



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



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Welcome to the October 13th 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 left to right; **Alan Hrehirchuk, Kevin Macleod, Past President Craig Stokke, President Jim Fitzowich, Oleksander Danyleiko - Consul General of Ukraine and President Elect Bryan Walton,**



First order of business is to acknowledge the Ribbons for Peace Committee members. They all stood and we gave them a huge round of applause for the fantastic event they put on last night!

Announcements: President Jim Fitzowich

In honour of our guest speaker today, I am going to share some of Canada and Ukraine's shared history:

1870's – "Galician" farmers and miners settle in Manitoba and British Columbia. They were from the province of Galicia in the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

1891 – Settlers Iwan Pylypow and Wasyl Eleniak of Galicia settle in the Edna Star area NE of Edmonton. They describe themselves as "Ukrainians".

1890's – Dr. Josef Oleskiw, professor of Agriculture at the University of Lvov, is invited by the Canadian Government and CPR to do a survey of agricultural conditions in Western Canada and encourage Ukrainian settlers to come to Canada. Topsoil here is still classified as "Chernovim" – "Black Soil" in Ukrainian.

Today – Canada has the highest population of citizens who claim Ukrainian ancestry outside of Russia and Ukraine.

President Jim proudly shared a photo of his Ukrainian Grandparents, and the framed photo sat at the head table with him.



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





Announcements Continued:

Health and Wellness: : **Jim Fitzowich**; **Gui Salazar** is in Foothills Hospital and cannot yet take visitors. Also, the celebration of life for Ed Whittaker is on **Monday at 2 pm at the Glencoe Golf Club.**

Guests: **Blake Pelham** introduced our visitors and guests followed by the Welcome Song.



50/50: **Ben Steblecki** asked Oleksander Danyleiko, our guest speaker to pull the lucky ticket. **Don Gass** was our lucky winner today of \$140, Don donated the winnings to the Ukrainian Fund. Thanks Don!

Sergeant at Arms: **Jack Thompson** (who says 'at my age, I take my time wherever I go"!) Jack took the opportunity to quiz the crowd with bits from the Rotary Canada magazine. First – **Sarah Brown** kicked it up right, then **Keith Davis** had a couple of goes at it and then got it right, and **Ken Copithorne** got charged \$10.00 for being a smarty. **Glen Richardson** – Mr. Car – finished up with the type of vehicle, the motor type and other stuff I know nothing about! Finally, Jack asked all members to consider putting up to \$5.00 to support the Indigenous people that RI President Jennifer Jones connected with while she was in Calgary.

Minute Speakers:

Announcement: Rotary Foundation. **Kevin Macleod** presented RI pins to:

Kathy Demorest presented with a PHF+3

Dilan Perera presented with a PHF+ 8 and;

President Jim Fitzowich presented with a PHF+7 & a PHF+8

President Jim noted that more Rotarians will be recognized with both Paul Harris and CRCF contributions over the next 2 months.

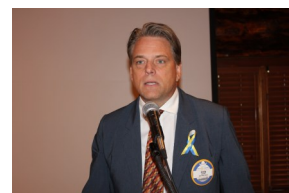


Reminder Announcement: **John Fitzsimmons** is still requesting more young helpers to assist in the "lifting" of items for the Ukraine Relief program. He requested that member ask their sons and friends to help out with this as both **he, GR and Chas** are really developing "sore backs" from all the lifting required. Man-handling mattresses and furniture are wearing them out! If you can help give John a call. (see page 6)



Announcement: PE **Bryan Walton** Announced the start of Cleven Award nominations process. Starting today the nominations are open and will close **November 17th**. The award winner(s) will be announced at our Christmas meeting. There will be a link in the bulletin and next week the forms will be on the tables. The completed forms and supporting letter need be sent to Bryan at president-elect@rotatycs.org (see page 6)

Announcement: PP **Craig Stokke** continued to announce the nomination process for next year's board. See the included information from Craig in the bulletin. (see pages 7&8)





Speaker Introduction: Bryan Walton

Bryan introduced Oleksander Danyleiko by sharing all of the work he has done being the Consulate General of Ukraine (for west Canada). He and his family lived in Toronto as he was the east representative there, but said he prefers the west. He looks forward to knowing us all and bringing updates.

Main Speaker: Oleksander Danyleiko

He started out by thanking our Club for the wonderful event last night.

Oleksander said that Ukraine has a real fight on their hands. We want to keep our land, our heritage, our people and our freedom. We are brave. Russia is trying to eliminate us, but we have strength in our belief we will win! Putin is saying Ukraine is not a country – he is wrong. Moscow was a forest only 1000 years ago... Ukraine has deep roots – we will NOT be eliminated.



He is proud to be the Consulate General of Ukraine for BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and NWT. His office helps people with all their documents (marriage, birth) and everything else. They are a 'one-stop' place for Ukrainians to get the help they need. Also, part of his role is to promote bi-lateral relationships and Canada has been a helpful advocate.

