



# ROTARY NEWS

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**Welcome to the October 16th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Gordon Weicker, and I am honoured to be the President of this Club for Rotary year 2025-26:**

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

Head Table (L-R) : Dorothea Schaab, Kim Hickson, Jim Bladon, President Gordon Weicker, Jennie McDonald, Gail Williams



**Presentation:**  
**Jennie McDonald**  
**(exchange student)**

**October 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Halloween**

**This Week**  
**New Members Event (Off**  
**Site - NO lunch meeting)**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the October 30th meeting.

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

# Today's Meeting:

**David Field** introduced our guests followed by the welcome song...



**Michael Zacharki** brought up the 50/50, **Michael** had Jennie draw the lucky ticket. The pot was \$125 and won by **David Bissky!!** **David** donated the money back to Rotary!!

**Kim Hickson** one of our new members came up to give her classification talk. **Kim** shared a bit about her family and a bit about some of her hobbies and passions. I encourage everyone to watch the meeting video to hear more about **Kim**!!



Past President **Jim Bladon** came up to talk about elections. **Jim** announced that a president-elect nominee has been confirmed by the past president's. **Jim Hutchens** has accepted the nomination!!!

Following our club's bylaws, the president-elect is entitled to nominate from the membership their candidates to meet the stated criteria for the positions of treasurer and director. Our current president-elect, **Larry Kennedy**, has advised that his nominations are as follows: Four directors, **Pat Neuman**, **Sjoert Zuidhof**, and **Max Feldman** and as well for treasurer **Penny Leckie**. All information regarding election process is on page 7 and 8.



**Bill LeClair** informed us that the CRCF Endowments and Grants applications will close December 1<sup>st</sup> 2025. This is the Mario Stella Endowment Fund which is for transportation services for special needs persons, and the Brawn Family Endowment which is for mental health wellness including but not restricted to dementia and or alzheimer's. The applications are on our club website.



**Steve Austin** invited us to a free breakfast on Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Calgary Westin hotel. It will be hosted by Inclusion Alberta. More information on page 6.

**Sjoert Zuidhof** informed us that December 4<sup>th</sup> we will have our Christmas luncheon. This year it will be taking place at Silver Springs Golf and Country Club. This locations may be difficult for some, if you would like to ride share with someone please email [zuidhofsjoert@gmail.com](mailto:zuidhofsjoert@gmail.com).

**Jim Fitzowich** informed us all that registration for Rotary Remembers is open. More information on page 6.

**David Read** announced the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign starts on November 14<sup>th</sup>. More information on page 5.

**Gail Williams** introduced our guest speaker Jennie McDonald.

Jennie McDonald our outbound exchange student came up to share all about her exchange year in Chile. Jennie told us all about her different host families. We got to hear all about the adventures Jennie got to experience during her exchange, along with the school she attended and the Rotary Camps! Jennie said that being on her exchange year taught her how to find the positives in everything and so much more. I strongly encourage everyone to watch the meeting video linked on page 1 to hear Jennies full presentation!



**Dorothea Schaab** came up following Jennie's presentation and said the following:

Jennie, thank you so much for being such a wonderful ambassador on your recent Rotary Youth Exchange to Chile. You've represented our club, our city, and Rotary with great spirit and enthusiasm. It's often said that an exchange year is isn't just a year in your life, but a life in your year, and from all you've experienced, learned, and shared, it's clear you truly live that motto. I'm sure you've built lifelong friendships and memories that will make our world seem a little smaller and a lot more connected, and recognizing that your exchange represents a three-year commitment, preparation, the exchange itself, and now your ROEX year, our club is pleased to offer you a \$3,500 scholarship towards post secondary institution of your choice once you complete your ROEX year. So, congratulations, Jennie, and thank you again for representing us so well.

**President Gordon** finished off the meeting by announcing that we will be making a \$100 donation to the CRCF in Jennie McDonald's name in recognition of her time with us during this meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery



# Announcements

## Host Family Needed

The Rotary Club of Calgary South 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 75 th Avenue SW)
- Ready to experience new cultural events
- Enjoys preparing German cuisine

### 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 then 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 three 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 2025 to early July 2026.

