

ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the October 30th 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) : Michael Ruttan, Miguel Kanafany, Roselyn Jack, President
Gordon Weicker, Glen Richardson, Larry Kennedy



**Presentation:
Halloween**

**November 11th
Rotary Remembers**

**Next Week:
Cheryl Bernard**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the November 20th meeting.

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

Today's Meeting:

David Field introduced our guests followed by the welcome song...



Michael Zacharki brought up the 50/50, **Michael** had **Glen Richardson** draw the lucky ticket. The pot was \$135 and won by **Norm Legare!!!**

Our Sgt@Arms **Blake Pelham** started off by inviting **Cathie Saroka** up to the podium, she asked everyone on the new member event team to stand up to be recognized. **Blake** asked anyone who did not attend the new members event to add some money to the pot. If you did attend the new members event add \$1 to the pot for all the fun you had!



Cathie Saroka thanked everyone on behalf of the new member event committee. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the silent auction and to those who participated in the live auction!!! Thank you to all the sponsors and those who donated.



Michael Ruttan came up next to talk to us about CRCF. **Michael** told us a bit about CRCF and how it works. Please refer to the meeting video for more information. There is also more information on pages 7 and 8.



Michael Ruttan now invites **Bill LeClair** up to recognize his contributions to CRCF, he is a builder level donor. **Bill** was awarded a certificate!! Next **Michael** ask **Don and Bonny Gass** to come forward, they have been recognized at the major donor level!! They received a beautiful crystal.

Assistant District Governor Dave Leslie came up on behalf of the Polio Plus campaign. Dave presented our club with a certificate from Rotary International. This is for their appreciation for our financial support of End Polio Now.



Sherry Austin and **Murray Flegel** came up to give us a very important update about Rotary House. Please watch the meeting video to hear this update!!! The information to donate to the Stampede Designated Fund is on page 4. Please read the information very carefully!!!!

Miguel Kanafany came up next to give his classification talk. **Miguel** shared a little bit about him self and his family along with how he came to Rotary. I encourage everyone to watch the meeting video to hear more about **Miguel**.



Past President Jim Bladon came up to announce on behalf of Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park Board of directors the results of the 2025 elections.

President Elect nominee - **Jim Hutchens**

Treasurer - **Penny Leckie**

3 Directors:

Sjoert Zuidhof

Pat Neuman

Max Feldman



Luanne Whitmarsh was unable to attend this meeting but we still want to recognize her for the honour that she received of the 2024-2025 Senior's Service Award for her incredible work to support Alberta Seniors!

Roselyn Jack came up to start our Halloween fun!!!!

Pat Neuman asked us all to individually to put our hand in the bag on the table but no peeking!! You have to try and guess what is in the bag and write it down!! Next everyone had to check under their chair, there was 3 prizes hidden under 3 different chairs. Congrats to everyone who won a prize!!

Next we started the costume parade!!! Each member wearing a costume would go up, one table at a time and walk up past our 3 honourable judges.

In second place was **John Shield**!!!

In first place was **Blake Pelham**!!!!

Thank you to **Pat Neuman** and the social committee for setting this all up!!!



Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

Announcements

New Members Event Pictures



Announcements

Bussiness Club!!

Please join us for another fun and informative evening with fellow members at Korite Ammolite Ltd. from 6 to 8 pm on Monday, December 8th.

Join us at: Unit 167, 3953 112 ave SE

Amarjeet Grewal will be discussing the Ammonite and Ammolite business. We'll hear **Amarjeet's** story, get a peak at the showroom (Christmas is coming!) and enjoy networking time along with some snacks and refreshments.

<https://rotarystampedepark.com/>



The poster is for a business club meeting. At the top left is a circular logo with the text 'We're Back!'. To the right of this is the text 'ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK BUSINESS CLUB MEETING'. Below this is a white box with the text 'The Ammonite & Ammolite Business Networking & Refreshments to follow' and 'KORITE' in a separate box. In the center, there is a clock icon with the text '6:00 to 8:00pm' and a circular badge with 'DEC 8'. Below this is the text 'Join us at: Unit 167, 3953 112 ave SE'. At the bottom, there is a white box with the text 'Get your \$20 tickets by Dec 4th at: rotarystampedepark.com'. On the right side, there is a portrait of a woman. At the bottom left is the Rotary International logo.

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.
- Tax receipts will be issued by our Club.
- Our Club will establish a Donor Wall in our new Rotary House to recognize donors.
- Our Club will establish a Donor Wall in our new Rotary House to recognize donors contributing \$1000 or more.
- CanadaHelps website: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/Rotary-club-of-Calgary-at-Stampede-Park-community-service-fund/campaign/rotary-house-designated-fund/>
- E-transfers and cheques are acceptable.
- E-transfers need to be sent to 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".

Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

Salvation Army Kettle Campaign starts November 14th

We have 3 Saturday's in a row - Nov 29, Dec 6, Dec 13, all at chinook mall with location to be determined and advised. Shifts are only 2 hours in duration, starting at 10am and the last shift will be 6pm to 8pm.

Please call David Read to get your shift.

