



ROTARY NEWS

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Welcome to the September 24th 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) : Blake Pelham, Michael Ruttan, Lisa van Hemert, Bill LeClair, Jim Fitzowich, President Larry Kennedy



**Presentation:
Jim Fitzowich**

**October 8th
The Palmer
Institute**

**Next Week:
October 1st
Kids At Heart Charity
Presentation**

Click [HERE](#) to register for upcoming meetings.

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

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

Bill LeClair, Chair of the CRCF Endowments and Grants Committee, outlined two grant opportunities available. The Mario Stella Grant for transportation services for people with special needs, and the Brawn Family Endowment Fund for mental health and wellness initiatives, including dementia and Alzheimer's support. Charities interested in applying should submit an application by November 30.



Miguel Kanafany spoke to us about the Kettle Campaign shifts. More information on page 4!!!

President Larry Kennedy invited **Past President Gordon Weicker** to come up and was presented with the banner to recognize **Past President Gordon** year with Rotary.



President Larry reminded everyone that **Ted Rowsell's** memorial service is next Friday October 2nd at 1pm. The service will be at Willow Park Golf & Country Club.

Applications for the Community Service Grants are currently open and available on our website. Applications will close on **October 30, 2026 - 5:00 pm MDT.**

Blake Pelham, the Sergeant-at-Arms, recognized **Joe Connelly** and led a lighthearted trivia activity designed to help members learn more about their fellow Rotarians. The questions covered **Joe's** favorite movie, members' previous careers and backgrounds, and connections to well-known figures. The activity included playful fines and payments for answers and concluded with recognition of **Hermann Logsend** and his Kinsmen partner for their enthusiastic work selling Dream Home tickets at the Calgary Stampede.



Jim Fitzowich, an engineer with a background in energy conversion, presented on solar physics, the Earth's magnetic field, CO₂, and El Nino. He discussed how solar activity, changes in the Earth's magnetic field, ocean temperatures, and atmospheric CO₂ relate to global temperature changes. He also highlighted data from the Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory and explained the relationships between solar cycles, magnetic field strength, CO₂ levels, and climate patterns. **Jim** concluded by emphasizing the importance of considering multiple sources of energy and publicly available scientific data when examining climate change.



President Larry Kennedy thanked **Jim** for his presentation and announced that we will be making a \$100 donation to CRCF in his name.

Click [**HERE**](#) for the photo gallery

Announcements

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Yaseen Idris has been proposed for active membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, as sponsored by **Jill Conroy** and seconded by **John Shield**, with a proposed classification of Real Estate – Residential.

If any Member objects to **Yaseen Idris** 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 1st**

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Cesar Ernesto Angulo has been proposed for active membership in the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park, as sponsored by **Shondell Sabad** and seconded by **Jim Fitzowich**, with a proposed classification of Business Consultant.

If any Member objects to **Cesar Ernesto Angulo** 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 1st**

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



CFBTS Ignite the Night - WestJet Flight Raffle

 rafflebox.ca

Announcements

The Poppy Fund is desperate for volunteers as they only have about 10 days available for sales.

If you can spare 3 or 4 hours to help out, the veterans would be most appreciative...(as would I!)

Shifts start right after Halloween and are at major malls and grocery stores.

To sign up, or if you have any questions, please contact Kristen @ (403) 561 -7832.



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

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

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)

Health & Wellness Contact

Please contact **George Deegan** with updates for the Health and Wellness weekly report during the month of October.

George Deegan Phone 587 897 5390 Email gdeegan@shaw.ca

Announcements

Another great evening of International Dinners was held on Sept. 18!
14 members and guests travelled to Kansan, a delightful Korean restaurant in the downtown core.
10th St at 5 Ave SW.

What a fun evening with "new dishes" to most of us. Glad our chef put less spice in our soup... wow, was it hot! The food was great, and we so enjoyed these delicacies. Mina and her team were amazing!
Next dinner is Oct 18. Join us for Lebanese cuisine!



Article in Saturdays Herald re: Rotary Dreamhome



nacle Small Volume Builder Award. This is the
er company has earned a Pinnacle. Sorento's
nily 1,800-2,000 sq. ft category. **SORENTO**

Award in 2023.

In addition to Homes by Avi and Sorento Custom Homes, last year's Pinnacle Award winners also included Jayman Built Calgary for Multi-family Builder, Vicky's Homes of Edmonton for Renovator and Calgary's Genesis Land for Developer.

This year, Brookfield Residential was a strong contender from the get-go, earning seven finalist nods and then winning in five of the six developer categories, as well as the Developer Pinnacle Award.

SEE BILD AWARDS ON **D2**



Homes by Avi was named winner of the coveted Pinnacle Large Volume Builder Award. The company's 2025 Stampede Rotary Dream Home, above, took the top prize in the Single Family 2,400-2,600 sq. ft category. **HOMES BY AVI**

The Campus of
Currie Green
— ♥ SENIORS ♥ —
BAKE SALE

♥ *Delicious treats. Stronger community.* ♥



550 Bishop Dr SW



October 4th, 2026



1:00PM–3:00PM



Location:

Outdoor Courtyard



All proceeds will be
given to

*Calgary's
Women's Shelter.*



Open to Everyone!



Thank you for your support and generosity!

Terry Fox Run



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:

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The week following: October 8th – The Palmer Institute

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

SEPTEMBER

September 3rd – Judy Riege

September 10th – Wayne Meikle The Fish Creek
Park story

September 17th – Calgary Opera. Sue Elliot. CEO
& GM

September 24th – Jim Fitzowich

SEPTEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1 X	2 X	3 X	4 X	5 X
6 X	7 X	8 X	9 X	10 X	11 X	12 X
13 X	14 X	15 X	16 X	17 X	18 X	19 X
20 X	21 X	22 X	23 X	24 X	25 X	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

OCTOBER

October 1st – Kids At Heart Charity Presentation

October 8th – The Palmer Institute

October 15th – Chris Johnson, Old College
External Relations

October 22nd – Field of the Crosses

October 29th – Halloween

October						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween