

# ROTARY NEWS

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**Welcome to the October 9th 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) : Chad Hason, Jim Bladon, President Gordon Weicker, Don Taylor, Benno Nigg, George Deegan



<b>Presentation: Rotary Profile - Benno Nigg</b>	<b>October 23<sup>rd</sup> - New Members Event (Off Site)</b>	<b>Next Week Jennie McDonald (exchange student)</b>
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Click [HERE](#) to register for the October 23rd meeting.

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting video.

# Today's Meeting:

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



**Michael Zacharki** brought up the 50/50, **Michael** had Nagi Nigg draw the lucky ticket. The pot was \$160 and won by **Bryan Targett**.

**Chad Hason** was our Sgt@Arms for this meeting. **Chad** starts off by asking **Bryan Targett** how much of his winnings he would like to donate, **Bryan** added \$50 to the pot. **Chad** put in \$20 of happy bucks because it was his 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!! Next **Chad** had us play a game called "Hands up" everyone puts there hand up and you get to put your hand down if **Chad** says something that applies to you. If you didn't put your hand down then you pay \$2.



**Brenda McKinley** came up to tell us that Dinner Club is starting up again!! For more information please contact **Brenda**! The deadline is October 31st. **Please email or text (No phone calls) [b-mckinley@hotmail.com](mailto:b-mckinley@hotmail.com) 403-870-4292**



**Cathie Saroka** came next to update us on the New Members Event! Please register for this event ASAP!!!! There will be no walk ins for this event so please get registered!

**Past President Jim Bladon** came up next to tell us about Elections!!! all information is below on page 4 and 5!

**Steve Mason** came up to introduce our Rotary Profile **Benno Nigg** before playing the Video.



**Benno Niggs** Rotary Profile Click [HERE](#) to watch. I encourage everyone to watch **Benno's** profile to hear about his very accomplished life!

**George Deegan** came up to share a bit about **Benno** and his family. **George** told us about **Benno's** love and commitment to sports and athletics.



Don Taylor came up and shared a bit about **Benno's** career he shared how they met and became friends along with a few stories.

**Benno Nigg** came up and shared a bit more about his career and how he came to Calgary. **Benno** thanked Don Taylor for supporting him. **Benno** then thanked his wife Nagi Nigg, **Benno** had flowers hidden under a table for her!! I strongly encourage everyone to watch the full meeting linked on page 1.



**President Gordon** finished off the meeting by announcing that we will be making a \$100 donation to the CRCF in the names of **Benno Nigg**, Don Taylor and **George Deegan** in recognition of there time with us during this meeting.

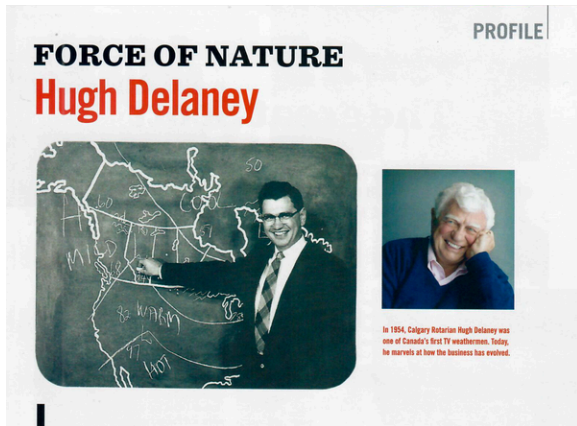
Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery



# Announcements

**IMPORTANT**

## Rotary Canada Article Featuring Hugh Delaney



Click on the image to read the article

## New Members Event!!!

October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please ensure you register for the New Members Event ASAP!!!! There will be no walk in's at this event!!!!

<https://rotarystampedepark.com/>

**IMPORTANT**

## Health and Wellness

**Hugh Delaney** remains in Rocky View Hospital following a series of falls that he had last week.  
Justina Penner is at Carewest Glenmore Park 2 West.  
Marlene Wlens is at Carewest Glenmore Park 1 West.

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.
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- 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".

# It Is Election Time!!!

According 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 9, 2025. Treasurer Penny Leckie is in the 2nd year of her 2-year term and as such, the position of Treasurer is also open for Nomination.

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 from today, closing at 12:00 pm on October 30, 2025. 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, Treasurer, and three (3) Director positions.
- Nomination forms for all positions will be sent out by 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, Gail Williams no later than 12:00 noon on October 30, 2025.

- 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 Past President Jim Bladon.
- 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:

## **1) 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 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 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 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 Treasurer Nominee must meet all of the following criteria:**

(a) Has been a Member of this Club for at least five (5) years,

(b) Has a business, accounting or financial background,

(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 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.

#### **The current Club Vacancies are as follows:**

- President-Elect Nominee
- Three (3) Directors
- Club Treasurer

The Club Treasurer and three (3) Directors will serve for a two-year term commencing on July 1, 2026 until June 30, 2028.

The President-Elect Nominee will serve in that capacity until July 1, 2026. At that time; they will assume the role of President-Elect and serve for one year from July 1st 2026 to June 30, 2027. On July 1, 2027 until June 30, 2028 they will serve their term as President of our Rotary club.

As Chair of the Nominations committee (Past President Jim Bladon), I have convened a meeting of the Past Presidents of our Club, on Thursday October 9th, 2025.

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 (Jim Bladon) will report 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 Treasurer and Director.

Our current President-Elect Larry Kennedy has advised that he will submit his nominees for Club Treasurer, and the vacancies of Club Directors prior to the October 30th deadline.

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 30th, I (Jim Bladon) will announce the names of any additional nominees that are put forward from the general membership.

So, if you want to find out what happens in a Past Presidents meeting, now is the time. You only get to find out if you are a Past President, and you need to be a Director to be a President. So now is that opportunity.

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

Now lastly, I (Jim Bladon) offer a sincere thank you to any members who are willing to allow their name to stand for any position. Play safe out there...Thank you. - Past President Jim Bladon

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Club of Calgary  
at Stampede Park



## Closing:

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

The week following: **October 23<sup>rd</sup> - New Members Event (This event takes place in the evening. There is no lunch meeting)**

## Closing words:

The older you get, the more you realize how precious life is. You know longer crave drama, conflict, or stress. All you want are good friends, a cozy home, food on the table, and people who make you happy.

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 X	2 	3 X	4 X
5 X	6 X	7 X	8 X	9 	10 X	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