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Today is National "Make a Dog's Day", Day. Give your favourite pooch a hug, a treat, some time spent throwing a ball, or just sitting still together. Whatever makes your pooch happy should make you happy, too.

When Darren and his daughter, Hailey, merged households with me in September, a "PomPoo" named "Patches" was part of the merger. I am sharing a picture of Patches with you. It is wonderful having him around.

With that in mind, I thought I would share 10 things dogs can teach us about what matters most in life:

1. Live in the moment.
2. Overcome fear with love.
3. Don't hold grudges
4. Play every day.
5. Jump for joy when you're happy.
6. Accept yourself.
7. Enjoy the journey.
8. Drink lots of water.
9. Be loyal and dependable.
10. Love unconditionally.

So many people have said they don't know how they would get through the pandemic if it wasn't for their canine companions.

As a sidebar, my father told me he applied at the local animal rescue agency to adopt a dog. He said he didn't have to provide that much information when he was getting married...

If you have special pooch in your life, we would love to see him or her. **Send the pictures to Kathyann** and she will get them in the Bulletin.

In the meantime, hold them close, and stay warm.

PATCHES THE "POMPOO"



Penny Leckie, President

Terry Allen introduced Tom Leppard today: President Penny and Fellow Rotarians; it is a great pleasure to introduce Tom Leppard. Tom is a Native Calgarian who has been passionate about Canadian history since childhood. He holds a graduate degree from U of C in Canadian military history and has published numerous articles and won several awards for history documentaries most recently for the "Forgotten Fallen" which won two Tele awards in 2016.

Retiring after 32 years with the Calgary Board of Education in 2010, Tom started a new adventure, co-authoring a text book, served as President of Valour Canada until 2016 and most recently as Executive Director of the Field of Crosses. He has led several successful battlefield tours and fingers crossed, hopes to lead more in the future.

During his teaching career, Tom helped in the development of the International Baccalaureate Program in several Calgary schools and because of his extensive knowledge teaching history he helped to train teachers across North America in the IB programs.

Tom is an avid golfer and guitar player. He is married to Karen and has two adult children and two grandsons. I would also note that Tom's daughter Christine is the Historical Specialist for the Stampede. We hope to have her speak to us at a future meeting.

Tom Leppard: I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you about topics that are very important to us.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park for such great work you all do. But, I have a complaint as my wife and I have been buying a ticket for the Dream Home for 40 years and really is my turn for the ticket to be pulled

6 years ago today Corporal Nathan Cirillo was killed at the Canadian War Memorial. Too often in Canada stuff happens 'over there', it is rare that something happens on our soil. Our fallen are 'over there' and many have seen the beautiful cemeteries. We bring them home for 11 days by the Field of Crosses...

In the 2nd World War, thousands of Canadians were gassed for the first time. 1,300 were killed in action. In May 1939 the Queen and King visited and had a full army show. Palliser Station is where they left from and sadly did not always come back to. Canada joins Allies in Sept 11, 1939 against Hitler and hundreds leave from Calgary to join the effort. 10,000 soldiers started at beginning of the war, and by the end of the war 735,000 were helping in the effort. We had the 3rd largest air force at that time.

We fight above our weight – when we are at war.

Today is a sad story – war is sad. We pay a price.





The stories are amazing of Calgarians who trained and went to war. We must remember that the soldiers has lives and families – where they got into trouble, had to change their ways and most of the ones that came home were successful in other occupations. There are so many stories of success, challenge and death.

August 19 1942 the war begins Calgary boys landed on the Beach but there was so many deaths... The breaches were bloody. One soldier remains at 97 year old and he comes to every Nov 1 ceremony.

The Calgary Herald really did a fantastic job of reporting on the Calgarians and Canadians who served, died and came home throughout the wars. When the war ends, we win – but at such a horrible cost... Soldiers arrived back at the Pallister Station to a huge welcome party.

It is worth every Nov 11th to stand and remember. The war was here – AND over there. Thank you very much.

Please click this link to see Tom's PowerPoint Presentation: [Oct 22 2020 Meeting Link](#)

Keith Davis thanked Tom Leppard for reminding us the sacrifice made by local soldiers and for providing us with the historical information from a Canadian perspective.

President Penny also thanked Tom for speaking to our Club today and for teaching us about the end of World War II from a local viewpoint.

