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at Stampede Park

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the October 29th 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 0 Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table (L-R) : Hermann Logsend, Roselyn Jack, George Deegan, César Angulo, Murray Flegel, Larry Kennedy





Presentation: Halloween	November 11th Rotary Remembers	Next Week: November 5th Ryan Copithorne

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…



Past President **Gordon Weicker** shared that the election closed at noon on October 29th, with no additional nominations received beyond those previously discussed, except for one successful nomination for the club secretary position.
The following individuals were announced for leadership roles:

- President-elect nominee: **Kevin MacLeod**
- Directors: **Carol Graham**, **Lisa van Hemert**, **Alan Tennant,** and **Todd Richardson**
- Club Secretary: **Carol Rosdobutko**

Gord expressed appreciation for successfully filling the secretary position and congratulated the incoming leadership team.



Lisa Van Hemert spoke to us about upcoming grant application deadlines.

- Community Grant Applications: Due today, October 30, at 5:00 p.m.
- Brawn Family Endowment and Mario Stella Grant Applications: Due November 30.

Please share these funding opportunities with eligible local charities and organizations that may benefit.



Steve Austin shared a reminder about Inclusion Alberta's annual Changing Communities, Changing Lives Breakfast, taking place on November 17 at the Oakley Sheraton. The breakfast is free to attend, with an opportunity to make a voluntary donation to support Inclusion Alberta's programs.
Gail Williams will serve as the table captain this year, taking over from **Steve,** who will be out of the country. Additional details are on the following pages.
Steve encouraged members to attend and support Inclusion Alberta, whose partnership with Rotary through employment initiatives is an important part of the club's work.



Shondell Sabad introduced and welcomed **César Angulo** as the newest member of the Rotary Club. Originally from Mexico City, **César** has an MBA from the University of Arizona and an international consulting career spanning 12 countries. He and his family have lived in Calgary for approximately 10 years.
A talented musician who plays eight instruments, **César** also enjoys sports and travelling with his family. **Shondell** highlighted his positive attitude, friendly personality, and genuine desire to make a difference, welcoming him to the Rotary family.



Murray Flegel formally inducted **César Angulo** into the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. He welcomed **César**, recognizing his previous support of the Dream Home fundraiser and enthusiasm for joining the club.
Murray highlighted Rotary's core values of service and fellowship, the Four-Way Test, and the motto "Service Above Self." He encouraged **César** to participate in committees, build friendships, and attend district and international Rotary events to get the most out of his membership.
César was warmly welcomed as a new Rotarian.



César thanked **Shondell Sabad** for sponsoring him and the club for welcoming him and his family. He shared that Rotary has deep family roots, with both his parents and his wife's great-grandparent having been Rotarians in Mexico.
César expressed his excitement about joining the Rotary family and making a positive difference in the community, ending with a humorous thank-you and a promise to do so much good that his wife would finally agree he was right about something.



Myrna Dube-Thompson reminded members that nominations for the Cleven Award are due November 6. More information can be found on the following pages.

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Pat Neuman welcomed members to the Halloween festivities and thanked everyone who dressed up and participated. The Social Committee was recognized for organizing the event, including welcoming its newest member.
The celebrations began with a costume parade, where members showcased their costumes in front of three special guest judges who would select the winners. The Judges were **Hermann Logsend, Roselyn Jack, and George Deegan**



César Angulo entertained members with a humorous presentation on the History of Halloween, tracing its origins back over 2,000 years to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. He explained how Halloween traditions evolved, including costumes, bonfires, trick-or-treating, and the influence of Christianity.
He also shared the Alberta connection to the early printed use of “trick-or-treat” in Blackie, Alberta, in 1927.
The presentation included plenty of humour and lighthearted jokes, connecting Halloween traditions with community spirit, generosity, and Rotary's commitment to service. He closed by wishing everyone a Happy Halloween.





The Halloween costume parade winners were announced:

- First Prize: Chewbacca
- Second Prize: Stacey Johnson
- Third Prize: César Angulo, dressed as a Guns N’ Roses star.



Next **Pat Neuman** had us play a halloween themed triva game!

Following the trivia game, P**ast President Gordon Weicker, President Larry Kennedy, and President-Elect Jim Hutchens** took part in a fun game of “Bite the Apple.” Three apples were hung from strings, and participants had to take a bite without using their hands, much to everyone's amusement.





