



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



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Welcome to the October 20th 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;): **Deb Sands** (Social Committee), **Mike Ruttan** (Foundation Committee Chair), **Greg Smyth** (Rotary Remembers Committee), **Jim Fitzowich** (President), **Nicholas Bell** (President and CEO Calgary Glenbow Museum) and **Darlene Switzer- Foster** (New Member Committee Chair).



Announcements: President **Jim Fitzowich**

In honour of our guest speaker today, I am going to share some history about the Glenbow museum:

1955 – The Glenbow is established as a non-profit foundation by Calgary businessman and lawyer Eric Harvie. He names it for his ranch near Cochrane, AB. It is initially located in the William Roper Hull Ranch House.

1964 – The Glenbow and its Western Canadian artifact collection moves to the old Calgary Courthouse, courtesy of the Alberta Government.

1966 – The Provincial Legislature established the Glenbow Alberta Institute and Eric Harvie donates his collection as a centennial gift.

1973 – A new Glenbow museum building starts construction across from City Hall on 8th Avenue, and is finished in 1976. The rest will have to wait for our speaker...



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





Announcements Continued:

Health and Wellness: **Jim Fitzowich** announced that Tommy Low has contracted pneumonia and can't currently accept visitors. **Bill Sumner** is home and doing better and can accept visitors, phone calls are appreciated! Flu shots and covid boosters are now available for everyone, so President Jim encouraged everyone to stay well so that we can keep the room full! **Brenda McKinley's** Father passed away this weekend, we are sending her and her family condolences.

Guests: **Blake Pelham** introduced the following Guests; Nicholas Bell (President and CEO of Glenbow Museum), Elizabeth Reade (Director of Development Glenbow Museum), Catherine Brownlee (new member soon!) and Aleta Brooke (guest of Catherine Brownlee).

50/50: **Michael Zacharki** asked Nicholas Bell, our guest speaker to pull the lucky ticket. **Kevin MacLeod** was our lucky winner today of \$130, congrats Kevin!

Sergeant at Arms: **Spencer Tonkinson** said he's been a dad for 14 months and his nieces were asking if he knew any good dad jokes yet. So here are the top 3: 1) What do you call an Italian with a rubber toe – "Ruberto", 2) Five ants rented an apartment with another five ants, now they are "tenants", 3) The urge to sing the Lion King Theme Song is just "a whim-away, a whim-away". Don't quit your day job, Spencer...

Spencer had some Halloween questions to lighten the pockets at some tables 1) What is the most popular Halloween costume (witch), and how many pieces of candy do children get (100)? He also fined anyone who doesn't have a Halloween costume, and anyone who is not giving out candy this year!

Minute Speakers:

Announcement: Rotary Foundation. CRCF Pin Presentations:

Mike Ruttan presented Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF) pins to:

Allan Johnson presented with a CRCF +2

Glen Godlonton presented with a CRCF +2

Craig Stokke presented with a CRCF +2

Social Committee Update: **Deb Sands** walked to the podium while Elvis' Blue Suede Shoes played (great entrance Deb) she updated us on the upcoming Potluck Dinner and Dance being held on Friday November 25th at the Millican Ogden Community Association. Live music will be provided by Danny Roy and Royal Tone Music. As a potluck, please bring an appetizer, entree, vegetable dish, salad or dessert to serve 8-10 people. Email your food selection to **Brenda McKinley** b-mckinley@hotmail.com. Bring your own cutlery, dishes, glass wear and beverages. If your beverage is alcoholic please bring the receipt for AGLC compliance. There will be a donation box at the door, suggested donation is \$20 to cover the cost of hall rental, insurance and entertainment.



Announcements Continued:

Club Election Updates: Past President Craig Stokke provided an update on the club election process for next year's board. (see page 7)



Rotary Remembers Event: Greg Smyth reminded everyone about the Rotary Remembers 2022 event with guest speaker Lt. Col. Dr. Jim Hennessy (Ret.). The topic will be "Under-Appreciated: Canada's Role in World Affairs Since 1914". The event will be held at the Carriage House Inn on November 11th from 10:00-1:30pm (dinner 12:00-1:30pm). Tickets are \$45 and can be bought online at: [MyEventRunner - Registered Attendee List \(crsadmin.com\)](https://myeventrunner.com/registered-attendee-list/crsadmin.com). Greg noted that our Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park has been the biggest supporter of this event since its inception. **President Jim Fitzowich** noted that there is no regular Thursday meeting that week, and that this event counts for our attendance records.

Speaker Introduction: Darlene Switzer-Foster

I am humbled and honoured to introduce our Guest Speaker today, Mr. Nicholas Bell, President and CEO of Calgary's beloved Glenbow Museum. I have not personally met an individual with the breadth of knowledge and passion for all things "museum" as Mr. Bell, who joined the Glenbow in 2019.

