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Welcome to the October 26th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.
My name is Bryan Walton, and I'm honoured to be the President of this Club for 23-24.

Head Table: (L to R) Luanne Whitmarsh, Yuliya Gorbach, Todd Richardson, President Bryan Walton, New Member Lisa Van Hemert, and Greg Martin.



Please rise, we will start with the Ukrainian National Anthem sung by Vitalija from the back of the room followed by O'Canada and Rotary Grace, as well as a moment of silence for **Norm Devitt**,

Cleven Awards: **Steve Mason** shared; "We're about to enter a one-month nomination period for the most important award in this club, the Cleven Award and the nominations open today.

They will close on the 16th of November.

The committee will select recipients on the 23rd of November and the Cleven Award will be presented at our Christmas social here at Rotary House on December 21st.

The link to the nomination form on our club website will be in the bulletin. And we'll have copies on the tables next week just to remind you. In addition to the nomination form, we require a supporting letter so start thinking about who to nominate now.

Nomination forms and letters can come to me when you see me, by email - steve@talkinglightmedia.com or to Sarah. Thanks!"

For the link to the application in PDF, click [HERE](#) or for the link to the application in Word, click [HERE](#)

To watch the recording of the Meeting click [HERE](#) and to view more photos from today's event click [HERE](#) . For photos from last week's Meeting, click [HERE](#)





Announcements:

Health and Wellness: Health and Wellness contact for November and December Brenda McKinley phone 403 870 4292 email b-mckinley@hotmail.com

NORM DEVITT we regret to inform the members of our Club that **Norm Devitt** passed away the morning of October 23. We will convey details as they become available from the family. Norm joined the Club February 1986. See his Rotary Profile [HERE](#)

Visitors and Guest: Greg Smyth did a great job introducing our guests today and we sang our favorite Welcome Song, extra loud for Troy because it's his favorite!



Photographers: The photography Committee would love a few more Members, if you are interested please reach out to **Glen Godlonton** glen@godlonton.com

Sgt. At Arms: Blake Pelham debuted as Sgt. Of Arms today and he came in with a bang!! Blake gave everyone a break today by giving them the chance to redeem themselves if they had ever forgotten or wasn't able to put something in the kitty, and then he saved everyone by putting a quarter under every bread plate so each person could contribute today. WAY TO GO BLAKE! We look forward to future antics by you as Sgt. Of Arms.

50/50: Jim Smith made us all laugh, as usual, at his role in 50/50 today. The pot was \$160 and went to **Dar Whitmore**, Dar donated it to Yuliya to take back to the Ukrainian fund.

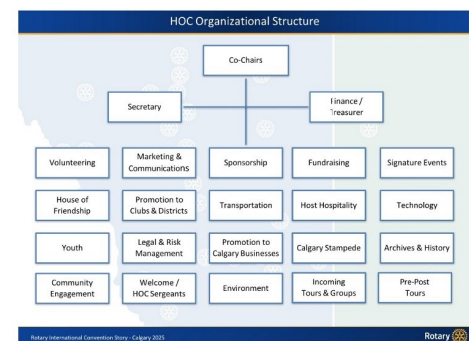


Poppy Fund: Len Hamm let us know the details about the Poppy Fund this year. They are having a Meeting with Volunteers for training and information on October 21st, Saturday, at the Horton Legion at 11:00am. **They are looking for as many Volunteers as possible.** Please contact Pat Lotzer at 403-615-3200 if you are able to help.

2025 Convention Volunteers

Craig Stokke, HOC Chair for the 2025 Rotary International Convention is requesting Volunteers in the above mentioned areas. If you are able to volunteer, please email **Luanne Whitmarsh** at l.whitmarsh@shaw.ca

Signing up for "anywhere you need help" is not helpful, please choose an area (or 2) to Volunteer in when submitting your requests to help. Thank you—Convention Committee.



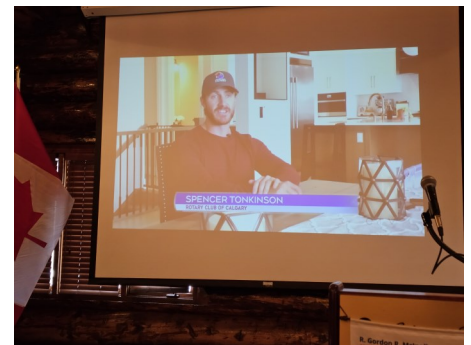
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Main Presentation - Yuliya Gorbach

Yuliya spoke to us today about the impact our Ribbons for Peace fundraiser (and additional help in the year since) has made for the Ukrainian Evacuees in Calgary. Yuliya was so grateful for the help our Club and Members have provided. We highly recommend watching the recording of today's Meeting to see that stats, the work being done, and how grateful Yuliya and the other Ukrainians in our city are for the help received over the last year. It was a heartwarming presentation and it is always great to see the impact we can make when we come together.

Len Hamm then thanked the speaker with a heartfelt message, and **President Bryan** finished with Yuliya in recognition of your time with us today we will be making a \$100 donation to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation which supports local initiatives here in our community.



