

# ROTARY NEWS

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**Welcome to the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Gordon Weicker, and I am honoured to be the President of this Club for Rotary year 2025-26:**

**Please join me in the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace.**

Head Table (L-R) : Sjoert Zuidhof, Leslie Biles, Joanna Low, Lucile Maniraguha, Sharyl Madigan, President Gordon Weicker



**Presentation:  
Kids at Heart  
Charity Presentation**

**October 16<sup>th</sup>  
Jennie McDonald  
(exchange student)**

**Next Week  
October 9<sup>th</sup>  
Rotary Profile**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the October 16th meeting.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting video.

# Today's Meeting:

**David Field** introduced our guests followed by the welcome song, led by **Vitaliia Vash!**



**Michael Zacharki** brought up the 50/50, **Michael** had **Bill LeClair** draw the lucky ticket. The pot was \$160 and won by **Neil Fraser!**

**Jim Fitzowich** got to remove **Doug Hoods** red stripe!! Congrats **Doug!**

John Hickie from the Millennium Club came up to tell us about "Gino A child of war" Please see more info on page 4 or watch the meeting video linked on page 1.



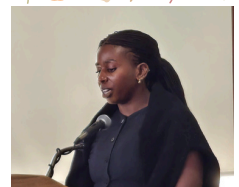
Next **Sherry Austin** and **Murray Flegel** came up to give us a very exciting announcement regarding our new Rotary House. Stampede has decided to pay for all of the renovations of our new Rotary House!!!! All information is on page 4. **Greg Martin** and his family have made a half a million dollar donation to start it!! Thank you so much **Martin** family!!



**Carol Rosdobutko** our Sgt@Arms starts off by asking **Sharyl Madigan** to add \$5 to the pot for dropping her popcorn at Cirque du Soliel. Please refer to meeting video for the full story. Next **Carol** asked **Neil Fraser** how much of his winnings he will be adding to the pot. **Neil** decided to add not only add his winnings but some more money on top of that to the designated fund (Referring back to **Sherry Austin** and **Murray Flegel's** announcement) Next **Carol** asks anyone who did not write out their post card from last weeks meeting to add \$2 to the pot. **Carol** then had us play some trivia, If you answer correct then your table pays \$2 and if you get it incorrect you pay \$5. First up was **Ken Farn** he was incorrect. Next was **Cathie Saroka** she was Incorrect. Next up **Evan Strong** he was correct.



**Sharyl Madigan** came up and told us the real story of what happened at Cirque du Soliel before moving into the program. **Sharyl** thanks the Kids at Heart Selection Committee and the Kids at Heart Committee. **Sharyl** tells us about the 3 charities we partnered with for this years Kids at Heart Golf Tournament before inviting each charity to come up and speak to us.



Lucile Maniraguha from Umoja Mosaic Community came up to thank us and tell us about what this money has done for the community and the project the money is dedicated too.

Joanna Low from Made by Momma came up to thank us and tell us about what this money has done for the community and the project the money is dedicated too.



Leslie Biles from Youth Central came up to thank us and tell us about what this money has done for the community and the project the money is dedicated too.



I strongly encourage everyone to watch the meeting video linked on page 1 to hear about each charity and the project's these fund have gone to.

**Sharyl** came up to us that we raised \$306,000. Each Charity received \$102,000. The cheques were presented to each charity. **Sjoert Zuidhof** said a few words to us and to the charities. Thank you to everyone who made this happen!

**President Gordon** finished off the meeting by announcing that we will be making a \$100 donation to the CRCF in the name of each charity in recognition of her time with us during this meeting.



Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery



# Announcements



**SERVICE Above Self**

**Rotary Club of Calgary Millennium & History Matters  
Present "Gino"**

**OCTOBER 11 at 7PM at The Globe Theatre in Calgary**

This is the true story of Gino Farnetti-Bragaglia, a 5-year old Italian orphan, adopted by Canadian soldiers during World War Two. Some of the filming was on-site in Italy, with other shooting venues in Calgary and post-production work in Calgary. The film runs about 55 minutes, and my friend, Karen Storwick, a military historian and the films producer, will provide a question-and-answer session immediately afterwards.

We're presenting the film in conjunction with History Matters, a registered charity that works to preserve stories of Canada's Armed Forces. Costs of presenting the film and proceeds are shared by Rotary Club of Calgary Millennium and History Matters.

Tickets are \$25 and available online with the QR Code below

or via the link: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/gino-a-child-of-war>

We will also take admission at the door.

Watch the YouTube Trailer and try not to cry

YouTube Trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCTI9C5iWvM>

Rotary proceeds will be used to support the Veterans Food Banks here in Calgary. Non-perishable food items are welcome. Pet food and toys are also welcome as many Vets have support animals.



We look forward to welcoming you to see this production by Calgary's creative documentary film community, and to support and care for our veterans who have given so much service to us.

Thanks, John Hickie – President, Rotary Club of Calgary Millennium

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Board Resolution unanimously recommended by the Legacy and Stampede Liaison Committees and approved unanimously by the Board of Directors:

In recognition of the long-term relationship and collaborative partnership the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park has shared with the Calgary Stampede, the Board resolves to establish a designated fund in the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park Community Service Fund, a registered charity. The purpose of the Designated Fund is to accumulate receipts from donors, bearing the notation "Stampede Designated Fund", with the goal of accumulating \$250,000 by December 31, 2025. Once \$250,000 has been accumulated, the balance in the "Stampede Designated Fund" will be donated to The Calgary Stampede Foundation and the "Stampede Designated Fund" will be closed.

As presented at the meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park on October 2, 2025:

- Any amount donated to the Designated Fund is welcome.
- Our Club will establish a Donor Wall in our new Rotary House to recognize donors contributing \$1000 or more.
- E-transfers and cheques are acceptable.
- E-transfers need to be sent to [Donations@rotarycs.org](mailto:Donations@rotarycs.org). Notation should be made that they are to be applied to the Stampede Designated Fund.
- Cheques should be made payable to Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. They should bear the notation, for "Stampede Designated Fund".



**Rotary**

Club of Calgary  
at Stampede Park



## **Closing:**

Next week: **October 9<sup>th</sup> - Rotary Profile - Benno Nigg**

The week following: **October 16<sup>th</sup> - Jennie McDonald (exchange student)**

## **Closing words:**

A child's laughter is proof that joy is contagious – and that the smallest voices often carry the greatest lessons

Please think about that as we

**"Unite for Good"**



# Calendar

## OCTOBER

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Kids at Heart Charity Presentation

**October 9<sup>th</sup>** - Rotary Profile

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** - Jennie McDonald (exchange student)

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** - New Members Celebration

**October 30<sup>th</sup>** - Halloween

October						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 	2 	3 	4
5	6	7	8	9 	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day	14	15	16 	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 	31 Halloween	

## NOVEMBER

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** - Cheryl Bedard

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** - Rotary Remembers

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** - No Meeting

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** - Kyle Burks

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** - TBD

November						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6 	7	8
9	10	11 	12	13 	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

## DATES TO REMEMBER – SAVE THESE!!

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** - Cirque Du Soleil (Echo)

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** - Turkish Dinner

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** - Candlelight Theatre

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>** - A Winter's Night