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Club of Calgary
at Stampede Park



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Welcome to the October 8th 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 O Canada and Rotary Grace.

Head Table (L-R) : Jill Conroy, Dr. Jeff Collins, Steve Bellamy, Bill LeClair, Yaseen Idris, Vishnukumar Ekambaram, Larry Kennedy



Presentation:
Dr. Jeff Collins
Director of the
Palmer Institute

October 22nd
Field of the
Crosses

Next Week: October 15th
Dr. Debbie Thompson,
President and CEO of
Olds College

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

Today's Meeting: **David Field** introduced our guests, followed by the welcome song...



Past President **Gordon Weicker**, the chair of the nomination committee, came up to talk to us about elections! More information is on the following pages.

Kim Hickson shared that she has taken over the business and networking committee. The committee welcomes members who want to learn more or are interested in hosting a business and networking event to contact **Kim**.

Lisa van Hemert highlighted the available Community Grants, CRCF grants and endowments, including their application deadlines, funding priorities, and how charities can apply. Attendees were encouraged to share these opportunities with eligible organizations.

Vishnukumar Ekambaram, representing the Rotary Club of Chennai Galaxy in India, shared the club's community service projects in healthcare, education, environmental sustainability, youth sports, and international collaboration. He highlighted initiatives such as pond restoration, donating ICU beds, supporting schoolchildren, and partnering with a Rotary club in Sri Lanka for specialized nurse training. He emphasized the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," and the importance of building partnerships with Rotary clubs in Calgary and around the world.

Jill Conroy shared some information on the Cleven Awards. More information is on the following pages.



Jill Conroy introduced **Yaseen Idris** our newest member of the Rotary Club of Calgary, at Stampede Park. **Jill** shared a bit about **Yaseen** before **Jim Fitzowich** did the Induction. Welcome **Yaseen**!!!!!!

Bill LeClair introduced Steve Bellamy, CEO of the Confederation Centre of the Arts in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. He highlighted Bellamy's extensive experience in business, arts, education, and leadership, his role in leading a \$71 million redevelopment project, and his recognition with the King Charles III Coronation Medal. The Palmer Institute for Canadian Leadership at the Confederation Centre works in partnership with the School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary.

Steve Bellamy, CEO of the Confederation Centre of the Arts in Charlottetown, shared the centre's history and its connections to Alberta, highlighting its founding as a national memorial to Canada's founders. He explained how conversations with Canadians across the country inspired the creation of the Palmer Institute for Canadian Leadership, which promotes dialogue about Canada's identity, shared values, and national unity. He then introduced Dr. Jeff Collins, the institute's director and a public policy expert.

Dr. Jeff Collins, director of the Palmer Institute for Canadian Leadership, spoke about the institute's mission to bring Canadians together to discuss national challenges, share perspectives, and develop practical solutions. He highlighted Canada's history of collaboration and achievements, encouraging a greater focus on solutions rather than problems. He also discussed the institute's Calgary event, which brought together nine leaders to propose ideas for strengthening Canada, and plans for a future gathering of young Canadians in Charlottetown to explore the country's future.

John Fitzsimmons thanked both Steve Bellamy and Dr. Jeff Collins for their presentation today.

President Larry Kennedy thanked Dr. Jeff Collins and announced that we will be making a \$100 donation to CRCF in his name.

Evan Strong, the sergeant-at-arms, delivered a humorous Thanksgiving-themed sergeant-at-arms session emphasizing gratitude and fellowship. He playfully fined **Jim Hutchens** two dollars and shared interesting facts about turkeys and the history of Canadian Thanksgiving, including its origins in 1578. He encouraged members to reflect on the many things they have to be thankful for.

Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery

It Is Election Time!!!

Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park

Club Election Process October 2026

Presented by Past President Gordon Weicker, Chair of the Nomination Committee for this year.

Pursuant to the bylaws of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, the election process for President-Elect Nominee and Directors is declared open today, October 08, 2026. Secretary Gail Williams is in her 2nd year of her 2-year term, and as such, the position of Secretary is also open for Nomination.

- The nomination process will be open for candidates from the club membership from today, closing at 12:00 pm on Thursday, October 29, 2026. 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 are attached to the bulletin and will also be 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.
- In the event we have more nominations submitted than there are positions to fill, we will then have an election.

Here are the qualifications for the open positions:

1) The **President-Elect Nominee** must meet all the following criteria:

- (a) Has been a Member of the Club for at least five (5) years and a Rotarian for at least nine (9) 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 or her 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.

2) A **Director Nominee** must meet all 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 or her 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.

3) A **Club Secretary Nominee** must meet all 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 or her 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, 2027 until June 30, 2029.

