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Welcome to the October 27th 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; Curtis Slater - P.R.E.P Society, Lisa Wells - Dare to Care, Carolyn Holloway – Safe Haven, **President Jim Fitzowich**, **Mike Ruttan** (Foundation Committee Chair) and **Ted Stack** (Kid's at Heart Golf Tournament Committee Chair)



Announcements: President Jim Fitzowich



October 31st and Halloween is Monday. Some interesting facts about the date other than Halloween:

1517 – German Clergyman Martin Luther nails his 95 theses on the Church door in Wittenberg, and starts the reformation. This 31st will be the 505h Anniversary of Protestantism.

1985 – The “Halloween Accord” is signed by the Canadian Federal Government and the gas producing provinces of Alberta, B.C and Saskatchewan. It is the start of gas “de-regulation” and the expansion of the Canadian gas industry.

2006 – Finance Minister Jim Flaherty surprises the Canadian capital markets by announcing the “SIFT” legislation, calling for the phase out and abolishment of publicly listed Canadian income trusts. As a result billions of dollars of market cap are wiped out and many Canadian companies end up sold to foreign buyers. Pretty spooky?!

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





Announcements Continued:

Health and Wellness: Brenda McKinley announced that **Guillermo Salazar** is still in the Foothills hospital but he's in rehab now, which is a good sign. Tommy Low has contracted pneumonia and is in the hospital as well. **Bill Sumner** is home and doing better and can accept visitors, phone calls are appreciated. **President Jim Fitzowich** also passed on our condolences to **Brenda McKinley** on the passing of her father and encouraged people to sign the sympathy card which is being circulated.



Guests: **Blake Pelham** introduced the following Guests; **Curtis Slater** (PREP Society), **Carolyn Holloway** (Safe Haven Foundation), **Lisa Dixon-Wells** (Dare to Care), **Carmen Brouwer** (Safe Haven Board member), **Tim Beach** (Charlesglen Toyota), **Brad Van De Walle** (EXP Realty, guest of Bryan Walton and Bill LeClair), **Vitaliia Vash** (guest of Bryan Walton), **Yaroslav Vash** (guest of Bryan Walton), **Viktoriia Rudenko** (guest of Kathy Demorest), **Kelly Bernakevitch** (guest of Don Mintz), **Maureen Hutchens** (guest of Jim Hutchens) and **Jane Wachowich** (Youth Centres of Calgary, guest of Jim Hutchens).

Social Committee Update: Brenda McKinley mentioned there are opportunities to sell Remembrance Day poppies at 4 locations, contact Pat Lotzer at (403)615-3200 or Pat.lotzer@shaw.ca if you would like to volunteer. There is an upcoming "Driving Miss Daisy" Stage West performance and buffet this Sunday October 30th at 10:30am. There are some pre-purchased tickets that have not been sold yet so please contact Brenda at (b-mckinley@hotmail.com) if you are interested in attending. **Please see page 9 for Potluck dinner Social Event.**



50/50: Ben Steblecki asked Carolyn Holloway to pull the winning ticket worth \$145.00 and the lucky winner was Glen Richardson. In typical GR fashion, he donated the funds to our car recipient for gas money!



Sergeant at Arms: Chas Filipski in keeping with the Kids at Heart Golf Tournament theme, asked everyone that participated in the tournament to donate because it was a great time, and for those who didn't participate in the tournament, donate because it was a great cause. And finally, for those who were the weak link in each golf foursome, throw five dollars into the pot!

Announcement: Rotary Foundation. CRCF Pin Presentation

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

John Price presented with a CRCF +5

Jim Hutchens presented with a CRCF +5

Terry Allen presented with a CRCF +4





Announcements Continued:

Club Election Updates: Past President Craig Stokke provided an update on the club election process for next year's board. (see page 9)



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** (lunch 12:00-1:30pm). Tickets are \$45 and can be bought online at: [MyEventRunner - Registered Attendee List \(crsadmin.com\)](https://www.myeventrunner.com/RegisteredAttendeeList/crsadmin.com). Greg noted that our Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park has been the biggest supporter of this event since its inception, and this event is in lieu of our normally scheduled meeting on November 10th. There are only 49 registrations to date and registrations need to be finalized by November 6th to confirm luncheon arrangements.

Special Presentation – Car Giveaway! Bill LeClair

Brad Van De Walle of EXP Realty kindly donated a car in support of the Ukrainian Ribbons for Peace Fundraiser. Joan Walton suggested that Vitaliia Vash, an opera singer and pianist and recent evacuee who sang the Ukrainian national anthem at the Ribbons for Peace event, would be an ideal recipient of the car. Vitaliia travels 2.5 hours each way by bus and train for her teaching job and is most deserving of this car!