Special Presentation - Paul Harris Award

Today **Luanne** presented Troy Fredeen with the honour of a Paul Harris Fellowship Award, for all of his hard work with the Dream Home. We couldn't do Dream Home without him and his knowledge, patience and expertise. Thank you Troy for all of your hard work! We look forward to working with you again in July.



New Member Transfer - Lisa van Hemert

We welcomed **Lisa van Hemert**, **Greg Martin's** daughter, to our Club as a transfer from the Downtown Club. As Greg mentioned in his speech welcoming her, it is rare for a Father and Daughter to be in the same Club. We are lucky to have Lisa and we look forward to getting to know her better through acts of service and fellowship. We highly suggest watching the video recording of the Meeting to hear more about Lisa and Greg's introduction of her to the Club. Very impressive!





Calling All Snowbirds!

Are you travelling to warmer climates this winter and expect to be seeing your “winter Rotary friends” in far off places?

Are you willing to join the brand new “RI 2025 Snowbird Marketing Team?”

RI 2025 is coming to Calgary June 21 – 25, 2025, however, out of respect for the Singapore RI Convention in 2024, we are not starting an intense marketing effort until June 2024. BUT – we can absolutely start to encourage winter Rotary friends to put the Calgary RI convention in their calendars.

Just looking at where our club’s Snowbirds travel, we have far reaching channels into US and Europe. There is no better marketing than you sharing your love for where you live, and talking up RI 2025 with the very people we need to talk to – fellow Rotarians worldwide.

All you need to do is take a stack of one-page marketing sheets that I’ll coordinate - nicely shrink wrapped to tuck into your suitcase. You simply put one or two sheets on each table at your winter Rotary clubs each week. If they disappear GREAT! If they are left on the table, simply gather them up and put them out again the next week. You will get a stack of 150 sheets.

You don’t need to do a power point presentation, and you don’t need to formally speak to your home away from home club unless of course you are very comfortable and happy to do so. I will also develop a page of suggested things to do in and around Calgary, and how Rotarians might like to spend some time here in 2025 in case they ask you.

All I need is your name, and the city you are spending winter in. You can let me know by email at corinne@whitehathospitality.com, by phone at 403.471.2101 or see me at an upcoming Rotary meeting.

Thanks so much “Snowbird Marketing Team”! This is an incredible opportunity to get the word out to Rotarians around the world with our only cost being printing. You are our greatest Ambassadors and word-of-mouth is still one of the all-time greatest marketing strategies!

Please let me know by October 31 so this can be coordinated for mid-November. THANK YOU! - **Corinne**

Elections

Past President Jim Fitzowich announced the following people have been voted to the Board for the Rotary year of 2024-2026; **Ernie Yaskowich, Catherine Brownlee, Ted Rowsell, and Penny Leckie** for Treasurer. We thank **Don Mintz** for his years of service.

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Rotary Remembers 2023—Speaker Dr. Stéphane Guevremont

Rotary Remembers 2023 is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th, at 10:30 at the Carriage House Inn. Tickets are \$50 and include an address by speaker Dr. Stéphane Guevremont, the reading of Club Honor Rolls, the Moment of Silence, a Rotary Family War Story, and lunch.

Tickets are available online. Click [HERE](#) for Tickets. Doors will open at 10:00 with rush seating.

Dr. Stéphane Guevremont is a professional and independent military historian. In the past he has been a military history professor at Mount Royal University and taught in the Faculty of Continuing Education at the University of Calgary. He is also a speaker and media commentator.

His talk is titled, **“UKRAINE AND THE WORLD: The International War”**

Dr. Guevremont will talk about the international ramifications of the Ukraine-Russia war. He will begin by laying out the background of Western involvement with Ukraine from 1991 to 2022.

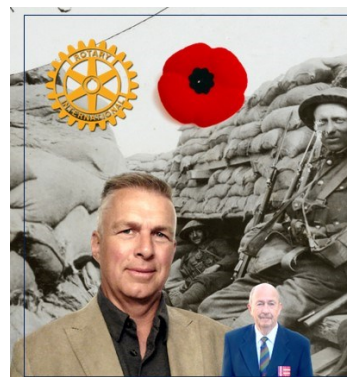
Dr. Guevremont will describe conflicts of interest emerging between various nations since the war began. He will discuss political intrigues, corruption, and other forces at play regarding energy, food supplies, and other impacts on world economies.

As for the conflict itself, he will explain the unique organizational structure of the Ukrainian army, which differs from that of Canada, the USA, and Britain. Of particular interest, he will provide an overview of the International Brigades made up of volunteers from neutral nations and various anti-Russian countries in the region.

Stéphane Guevremont also organizes tours of Canadian battlefields in Europe. In his spare time, he plays several sports and does volunteer work with seniors and high school students.

The M.C. will be last year's keynote speaker, Jim Hennessy. The event will be produced by Robyn Braley and the Rotary Remembers Committee, which includes representatives of most Calgary Rotary Clubs.