Russia has no rules – they attack our schools, hospitals and homes. This is a terrorist attack. We know that there are way more people dead and injured than is reported as we continue to find mass graves.

This is a full-scale attack on us – they use weapons (except so far nuclear) and they have been targeting our civilians because we are winning in pushing back.

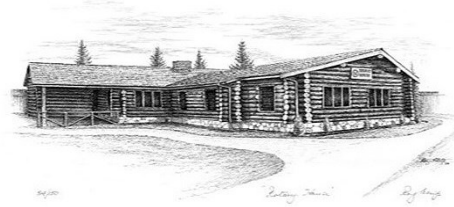
Russia has taken over 7,000 Ukrainian children from us and they are making them learn Russian in their schools. They are trying to have the children make us irrelevant by taking away our history.

Putin continues to promote himself as the 'God'. He wants a great image for himself and will do anything to do it. He controls all media and he only puts up what he wants and it is mostly wrong. He does not show the civilians, women and children murdered or the schools and hospitals destroyed.

Ukraine fights bravely and we defeat the Russian soldiers on the ground. We are losing the battle in the air as we don't have the same high-quality missiles. We are asking all of our partners for air defense equipment and equipment to save our soldiers in the field. We need to hit back with a similar or better air attack.

Some European countries are promoting us to negotiate with Russia, but we know that Russia does not negotiate – they take over. Putin simply wants us to surrender. Russia does bombing of other infrastructure and then blames Ukraine so he thinks he looks good and will get more counties on his side. We know if we go to negotiation, Putin will start again in 2 years.

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Main Speaker Continued:

But we are strong. We sing, pray and we gather as it is safe to do. We say if Russia does not stop the war there will be no Ukraine. If Ukraine stops fighting – there is no Ukraine.

We thank Canada and Alberta for helping our citizens who came for safety – most people have nothing. No money, no documents, no family. Another way to help is <https://u24.gov.ua/> an initiative set up by Ukraine President Zelenskyy. Please help if you can.

Thank you again for your kindness, your support and for the opportunity to talk last night and today.

Q&A: Glen Richardson asked: How do the Russian people who live in Ukraine feel? Answer: They are in fear. They are very scared and too scared to voice their concerns.



Thank the Speaker: Alan Hrehirchuk

Thank you so very much for coming to our event last night and today to our meeting. We wish it was under better circumstances – but we stand with you and Ukraine. This is a very emotional time – thank you for your presentation.

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.

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

And view **Oleksander Danyleiko's** PowerPoint [here](#)

THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/Wfq2mxrIf04>



We cannot wait to share photos, videos and more from our Ribbons for Peace Fundraiser. Next week's Bulletin will have a couple pages dedicated to that, so stay tuned! There are some already posted to our Facebook and Instagram pages and more will come once received. Here is a sneak peak of the amazing Ukrainian Dancers we got to enjoy!



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In Closing:

Next week's Meeting: Will be Nicholas Bell of the Glenbow Museum.

Guests and prospective members are always welcome at Rotary for lunch and the 20th would be a good meeting for you and your guests to learn more about the renovations and future plans for the Glenbow Museum.

Looking forward in seeing you all on October 20th.

Final words:

Thought for the week: *"Tact is the art of making a point, without making an enemy"*. Isaac Newton

And with that, our meeting is adjourned

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Final Reminder to Register for Next Week's Meeting



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We are open to hearing what you think about the new Menu thus far. We have heard positive praise about the Family Style salads on the table so far, which is good for those who did not get a lunch, they can still have something to nibble on. If you want a full meal you must register ahead of time. Even if you register and cannot come, we can usually sell your lunch at the door. Reminder that \$10 coffee now includes a dessert but only if you register ahead of time.

Please email **Sarah** at admin@rotarycs.org with your feedback, or if you have any questions, or if you would like help learning how to register yourself.



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 October 18th:

Monday November 21st:

Tuesday December 6th:

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Earl Huson (403) 686-0828/ ehuslink@telusplanet.net

Ken Farn: (403) 560-6770/ kgfarn@telusplant.net

EARL AND KEN REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING !!!



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Cleven Award

"This special internal award of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park was established in 2006 to recognize the outstanding contribution of club members who take on significant responsibilities and commitments in furthering the work of our club.

The award is named the "Cleven Award" in honour of and recognition of Harry Cleven, first president of the Manchester Rotary Club 1955 now known as The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. Cleven was a very active Calgary community leader and a well-known and respected businessman. He was one of 62 people who were killed in the crash of a TransCanada Airline flight which crashed on Mt. Slesse near Chilliwack on December 9th, 1956. He made many positive contributions to the start-up and laid a strong foundation for our club.

Members are nominated by Club Members with a review by a Committee, followed by our Club Board of Directors' support. Club Cleven Award nominations may be submitted by any member of the Club."

Nominations with supporting letters will be accepted from **October 13 – November 17**. Award will be presented at the Club Xmas Social on **December 22** at Rotary House.

The Nomination Forms are on our Website under 'Organization' and then 'Documents' in the Member Area, or found [here](#) and will also be on the table of meetings for the next couple weeks.