Mr. Bell is originally from Vancouver where he attended Simon Fraser University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He went on to attend the University of Delaware where he received a Master of Arts Degree from the Winterthur Program in American Material Culture. It is also rumoured that Nicholas was a Rotary Exchange Student.

For 8 years Nicholas was at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and led the Renwick Galleries' relaunch, increasing attendance from 150,000 to one million annually. Nicholas came to Calgary and the Glenbow in 2019 from his position as Sr. Vice President for Curatorial affairs at Mystic Seaport Museum in Mystic, Connecticut. During his 3 years at this preeminent American maritime museum, he launched a formidable exhibitions program. At the Glenbow Museum, Nicholas heads the Senior Leadership Team. He and his team are committed to the success of the museum, its employees and volunteers, and the Calgary community as a whole. It's exciting times these days for the museum from the total re-imagination of a new facility, temporary relocation of exhibits to the Edison, and the JR Shaw Centre for Arts and Culture.



Main Speaker: Nicholas Bell, President and CEO Calgary Glenbow Museum

Nicholas has a great appreciation for Rotary as he was a Rotary Exchange Student in grade 10, when he went to France for a year, learning the culture, travelling and visiting museums which created his passion for the museum world. He also attended many Rotary meetings and understands the values of volunteerism, philanthropy and community support.



Nicholas talked about why the experience he had in Washington, DC was so formative for why he came to Calgary, and talked about what's happening to the Glenbow physically. His work at re-opening the Smithsonian Renwick Gallery showed that when you close an institution and reopen it, you earn a new opportunity to gain a newly engaged audience.

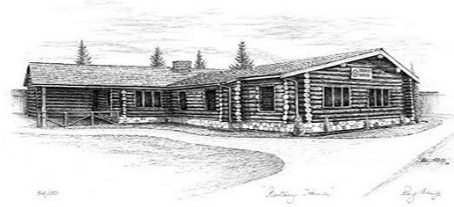
What this Renwick experience taught him is that he has two passions in life. One of them is objects and things and the stories they tell, and the other is turning around museums. Therefore in 2019 he saw an opportunity with the Glenbow to renew one of Canada's preeminent cultural institutions, which was beloved but without a sense of urgency for change.

We wouldn't be having this conversation if it wasn't for Eric Harvie who opened the museum in 1975 with artifacts from around the world, so that Albertans and Canadians have a public place where they can commune with the arts and culture of the world. The building was built like a cold war bunker to house this priceless collection which is easily worth over a billion dollars. While the collection is well protected, there are no windows, no natural lighting and a lack of easy and open accessibility. Previously there was access to only 4 of the 8 floors at the Glenbow. The public had access to 50% of the 4 stories. In total there is 312,000 square feet of space across 8 floors that will ultimately be opened to the public.

The Glenbow museum is currently closed for renovations. Tearing down the building on prime real estate was never an option. To build a new building on the site would cost four times what it costs to renovate this building. The Glenbow at the JR Shaw Centre for Arts & Culture will anchor the downtown culture district. For the first time, all eight floors of the museum will be accessible to the public, creating more diverse visitor experiences across a more open and transparent museum. At street level, a new museum entrance along Stephen Avenue will better engage passers-by. The Glenbow will help provide the cultural infrastructure citizens of Canada and the world look for when deciding where to live and work.

The Glenbow has provided free access to indigenous communities, partly because the Glenbow has one of the largest indigenous collections in the world. Much of what is being done now is driven by the JR Shaw Family Foundation, whose goal is to level the playing field for everyone. With their generous donations admission to the Glenbow will be free to everyone in the future. This model is challenging the status quo in Canada and will help to engage the public in the future.





The Glenbow has raised \$160 Million to date since January 2020 through both public and private sources. People no longer have to consider the cost benefit of going to the museum, and can freely enjoy this new facility which will be opened in Q1, 2025. Then Nicholas is expecting to see 35,000 Rotarians come to see the Glenbow in June, 2025 to help demonstrate this new museum model to the world!

Bonus for Rotary Members - At the end of the presentation Elizabeth Reade, Director of Development Glenbow Museum, said she would be happy to give tours of the Glenbow renovation construction site to groups of 1 -8 people. She'll provide the hardhats and boots. Email her at ereade@glenbow.org to arrange a tour.



Thank the Speaker:

Past President Sherry Austin thanked the speaker, Nicholas Bell, for a very interesting overview of the great work that is being done at the Calgary Glenbow Museum. She said we are very glad to have him here in Calgary with his vision, courage and determination, and we look forward to showing off the museum to the Rotary world in 2025!



President Jim: On behalf of the 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!****

THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/2lQ3ntY-M-4>



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In Closing:

Next Week's Meeting: President **Jim Fitzowich** noted that next week will be Ted Stack presenting on the Kids at Heart tournament results. Guests and members are always welcome at Rotary for lunch and the 27th would be a good meeting for you and your guests to learn more about the Kids at Heart program and the Golf Tournament fundraising results.

