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Welcome to the September 21st meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Bryan Walton, and I'm honoured to be the President of this Club for 23-24.

Welcome to beautiful Spruce Meadows that was built on the site of a former feedlot. I would invite you to head to the buffet and thereafter we will have an abbreviated program prior to our guest speaker and the tour.

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





Announcements:

Health and Wellness: Health and Wellness contact for September and October is **David Read** Tel 403-271-5856 or 403-921-5856 or email nread@telusplanet.net

NORM DEVITT We received incorrect information about Norm is, **he is at Father Lacombe Care Center**, the address is 270 Providence Blvd SE, Calgary, AB T2X 0X2

Pickle Ball: Pickleball opens Friday, September 22 (**tomorrow!**) with a beginner lesson and rules taught by our very own **David Schwarz** and fellow Canadian Pickleball champion, Rich Pal. Please try and bring a Pickleball paddle as we only have a few available. Comfortable gym clothes and shoes are best. Change rooms are available. Lesson starts at 4:00. Any other questions, please call **Deb Sands** at 403-703-7301. Here is the sign up link! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A8AC2CA1FDC70-44237972-pickleball>

Photographers: The photography Committee would love a few more Members, if you are interested please reach out to Glen Godlonton glen@godlonton.com

Brawn Family Foundation Rotary

In the spirit of celebration, we invite you to join us at the Grand Opening of the **Brawn** Family Foundation Rotary Park. This is Alberta's first park designed and dedicated to youth mental health recovery.

This free, fun family event will take place on **Saturday, September 23 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm**. Join us for a formal program featuring Mayor Jyoti Gondek, as well as entertainment and park tours.

Brawn Family Foundation Rotary Park is located at 1205 17A Street NW. There is limited street parking available, and paid underground parking at the The Summit: Marian & Jim Sinneave Centre for Youth Resilience, which is next to the park.

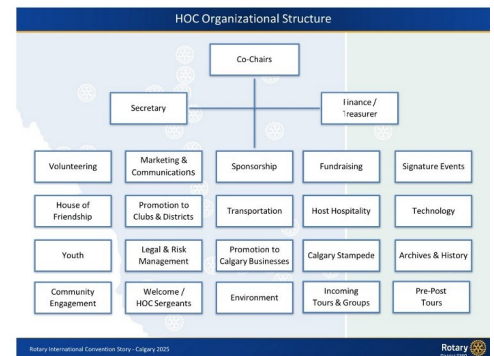
Please register via our Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/brawn-family-foundation-rotary-park-grand-opening-tickets->

2025 Convention Volunteers

Craig Stokke, HOC Chair for the 2025 Rotary International Convention is requesting Volunteers in the above mentioned areas. If you are able to volunteer, please email **Luanne Whitmarsh** at l.whitmarsh@shaw.ca

Signing up for “anywhere you need help” is not helpful, please choose an area (or 2) to Volunteer in when submitting your requests to help. Thank you—Convention Committee



To watch the recording of the Meeting click [HERE](#) and
to view more photos from today's event click [HERE](#)



New Member Transfer—Shondell Sabad

Last week we had a jammed packed program which prevented the welcome of a new member – today we are looking after that business. I would invite **Catherine Brownlee** to introduce our newest member.

Catherine then introduced Shondell with a heart felt speech that was felt amongst the whole room!! Please watch the video for her whole speech. Shondell was then officially welcomed in with a smooch from Catherine and President Bryan made it clear that he will not be carrying that tradition on with New Members, even though Fitz stood up for his kiss from Bryan and was quickly rejected. (haha)



Shondell said some words to the Club, emphasizing how excited he is to be an active Member, which he already has been doing so much!

Welcome Shondell, we are so happy to have you join us and we look forward to working with you and getting to know you better.

To watch the recording of the Meeting click [HERE](#)



Main Presentation— Linda Southern-Heathcott

John Fitzsimmons introduced Linda Southern-Heathcott, who is President & Chief Executive Officer of Spruce Meadows Ltd., an internationally recognized equestrian facility in Calgary, Alberta. As a former professional equestrian rider, Ms. Southern-Heathcott was a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team for nine years and competed in the 1996 Olympic Summer Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

She is also a founding director and currently serves as the Executive Chair of AKITA Drilling Ltd., an oil and gas drilling contractor with operations throughout North America.

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Main Presentation— Linda Southern-Heathcott—Continued

Ms. Southern-Heathcott brings significant management and business experience to the Board and was appointed Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Canadian Utilities in 2017 and of ATCO Ltd. in 2016.

Ms. Southern-Heathcott also serves on the Boards of ATCO Structures & Logistics Ltd. and Sentgraf Enterprises Ltd. She is also Chair of Travel Alberta. In 2010, Ms. Southern-Heathcott received her ICD.D certification from the Director Education Program of the Institute of Corporate Directors.



