



Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



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Welcome to the October 6th 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; **Pat Neuman, Mike Ruttan, Past President Craig Stokke, President Jim Fitzowich, Manon Mitchell and Janet Matthews.**



Announcements: President Jim Fitzowich

This October is the month of elections. Other than our Club elections, Albertans elect a new Premier Today. Some interesting facts on Alberta Premiers:

1897 – Sir Frederick Haultain becomes Premier of the NorthWest Territories, an area that includes modern day Alberta.

1905 – Sir Alexander Rutherford becomes the 1 st Premier of the province of Alberta on September 1 st . He founds the University of Alberta as the first Act of Legislature, and later becomes its Chancellor

1910 to present – there are 17 Premiers that follow Rutherford, including 2 more Liberals, 3 UFA, 3 Social Credit, 1 NDP, and 8 Conservatives – pretty much the whole political spectrum. Stay tuned for 19th Premier.

We were serenaded by Violinist, Steve, from The Civic Symphony prior to the Meeting to-day and then he led us in the singing of O' Canada!

Glenn Potter then led us in Rotary Grace.



President Jim recognized **Norm and Doreen Devitt** on their 66th Wedding Anniversary.
Congratulations you lovebirds!



Health and Wellness: Bill Sumner is home and doing better. Phone calls are appreciated!



Announcements Continued:

Guests: Greg Smythe introduced our visitors and guests followed by the Welcome Song



50/50: Ben Steblecki asked Manon Mitchell, our guest speaker to pull the lucky ticket. **Jim Smith** was our lucky winner today. Congrats Jim!



Sergeant at Arms: Chad Hason wasted no time relieving **Jim Smith** of some of his winnings. In keeping with the musical focus of today's speaker, he went on to challenge some Rotarians to pantomime a particular musical instrument for his/her table. Great effort on our members' parts but little success guessing which instrument it was based on Chad's eclectic chose of instruments! Good job Chad!



Minute Speakers:

Ribbons for Peace final update: Len Hamm was pleased to advise that the attendance for the fundraising dinner to be held on October 12, has just surpassed 300. There is \$95,000 collected for sponsorships and 12 amazing items for the live auction. Len encouraged us to try and get 30 more attendees. Len went on to recognize the hard work of his Committee who have met 17 times since January and did a tremendous amount of work to bring this dinner to fruition. Many thanks to Len and his Committee!



Community Service Grants: Jim Hutchens advised that their Committee deals with both small and large grants and are open for business. They are now able to accept applications from eligible charities and asked the Club to advise charities of these grants. There is a new application form on our website that the charities will need to submit. The Committee needs all of our efforts to ensure local charities are aware of these grants and get their forms submitted. The Committee wants to get to work and have our money start to have an impact on the community.



Announcement: Rotary Foundations Chair,

Mike Ruttan presented RI pins to:
Brett Albers presented with a PHF+1
Ernie Yaskowich presented with a PHF+ 3 and;
Sjoert Zuidhof with a Major Donor recognition



President Jim noted that more Rotarians will be recognized with both Paul Harris and CRCF contributions over the next 2 months.



Reminder Announcement: John Fitzsimmons is still requesting more young helpers to assist in the "lifting" of items for the Ukraine Relief program. He requested that member ask their sons and friends to help out with this as both **he, GR and Chas** are really developing "sore backs" from all the lifting required. Man-handling mattresses and furniture are wearing them out! If you can help give John a call. (see page 6)



Speaker Introduction: Janet Matthews

I am sure our guest speaker is no stranger to many of you – Manon Mitchel has been a Rotarian since 2010 and has just completed her role as Club President of the Calgary Downtown Club. Currently she is leading her 3rd Global Grant in Cambodia; she's been an Assistant Governor for 4 years; and she was a Rotary Leadership Institute facilitator for 5 years. But Manon is not here to talk about her involvement with Rotary – she is here to let us in on Calgary's best kept musical secret – the Calgary Civic Symphony.



Manon was born in Montreal and grew up in a musical family. She began playing violin at age 9 and added the clarinet and saxophone at age 12. Throughout her youth she played in a variety of musical groups from orchestra to stage band and marching band. Opting away from a musical career, she completed her B.Sc. in Psychology at McGill and started a career in IT at McMaster. After moving to Calgary in 1990, she worked as an IT Consultant, and finished her career as IT Project Manager at Husky Energy.

Manon joined the Calgary Civic Symphony in 1992 and has been on the board of directors serving as President for many years bringing her organizational, project management and process driven best practices to this volunteer organization. She is chair of the Civic's "Rotary Calgary Concerto Competition" committee which sees just over 40 young Calgary musicians competing for the honour of performing with the Civic Symphony in the Jack Singer Concert Hall.