Click HERE for the photo gallery

Our group of 16 had a Wunderbar evening at the Austrian Canadian Cultural Club! We feasted on schnitzel, bratwurst, stuffed potato dumplings and more, washed down with beer served in some of the biggest steins we’ve ever seen! 🍻 We tapped our toes to the traditional music, enjoyed the lively folk dancers, and when the band kicked things up a notch, we all filed on the dance floor! 💃🕺 A huge Danke schön to Pat for organizing yet another memorable Rotary outing. Prost! 🎶💃🕺 Kathy Demorest

Registration Date: October 30, 2026













Announcements

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

OPERA NIGHT - ADD A LITTLE MAGIC TO YOUR FALL!

Presented by Ukrainians of Calgary Association. J
oin us for a beautiful evening of opera, music, and Ukrainian spirit - while supporting a cause that matters.

November 6 | 6:30 PM
St. David United Church | 3303 Capitol Hill Cres NW, Calgary

Tickets: $20 | Purchase your ticket by e-transfer to donate@uoca.ca

Come for the music. Stay for the magic. Give hope through your support.
Every ticket helps provide medical supplies to hospitals and frontline responders in Ukraine.
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Rotary Casino 2026

Please consider being a volunteer for the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park
Last year our 2 day take away was over $ 82,000.00

Dates:
Thursday, December 17th
Friday, December 18th
Place: cowboys Casino @ Stampede Park

Shift Times Available:
Thursday December 17/26
6:30 PM to 3:30 AM (2 cashier & 1 chip runner shifts)
11:00 PM to 3:30 AM (2 count room shifts)

Friday December 18/26
6:30 PM to 3:30 AM (1 general manager & 2 chip runner shifts)
11:00 PM to 3:30 AM (4 count room shifts}

Contact: **Lynn Grant** @ 403 819 8786 or Lynngrant3927@gmail.com
Please respond ASAP as I have to admit names to ALGC

Announcements

International Dinners - Lebanese Dinner

Oct 16-
21 members and guests enjoyed a fantastic Lebanese Dinner at Aladdin's Casbah(Avenida). Our dinner consisted of delightful Appetizers, a main course of kebabs (chicken and beef) with accompaniments (salad, pita bread and tzatziki) and yummy Baklava dessert. A wonderful evening with friends!
Thank you, Peggy and Keith Davis, for the recommendation!
P.S.
Next dinners:
Mexican - "Salt and Pepper" - Nov 14! (Our new member, Cesar from Mexico, says this is their favourite Mexican restaurant!)
Wine and Cheese Fondue- "City and Country Winery" - Dec 11!
Greek Dinner - Pegasus - January (Recommended by Ken Farn)
Italian - February
Vietnamese - March
Contact Pat Neuman (pneuman647@gmail) to recommend a favourite or new restaurant





"Dear Johnny Deere" was a tremendous hit with the 20 Rotary theatre-goers who made the trip to Rosebud Theatre last week. The production delivered plenty of laughs, great entertainment, and an afternoon of shared enjoyment. Judging by the smiles and laughter throughout the performance, it was a memorable outing for everyone who attended.





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Indigenous Relations

The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park (RCCSP) has an Indigenous Relations Committee (IRC) which is also connected to the District Indigenous Relations Committee (DIRC). The IRC is solidifying a work plan that will direct efforts and funding over the next few years because it is our view that we are past the *Truth* phase and on to the phase of *Reconciliation.* We are focused on the third element of the Four Way Test – "Will it build Good Will and Better Friendships"

It's likely that the efforts of the IRC will be directed to youth activities which is why RCCSP continues to support the Calgary Foundation SEEDS Connection camp at THE SITE and also the HIP youth camps that move around the country. The IRC has also met at the offices of the Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth (USAY) and we may consider future support for their initiatives. Our Club is also exploring the potential for scholarships and mentoring where appropriate.

We are reaching out to other organizations that are promoting reconciliation to gain a better understanding of efforts that are underway to bring the indigenous and non-indigenous communities together. To that end, we attended the Werklund Centre Elder Circle Project on September 30 where we heard from elders who talked about their culture which is rooted in song and dance. Earlier in the year some of our members attended the Okotoks Pow Wow where our District 5360 tipi was erected along with 18 others near the Viking Rental Centre in town. A handful of our YEX students slept overnight in the tipi – once a door was in place! The Pow Wow was spectacular.

Our Club continues to invite speakers from the indigenous community and/or those who have a knowledge of the issues and activities that would enlighten our club members. Destiny Whitney spoke to our Club about the positive financial impact that the Seven Chiefs Sportsplex at Tsuut'ina Nation has on our community. A number of our members also attended the Stampede Community Outreach efforts at Tsuut'ina Nation last June. In January our Club is looking forward to hearing from Thomas Isaac, a renowned lawyer who specialized in aboriginal law represent clients in both the indigenous and non-indigenous communities. He has agreed to sit with our IRC after his lunch presentation so we might learn from his insights on the best ways to interact and support our indigenous friends as we walk the path together into the future.

BDW 26.10.27



JOIN US

Please RSVP by November 10th, 2026
to rsvp@inclusionalberta.org or
587.338.7728.

Dear Friend,

On behalf of Inclusion Alberta, I invite you to join us for our annual **Changing Lives, Changing Communities** fundraising event.

Come hear powerful stories of lives changed through inclusion, opportunity and belonging—and see the difference your generosity makes possible.

Your support changes lives, strengthens families and builds more inclusive communities.

Together, we can create a future where everyone belongs.

Sincerely,

Tina Trigg
President, Inclusion Alberta

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CUE Concordia University of Edmonton · Milkjar · DHL · ATCO · Alberta Blue Cross · UFA · ATS Traffic · cenovus energy · Agricultural Community Foundation

YOU ARE INVITED TO

OLD TIME CHRISTMAS

December 3 at 11am

Wainwright Hotel at Heritage Park



$75 per person

Bring your partner, spouse or a guest
Lunch is turkey with all the fixings
Open bar

Register at rotarystampedepark.com

Please bring warm clothing items for Inn from the Cold, non-perishable food items for the Calgary Food Bank or children's toys for The Salvation Army

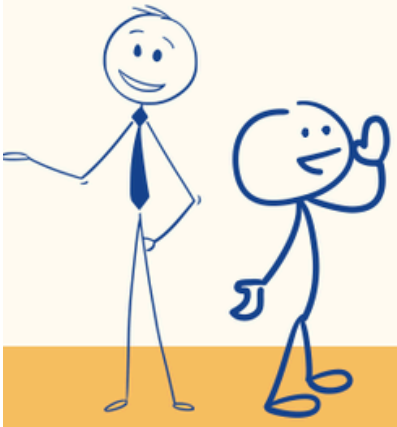
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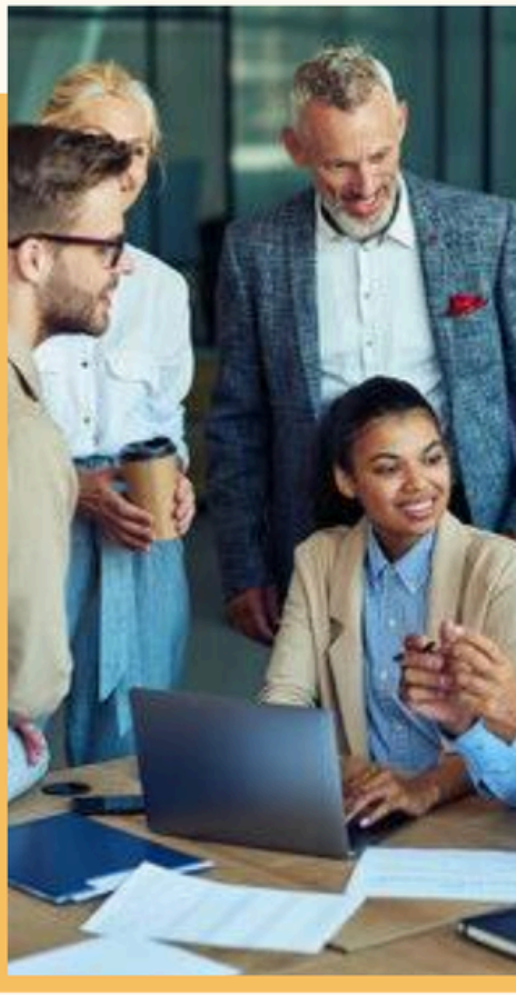


D5360 Mentorship Program

The Mentorship Program pairs a **Rotarian** mentor with a **Rotaract** mentee to provide opportunities to learn and grow both ways!



ARE YOU READY TO SERVE THROUGH YOUR VOCATION?



FOR ROTARIANS — *MENTORS*

- Share your career & life experience
- Connect with the next generation of leaders and see fresh perspectives!
- Build relationships across the Rotary family

FOR ROTARACTORS — *MENTEES*

- Explore careers and possibilities
- Gain guidance from real-world experience
- Build confidence & meaningful connections



SMALL TIME COMMITMENT BIG IMPACT!