To express our gratitude for your participation in our meeting today, our Rotary Club has donated \$100 to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. These funds will be invested in an endowment fund to generate income that will be used to make an impact in our community. Thank you.

Good afternoon Rotarians and Guests. Welcome to the October 22nd meeting of The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am Penny Leckie, the Club President for 2020/2021

Today is National "Make a Dog's Day, Day." With this in mind, and knowing we are going to be learning more about World War II from our guest speaker, I searched for some famous dogs from World War II.

Chips was a Collie-German Shepherd-Siberian Husky mix who was the most decorated dog in World War II. He saw action in Germany, France, North Africa, and Sicily. Among his heroic exploits are his assault on an Italian machine-gun nest and helping take 10 enemy soldiers captive. Chips was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Purple Heart, and Silver Star for his actions; unfortunately, the commendations were revoked as military policy at the time didn't allow such recognition for animals. Chips returned to his home in Pleasantville, N.Y., in 1945.



From a big dog to a very small dog...

Smoky was a Yorkshire Terrier who saw action in the Pacific during World War II. She was initially found in February 1944, abandoned in a foxhole in the jungles of New Guinea. She was included in a dozen combat missions and survived more than 150 air raids. Smoky used her sharp sense of hearing to warn of incoming artillery shells. One of Smoky's most famous exploits was at a crucial airstrip in the Philippine Island of Luzon. The dog pulled a telegraph wire through a narrow 70-foot pipe, saving construction time and keeping workers and engineers safe from enemy fire. When not in harm's way, Smoky entertained troops with a variety of tricks and self-taught antics. The dog died on February 21, 1957; she was 14 years old. Her exploits are chronicled in detail in the book Yorkie Doodle Dandy.

These are two stories about American dogs

In Canada, in Ottawa, The Animals in War Dedication honours animals that served alongside their human comrades in war. The footprints of dogs, horses and mules are stamped into the concrete, representing the marks they left on the battlefield.

 Please RISE and join Lisa Fernandes in the singing of O Canada.

Virtual Head Table: Guest Speaker: Tom Leppard, who will be more formally introduced later. I also want to recognize all the dog owners in the Club. Make sure you make your dog's day, today.



Bulletin Editor: Luanne Whitmarsh

Photographers: Paul Brick and John Shield (the photography committee could use some support if you are willing to help).

Greeters: could use some assistance. If you are coming to a meeting, and are able to come early, contact Chair of the Greeters committee, **Jim Burns** to see if he needs someone.



Cleven Awards: Reminder to submit nominations for Cleven Awards to **Bryan Walton**.



Dave Read is looking for feedback from our members on whether or not we are willing to take shifts for the Salvation Army as bell ringers at Chinook Mall over the upcoming Christmas season.

Salvation Army Kettles: David Read: Dear Rotarians: It is Kettle time for the Salvation Army at Chinook Centre. The proposed dates are **Dec 5th, 12th and 19th**. All are Saturdays. Due to Covid, the Salvation Army has put in precautions

1. Wear a mask at all times
2. No handouts of candy canes or calendars
3. Hand sanitize and wipe down between each shift.

My question to all the regular volunteers and new people is:

Do you feel comfortable doing the kettles this year? It is important that I know ASAP, If our numbers are down due to Covid, I may cut back on the number of shifts we normally do. I Appreciate your input. Thank you for your help: Dave Read: 403 271 5856 or nread@telusplanet.net



Songs and Stunts: I am not sure if you read in last week's Bulletin that the Songs and Stunts Committee has asked us to dress like pirates for next week's pre-Halloween meeting.

I guess word got out about my Wonder Woman costume, and a switch to pirates was made. Let's support them. Let your inner pirate loose. That holds for whether you are attending in person or on ZOOM.

Health and Wellness: Bonar Irving: Please advise the Health and Wellness Committee to advise of any members that might need the support of the club with Wellness or Transportation issues



Good news! It seems that the team working on Roger Jarvis' issues are having enough success to plan on sending him home next Tuesday. Now we should probably start praying for Marie! Actually, I'm sure this must be a relief for her to have Roger back where she can keep an eye on him.

John Fitzsimmons took a call from Roger at this week's meeting and it was good to hear from Roger!!