Any questions please email President Elect **Bryan Walton** president-elect@rotatycs.org

Ukrainian Donation Center Needs Help

Club Members we need your help

The Ukraine Center has been overwhelmed with community support and are way behind on gathering up the donated goods.

What we need:

Trucks and Drivers
Swampers/Movers for heavy lifting

How to Participate:

Get in touch with Dana Hunter or John Fitzsimmons with your availability and quadrant so we can match you to a donor.

What does it look like:

You will get the details for a pick up by email or text.

Call the donor to schedule a time and day.

Gather the goods.

Drop off the goods at the donation centre, there is a lockbox there code will be provided for afterhours drops.

The recipients of the donated goods likely arrived in Canada with only a suitcase from Ukraine, they may not speak english and many have left fathers behind. Any help is appreciated! - **Dana Hunter**

Please contact Fitz johnfitzsimmons9@gmail.com or Dana drmuir@shaw.ca if you are able to help or know of someone you can volunteer.



Elections

Nomination Process:

Good afternoon. As per our Club's Bylaws, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee I am required to announce the names of those members who has been nominated for each position at every regular Club meeting from the opening of the election on October 6, 2022 until the end of the nomination period, which closes at noon on **October 27, 2022**.

For our newer members, our Club has seven directors, each serving a two year term. To maintain board continuity, the terms of these seven directors do not come up at the same time. One year four director positions are available, the next year three positions,, then four, then three. This year there are four positions available for the Rotary years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. As I announced last week, **President-Elect Bryan Walton** has nominated the following four members to serve as his Directors: **Brenda McKinley, Rudy Roberto, Lynn Topp, and Bob Weins**.

According to our Bylaws, the Position of Director is open to any Club member who meets the criteria. And, further nominations from the floor can be submitted to our Club Secretary Luanne Whitmarsh by noon on October 27. If Luanne receives any further nominations for Director, there will be an election.

Also open is the position of Club Secretary. Luanne Whitmarsh is completing her second year and has put her name forward for another term.

As stated last week a meeting of Past Presidents took place on Tuesday October 11, 2022.

According to our Bylaws the Past President Committee is responsible for identifying a candidate for the position of President Elect-Nominee, who will become President of our Club in the Rotary Year 2024-2025.

Prior to announcing the name, I am advising that according to the Bylaws every member of our Club shall be entitled to provide the name of an additional nominee for the office of President Elect-Nominee. Members wishing to nominate a candidate who meets the Club's criteria must use the prescribed nomination form provided last week and available through the Club's website. Any nominations for President Elect-Nominee must be submitted to our Club Secretary **Luanne Whitmarsh by noon on October 27, 2022 at secretary@rotarycs.org** and, if there is, there will be an election.

At this time I am very pleased to announce that the candidate identified by the Past Presidents Committee for the position of **President Elect-Nominee is Jim Bladon**. Congratulations Jim. The Past Presidents selected well. And thank you to everyone who allowed their name to stand.





NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Catherine Brownlee has been proposed for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Joe Connelly** and Seconded by **John Fitzsimmons** with a proposed Classification of **Business Advocate**.

If any Member objects to **Catherine Brownlee** joining our Club or to HIS/HER proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, Luanne Whitmarsh: secretary@rotarycs.org prior to October 27th, 2022.

Sneak Peak of the Honourable Ed Stelmach and his wife receiving Paul Harris Awards last night from President Jim Fitzowich at the Ribbons for Peace Fundraiser. More to come next week!!

Rotary Partners' Book Club for October 17th ,2022



October 17 is our next Book Club at Calgary Golf and Country Club.

The cost is \$20 and we meet at 9:30. A breakfast of muffins, scones, fruit and cheeses will be served.

You need to email (janetopp@shaw.ca) to reserve a spot by October 13.

Please be ready to share any books you have read and return the ones you have borrowed.

We are having a guest speaker from "*It's a Crime Not to Read*".

We hope to see you there.

—**Maureen Hutchens and Jane Topp**

"Hello, Kathy!

I hope you are fine



Today was a very busy day. In the morning we woke up from explosions, many rockets flew to different cities of Ukraine. There is a lot of destruction in Kyiv. I was very worried that I wouldn't be able to leave today, but thank God, I'm already on my way to Warsaw."—Victoria Rudenko

That is the message **Kathy Demorest** received from Victoria the day she left Ukraine. This is so heartbreaking to hear but it was amazing to see Victoria in the audience today!! This is why we do what we do and why we need to continue helping Ukrainians!!!



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Calendar of Events

October 20: Nicholas Bell - Glenbow Museum



October 27: Ted Stack - Kid's at Heart Golf Recap



November 3: Michael Ruttan - Foundation Month



November 10: Rotary Remembers - Remembrance Day Event



November 17: Rotary Profile - Neil Fraser



November 24: David Mann - Foreign Funding of Anti-Oilsands Campaigns



December 1: To Be Announced



December 8: Annual Christmas Luncheon with Partners