### ***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:4036606232) or email [schaabd@gmail.com](mailto:schaabd@gmail.com)**

# Announcements

## Dinner at Anatolia Turkish Restaurant

On Wednesday October 8, 17 foodie Rotarians and guests dived into a delicious dinner at Anatolia Turkish Restaurant.

We started with Samavar Steeped Tea followed by Cucumber salad, Lahmacun, Ezme, family platters of lamb, chicken and beef on a bed of rice and vegetables, naan bread with humus and tzatziki and dinner polished off with their famous Baklava.. the combination of spices for cooking and the ambience made this dinner an amazing treat. Cost: \$35 pp all inclusive! Several diners took home doggie bags as the food was plentiful! Our waiter had just arrived in Canada 10 days ago so we had lots of fun conversing!! What a great way to start International Dinners for 25-26!

Join us in our trip to several interesting countries this year!! Next one.. November 9.



## Health and Wellness

**Hugh Delaney** remains in Rocky View Hospital.

Marlene Wiens will return home Wednesday to continue her recovery.

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.
- Our Club will establish a Donor Wall in our new Rotary House to recognize donors contributing \$1000 or more.
- 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](mailto: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".



# Announcements

## Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

Salvation Army Kettle Campaign starts November 14<sup>th</sup>

We have 3 Saturday's 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. We will need 45 people to man these shifts.

**Please contact David Read to get your shift.**

**Phone: 403-921-5856**

**Email: readdavidnoelle@gmail.com**



### **Dinner Club 2025-26**

### **Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park**

#### **What is the Dinner Club?**

Dinner Club is a social initiative designed to bring together small groups of Rotarians—singles and couples alike—for an enjoyable meal and meaningful conversation.



#### **Purpose**

To foster deeper connections among club members by gathering in intimate, relaxed settings. Whether you're a long-standing member or new to the club, Dinner Club offers a chance to meet fellow Rotarians and their partners in a warm, welcoming environment.



#### **Why Participate?**

Do you enjoy good food, great conversation, and laughter?

Want to build stronger friendships within the club?

Looking for a way to involve your spouse or significant other in Rotary life?

Then Dinner Club is for you! It's a fantastic way to connect and share memorable experiences.

#### **How It Works**

All singles and couples are encouraged to participate.

The focus is on socializing—not gourmet cooking.

Home size doesn't matter—just let us know how many guests you can comfortably seat.

After registration closes on October 31, 2025, a roster of hosts and guests will be distributed.

Hosts will contact their assigned guests to coordinate the date, time, menu, and location.

You host once and are invited to two other dinners.

Dinners to be completed by June 30th, 2026.

We encourage you to take photos to share in the club newsletter!



#### **Registration Form**

**Deadline: October 31, 2025 Please send your completed form to Brenda McKinley:**

**Text: 403-870-4292 Email: [b-mckinley@hotmail.com](mailto:b-mckinley@hotmail.com)**

Name:

Partner:

Email:

Phone:


Number of guests you can host (excluding yourself and partner): Note: Each dinner includes two couples as guests.


# Announcements

## Rotary Remembers

Don't forget to register  
for Rotary Remembers.  
This counts toward  
your attendance!!!!

Deadline for Registration is  
October 30<sup>th</sup>. Click the  
poster to register.

*Rotary Remembers...* Rotary 



**Where:** Carriage House Inn (9030 Macleod Trail)  
**Date:** November 11, 2025  
**Time:** 10:00 am (doors open), Program 10:30am - 12:00pm  
**\*Lunch is served following program.**  
**Speaker:** Dr. John Ferris (Professor Emeritus, U of C)  
**Register:** [Click HERE!](#) (Tickets \$50 — *All are welcome*)  
*Donations can be made to the Poppy Fund when registering.*  
**Registration Deadline:** Oct 30th

## Changing Lives, Changing Communities Fundraising Event

**Steve Austin** would like to invite our membership to a free breakfast on November 4th, at the Westin Hotel. It's hosted by Inclusion Alberta. (We partner with Inclusion Alberta - Rotary Employment Partnership)

This breakfast will explain the need in the community to showcase the great work being done by us as well as Inclusion Alberta and we'll be recognized here for what we do to assist in this most important service. It will be an uplifting experience for all.