Aside from spending time doing Rotary work, Manon came out of retirement to perform in a violin duet cover band called "Palladio", entertaining audiences at weddings, receptions and other gatherings. Manon is married to our District Governor Elect Kurt Kowalchuk. Together they have 4 adult children. When they are not doing Rotary stuff, they love travelling, skiing and kayaking and enjoy taking their 2 grandkids on holidays every summer.

Please join me in welcoming Manon to let us in on Calgary's best kept musical secret.



Main Speaker: Manon Mitchell

Manon Mitchell, President and violinist of the Calgary Civic Symphony "Calgary's Best Kept Musical Secret"

Today I'll share with you who we are what we do and where you can find us. Of course you'll have the pleasure of hearing us as well.

Raise your hand if you took music lessons of any kind as a child.

How many of you have made music a career?

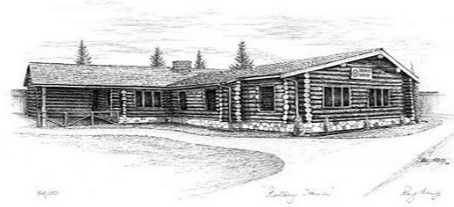
How many still play the instrument you played as a child?

If it's not a career and if you've developed a passion for playing in a group then where in Calgary do you go to play in an orchestra?

At the Civic, our members studied their instrument, some may have even studied at University but the common denominator is that none of us (except for our Conductor and Concertmaster) are professional orchestra players.

We are passionate about orchestral playing and that is something you just can't do alone in your living room.

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Main Speaker Continued:



What we have in common?

1. All of us suffer from ear worms, those nasty bits of a few bars of music that keep repeating incessantly after rehearsal.
2. We would have a huge void in our lives, an unfulfilled yearning for works of the great masters such as Beethoven Brahms Mahler Dvorak Mozart and on and on.

We need to play our instrument to fill a creative need, to feel good and most of all to share with listeners the great experience of orchestral sound. It's taken many years of dedication by volunteers to grow the orchestra to the level achieve today. ***Yes, we've been in existence for 46 years, which is why many have said that the Civic is Calgary best kept musical secrets!***

This is what we looked like in 2017 when we performed Mahler's 2nd Symphony entitled Resurrections. We had 126 musicians on stage and about 275 choristers in the choir loft. It took many years of persistent rehearsals and programming with a purpose to elevate the quality of performance of the Civic to handle such complex repertoire as Mahler. Very similar to a Rotary Club, we meet weekly but for 2 ½ hours to rehearse as it takes us 6 – 7 weeks to put a show together. Weekly 2.5 hr rehearsals between September and June. Musicians pay yearly dues, receive music to practice in between rehearsals. Prepare repertoire for 5 concerts per season (Programming developed by Artistic Director in consultation with lead musicians). Diverse group from 20 – 80+yrs old (we still have 3 charter members playing with us). Non profit - Registered with CRA (as the Orchestra Society of Calgary). Great team sport!

Over the years, the Civic has been an active participant in our community's cultural landscape. Contact Manon Mitchell at president@calgarycivicsymphony.ca if you are interested in one of the Board positions or other volunteer opportunities.

Concerts are always Sunday afternoon at 2:30 pm at the Jack Singer Hall. Pricing is very affordable and all tickets are available at arts commons 403 294-9494. You can find the Civic online at calgarycivicsymphony.ca We invite you to come and hear and experience your Calgary Civic Symphony. You'll be amazed at what amateur VOLUNTEER musicians can create when united by a passion for excellence in performance.

Thank the Speaker: Pat Neuman



Best kept secret? Not anymore! We are "Swept Away", Manon! Thank you, for a very enlightening talk on the Calgary Civic Symphony. Your passion for music, must rival your passion for Rotary!! Many of us may not have been aware of the wonderful opportunity for people to hone their skills with the orchestra. Perhaps there's someone in the audience who would be keenly interested. Or, I am sure many of us didn't know about the beautiful events the Calgary Symphony presents. The tireless volunteer hours that each person commits to is admirable but I suspect it is more a love of music than work. Looking at your upcoming schedule

of events, and as our Social committee is looking at fresh new ideas.. perhaps we will see you at one of the upcoming shows! Thank you again for sharing your experience and enthusiasm with us.

President Jim: On behalf the of Club we make a \$100 donation in your honour to the CRCF, which, you know, supports Calgary area Rotary Clubs do their good works.



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

Or view Manon's PowerPoint [here](#)

THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK:

<https://youtu.be/6elEgc8YKzI>

In Closing:

Next Week's meeting: Will be Oleksandr Danyleiko - Consul General of Ukraine from Edmonton on the Ukrainian war with Russia. Guests and prospective members are always welcome at Rotary for lunch and the 13th would be a good meeting for you and your guests to learn more about the events in Europe. Looking forward in seeing you all on October 13th.

