to **Glen Godlonton** [glen@godlonton.com](mailto:glen@godlonton.com)



**Sgt. At Arms: Rudy Ruberto** wore several hats today! He introduced the speaker, was Sgt. Of Arms, and did Greeting at the door. Way to go Rudy!! As Sgt. Of Arms, he did a wonderful job draining some pockets for Rotary today.

**50/50: Jim Smith** made us all laugh, as usual, at his role in 50/50 today. The pot was \$175 and went to **Carol Rosdobutko!!**

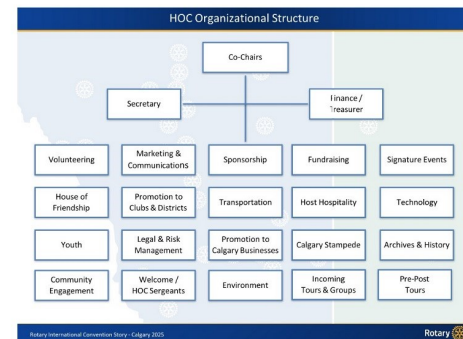


**Poppy Fund: Len Hamm** let us know the details about the Poppy Fund this year. They are having a Meeting with Volunteers for training and information on October 21st, Saturday, at the Horton Legion at 11:00am. **They are looking for as many Volunteers as possible.** Please contact Pat Lotzer at 403-615-3200 if you are able to help.

## 2025 Convention Volunteers

**Craig Stokke**, HOC Chair for the 2025 Rotary International Convention is requesting Volunteers in the above mentioned areas. If you are able to volunteer, please email **Luanne Whitmarsh** at [l.whitmarsh@shaw.ca](mailto:l.whitmarsh@shaw.ca)

Signing up for “anywhere you need help” is not helpful, please choose an area (or 2) to Volunteer in when submitting your requests to help. Thank you—Convention Committee.



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and to view more photos from today's event click [HERE](#)



## Main Presentation— MARINO FARELLA—ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY at STAMPEDE PARK 2023-24 INBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT



**Rudy Ruberto**, wore his last hat of the day and introduced our Speaker, Marino Farella.

Marino's bio below. Please watch the recording of the Meeting to see his entire presentation.

- Inbound male student from District 2120 in Southern Italy
- Sponsor club: Rutigliano e Torre dell 'Uva
- Turned 17 on September 18, 2023
- Born and resides in the historical town of Rutigliano near Bari which is in the "heel" of south Italy
- Lives with his parents and an older sister who is attending university
- Loves soccer; is a super fan of INTER, the famous soccer club of Milan, Italy
- Enjoys watching TV series with family, cooking, and has a passion for travel and beautiful locations
- Current Host Family (late August to end of November): Stacey & Kathy Johnson
- Next Host Family (December through March 2024): Anne-Marie Simoneau & Frans Hettinga
- Third Host Family (April 2024 through mid-July): **Yet to be determined (see page 8)**
- School: Current student at Crescent Heights High School – grade 12
- Member of Scouts Canada – Attached to Scouting in Italy for past 10 years



**Gail Williams** Thanked our Speaker and praised Marino for stepping out of his comfort zone being a 17 year old boy in a new country. You did a fantastic job Marino!!

**President Bryan** concluded with; "Marino in recognition of your time with us today we will be making a \$100 donation to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation which supports local initiatives here in our community."

**To watch the recording of the Meeting click [HERE](#)**





## Calling All Snowbirds!

Are you travelling to warmer climates this winter and expect to be seeing your “winter Rotary friends” in far off places?

Are you willing to join the brand new “RI 2025 Snowbird Marketing Team?”

RI 2025 is coming to Calgary June 21 – 25, 2025, however, out of respect for the Singapore RI Convention in 2024, we are not starting an intense marketing effort until June 2024. BUT – we can absolutely start to encourage winter Rotary friends to put the Calgary RI convention in their calendars.

Just looking at where our club’s Snowbirds travel, we have far reaching channels into US and Europe. There is no better marketing than you sharing your love for where you live, and talking up RI 2025 with the very people we need to talk to – fellow Rotarians worldwide.

All you need to do is take a stack of one-page marketing sheets that I’ll coordinate - nicely shrink wrapped to tuck into your suitcase. You simply put one or two sheets on each table at your winter Rotary clubs each week. If they disappear GREAT! If they are left on the table, simply gather them up and put them out again the next week. You will get a stack of 150 sheets.