Partners: I want to mention that last year, our Club provided the Partners with \$85,000 to invest in the community. This year, we don't have anything in our budget to give to the Partners. In spite of that, the Partners have held a book sale, and a drive for winter coats and boots. Even though they don't have the same funding, they are making an impact on the community on behalf of our overall Club. I want to congratulate **Partners President Denise MacLeod and all of the Partners** and express our gratitude.



Welcome Guests

Guests: **Blake Pelham** introduced our Guests today in person for the first time in a long time: **Greg Smythe** is visiting from Heritage Park club, Jane Topp, Rhonda Yaskowich and our guest speaker **Tom Leppard**.

Could you please stand and we will sign our Welcome Song



Sergeant-At-Arms: Keith Davis



What was arguably the single, most important battle involving Canadians in WWII?

The **Battle of Normandy** (from the **D-Day landings** on 6 June to the encirclement of the German army at Falaise (known as the Battle of the Falaise Pocket) on 21 August 1944) was one of the pivotal events of the **Second World War** and the scene of some of Canada's greatest feats of arms.

What was the first battle involving Canadian troops in WWII?

The Battle of Hong Kong (8–25 December 1941) **was** the first land battle **Canadians** fought in the **Second World War**. Almost 2,000 troops from Winnipeg and Quebec City fought bravely against the invading Japanese force. When the British colony surrendered on Christmas Day, 290 **Canadians** had been killed in the fighting.

Did Germany Ever Directly Attack Canada During WW11?
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Yes. During the war, **Canada** was subject to direct attack in the Battle of the St. Lawrence, and in the shelling of a lighthouse at Estevan Point on Vancouver Island.

Did Japan Ever Directly Attack Canada During WW11?

Yes. Japanese forces released explosive and incendiary bombs in the Pacific, counting on strong winds to take them to North America. The first balloon bomb to reach Canada crashed to Earth near Minton, Saskatchewan in 1944 and did not explode. A total of 8 balloon bombs landed in Saskatchewan, and about 300 in total across North America. The Canadian military wrapped a curtain of secrecy around these bombs, and they were not acknowledged until after the war. Have a great week everyone.



Election Update: Past President Chas Filipski: Fellow Club members and Guests: Per our Club's Bylaws, as your immediate Past President, I now call the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park Elections closed. With no additional nominations received before closing at noon today, it is my honor to announce the following have been elected by acclamation:

Club Treasurer: **Don Mintz**

Club Secretary: **Luanne Whitmarsh**

Directors: **Stan Cichon, Walter Flores, Don Taylor and Myrna Dube Thompson**

And for President of the 2022/2023 Rotary Year: **Jim Fitzowich**

On behalf of all fellow members of the RCCSP Congratulations to all of you on your individual appointments. We wish you every success in your upcoming duties. Please be assured you have the full support of the Club. Thank you again for allowing your names to stand at this important time



Dinner Club: Kathy Demorest: It is so good to be here in person!! Please respond to the survey about in-person events... it will really help us.

We will be following all the guidelines as identified by AHS....

Dinner Club – let's get together if you are comfortable. It is a fellowship club and it's a great opportunity to get to know each other.



Rotary Remembers: Jim Fitzowich: The Annual Rotary Remembers will be virtual and is on Nov 11th. You should have received your invitation from Charlene to attend via Zoom. See Bulletin for more information

It will be open to others to attend by sending the link for them to register. There is no cost. If you wish you can make a donation to the poppy fund or veteran's food bank. Register as soon as you can!



Lest We Forget



CRCF: ARBI Video: Sherry Austin: Jamie Moorhouse and Steve Mason continue to do so much and we thank them! Now, I would like to play a video that they did about ARBI and we have our own **Luanne Whitmarsh** Executive Director with us today too!

Thank you donors, those helping and supporting! Mindy does such a great job of explaining the impact of funding.



Stan Cichon was the champion and what a great job he did! Small and Large Grants Committee: this has been a tough year – thanks for all you do in considering CRCF. All of these resources continues to help the Mindy's of the world! Thank you! **President Penny** – Thanks for keeping us in your mind!

ARBI Video: <https://vimeo.com/352539393>

Next week, we have the launch of the Rotary International Foundation campaign, with Chair, Jack Thompson. I have asked Len Hamm to give us an update from the Strategic Planning Committee, and last but not least, I know the Songs and Stunts committee has put a lot of work into making our pre-Halloween meeting something to remember.