Brad Van De Walle said a few words and thanked his brother Nicolas, because "it was his car" (which Brad bought and donated to the cause). Brad thanked Bill for the opportunity to help out, he loves all the great work we are doing for various causes, and is quite willing to help out with future sponsorships!

Vitaliia Vash expressed her heartfelt gratitude for all the efforts by Bryan Walton, Bill LeClair and Brad Van De Walle to make this dream of a car a reality. She said she's been working hard as a newcomer to Canada and appreciates this life changing donation which will make her life "100 million times easier"!



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Ukrainian Relief Volunteers: John Fitzsimmons provided an update about the great work that is being done at the **Ukrainian Donation Centre** located at 500 – 58th Avenue SE. The Centre has run out of winter clothes, so there is now a clothing drive to collect winter clothes for the evacuees. John filled his trailer up today at Rotary with all the generous donations of clothes from everybody, thanks! (see page 8)



John also proposed a call, to show the power of Rotary, to find Viktoriia (Ukrainian Evacuee stayed with **Kathy Demorest**) a job in the nail business. If you know of any leads to find Viktoriia a job please contact Kathy Demorest!

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, winter clothing, etc.). Donations can be dropped off between 2pm-6pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, and we need additional volunteers to help take larger items to the Centre, as GR needs to take some time off from all the heavy lifting! Please contact [John Fitzsimmons](#) or [Dale Struksnes](#) if you can help out.

Main Speaker: Ted Stack Kids at Heart Tournament Update

Ted gave an excellent summary on the inaugural Kids at Heart Golf Tournament held at Cottonwood Golf Course on July 21, 2022. The statement of the purpose of the Kids at Heart (KAH) program is: “To invest in the lives of children and youth to create real and long lasting change for kids, families and our community”.



Ted thanked the 48 sponsors and 57 prize donors for their support of this year’s tournament. In particular, Ted recognized the leadership of our Title Sponsor – Charlesglen Toyota, and asked Glen Richardson and Tim Beach to rise and be acknowledged as our Title Sponsor. Tim Beach responded saying the tournament is one of his favorite days of the year, and all the good that it does for our community is unrivaled. He thanked us for being involved, and he assured us that for the foreseeable future, Charlesglen will continue to be the Title Sponsor for this event!

The three charities involved in the golf tournament, Safe Haven, Dare to Care and PREP were recognized, as we all have a commitment to help children and youth in our community who:

- Have nowhere to sleep tonight
- Are facing family turmoil
- Go to school hungry
- Are being bullied in person or taunted on social media
- Are just trying to fit in

A short video celebrating the [Kids at Heart Golf Tournament](#) was played.

Our charities shared in the largest pool of funds raised in our 22 year tournament history. As a team we raised **\$236,460** and it’s all going back to help the children and youth in our community through these charities. The following three recipient charities were introduced.

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Curtis Slator has been the Executive Director of the PREP Society for Individuals with Down Syndrome for the past 5 years. PREP is a place where families who have a child with Down Syndrome can find community and the support required to ensure their child has the best possible opportunity to live an active and included life in their community. PREP was presented with a cheque in the amount of \$47,292. Chris said this money will go directly to their teen program for junior and senior high students with Down syndrome to work on their independence and communication skills so they can live as full a life as they possibly can in their schools.



Lisa Dixon-Wells is the founder and Executive Director of Dare to Care. Dare to Care is a Calgary based charity that has been at the forefront of bully prevention programming since 1999, with extensive experience in schools, sports organizations and community groups. Dare to Care surpassed their one millionth participant milestone in 2021 and was recently awarded the Government of Alberta's Inspiration Award for Leadership in Bully Prevention and the Imagine Canada Award for Community Partnership. Dare to Care was presented a cheque in the amount of \$70,938. Lisa shared the story of Cameron, their youngest Dare to Care Ambassador at age 11 who volunteered at the tournament, who said the tournament was "the best day of his life". Lisa outlined that the tournament funds will subsidize 50 schools and almost 20,000 students getting the Dare to Care programming this year for kindergarten through grade nine.



Carolyn Holloway is Safe Haven Foundation's Community Engagement Officer and has been with the organization for ten years. Safe Haven was founded in 1996 by Karen and John Sherbut based on a personal passion of what Karen wished she would have had when she experienced homelessness as a teenager herself. Their founding program, Haven's Way, provides long term homes for girls aged 14-24 ensuring they can stay safe, off the streets and in school. Safe Haven's newest initiative, Haven's Harbour, will welcome its first residents next month and will provide housing with supports to nine additional youth, graduating from Haven's Way and other like-minded programs, who want to continue their post-secondary education but do not have the means to do so. Joining her was Safe Haven board member Carmen Brouwer who was instrumental in finding some great prizes for our tournament. Safe Haven was presented with a cheque in the amount of \$118,230. Carolyn was very appreciative of the funding which represents half of their annual operating expenses for their youth program. They do not receive any government funding or fee for service so they rely heavily on the generosity of organizations like our Rotary club.





