



# ROTARY NEWS

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**Welcome to the October 1st meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Larry Kennedy, and I am honoured to be your President for 2026/2027.**

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

Head Table (L-R) : Spencer Tonkinson, Kaelin Mol, Glen Rumble, Jeanette Richardson, Sean Chaytors, Suzan Valenta, Sherilee Shelter, Sharyl Madigan



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**Presentation:**  
**Kids At Heart**  
**Charity Presentation**

**October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Dr. Debbie Thompson,**  
**President and CEO of**  
**Olds College**

**Next Week:**  
**October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Dr. Jeff Collins, director**  
**of the Palmer Institute**

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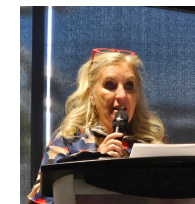
Click [HERE](#) to register for upcoming meetings.

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

# **Today's Meeting:** David Field introduced our guests, followed by the welcome song...

Tim Beach explained that G3 Automotive Group, made up of Glen Rumble, his father Gordon Rumble, and Glen Richardson, had sponsored the curling club for several years.

Tim then presented a team jacket to Team Johnson in honour of Glen Richardson.



**Lisa Van Hemert** talked about the following and noted that it will be promoted on tables at each meeting over the coming weeks:

- Community Grants: Applications are open for charities seeking funding for capital projects. The deadline is October 30.
- CRCF Endowments: Applications for Mario Stella Grants and the Brawn Family Endowment are due November 30.
- Applications can also be accessed through the Rotary website. <https://www.rotarycs.org/>

**Spencer Tonkinson** encouraged members to “shake the tree” and give what they could, using the Kids of Heart golf tournament as a fun way to identify potential donations. Members were asked to contribute small fines based on whether they participated in the golf tournament, brought in sponsors or donations, or made questionable purchases during the auction.

**Sharyl Madigan** spoke about the success of the Drive for Five, which raised \$500,000 to support children and families in Calgary. She thanked the three partner charities—CP Kids and Families, Calgary Counselling Centre, and Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Society—as well as the golf committee, sponsors, donors, volunteers, golfers, and Rotary members who helped achieve the goal. She also recognized the Richardson family and Rumble Family for their support and matching funds.

Sherilee Shelter, representing CP Kids and Families, thanked Rotary, the organizers, sponsors, volunteers, golfers, and charity partners for supporting the Kids at Heart Golf Classic. She explained that CP Kids and Families supports children and youth with physical disabilities through family support, recreation, camps, equipment, and community programs. A major focus is their adapted bike program, which has provided more than 700 specialized bikes over the years. The funding will help provide bikes, repairs, equipment, coaching, transportation, and learn-to-ride programs. Sherilee emphasized that the program gives children more than mobility—it provides confidence, independence, freedom, and a sense of belonging. She expressed her gratitude to Rotary for helping children experience the joy of riding a bike.

Suzan Valenta, representing the Calgary Counselling Centre, expressed heartfelt thanks to Rotary for its time, effort, and generosity in making the charity golf tournament a success. She explained that the fundraising will provide approximately 3,000 subsidized counselling sessions for more than 600 children and youth, with the benefits extending to more than 2,000 people through their families and support networks. Suzan emphasized the importance of accessible mental health support for children, youth, and families, and thanked Rotary for helping the centre provide counselling, skills, confidence, and hope to those who need it.

Sean Chaytors, representing the Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Society, thanked Rotary for supporting its three-year, \$300,000 initiative to strengthen burn care at Alberta Children's Hospital. He explained that a needs assessment is underway to determine where the funds can make the greatest impact. Rotary's generosity has put the Society in a strong financial position to act once those priorities are identified. Sean emphasized that the support will help prepare for children and families who may need burn care in the future. He also presented Rotary with a challenge coin, symbolizing membership in the burn survivor community and the ongoing support available to survivors and their families.

Before presenting each charity with a cheque, we watched an amazing video of the Kids at Heart Golf Classic 2026 made by **Steve Mason**. Please watch the video linked [HERE](#)

Each charity was presented with a cheque for \$167,000!!!!!!

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

# Announcements

Kids at Heart 2027 Charity Applications are available on our website. Click [HERE](#) to download application!