The breakfast kicks off at 7:30 and goes only an hour.

Please contact **Steve Austin** know as soon as possible. Send him an email and he reserve a seat for you at our table. Numbers must be in by then end of this week!!

[steve@saenergyconsultants.ca](mailto:steve@saenergyconsultants.ca)



**CHANGING  
LIVES** **CHANGING  
COMMUNITIES**  
FUNDRAISING EVENT

CALGARY WESTIN ( 320 4 AVE SW, CALGARY )  
NOVEMBER 4TH, 2025 7:30 - 8:30 AM 



# It Is Election Time!!!

According to the bylaws of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, the election process for President-Elect Nominee and Directors is declared open today, October 9, 2025. Treasurer Penny Leckie is in the 2nd year of her 2-year term and as such, the position of Treasurer is also open for Nomination.

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 from today, closing at 12:00 pm on October 30, 2025. 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 will be sent out by separate email and are posted on our Club website. 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, Gail Williams no later than 12:00 noon on October 30, 2025.

- 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 Past President Jim Bladon.
- 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:

## **1) 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 nine (9) 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 or her 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.

## **2) 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 or her 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.

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

(a) Has been a Member of this Club for at least five (5) years,

(b) Has a business, accounting or financial background,

(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 or her 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, 2026 until June 30, 2028.

The President-Elect Nominee will serve in that capacity until July 1, 2026. At that time; they will assume the role of President-Elect and serve for one year from July 1st 2026 to June 30, 2027. On July 1, 2027 until June 30, 2028 they will serve their term as President of our Rotary club.

As Chair of the Nominations committee (Past President Jim Bladon), I have convened a meeting of the Past Presidents of our Club, on Thursday October 9th, 2025.

It is the custom of the Club that Past Presidents select their own candidate for President-Elect Nominee.

Once a President Elect Nominee has been confirmed by the Past Presidents, I (Jim Bladon) will report same back to the Club. As well, 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 Treasurer and Director.

Our current President-Elect Larry Kennedy has advised that he will submit his nominees for Club Treasurer, and the vacancies of Club Directors prior to the October 30th deadline.

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 30th, I (Jim Bladon) will announce the names of any additional nominees that are put forward from the general membership.

So, if you want to find out what happens in a Past Presidents meeting, now is the time. You only get to find out if you are a Past President, and you need to be a Director to be a President. So now is that opportunity.

I know this is a lot to take in and I thank you for your attention today. All this information is outlined in our RCCSP Bylaws and of course you can reference them again if you wish.

Now lastly, I (Jim Bladon) offer a sincere thank you to any members who are willing to allow their name to stand for any position. Play safe out there...Thank you. - Past President Jim Bladon



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## Closing:

Next week: October 23<sup>rd</sup> - **New Members Event (This event takes place in the evening. There is no lunch meeting)**

The week following: **October 30<sup>th</sup> - Halloween**

## Closing words:

Here is something that I read recently and thought I would share it with you.

- Once is a mistake, twice is a decision.
- People who talk to themselves are more intelligent and better at problem solving.
- An apology holds no weight if you must ask for it.
  - Know both sides before you judge.
- If a baby stares at you for a long time, it means you are attractive.

Please think about that as we

"Unite for Good"



# Calendar

## OCTOBER

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Kids at Heart Charity Presentation

**October 9<sup>th</sup>** - Rotary Profile

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** - Jennie McDonald (exchange student)

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** - New Members Celebration

**October 30<sup>th</sup>** - Halloween

October						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						
12	13 Columbus Day	14	15	16	17	18
						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	
						

## NOVEMBER

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** - Cheryl Bedard

**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>** - TBD

November						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
						
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
						
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

## DATES TO REMEMBER – SAVE THESE!!

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** - Cirque Du Soleil (Echo)

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** - Turkish Dinner

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** - Candlelight Theatre

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>** - A Winter's Night