- For tickets go to Click [HERE](#) for Tickets
- For further information contact Doug Hood, Chair, at hoodfinancial@shaw.ca
- Friends, family, and former Rotarians are welcome!
- Registration deadline: Sunday, November 5th, 10:00 PM



Rotary Remembers November 11th, 2023

**UKRAINE AND THE WORLD
The International War**

Date: November 11th
Speaker: Dr. Stéphane Guevremont
M.C.: Jim Hennessy
Place: Carriage House Inn
Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Cost: \$50.00 - Buy on District Website
Registration Deadline - November 5, 10:00 pm



2023 Kettle Campaign

The Salvation Army has been busy preparing for the 2023 Kettle Campaign. The money we raise from the Kettle Campaign in Calgary is used to support our shelters and community programs. These funds help our residents, clients and the community. The Kettle Campaign would not be a success without the help of our wonderful Behind the Shield volunteer community.

As our city grows and Kettle locations are added, it has become more difficult to fill each of our Kettle volunteer shifts. As we know, a Kettle without a volunteer or employee does not generate money for our programs. This year, we will have three Kettle volunteer locations. In addition to these three volunteer locations, we have partnered with a recruitment firm to fill the remaining Kettle location shifts. The combined volunteer and employee model will help ensure every single Kettle shift is full, allowing us to help even more people in our community!

Please watch your email as the volunteer locations and shifts will be released in the coming weeks.

If you are interested in joining our year-round volunteer database, please email cscalgary.volunteerservices@salvationarmy.ca. Volunteer requests for both regular volunteer positions and special events, such as coat drives, kitchen opportunities, Stampede breakfasts, and more, are sent through this database.

We are excited to share more information about the Kettle Campaign as we get closer Christmas.

Thanks again for everything you do Behind the Shield,

The Volunteer Services Team

The Salvation Army
Community Services (Calgary)
420 - 9th Ave SE
Calgary, AB T2G 0R9
P: 403 410-1109





THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/CvLJDPOc4N8>

In Closing:

Next week's Meeting: We are back here at Rotary House on November 2 to hear from **PE Jim Bladon** on our fund raising efforts followed by a presentation from Silver Linings Foundation on Youth Eating Disorders and Mental Health.

Closing Words: As you go about your business this week remember simple acts of kindness go a long way to *Creating Hope in the World*.

And with that, our meeting is adjourned. Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week!

Final reminder to register for next week's Meeting by tomorrow morning




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Host Families are still needed for our incoming exchange student, Marino. Contact **Gail Williams** if you or someone you know may be able to help.

gailwi45@telus.net




Host Families Needed

The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park
requires host families
(September, 2023 through July, 2024)

Meet our 2023-2024 Inbound Student, 16-year-old Marino Farella from Italy

- Lives in the historical town of Rutigliano, Bari in the south of Italy
- Is close to his parents and older sister who is attending university
- Loves soccer; super fan of INTER, the famous football (soccer) club of Italy.
- Enjoys watching TV series with family, cooking and has a passion for travel and beautiful places.
- Will attend Grade 11 at Crescent Heights High School




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 the 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 two 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 2023 to July 2024.

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 Gail Williams
or email gailwi45@telus.net
Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park





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“Sounds of the Caribbean Islands” get ready for that winter vacation.

Potluck with Music from the Caribbean " is fast approaching.. Your Social Committee is hosting a Potluck night with music from the Islands (entertainment by the one and only Calysto Steelband) on **Saturday, October 28.**

Location: Riverbend Community Association, 19 Rivervalley Dr. SE.

Time: Guests arrive at 6 with dinner at 6:30

Drinks: \$5 each (wine and beer)

Dress: "Winter holiday, Caribbean clothes." Think of the warm soothing sun, beaches and lots of rest and relaxation...a tropical shirt and bermudas for the guys; sundress for the gals, and you are ready to go..or, just dress casual!! Dancing shoes a must!!

Cost: \$20 pp and a potluck dish to serve 6/8.

Reserve your seats by contacting **Brenda McKinley**
(b-mckinley@hotmail.com or 403-870-4292)

Don't delay!!

Payment made directly to **Brenda** and let her know what you will bring for the potluck.

“Sounds of the Caribbean Islands..”
Get ready for the winter vacation...
Potluck Dinner and Dance
Get your shorts, flowered shirts and dancing flip flops on and come out to the party
October 28, 2023
Riverbend Community Association
19 Rivervalley Drive SE. Calgary
Doors open at 5:30, dinner 6:30
Entertainment by Calgary's one and only
“Calysto Steelband” *
Liquor sales of wine and beer \$5 each
\$20 per person, please email, text or call
Brenda McKinley with confirmation of
attendance, dish and payment
b-mckinley@hotmail.com/403-870-7292



Welcome Back to Rotary House

November 2nd:

RCCSP Silver Linings—Youth Mental Health



November 9th:

No Meeting—In lieu of Rotary Remembers on the 11th

November 11th:

**Rotary Remembers—
Remembrance Day Celebration -
Carriage House**



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November 16th:

Lanny McDonald



November 23:

Lorne Motley—Regional Editor in Chief Calgary