Final words:

Thought for the week: "For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple, and wrong". H.L. Mencken

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

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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

Tuesday October 18th:

Monday November 21st:

Tuesday December 6th:

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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EARL AND KEN REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING !!!



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ROTARY RIBBONS FOR PEACE FUNDRAISER

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SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN EVACUEES TO ALBERTA!

Join the ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK in raising funds to assist Ukrainian evacuees relocating to Alberta.

OCTOBER 12, 2022, 6 PM - 10 PM
POLISH CANADIAN CULTURAL CENTRE, 3015 15TH STREET NE

Master of Ceremonies/Auctioneer: Danny Hooper, Danny Hooper Productions

Guests of Honour: Hon Ed and Marie Stelmach

Remarks: Oleksandr Danyleiko, Consul General of Ukraine, Edmonton

Special Entertainment by Vykrutas Ukrainian Dance Society, followed by live Auction.

Tickets for the Evening are **ONLY \$175** and include dinner, entertainment, live auction and special guests.

To show your further support, custom designed **Blue and Yellow Ribbons for Peace** will be available for a donation of \$100.00.

All donations tax deductible according to CRA guidelines.

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- *Program front page advertisement
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- Advertising with media sponsors, eg. newspapers, TV, radio

\$5000 Yellow Sponsors

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Ukrainian Donation Center Needs Help

Club Members we need your help

The Ukraine Center has been overwhelmed with community support and are way behind on gathering up the donated goods.

What we need:

Trucks and Drivers
Swampers/Movers for heavy lifting

How to Participate:

Get in touch with Dana Hunter or John Fitzsimmons with your availability and quadrant so we can match you to a donor.

What does it look like:

You will get the details for a pick up by email or text.
Call the donor to schedule a time and day.
Gather the goods.
Drop off the goods at the donation centre, there is a lockbox there code will be provided for afterhours drops.

The recipients of the donated goods likely arrived in Canada with only a suitcase from Ukraine, they may not speak english and many have left fathers behind. Any help is appreciated! - **Dana Hunter**

Please contact Fitz johnfitzsimmons9@gmail.com or Dana drmuir@shaw.ca if you are able to help or know of someone you can volunteer.



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Elections

As **President Jim** mentioned, it is election time. As immediate Past-President of the Club I have been tasked with chairing the Nomination Committee this year. According to the bylaws of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, the election process for President-Elect Nominee, Secretary and Directors is declared **open today, October 6, 2022**.

Treasurer **Don Mintz** is in the first year of his two year term so his position will not be up for re-election until next year. Sorry Don. For the newer members, on the first day of an election, the Chair of the Nomination Committee must inform the Club of the nomination process.

So here we go: The nomination process will be open for candidates from the club membership for a three (3) week period, closing at 12:00 pm on October 27, 2022. At that time, acceptance of additional nominations will cease. Nominations from Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park members can be submitted for each of the following positions: President-Elect Nominee, Secretary, and four (4) Director positions.

Nomination forms for all positions will be sent out by a separate email and are posted on our Club website. Members are requested to prepare a nomination form for each nominated candidate, and the form must be signed by the nominee showing their willingness to serve, if elected. Again, these forms must be dated and submitted to the Club Secretary, **Luanne Whitmarsh** **no later than 12:00 pm on October 27, 2022**.

In the event we have more nominations submitted than there are positions to fill, we will then have an election. Ballots will be electronically mailed to Club Members with a response requested within two (2) days. Ballots must be sent to the attention of myself. All candidates involved in the election process will have a short profile published in the bulletin prior to the election.

Here are the qualifications for the open positions:

The President-Elect Nominee must meet all of the following criteria:

- (a) Has been a Member of the Club for at least five (5) years and a Rotarian for at least eight (8) years,
- (b) Has served on the Board of Directors for at least one term,
- (c) Has demonstrated a strong commitment to the objects of Rotary throughout their tenure in the Club,
- (d) Is a Member in good standing of the Club having maintained 70% attendance in the previous two (2) years prior to his nomination and,
- (e) Has demonstrated a strong commitment to all Club expectations for involvement in Club activities such as committee work and fund raising activities and in particular, completion of Dream Home shifts as required by the Club.

A Director Nominee must meet all of the following criteria:

- (a) Has been a Member of the Club for at least three (3) years,
- (b) May not have served on the Board in the previous three (3) years in any position,
- (c) Must have demonstrated a strong commitment to the objects of Rotary throughout their tenure in the Club,
- (d) Is a Member in good standing in the Club having maintained seventy (70) % attendance in the previous two (2) years prior to his nomination and,
- (e) Has demonstrated a strong commitment to all Club expectations for involvement in Club activities such as committee work and fund raising activities and in particular, completion of Dream Home shifts as required by the Club.

