

CLUB NEWS

Good afternoon Rotarians and guests and welcome to the September 23rd 2021 meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, **Craig Stokke**.

We have a Media Guest today so I thought I would take a look at the history of Media in Calgary. There have been a lot of newspapers in this City. The First newspaper was the Calgary Herald, first published in 1883. In 1885 The Calgary Tribune began publishing for a few years. In 1902 The Morning Albertan began and eventually became The Calgary Albertan and then The Calgary Sun.

Other newspapers included: Bob Edward's Calgary Eye Opener, The Calgary News Telegram which lasted from 1910 to 1918 followed by The Nutcracker and the Western Independent which published from 1919 to 1920. Then there was The Nor-"Wester", The North Hill News and The Calgary Mirror. Commercial radio came to Calgary in 1922 with CRAC and CICT-TV (Now Global Television) which first signed on October 8th, 1954 becoming the first Television station in Calgary and the second in Alberta.

The RCCSP Board has decided to return to hybrid in-person/ZOOM meetings until the COVID situation is resolved. ZOOM meetings are difficult, but we do not want to leave those who cannot attend in person behind. The in-person meetings are very important for the health of the Club, and other Rotarians and/or guests are invited to attend. It is important to continue to let the Stampede know of intended attendance in advance so that they can properly plan for each meeting. Please join me in the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.

HEAD TABLE: Paul Brick, Deb Sands, Director Wendy Giuffre, John Shield, Blake Pelham.

Each of these members contribute so much to our Club. It really is a team effort. And at our virtual head table is our guest speaker: Dr. Ali Velshi.

GUESTS: Myrna Dube-Thompson introduced the visitors and guests.

50/50: Neil Magee awarded \$85.00 to **Benno Nigg**

ANNOUNCEMENT: Craig Stokke. We had a Board meeting on Tuesday and I would like to spend a few minutes bringing the Club up to speed. When we had the (limited) opportunity meet in person during Penny's year, we simulcast our meetings on Zoom (in part because we had a limit on the number of in-person guests). This year, when we returned to Rotary House after the Stampede, we made the conscience decision to not run hybrid Zoom meetings. The reason being; it is a LOT of work. Also, people told us they were "zoomed out" and, as I mentioned last week, in-person meetings are critical to the success of this Club. In-person meetings are where our big projects and big ideas are formed. To the best of my knowledge we are the only Rotary Club in the District meeting in person on a weekly basis. So, if you have friends who are Rotarians at other Clubs (and they are missing the in-person Rotary experience) please invite them to one of our upcoming meetings. I have no doubt the invitation will be welcomed.

Having said that, we do not want to leave anyone behind (if they are not able to attend in-person). So, we will try hybrid Zoom meetings once again. This will allow members who cannot attend in-person to share the experience, but our hope is that attendance in-person will continue to rise due to our enhanced safety measures (vaccination requirements, masking when not at tables, and social distancing). So, if you haven't been attending, and you have been double vaccinated, please reach out to some of our members (who are attending) and ask them to share their experience. We would love to see you in-person. But if you can't come, please join us on Zoom.





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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: John Fitzsimmons picked the pockets of various members, including **John Price, Bill Sumner** for sundry infractions and every ZOOM attendee \$5 because they saved money by not attending the meeting.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS:

John Price wants everyone to know that his is NOT disinterested in Rotary, just displaced (Bahahaha). John is currently in Invermere as his house is being renovated.

Club Champion for Polio: We are still looking for a Club champion to assist with DG Martin's move for Polio initiative. The goal will be to encourage members to stay active; golfing, running, swimming, or walking while raising money for Polio eradication. Please let me know if you can help.

CRCF PRESENTATION: Past President Sherry Austin and Past President Greg Martin presented Leader Recognition Awards to 3 Members: **Dilan Perera, Norm Devitt** (one of the founding Rotary principals of the CRCF) and **Jack Thompson**



SONGS AND STUNTS: Deb Sands led the group in a word game that required some creative thinking.



Next Week: Patrick Lor:
High Tech In Alberta

Patrick Lor is Managing Partner at Panache Ventures a seed-stage venture capital firm that will invest in over 140 Canadian start-ups over the next 3 years. He is a partner at 500 Start-ups Canada. Previously he was co-founder of iStockphoto which was sold to Getty Images in 2006. More recently he co-founded Dissolve, and was head of North American operations for Fotolia, which was acquired by Adobe in 2014. Patrick is an active angel investor and LP in several venture capital funds including iNovia Capital, Version One Ventures and Garage Ventures. In addition he's an advisor & mentor at several technology incubator programs & a charter member of the a100.org and the c100.org.

(Did you know that Patrick is a past member of RCCSP?)

REMINDER: To attend next week's meeting You must register by tomorrow at 9:00 am.

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://rotarycs.org/event/rccsp-september-30-lunch-registration/>

If you don't register in advance, come to the meeting anyways. We order a few extra meals each week that are available on a first come-first served basis. If you can't commit until last minute it's likely you will still be able to have a meal with us or at least coffee and friendship.

Closing Remarks: President Stokke: Again, I finish by asking you to think about something as you leave Rotary House today ...

What do you need from our Rotary Club this week? What does our Club and Community need from you this week? With that, our meeting is adjourned

THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK: <https://youtu.be/qwv6sXERw8Y>



GUEST SPEAKER:

Ali Velshi: MSNBC Anchor & Business Correspondent for NBC News & MSNBC

Stan Cichon introduced our guest speaker: I have the distinct privilege of introducing a most distinguished journalist. Others have spoken far more eloquently than I of his contributions in the field of journalism. Anyone who has watched him on television or has read his books will know of his wit, his insight, the concern for excellence and the humanity that flows from his presentations. Ali Velshi brings his sharp analysis and point-of-view to the weekend morning show, “Velshi,” which airs from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. ET on Saturdays and Sundays on MSNBC. Ladies and gentlemen please allow me to share a very brief synopsis of his career. Dr. Velshi has covered a wide range of domestic, global and economic issues throughout his career, including climate change, the spread and defeat of ISIS, the refugee crisis, the Iran nuclear deal, tensions between Russia and the west, the Greek debt crisis and the global financial crisis.



Prior to joining NBC News and MSNBC in 2016, Velshi hosted “Ali Velshi On Target,” a nightly primetime show on Al Jazeera America. Before that, he served as CNN’s Chief Business Correspondent, anchor of CNN International’s “World Business Today” and host of CNN’s weekly business round table “Your Money.” Velshi also co-hosted CNN’s morning show, “American Morning.” An award-winning journalist, Velshi was honored with a National Headliner Award for Business & Consumer Reporting for “How the Wheels Came Off,” a special on the near collapse of the American auto industry. His work on disabled workers and Chicago’s red-light camera scandal in 2016 earned him two News and Documentary Emmy Award nominations, adding to a nomination in 2010 for his terrorism coverage. Additionally, Velshi has taken his economic analysis to “Oprah,” “The View,” and “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.”

Velshi is the author of “Gimme My Money Back” (Sterling and Ross, 2008) and co-author with CNN’s Christine Romans of “How to Speak Money” (Wiley, 2010). Born in Kenya and raised in Canada, Velshi graduated from Queen’s University in Canada, which bestowed an honorary Doctorate of Laws upon him in 2016. Velshi splits his time between New York City and Philadelphia, where he teaches a course at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Velshi serves on the Boards of Trustees of the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at the City University of New York (CUNY); the Chicago History Museum; Seeds of Peace; the XPRIZE Foundation; The National Constitution Center; and the Philadelphia Citizen. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Dr. Velshi spoke to a number of topics:

- He is surprised that things are not getting back to normal as quickly as expected after the wide spread availability of COVID vaccines. The new wave, primarily in the unvaccinated, is hindering overall recoveries in jurisdictions that are lagging in vaccination rates.
- There must be a discussion about where Canada fits in the fight against climate change, particularly from the aspect of energy consumption and production.
- The rise of populist/nationalistic movements are leading to the rise of authoritarianism in many parts of the world. This rise is being fueled by the increasing wealth gap, particularly in developing countries. People are getting tired of this and are willing to forgo democracy for the promise of action by someone.
- There is a concern with countries going rogue – i.e., Russia, Iran, North Korea, China, with no effective pushback from western countries.

For his full presentation please view the recorded meeting: <https://youtu.be/qwv6sXERw8Y>



SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE NEWS: DEB SANDS, Chair



HELLO EVERYONE



The **SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE** met recently and established 3 important goals which are important to the growth of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

They are:

- ◆ Educate young professionals about Rotary and benefits of becoming a member
- ◆ Promote the upcoming 2025 Rotary International Conference
- ◆ Promote upcoming RCCSP Club Events to the general public ie: Golf Tournaments, Rock 'em Sock 'em Events, Terry Fox Run etc.

We are asking our members to forward **thoughts, ideas, pictures and posts about Rotary**. Please send to: Debbie@priorityleasing.net

Clips and information from other Rotary Clubs around the world are valuable too! For example: check out this [very funny video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coqag4TufB0&t=6s) from the Fargo-Moorhead Rotary Club: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coqag4TufB0&t=6s>

The committee will post this information on several valuable Social Media platforms. These include **Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and Twitter**.

If you are active on **any** of these Social Media platforms please **“LIKE AND SHARE”** with your followers.

If you aren't sure how anyone on the Committee would be pleased to offer you a tutorial! Just contact myself and we are on it

Thanks for helping us spread the word about just how **AWESOME** Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park is and how we bring peace and healing to the world.

Submitted by: Deb Sands



RCCSP HIKING CLUB



Sept 22nd: We had a large group of 14 hikers for Burstall Lakes. This group split at approximately the 6 km. mark and six of the younger, more adventurous hikers made it to the top (an extra 2 km). The only flowers left were the Pearly Everlasting (Pussy toes) and the Asters, but we did see this very weird tree which no one could explain. Some of the water crossings were easy while others required some jumping.