You don’t need to do a power point presentation, and you don’t need to formally speak to your home away from home club unless of course you are very comfortable and happy to do so. I will also develop a page of suggested things to do in and around Calgary, and how Rotarians might like to spend some time here in 2025 in case they ask you.

All I need is your name, and the city you are spending winter in. You can let me know by email at [corinne@whitehathospitality.com](mailto:corinne@whitehathospitality.com), by phone at 403.471.2101 or see me at an upcoming Rotary meeting.

Thanks so much “Snowbird Marketing Team”! This is an incredible opportunity to get the word out to Rotarians around the world with our only cost being printing. You are our greatest Ambassadors and word-of-mouth is still one of the all-time greatest marketing strategies!

Please let me know by October 31 so this can be coordinated for mid-November. THANK YOU! - **Corinne**

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## Elections

As **President Jim** mentioned, it is election time. As immediate Past-President of the Club I have been tasked with chairing the Nomination Committee this year. According to the bylaws of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, the election process for President-Elect Nominee, Treasurer and 3 Directors is declared **open today, October 5, 2023**.

For the newer members, on the first day of an election, the Chair of the Nomination Committee must inform the Club of the nomination process. So here we go: The nomination process will be open for candidates from the club membership for a three (3) week period, closing at 12:00 pm on October 26, 2023. At that time, acceptance of additional nominations will cease. Nominations from Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park members can be submitted for each of the following positions: President-Elect Nominee, Treasurer, and three (3) Director positions.

Nomination forms for all positions are on Clubrunner. Members are requested to prepare a nomination form for each nominated candidate, and the form must be signed by the nominee showing their willingness to serve, if elected. Again, these forms must be dated and submitted to the Club Secretary, **Luanne Whitmarsh no later than 12:00 pm on October 26, 2023**. In the event we have more nominations submitted than there are positions to fill, we will then have an election.





Ballots will be electronically mailed to Club Members with a response requested within two (2) days. Ballots must be sent to the attention of myself. All candidates involved in the election process will have a short profile published in the bulletin prior to the election.

Here are the qualifications for the open positions:

**The President-Elect Nominee must meet all of the following criteria:**

- (a) Has been a Member of the Club for at least five (5) years and a Rotarian for at least eight (8) years,
- (b) Has served on the Board of Directors for at least one term,
- (c) Has demonstrated a strong commitment to the objects of Rotary throughout their tenure in the Club,
- (d) Is a Member in good standing of the Club having maintained 70% attendance in the previous two (2) years prior to his nomination and,
- (e) Has demonstrated a strong commitment to all Club expectations for involvement in Club activities such as committee work and fund raising activities and in particular, completion of Dream Home shifts as required by the Club.

**A Director Nominee must meet all of the following criteria:**

- (a) Has been a Member of the Club for at least three (3) years,
- (b) May not have served on the Board in the previous three (3) years in any position,
- (c) Must have demonstrated a strong commitment to the objects of Rotary throughout their tenure in the Club,
- (d) Is a Member in good standing in the Club having maintained seventy (70) % attendance in the previous two (2) years prior to his nomination and,
- (e) Has demonstrated a strong commitment to all Club expectations for involvement in Club activities such as committee work and fund raising activities and in particular, completion of Dream Home shifts as required by the Club.

**A Club Treasurer Nominee must meet all of the following criteria:**

- (a) Must be a Chartered Accountant or have similar designation,
- (b) Has been a Member of this Club for at least five (5) years,
- (c) Must have demonstrated a strong commitment to the objects of Rotary throughout their tenure in the Club,
- (d) Is a Member in good standing in the Club having maintained 70% attendance in the previous two (2) years prior to his nomination and,
- (e) Has demonstrated a strong commitment to all Club expectations for involvement in Club activities such as committee work and fund raising activities and in particular, completion of Dream Home shifts as required by the Club.

The current Club Vacancies are as follows: President-Elect Nominee, Three (3) Directors, Club Treasurer.

The Club Treasurer and three (3) Directors will serve for a two year term commencing on July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2026. The President-Elect Nominee will serve in that capacity until July 1, 2024. At that time; they will assume the role of President-Elect and serve for one year from July 1st 2024 to June 30, 2025. On July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026 they will serve their term as President of our club.

Following our Club's bylaws, the President-Elect is entitled to nominate from the Membership, their candidates who meet the stated criteria for the positions of Secretary and Director. Our current **President-Elect Jim Bladon** will submit his nominees for the vacancies of Club Treasurer and Directors by the deadline. The Past Presidents of our Club met and they present **Gordon Wiecker** as President Elect Nominee.