Thanks to everyone who attended in person, today. Hopefully, we can keep the in person attendance up. Please join us if you are able, but remember you need to be registered by 4 pm today to attend next week's meeting.

Going back to dogs, do you know what a dog and a cell-phone have in common?

They both have collar ID. And to get our minds in the spirit of Halloween, do you know what kind of dog Dracula has? A bloodhound.

Hug your dogs, everyone, and have a great week.



"At the Board of Directors' meeting on Monday, October 19th, the resignation of **Nancy Spence** from the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, was accepted, with regret."

Mario Stella Fund: Myrna Dube: My first introduction to Mario was a phone call I received from him where he stated he had significant funds to donate to Parks Foundation for a project that could give recognition to his family name. He wanted to meet the next day as he was leaving town right after. As we sat down to chat, I asked Mario to tell me a little about himself. Note to self, not a good plan because we had a one way conversation for four hours.

Kidding aside, Mario told me he was Alberta born and raised and spoke of his strong pride in his Italian heritage. He spoke of his love of this Rotary Club and of his appreciation for the arts. He relayed how his businesses developed over the years and was proud to be a self-made entrepreneur. He wanted Parks Foundation to help him find a way to have his family name and success in this community recognized. And we had several phone conversations in this regard over the following three months from his home in California.

Then the shock of his sudden passing and the further shock for six organizations to be beneficiaries of his estate, each receiving over \$2 million. This included the Parks Foundation and most importantly this, his beloved Rotary club. Mario's wish for his Rotary bequest was to use the funds for transportation initiatives for persons with disabilities. The Mario Stella Endowment Fund was established as restricted funding for this purpose. And to implement this President Penny has established the Mario Stella Grant Committee.

The Committee members are: Luke DaSilva, Ken Farn, Lynn Grant, Bonar Irving, Greg Martin, Benno Nigg, Dick Shaw, Gail McDougall, Steve Mason, Spencer Tonkinson, Rudy Ruberto, John Fellows and myself, Myrna Dube-Thompson, Chair

This year our Committee has \$65,000 to be distributed. And we will have \$90,000 to be distributed next year. Most of the committee members are either working with a potential applicant or are searching for an organization that meets the eligibility requirement.

We have had two recipients of this grant previously:

- Renfrew Educational Services received \$47,600 in 2018.
- Father Lacombe Care Foundation received \$35,000 in 2019, the bus is being delivered next week and the signage will be installed. The acknowledgment "Mario Stella Fund" will be listed underneath our club name, which will be our new standard going forward. Their fundraising goal was \$180,000, which was reached. They were able to customize the bus to enable access and spacing for the heavier wheelchairs, including 2 bariatric chairs. Val Duggan of Father Lacombe informs this will be the first time their bariatric residents will be able to go on outings. This bus also has a larger lift to accommodate the weight of the heavy wheelchairs. In total they will be able to accommodate 7 wheelchairs and 8 passenger seats on this customized bus.

Val writes..."The arrival of the bus will certainly give a lift to the residents who have basically been confined to their immediate neighbourhood. I can imagine the excitement when they will be able to tour the Christmas Lights at Spruce Meadows and surrounding neighbourhoods. I am so happy!!"

Most importantly we need to get the word out into the community so people know this wonderful opportunity exists. And you don't need to be a committee member to reach out. The Renfrew application was brought forward by Steve Mason, who was not on the committee at that time but I'm pleased to say he is now a member. Also last year's recipient was brought forward by **Dorothea Schaab**. Thanks to both of them.

The application and relevant information is on our website, but please don't hesitate to have me forward one to you. Kathyann will include the link in the Bulletin. Thanks Kathyann.

The deadline for receipt of applications is Thursday, January 28th. Applications are to be sent to Myrnadube-thompson@shaw.ca

Most of you knew Mario as a fellow Rotarian and friend. Again please forward any potential recipients to myself or the Committee so we can honor Mario's philanthropic wish.



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Please feel free to contact **Neil Fraser** if you require any assistance in completing your donation at:
nefraser38@gmail.com



Rotary Remembers

Honouring the 75th Anniversary of The Liberation of the Netherlands

Featuring a Presentation by:

Dr. Stéphane Guevremont



Wednesday, November 11th, 10:30am - Noon MST

Learn about the liberation of the Netherlands by the Canadian Army in 1944-45 with rare combat photos and films. Discover the Hunger Winter and the key battles to save the Dutch people at the end of the Second World War. A multimedia presentation, not to be missed!