A Club Secretary Nominee must meet all of the following criteria:

- (a) Has been a Member of this Club for at least five (5) years,
- (b) Must have demonstrated a strong commitment to the objects of Rotary throughout their tenure in the Club,
- (c) Is a Member in good standing in the Club having maintained 70% attendance in the previous two (2) years prior to his nomination and,
- (d) Has demonstrated a strong commitment to all Club expectations for involvement in Club activities such as committee work and fund raising activities and in particular, completion of Dream Home shifts as required by the Club.
- (e) Should have an understanding of Board governance.



The current Club Vacancies are as follows:

President-Elect Nominee

Four (4) Directors

Club Secretary

The Club Secretary and four (4) Directors will serve for a two year term commencing on July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2025.

The President-Elect Nominee will serve in that capacity until July 1, 2023. At that time; they will assume the role of President-Elect and serve for one year from July 1st 2023 to June 30, 2024. On July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025 they will serve their term as President of our club.

Following our Club's bylaws, the President-Elect is entitled to nominate from the Membership, their candidates who meet the stated criteria for the positions of Secretary and Director.

Our current **President-Elect Bryan Walton** has submitted his nominees for the vacancies of Club Secretary and Directors. They are: Club Secretary: **Luanne Whitmarsh** (who is finishing her first term and has offered to stand for a second term), and Bryan has nominated the following Directors: **Brenda McKinley, Rudy Roberto, Lynn Topp, and Bob Weins.**

President-Elect Bryan Walton has chosen well and on behalf of the Club I thank all of the nominees for stepping forward. I've convened a meeting of the Past Presidents of our Club. This meeting will take place next Tuesday, October 11. At that time, the Past Presidents will make their selection for President-Elect Nominee and their selection will be communicated to the Club at next week's meeting.

As a reminder, any announced nominees are not intended to exclude any nominations from the general membership. Our Club bylaws provide for an open election wherever there are more nominations than vacancies to fill. Each week until October 27, I will announce the names of any additional nominees that are put forward from the general membership.

So, I know this is a lot to take in and I thank you for your attention today. All this information is outlined in our Bylaws and of course you can reference them again if you wish.

Now lastly, I offer a sincere thank you to any members who are willing to allow their name to stand for any position. Thank you.
-Past President Craig Stokke

In early August Rick and I, along with our family, visited the Eating Stone Orphanage, just outside of Nairobi. We had been given some solar calculators from a friend in Phoenix, to have our grandson gift them to some of the students. Here is our visit, and so proud to see the signage at the Orphanage, including RC of Calgary South! - **Janet Matthews**





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Rotary Partners' Book Club for October 17th ,2022

October 17 is our next Book Club at Calgary Golf and Country Club.

The cost is \$20 and we meet at 9:30. A breakfast of muffins, scones, fruit and cheeses will be served.

You need to email (janetopp@shaw.ca) to reserve a spot by October 13.

Please be ready to share any books you have read and return the ones you have borrowed.

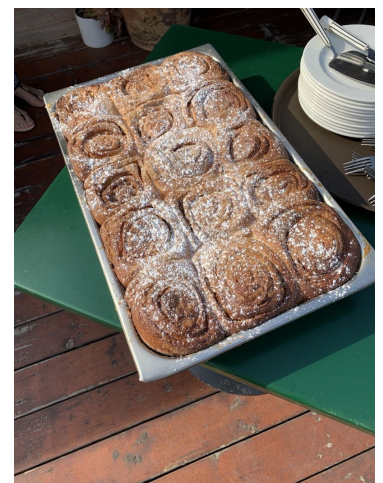
We are having a guest speaker from "It's a Crime Not to Read".

We hope to see you there. —**Maureen Hutchens and Jane Topp**



HIKING CLUB

On a sunny day 15 hikers came to see Cat Creek Waterfall. We were surprised to find Harebells still in bloom. We hiked uphill for an elevation of 149 meters, but had an easy creek crossing on a bridge. This area used to have many small coal mines. The 1913 Albertan said: "there is enough coal in the Ford mine to last Calgary 1000 years, even though the population of the city is expected to reach 250,000". After we clambered over a few rocks, we got the perfect shot of Cat Creek Waterfall. The wind up lunch was next in Longview's Little New York Bistro. Seventeen came for the lunch, which was capped off with the famous cinnamon buns with icing poured over them. We waddled home stuffed. —**Submitted by Pat Farn**



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Calendar of Events

October 12: Ribbons for Peace Fundraiser



October 13: Oleksandr Danyleiko Consul General of Ukraine - War in Ukraine



October 20: Nicholas Bell - Glenbow Museum



October 27: Ted Stack - Kid's at Heart Golf Recap



November 3: Michael Ruttan - Foundation Month



November 10: Rotary Remembers - Remembrance Day Event



November 17: Rotary Profile - Neil Fraser



November 24: David Mann - Foreign Funding of Anti-Oilsands Campaigns