As a reminder, any announced nominees are not intended to exclude any nominations from the general membership. Our Club bylaws provide for an open election wherever there are more nominations than vacancies to fill. Each week until October 26, I will announce the names of any additional nominees that are put forward from the general membership. So, I know this is a lot to take in and I thank you for your attention today. All this information is outlined in our Bylaws and of course you can reference them again if you wish.

Now lastly, I offer a sincere thank you to any members who are willing to allow their name to stand for any position. Thank you. -Past President Jim Fitzowich



## Rotary Remembers 2023—Speaker Dr. Stéphane Guevremont

Rotary Remembers 2023 is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th, at 10:30 at the Carriage House Inn. Tickets are \$50 and include an address by speaker Dr. Stéphane Guevremont, the reading of Club Honor Rolls, the Moment of Silence, a Rotary Family War Story, and lunch.

Tickets are available online. Click [HERE](#) for Tickets. Doors will open at 10:00 with rush seating.

Dr. Stéphane Guevremont is a professional and independent military historian. In the past he has been a military history professor at Mount Royal University and taught in the Faculty of Continuing Education at the University of Calgary. He is also a speaker and media commentator.

His talk is titled, **“UKRAINE AND THE WORLD: The International War”**

Dr. Guevremont will talk about the international ramifications of the Ukraine-Russia war. He will begin by laying out the background of Western involvement with Ukraine from 1991 to 2022.

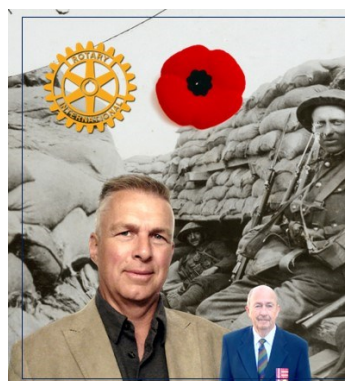
Dr. Guevremont will describe conflicts of interest emerging between various nations since the war began. He will discuss political intrigues, corruption, and other forces at play regarding energy, food supplies, and other impacts on world economies.

As for the conflict itself, he will explain the unique organizational structure of the Ukrainian army, which differs from that of Canada, the USA, and Britain. Of particular interest, he will provide an overview of the International Brigades made up of volunteers from neutral nations and various anti-Russian countries in the region.

Stéphane Guevremont also organizes tours of Canadian battlefields in Europe. In his spare time, he plays several sports and does volunteer work with seniors and high school students.

The M.C. will be last year's keynote speaker, Jim Hennessy. The event will be produced by Robyn Braley and the Rotary Remembers Committee, which includes representatives of most Calgary Rotary Clubs.

- For tickets go to Click [HERE](#) for Tickets
- For further information contact Doug Hood, Chair, at [hoodfinancial@shaw.ca](mailto:hoodfinancial@shaw.ca)
- Friends, family, and former Rotarians are welcome!
- Registration deadline: Sunday, November 5th, 10:00 PM



### Rotary Remembers November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**UKRAINE AND THE WORLD  
The International War**

Date: November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Speaker: Dr. Stéphane Guevremont  
M.C.: Jim Hennessy  
Place: Carriage House Inn  
Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
Cost: \$50.00 - Buy on District Website  
Registration Deadline - November 5, 10:00 pm



## 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.

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 [cscalgary.volunteerservices@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:cscalgary.volunteerservices@salvationarmy.ca). 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







**THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK:** <https://youtu.be/jE38eBCWcus>

## In Closing:

**Next week's Meeting:** We are back here at Rotary House on October 19 to hear from Gem Munro and the good work of the Amarak Society.

**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 by tomorrow morning**



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



Host Families are still needed for our incoming exchange student, Marino. Contact **Gail Williams** if you or someone you know may be able to help.

[gailwi45@telus.net](mailto:gailwi45@telus.net)




### Host Families Needed

The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park  
requires host families  
(September, 2023 through July, 2024)

Meet our 2023-2024 Inbound Student, 16-year-old Marino  
**Farrella from Italy**

- Lives in the historical town of Rutigliano, Bari in the south of Italy
- Is close to his parents and older sister who is attending university
- Loves soccer; super fan of INTER, the famous football (soccer) club of Italy.
- Enjoys watching TV series with family, cooking and has a passion for travel and beautiful places.
- Will attend Grade 11 at Crescent Heights High School




#### Who Can Be A Host Family?

- Any caring and responsible family with an interest in hosting a young person from another land.
- Families with small children make great host families. Young children experience having a Big Brother or Sister; Exchange students may share a new language for the young children.
- "Empty Nesters" or retired couples often have more time than younger families to spend with the exchange student and they enjoy having a young person to host.
- Families with high school age children help the exchange student integrate into the school activities.
- Single parent families or single adults make good hosts.
- Families do not need to be affiliated with Rotary to host Rotary Youth Exchange Students.