Donna Jakubec who led the hike took this photo of mountains after mountains that were visible at the top. The panorama shot of the Larch trees was taken by **Kathy Demorest**. On the way down the sky was threatening and the wind picked up so the hikers who conquered the peak got rained on while others waited in the warmth of cars so that we could celebrate Donna's birthday with cookies and wine. A bonus for our car was to see a beautiful moose by the roadside and we had no camera in hand. - Submitted by **Pat Farn**





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SEPTEMBER FALL LUNCHEON



As promised here are the photos from the September 14th Luncheon held at the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club. A link to more photos has also been provided.

Photo Link: <https://rotarycs.org/photoalbums/partners-luncheon-sept-14th-2021/>

The tribute pictures that **Lorraine MacDonald** had previously done were Kerry's inspiration for the photo display. This was a special day for us all bringing back great memories and the joy of fellowship to all of those who attended. A big thank you to **Jane Topp and Maureen Hutchens** for a very successful book sale. I also want to thank **Joanne Martin** (50/50 Winner) who generously donated her winnings back to my chosen charity The Veterans Food Bank and to all of those gals who donated draw prizes.

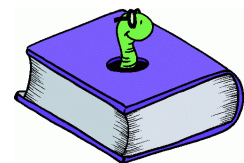


THANK YOU EVERYONE who participated in the program. I'm looking forward to more great times together.
Rhonda Yaskowich,
Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park President

Book Club News

We had our first meeting at the Calgary Golf and Country Club on September 20th with 14 members present. We shared books and enjoyed news from each other. The breakfast was lovely as usual and we felt safe with AHS restrictions in place at CGCC. Because of our Book Sale at the Annual Ladies Luncheon and funds we have collected we were able to donate \$450.00 to Calgary Reads. **Our next meeting is on October 18th.**

Submitted by: Jane Topp and Maureen Hutchens





RCCSP CLUB CALENDER OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 30th: ROTARY HOUSE: Patrick Lor: High Tech In Alberta
Register: <https://rotarycs.org/event/rccsp-september-30-lunch-registration/>

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OCTOBER 7th: ROTARY HOUSE

Stampede Brass:

Chairman Steve McDonough and CEO Joel Crowley



OCTOBER 14th: ROTARY HOUSE

To be Announced

OCTOBER 21st: ROTARY HOUSE

To be Announced

OCTOBER 28th: ROTARY HOUSE:
CRCF and RI Foundation Presentations



NOVEMBER 4th: ROTARY HOUSE

To be Announced

NOVEMBER 11th: Location to be announced
ROTARY REMEMBERS

NOVEMBER 18th: ROTARY HOUSE:

To Be Announced

NOVEMBER 25th: ROTARY HOUSE:

Rotary Profile: Hans Tiedemann

DECEMBER 2nd: ROTARY HOUSE:

To Be Announced

DECEMBER 9th: ROTARY HOUSE: Christmas Luncheon with Partners

DECEMBER 16th: ROTARY HOUSE: To Be Announced

DECEMBER 23rd: ROTARY HOUSE:

Cleven Awards and Christmas Social

DECEMBER 30th: NO MEETING





CLUBRUNNER MOBILE APP

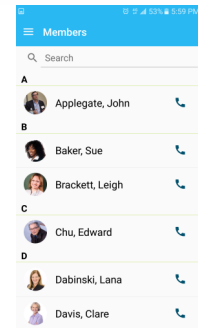
- ◆ If you have an iPhone or an android it is recommended that you go to the app store or google and search using the words "ClubRunner".
- ◆ Download the app and use your username and password that you have for the ClubRunner desktop version.
- ◆ This app gives you the ability to see all Club Members. You can Call, Text or email right within the app.

Here are a couple of links to view so you can see what this app can do for you as a Rotarian.

<https://site.clubrunner.ca/page/clubrunner-mobile-app-now-available>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFLu08meAHl>

Check it out I am sure you will find it useful - Kathyann Reginato



BUSINESS ZOOM ACCOUNT

Is there anyone in the Club that has a Zoom Account that is not the "Basic" Account? If so, please contact Kathyann Reginato at: 403-618-5598 OR: kathyann@rotarycs.org . We are hoping you can host a few committee meetings during the year

COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERING



We are looking for volunteers to assist Community Kitchens to support their Good Food Box program. There are shifts available in October to December. This is an important community program located at: **Community Kitchens: 3751 - 21 Street NE** Volunteers must be 18 years and older. We need **two volunteers** per shift. The specific dates and times are as follows.

- October 4th: 5:00 pm: 2 volunteers needed
- October 26th: 1:00 pm: 2 volunteers needed
- November 30th: 5:00 pm: 2 volunteers needed
- December 6th: 5:00 pm: 2 volunteers needed

2021/2022 RCCSP OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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