In 2018, Ms. Southern-Heathcott was named an Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the King's Own Calgary Regiment. In 2020, she was awarded a British Empire medal by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for services to British equestrian, military, and commercial interests in Alberta, Canada.

Todd Richardson then thanked the Speaker and we got to tour the beautiful Spruce Meadows, hear about future plans and got to pet some horses!

President Bryan concluded “Linda in recognition of your time with us here today we will be making a \$100 donation to the Calgary Rotary Clubs’ Foundation in support of our community. Thanks again. Now for the tour.”

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To see the photos from today’s event click [HERE](#)



Invermere Golf Weekend Follow-Up:

Did you know that **Penny Leckie** was the “Closest to the Pin” golfer during the Rotary Golf weekend at Copper Point Golf Club? Well she was! So Penny was invited back to Copper Point for their September 1st “Chip-Off Competition”. The competition was attended by a number of golfers from the season that all reached “Closest to the Pin” status for each of the tournaments held during the Copper Point golf season. At the competition, the golfers were called up one by one for their opportunity to chip 2 balls in an attempt to get closest to the pin. When it was Penny’s turn – Well, swing that club she did, we watched it fly, and land, and roll,close enough to the pin to get her the beautiful bronze placement prize of the lovely hat she is wearing!! Congratulation Penny!! Submitted by your support team!



Terry Fox Run—Volunteers

Glen Godlonton got several Volunteers together for the Terry Fox Run last Sunday. It is such a great cause and story and we were happy to assist with the registration and court marshalling.





Dinner Club—Stokke's

Dinner Club at Stokke's Residence Saturday September 16, 2023

Craig & Teresa Stokke, Al & Wendy Johnson, Joe Connelly, Corinne Wilkinson, New member Jerry Ohlsson and Blanche.



Kids Cancer Care Kubato

We received this photo of one of the Kubotas that we funded for Kids Cancer Care. They had an unveiling ceremony earlier this week after they had all had the Rotary signage put on. Stay tuned for a small write up on this coming next week!!





THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/4Rb6WwYMvxM>

In Closing:

Next week's Meeting: We are back at Rotary House for the latest on the Green line and a showcase of the Charities of the KAH golf tournament.

Closing Words: As you go about your business this week remember simple acts of kindness go a long way to *Creating Hope in the World*.

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 by tomorrow morning

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Host Families Needed

The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park
requires host families
(September, 2023 through July, 2024)

Meet our 2023-2024 Inbound Student, 16-year-old Marino Farella from Italy

- Lives in the historical town of Rutigliano, Bari in the south of Italy
- Is close to his parents and older sister who is attending university
- Loves soccer; super fan of INTER, the famous football (soccer) club of Italy.
- Enjoys watching TV series with family, cooking and has a passion for travel and beautiful places.
- Will attend Grade 11 at Crescent Heights High School



Who Can Be A Host Family?

- Any caring and responsible family with an interest in hosting a young person from another land.
- Families with small children make great host families. Young children experience having a Big Brother or Sister; Exchange students may share a new language for the young children.
- "Empty Nesters" or retired couples often have more time than younger families to spend with the exchange student and they enjoy having a young person to host.
- Families with high school age children help the exchange student integrate into the school activities.
- Single parent families or single adults make good hosts.
- Families do not need to be affiliated with Rotary to host Rotary Youth Exchange Students.

How Long Will I Host a Rotary Youth Exchange Student?

The typical length of stay is about two to four months. This provides the student with an opportunity to experience different cultures and family traditions. The student is in Calgary from late August 2023 to July 2024.

Rotary Youth Exchange Changes Lives

Whether you're a student or a host family, Rotary Youth Exchange opens doors, opportunities and minds.



For more information on the Host Family program
or for an application to host
Contact Gail Williams
or email gailwi45@telus.net
Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park





Hiking Club

The weatherman's predictions scared a few off, but for the four who went, we had a wonderful time on High Noon Hills. It was all about fall colours from the viewpoints. We did encounter a very steep hill that we descended. Note the blue sky. Then we decided to bushwack to avoid going up that hill on the return trip. Lunch with a view was very relaxing. I did take a screenshot of the weather report and there was not any rain predicted until 6:00 PM. When we returned to the cars, the rain started. - **Pat Farn**





Welcome Back to Rotary House

September 28th:

Jim Gray—Update on the Green Line



October 5th:

Rob Roach— Foot Traffic Report on Migration



October 12th:

TBD—TBD



October 19th:

GEM MUNRO—Amarok Society



October 26th:

Yuliya Gorbash - Update Ukrainian Project