## Cleven Award and Nomination Form

[Cleven Award](#) nominations are open until November 6th.  
[Nomination Form](#) Please send nominations to Carol Rosdobutko  
at [rcarol@telus.net](mailto:rcarol@telus.net)

The 2026/27 Rotary Roster is currently being updated. Members, please check your contact information. If any changes are required, please reach out to **Kathy Demorest**. [kathylynn@shaw.ca](mailto:kathylynn@shaw.ca)

## INVITATION TO THE CLUB

Our club has been invited to a tour of our Pineridge Sports Zone on **Wednesday, October 7, at 1 pm**. The Zone should be completed by then, and we have the opportunity to see it before it is flooded for the winter. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the Flames Rotary Sports Zone!

# Announcements

The Poppy Fund is desperate for volunteers as they only have about 10 days available for sales.

If you can spare 3 or 4 hours to help out, the veterans would be most appreciative...(as would I!)

Shifts start right after Halloween and are at major malls and grocery stores.

To sign up, or if you have any questions, please contact Kristen @ (403) 561 -7832.



Giving  
Hope  
Today



The Salvation Army's 2026 Christmas Kettle Campaign is Canada's largest holiday fundraising drive.

The funds raised directly support vital year-round community programs providing food, shelter, clothing, and substance-use recovery.

[Miguel.Kanafany@Gmail.com](mailto:Miguel.Kanafany@Gmail.com)

403-680-0030

#### Dates:

- November 21
- November 28
- December 05

#### Shifts: (2 hours)

- 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
- 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

#### Location:

- Chinook Centre (3 sites)
- If you have a location preference, please let me know in your email. (First come, first served)

If I don't answer, please leave a message with your phone number

# Announcements

*You're  
Invited!*

Rotary  
Calgary Olympic



# CHILI

## ★ COOKOFF ★

GOOD CHILI. GREAT CAUSE. STRONGER TOGETHER.



WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 28TH, 2026



6:00 PM



TRIWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
2244 Chicoutimi Dr NW  
Calgary, AB

SUGGESTED DONATION

**\$20** /PERSON  
TO ROTARY POLIO PLUS

A laptop will be available  
to donate funds  
that evening.



### INCLUDES:



CHILI



BUNS



SALAD



DESSERTS



DRINKS



SPEAKERS



We will have speakers/videos on  
Rotary's polio eradication efforts,  
the importance of vaccines,  
and how we can create  
a polio-free world.



*Please join us for fellowship  
between multiple Rotary clubs!*



PLEASE RSVP

Melissa Mushka (President, Rotary Club Olympic)

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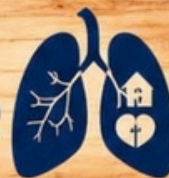
# THE FALL ROUND-UP

**Rotary**

Club of Calgary Chinook



IN SUPPORT OF  
**Alberta Lung Breathing Space**



**RANCHMANS COOKHOUSE & DANCE HALL**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2026**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM**

**EVENT STARTS AT 6:45 PM**

**PURCHASE TICKETS AT:**

**[www.showpass.com/chinook-rotary-fall-round-up](http://www.showpass.com/chinook-rotary-fall-round-up)**

**\$45 PER TICKET**

**INCLUDES : BEEF ON A BUN BUFFET MEAL**

**SILENT AUCTION**

**LIVE BANDS:**

**LENNY AND THE PICKERS  
THE WANDERING V'S**



**★ WESTERN DRESS ★**  
EVERYONE WELCOME!



**Rotary**  
Club of Calgary Chinook

Making a difference in Calgary and around the World



**NORSE**

*For the next few weeks the main entrance to the new Rotary House will not be accessible do to some construction. We ask everyone to use the entrance on the north side of the building for the time being.*

*This also mean the chair lift will not be available during this time. If you require help up the stairs, please let us know so we can ensure someone is there to assist you.*



## **Closing:**

**Next week: October 8<sup>th</sup> -** Dr. Jeff Collins, director of the Palmer Institute

**The week following: October 15<sup>th</sup> -** Dr. Debbie Thompson, President and CEO of Olds College

Rotary is a place where strangers quickly become friends, and friends become teammates in service. For all you guys do thank you for your service.

## **Social Media Links**

 [Facebook](#) [Linkedin](#) [Instagram](#)

# Calendar

## OCTOBER

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** - Kids At Heart Charity Presentation

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** - The Palmer Institute

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** - Dr. Debbie Thompson, President  
and CEO of Olds College

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Field of the Crosses

**October 29<sup>th</sup>** - Halloween



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| 11  | 12<br>Columbus Day | 13  | 14  | 15     | 16     | 17              |
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| 25  | 26                 | 27  | 28  | 29     | 30     | 31<br>Halloween |

## NOVEMBER

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** - Ryan Copithorne

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** - Rotary Remembers

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** - No Meeting

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** - TBD

**November 26<sup>th</sup>** - TBD



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