Donations in support of our Veterans will be accepted

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LOOKING FOR:

- SOCIAL MEDIA DEVELOPMENT
- ZOOM MEETING ASSISTANCE
- LIVE MEETING ASSISTANCE
- TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

TECH SUPPORT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK REQUIRES VOLUNTEERS FOR LIVE MEETINGS, ZOOM MEETINGS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2020 has been a year with a lot of technology changes and our Club has accepted that challenge. We are having to find innovative ways to continue to stay connected and that involves social media, zoom meetings, links, videos and recordings.

The Communications Committee and the Technology Committee are looking to try to find some simple solutions to some communication and technology gaps.

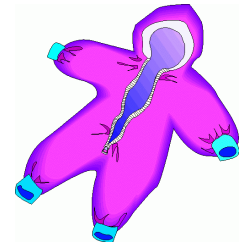
By agreeing to be trained and to take on simple tasks we can lighten the workload for a few and share it with many.

Please contact Kathyann Reginato at: kathyann@rotarycs.org if you would be willing to take on a few technology tasks or to consider joining the Technology Committee.

Hands on training will be offered.

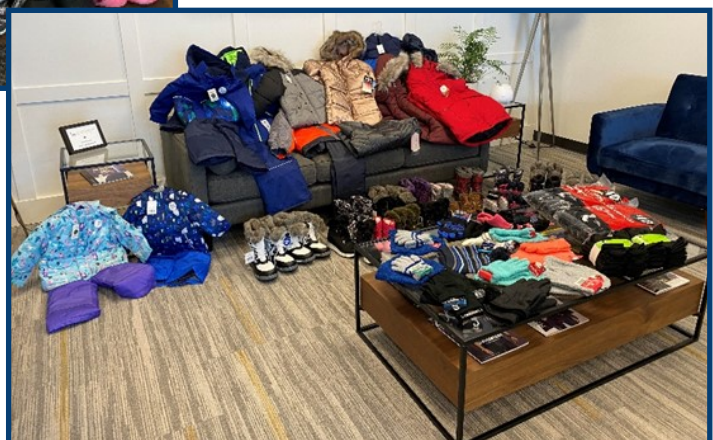
The Partners Fundraising Committee held a Winter Jacket drive on Saturday, October 17th and even though we had a small turnout, we are donating the following:

- ♦ 13 snowsuits
- ♦ 12 jackets
- ♦ 21 pairs of boots
- ♦ A collection of winter sweaters, socks, mittens, toques



The Committee used the proceeds from the Book Sale to buy 19 pairs of the boots and 2 snowsuits.

Thank you very much to all the donated clothing and cash donations to this fundraiser. We are very proud of what we accomplished, and we know that ***Inn From the Cold*** will be very appreciative of our effort.





Happy Birthday Rotarians!

Garth Nicholl	Oct 2
Glen Godlonton	Oct 3
Bruce MacDonald	Oct 3
Ernie Yaskowich	Oct 3
Jim Bladon	Oct 13
Azeem Virjee	Oct 19
Darlene Whitmore	Oct 19
Kendall Bocking	Oct 21
Jack Black	Oct 23

*Celebrating our amazing Autumn
Photo taken by Corinne*



Happy October Birthdays!

Oct 29th: Rotary Foundation Campaign Kick off and Pirate Time: Live and Via "Zoom"



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ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR



- Nov 5th Chief Neufeld: CPS Presentation
- Nov 11th Rotary Remembers (Virtual District Event)
- Nov 19th Jack Mintz: U of C School of Public Policy
- Nov 26th Jack Thompson: Rotary Profile
- Dec 3rd Hanukkah Celebration
- Dec 10th Annual Christmas Luncheon with Partners
- Dec 17th Cleven Awards
- Dec 24th Christmas Social Via Zoom
- Dec 31st New Year's Eve Celebration Via Zoom
- Jan 7th President's State of the Union Address
- Jan 14th Judge John Reilley: "Bad Law"
- Jan 21st Minister of Health: Hon. Tyler Shandro
- Jan 28th Burns Day Celebration
- Feb 4th Dr. Ted Morton
- Feb 11th Annual Valentines Day Luncheon with Partners
- Feb 18th TBA
- Feb 25th Rotary Profiles: Hugh Delaney

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