Phone: [403-921-5856](tel:403-921-5856)

Rotary Foundation Month

Doing Good in the World – Locally and Globally



The Rotary Foundation
La Fondation Rotary du
Canada

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) (Canada)

Mission: To enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is the charitable arm of Rotary International and the primary provider of funds to further Rotary's mission. Founded more than 100 years ago, TRF has invested over \$4 billion in sustainable, life-changing projects. Together, we are winning the fight against polio! TRF has also raised more than \$75 million for humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

The Rotary Foundation is funded by:

- Annual Fund – main source of club and district grants
- PolioPlus Fund – fighting to eradicate polio worldwide
- World Fund and Global Grants which have received approval from RI

TRF supports both international and local projects. Each year our club receives \$4,000 for scholarships, \$4,000 for youth programs, and has funded many projects through District Grants. Through Global Grant leveraging, our contributions multiply many times over.

☑ Recognition: All donations receive a Canadian tax receipt and count toward Paul Harris Fellow awards.

How to Donate to The Rotary Foundation (TRF):

Go to <https://www.trfcanada.org/> and then click on Ways to Give

- **Donate Online:** By credit Card. Link in this section will take you to TRF donation page. Various Funds are explained and if unsure as to your choice select Annual Fund
- **Donate by Cheque:** Payable to The Rotary Foundation (Canada). Either download form and mail it or simply drop cheque off at the front desk during November.
- **Donate Public Securities:** Download the information sheet provided. Contributing appreciated securities to The Rotary Foundation (Canada) will benefit you in two ways:
 - You may avoid paying capital gains taxes
 - You will receive a charitable tax deduction
- **For Help :** call 1-866-976-8279. Or talk to Foundations Committee members who will be at the front desk throughout November to assist you.



Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF)

Established in 1972, CRCF is unique to Calgary. It manages the funds donated by members of the 12 Calgary Rotary Clubs. Funds are invested professionally, and each year 5% of the average balances are distributed back to the clubs. CRCF operates with minimal overhead, apart from investment management fees. Three of our members sit on the Board.

At February 2025, CRCF managed \$68.3 million, with \$12.4 million being held for our club. Your Donations go to the General Fund or can be directed to the following designated funds.

- Stella Fund - for Special Needs Transportation.
- Brawn Family Fund - for Mental Health
- Austin Fund - for Animal Welfare
- ASB Fund- for Education

Last Year the Club donated over \$500,000 of CRCF funds to various local community organizations. Some of the notable ones include.

- Hospice Calgary \$110,000
- Alex Community Health Centers \$52,850
- Foothills Hospice \$27,950
- And from Stella Designated funds - Step by Step Intervention Society \$74,555.

In June 2025 we received \$377,000 and the expected distribution in June 2026 is \$541,000

How to Donate to CRCF:

- **Online:** Visit <https://www.calgaryrotaryfoundation.ca/contribute> ☑ Contribute online. Add Club name & designation if desired (Stella, Brawn, Austin, or ASB).
- **By Cheque:** Payable to CRCF. Drop at the front desk in November, or mail to PO Box 34040, Westbrook PO, Calgary T3C 3W2.
- **E-Transfer:** Send to calgaryrotaryclubsfoundation@gmail.com. Include your address (for tax receipt), Club name and any fund designation.
- **Donate Public Securities:** Visit <https://www.calgaryrotaryfoundation.ca/contribute> ☑ Download the Transfer of Securities Form
- Ask any Committee member for help. We will be at front desk during November.

🙏 **Thank You for Your Ongoing Support**

Together, through TRF and CRCF, we make a difference — locally and globally.

PARTNERS in PRINT



INVITATION TO THE ROTARY PARTNERS CHRISTMAS DINNER CELEBRATION

**Join us for an evening of festive cheer, delicious food
and holiday spirit!**



Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Cost: \$65.00 per person

**We encourage you to bring a guest – the more, the merrier!
Ugly Christmas Sweaters welcome (but optional)**

**Location: Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club
12501 – 14th Street SW**

Registration: 4:00pm / Dinner: 5:30pm

MENU

Roasted Butternut Squash Soup with Crème Fraiche (GF)
Roast Turkey with Sage Dressing, Pan Gravy & Relish
Seasonal Vegetable Medley & Roasted Fingerling Potatoes
Grand Marnier Crème Brûlée with Fresh Berries (GF)
House Baked Rolls
Freshly Brewed Coffee & Tea Service



**Get your cash ready! The 50/50 and Christmas Basket Raffles are
CASH ONLY (who knows – you might go home with a festive prize)
Tickets are: 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00**

Need a ride? We've got you covered! Contact Pat Farn at 403-271-5567

**Confirm attendance, payment and dietary restrictions/allergies by
November 18th to Karen Grant 403-239-8987 or partners@rotarycs.org ONLY**

**Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season with
friends!**



Marietta Maier has resigned from the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede park for health reasons.



Closing:

Next week: November 6th - Cheryl Bernard

The week following: November 11th - **Rotary Remembers (This replaces the November 13th luncheon)**

Closing words:

"Life lesson from a Dog!"

Dogs keep it simple. They don't ask for much – just your love, your time, and a little attention. They light up over the basics: a walk, a treat, or sitting close to you.

That's the beauty of it. life doesn't need to be complicated. Enjoy the small things, because to them, that's everything!

Please think about that as we

"Unite for Good"

Calendar

OCTOBER

October 2nd - Kids at Heart Charity Presentation

October 9th - Rotary Profile

October 16th - Jennie McDonald (exchange student)

October 23rd - New Members Celebration

October 30th - 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 6th - Cheryl Bernard

November 11th - Rotary Remembers

November 13th - No Meeting

November 20th - Kyle Burks

November 27th - 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 1st - Cirque Du Soleil (Echo)

October 7th - Turkish Dinner

November 14th - Candlelight Theatre

November 22nd - A Winter's Night