Final Words: The final thought for the week: "Yesterday is but today's memory, and tomorrow is today's dream". — Khalil Gibran. With that our meeting is adjourned.

Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week!

Final Reminder to Register for Next Week's Meeting



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Hi all, it is time to update our Club Member Roster!

We know many still use the printed copy, so please let me know if you wish to have one that is printed.

We really need to know any updates so that our information is correct. Please advise me of any updates to your information and

Kathy Demorest and I will hop to it! We will be cutting off changes on **October 31**.

My email is secretary@rotarycs.org Thanks, **Luanne Whitmarsh**

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

Monday November 21st:

Tuesday December 6th:

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

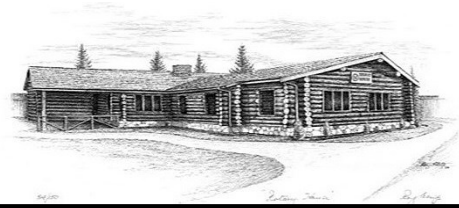
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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 !!!



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

Ukrainian Relief Volunteers: John Fitzsimmons talked about the great work that is being done at the **Ukrainian Donation Centre** located at 500 – 58th Avenue SE. He thanked Dana Hunter and the team for their hard work organizing pickups while John was away. John is requesting more able bodied helpers to assist in the lifting of items at the Ukrainian Donation Centre on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please reach out to John and he will put you in touch with Anastasia at the Centre. Bud McCaig said “Volunteering is like wetting yourself in a dark suit, nobody notices but it gives you a warm feeling” -**Fitz**

The Centre need donations of anything that would be suitable for Ukrainian refugees who are being placed in apartments (i.e. smaller beds, household effects, toiletries, etc.). Donations can be dropped off between 2pm-6pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, and there are members of our club who can help you take larger items to the Centre.





Elections

Election Update: **Past President Craig Stokke:**
As per our Club's Bylaws, I am here to update our membership regarding the nomination process for Club elections.

On October 6, 2022, I opened the nomination period to fill five important positions: **Secretary and 4 Directors.**

President-Elect Bryan Walton has nominated the following people to serve a two-year term, beginning July 1, 2023: Club Secretary: **Luanne Whitmarsh** (who is finishing her first term and has agreed to stand for a second term), and Bryan has nominated the following Directors: **Brenda McKinley, Rudy Roberto, Lynn Topp, and Bob Weins.**

Also, a meeting of the Past Presidents was convened, and the Past Presidents have nominated **Jim Bladon** for the position of President Elect-Nominee, to serve as our Club President from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

According to our Bylaws, all positions are open to any Club member who meets the criteria. And, further nominations from the floor, for all positions, can be submitted to our **Club Secretary Luanne Whitmarsh on or before 12:00 noon on October 27, 2022.** As of this time, we have not received any further nominations.



Social Club

Have you seen the movie, "**Driving Miss Daisy**"? This is the Pulitzer prize winning movie of a rich southern sharp tongued widow of 72 who must rely on the services of a chauffeur. Her son hires a an unemployed black man...and, what begins as a hostile relationship blossoms into a profound life altering friendship. A beautiful story!!

Your Social Committee invites you and a guest to **STAGE WEST, Sunday, October 30 at 10:30 for Brunch, followed by the show.** What could be better than brunching and seeing this fabulous show with our Rotary friends? Tickets for the show and brunch are **\$75**, with beverage and tip extra. Tickets will be purchased by **Brenda McKinley** so you will pay her directly. She will block off 30 tickets and we now wait to hear from you! Don't delay... Contact **Brenda** at b-mckinley@hotmail.com or 403-870-4292.

Tickets must be reserved by October 26th



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.



PARTNERS in PRINT

Rotary Partners donate to "It's a Crime Not to Read" October 2022

— Jane Topp



The Wild Wings Bird Watchers were out again this week, with a trip to the Wolf Willow area in SE Calgary to observe waterfowl, songbirds and raptors such as Bald Eagles. The group, pictured above, included in the back row (L-R) Jim Burns, Pat Burns, Keith Davis, Candy Struthers, Jim Wellwood and Harold Weir. The front row (L-R) Toby Oswald-Felker, Janet Matthews and Angie

Schutz. Also present that day, but not in the photo, are Neil and Freda Fraser. Many ducks, geese and other waterfowl were observed, along with a few deer, and one very interesting drama as a Bald Eagle made three unsuccessful attempts to capture lunch from the flocks of waterfowl on the ponds. The waterfowl did not cooperate.

If you are interested in joining the Wild Wings group, please contact Keith Davis. Planning is now underway for activities beginning in the Spring of 2023, with one or two seminars in advance of that. —**Keith Davis**



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Calendar of Events

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



November 3: Michael Ruttan - Foundation Month



November 11: 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



December 15: Hanukkah Celebration - Rabbi Illana Krygier