ONE CONNECTION CAN OPEN A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES



EXPOSURE

See careers and pathways they may not have known existed

GUIDANCE

Learn from someone who has already navigated the path

CONFIDENCE

Ask questions, explore interests & recognize their potential

OPPORTUNITY

Build skills, networks & access to new experiences

APPLY to the mentorship program using this QR Code:

OR EMAIL:
rotaract5360mentorship@gmail.com

Interested in Youth and Vocational Service?



... Join the Youth and Vocational Service Committee!

Contact Rhea Graham for further details:
rheagrahamd@gmail.com

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Jim Gibson has been proposed for active membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, as sponsored by **Jim Smith** and seconded by **Jim Burns**, with a proposed classification of Educator / Teacher Recruitment

If any Member objects to **Jim Gibson** joining our Club or to his proposed classification, an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, **Gail Williams:** secretary@rotarycs.org prior to **November 5th.**

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Closing:

Next week: November 5th - Ryan Copithorne

The week following: November 11th - Rotary Remembers

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 1st** - Kids At Heart Charity Presentation~~

~~**October 8th** - The Palmer Institute~~

~~**October 15th** - Dr. Debbie Thompson, President and CEO of Olds College~~

~~**October 22nd** - The Field of the Crosses~~

~~**October 29th** - Halloween~~



NOVEMBER

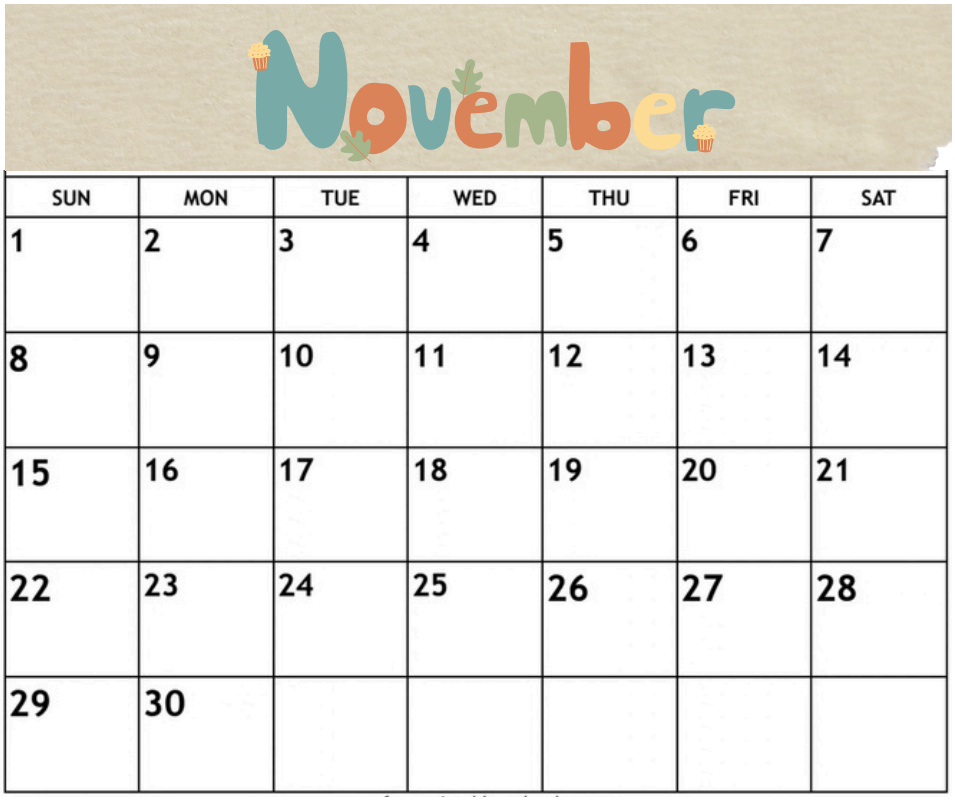
November 5th - Ryan Copithorne

November 11th - Rotary Remembers

November 12th - **No Meeting**

November 19th - Rotary Foundation and CRCF

November 26th - TBD



DATES TO REMEMBER

~~**October 24th** - Oktoberfest at the Austrian Canadian Club~~

~~**October 29th** - Halloween Lunch at Rotary House~~

November 6th - International dinner

November 11th - Rotary Remembers at Carriage House

December 3rd - Club "Old Tyme Christmas" party at Heritage Park

December 17th - Club Social - Grandstand

January 10th - Brunch at Stage West