#### How Long Will I Host a Rotary Youth Exchange Student?

The typical length of stay is about two to four months. This provides the student with an opportunity to experience different cultures and family traditions. The student is in Calgary from late August 2023 to July 2024.

**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 Gail Williams  
or email [gailwi45@telus.net](mailto:gailwi45@telus.net)  
Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park







# Partners in Print

Partners Book Club Meeting October 16th ,2023

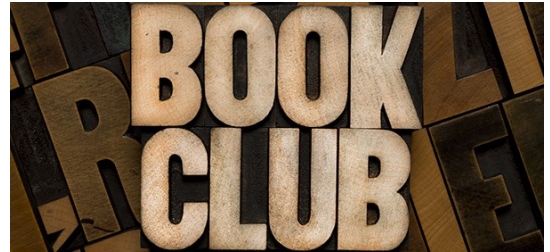
Our next meeting is on October 16th at 9:30 at The Calgary Golf and Country Club.

We are looking forward to having **Joe Connelly** as our guest speaker. He will give us a brief overview of his new book, "RESULTS MATTER" at 9:30- 10:00.

Our regular book discussion will begin at 10:00. Please email [janetopp@shaw.ca](mailto:janetopp@shaw.ca) by October 13 to let us know if you plan to attend. The cost is \$20 for a yummy breakfast buffet of coffee, fruit, muffins, cheeses and scones.

Come to discuss, trade and hear about BOOKS.

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving and plan to attend. **Jane T and Maureen H**



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## "Sounds of the Caribbean Islands" get ready for that winter vacation.

**Potluck with Music from the Caribbean "** is fast approaching.. Your Social Committee is hosting a Potluck night with music from the Islands (entertainment by the one and only Calysto Steel-band) on **Saturday, October 28.**

**Location:** Riverbend Community Association, 19 Rivervalley Dr. SE.

**Time:** Guests arrive at 6 with dinner at 6:30

**Drinks:** \$5 each (wine and beer)

**Dress:** "Winter holiday, Caribbean clothes." Think of the warm soothing sun, beaches and lots of rest and relaxation...a tropical shirt and bermudas for the guys; sundress for the gals, and you are ready to go..or, just dress casual!! Dancing shoes a must!!

**Cost: \$20 pp and a potluck dish to serve 6/8.**

Reserve your seats by contacting **Brenda McKinley** ([b-mckinley@hotmail.com](mailto:b-mckinley@hotmail.com) or 403-870-4292)

**Don't delay!!**

Payment made directly to **Brenda** and let her know what you will bring for the potluck.



**"Sounds of the Caribbean Islands.."**  
Get ready for the winter vacation...

**Potluck Dinner and Dance**  
Get your shorts, flowered shirts and dancing flip flops on and come out to the party  
October 28, 2023  
Riverbend Community Association  
19 Rivervalley Drive SE. Calgary

Doors open at 5:30, dinner 6:30  
Entertainment by Calgary's one and only  
"Calysto Steelband" \*  
Liquor sales of wine and beer \$5 each

\$20 per person, please email, text or call  
Brenda McKinley with confirmation of  
attendance, dish and payment  
[b-mckinley@hotmail.com](mailto:b-mckinley@hotmail.com)/403-870-7292



# Welcome Back to Rotary House

**October 19th:**

**GEM MUNRO—Amarok Society**



**October 26th:**

**Yuliya Gorbach - Update Ukrainian Project**



**November 2nd:**

**RCCSP Silver Linings—Youth Mental Health**



**November 9th:**

**No Meeting—In lieu of Rotary Remembers on the 11th**

**November 11th:**

**Rotary Remembers—  
Remembrance Day Celebration -  
Carriage House**



**Rotary Remembers**  
November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**UKRAINE AND THE WORLD**  
The International War

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M.C.: Jim Hennessy  
Place: Carriage House Inn  
Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
Cost: \$50.00 - Buy on District Website  
Registration Deadline - November 5, 10:00 pm