The President-Elect Nominee will serve in that capacity until July 1, 2027. At that time; they will assume the role of President-Elect and serve for one year from July 1st 2027, to June 30, 2028. From July 1, 2028, until June 30, 2029, they will serve their term as President of our Rotary club.

It is the custom of the Club that Past Presidents select their own candidate for President-Elect Nominee.

Once a President-Elect Nominee has been confirmed by the Past Presidents, I will report the same back to the Club.

As well, 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, Jim Hutchens has advised that he will submit his nominees for Club Secretary, and the vacancies of Club Directors prior to the October 29th deadline.

Announcements

Health & Wellness

Susan Brick has moved to the Southwood Hospice located at 211 Heritage Dr SE. Phone calls to Susan's cell (403-805-7734) and visitors are welcome. If visiting, please call ahead and arrange a convenient time with Susan and limit visit to ½ hour. Thank you.

OPERA NIGHT - ADD A LITTLE MAGIC TO YOUR FALL!

Presented by Ukrainians of Calgary Association. Join 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.

<https://www.facebook.com/100002069949339/posts/28440775288908090/?rclid=7mTOIKr1loR34XdU#>

Kids at Heart 2027 Charity Applications are available on our website. Click [**HERE**](#) to download application!

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

The 2026/27 Rotary Roster is currently being updated. Members, please check your contact information. If any changes are required, please reach out to **Kathy Demorest**. kathylynne@shaw.ca

Announcements

Pineridge Sports Zone ready to go!



There are a few spots left, and we are looking for people who may be willing to cover cancellations



Giving
Hope
Today



The Salvation Army's 2026 Christmas Kettle Campaign is Canada's largest holiday fundraising drive.

The funds raised directly support vital year-round community programs providing food, shelter, clothing, and substance-use recovery.

Miguel.Kanafany@Gmail.com

403-680-0030

Dates:

- November 21
- November 28
- December 05

Shifts: (2 hours)

- 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
- 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Location:

- Chinook Centre (3 sites)
- If you have a location preference, please let me know in your email. (First come, first served)

If I don't answer, please leave a message with your phone number

Announcements

A beautiful evening was held at the Werklund Centre on September 30.. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. 23 members and guests from our club attended the event. Truly touching as we viewed Tasha Komery and Alex Sarian from Werklund Centre have a naming ceremony. Lots is music, dance and singing..very memorable!!



THE FALL ROUND-UP

Rotary
Club of Calgary Chinook



IN SUPPORT OF
Alberta Lung Breathing Space



RANCHMANS COOKHOUSE & DANCE HALL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

EVENT STARTS AT 6:45 PM

PURCHASE TICKETS AT:

www.showpass.com/chinook-rotary-fall-round-up

\$45 PER TICKET

INCLUDES : BEEF ON A BUN BUFFET MEAL

SILENT AUCTION

LIVE BANDS:
LENNY AND THE PICKERS
THE WANDERING V'S

★ WESTERN DRESS ★
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Rotary
Club of Calgary Chinook
Making a difference in Calgary and around the World

NORSE

You're
Invited!

Rotary
Calgary Olympic



**CHILI
COOKOFF**

GOOD CHILI. GREAT CAUSE. STRONGER TOGETHER.



WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 28TH, 2026



6:00 PM



TRIWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
2244 Chicoutimi Dr NW
Calgary, AB

SUGGESTED DONATION

\$20 /PERSON
TO ROTARY POLIO PLUS

A laptop will be available
to donate funds
that evening.



INCLUDES:



CHILI



BUNS



SALAD



DESSERTS



DRINKS



SPEAKERS



We will have speakers/videos on
Rotary's polio eradication efforts,
the importance of vaccines,
and how we can create
a polio-free world.



Please join us for fellowship
between multiple Rotary clubs!



PLEASE RSVP

Melissa Mushka (President, Rotary Club Olympic)
403-826-3982 mmushka@shaw.ca

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Graham Carstairs has been proposed for active membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, as sponsored by **Kevin MacLeod** and seconded by **Jon Monk**, with a proposed classification of Commercial Insurance.

If any Member objects to **Graham Carstairs** joining our Club or to HIS/HER proposed classification, an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, **Gail Williams**: secretary@rotarycs.org prior to **October 22nd**

For the next few weeks the main entrance to the new Rotary House will not be accessible do to some construction. We ask everyone to use the entrance on the north side of the building for the time being.

This also mean the chair lift will not be available during this time. If you require help up the stairs, please let us know so we can ensure someone is there to assist you.



Closing:

Next week: October 15th - Dr. Debbie Thompson,
President and CEO of Olds College

The week following: October 22nd - Field of the Crosses

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 - Field of the Crosses

October 29th - Halloween



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11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

November 5th - Ryan Copithorne

November 11th - Rotary Remembers

November 12th - No Meeting

November 19th - TBD

November 26th - TBD



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