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Ted concluded by thanking Toby Oswald-Felker, who Chaired this year's inaugural KIDS AT HEART program and all of the Program Committee members, the Tournament Committee members and every single one of our Sponsors, Prize donors, golfers and volunteers without whom we would not have been able to CELEBRATE our success today.

Thank the Speaker: President Jim Fitzowich thanked the speaker, **Ted Stack**, for a great presentation and for all his hard work as the Tournament chair. He also thanked all the tournament participants, including the golfers.

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.





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**** please review the recording of the meeting for the complete presentation!****

THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/S8ofagPnx9E>

The Kids at Heart Celebration Video can be viewed [here](#).

In Closing:

Next Week's Meeting: President **Jim Fitzowich** noted that next week will be Mike Ruttan and the Foundations Committee on RI and CRCF Foundations month. Guests and members are always welcome at Rotary for lunch and November 3rd would be a good meeting for you and your guests to learn more about the CRCF and RI Foundations.

Final Words: The thought for the week: *"Do what you have to do, and sometimes you can do it better than you expected"*. - Jimmy Carter. With that our meeting is adjourned.

Thank you for coming. Have a great Rotary week!

Final Reminder to Register for Next Week's Meeting

www.rotarystampedepark.com



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**

Woohoo! **Gail McDougall** has updated her contact info on Clubrunner. Please delete her Comcast email and use gailmcdougall54@gmail.com going forward. See her updated phone number in the Member Directory.

Are you going to the 2023 Rotary International Convention? This time in Melbourne, Australia! If you are planning to go please let me know so I can update the names on our Website.

<https://rotarycs.org/page/who-s-going-to-the-convention/>



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

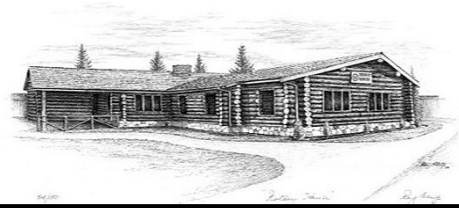
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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.

No nominations have been made at this time so PLEASE get your forms into Bryan asap!

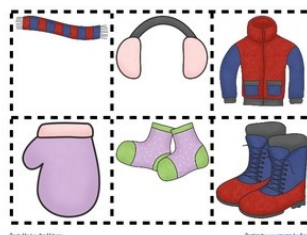
Any questions please email President Elect Bryan Walton president-elect@rotatycs.org

President's Challenge - Winter Clothes Drive for Ukrainian Evacuees

Today **John Fitzsimmons** put a call out to fill a trailer with warm winter clothes and supplies for Ukrainian Evacuees in Canada for their first Canada winter.... And we FILLED the trailer!!!! Thanks to everyone who brought donations and those who continue to help Ukrainian Evacuees in our City. Big thanks to John Fitzsimmons for organizing this drive and for all the hard work he does at the

Ukrainian Donation Center!!!

Great job Fitz!





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Elections

Election Update: Past President Craig Stokke:

At noon today, the nomination period for upcoming positions on next year's board officially closed. I am honoured to announce the following results.

Luanne Whitmarsh has agreed to continue as Club Secretary for an additional two year term. I can honestly say, on behalf of myself and **President Jim**, that Luanne has done an amazing job for our Club. Thank you Luanne.

President-Elect Bryan Walton's Director nominees;

Brenda McKinley, Rudy Roberto, Lynn Topp, and Bob Wiens will begin their two year terms on July 1, 2023. These amazing Rotarians will be a great addition to our Board and they will join second year Directors **John Fitzsimmons, Jim Bladon, and Kathy Demorest**.

Our President-Elect Nominee (as selected by the committee of Past-Presidents) is **Jim Bladon**. Jim will serve as our Club President in the 2024-2025 Rotary year, which of course is the lead up to the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary. I look forward to working closely with Jim and his Board.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our Club Treasurer **Don Mintz**. Don has done an incredible job as Club Treasurer and will be serving one more year.

On behalf of all the members of our Club, congratulations to everyone for your individual appointments. Our Club is in great hands moving forward and please be assured you have the full support of our Club membership.

Thank you again for allowing your names to stand at this important time.



Social Club

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** at; 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.





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Calendar of Events

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



December 22: Clevelen Awards & Christmas Social

