



# ROTARY NEWS

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**Welcome to the September 26th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. My name is Gordon Weicker, and I am the President Elect for this Club for Rotary year 2025-26. I am filling in for President Jim Bladon.**

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

Head Table (L-R) : John Shield, Richard Agnew, Chad Hason, Gordon Weicker, Christina Hassan, Don Taylor



**Presentation:  
Christina Hassan  
(District Governor)**

**October 10th – Michael Colburne – REP Steering Committee**

**Next week:  
October 3rd – Kids At Heart Charity Presentation**

Click [HERE](#) to register for October 10th meeting.

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



# Today's Meeting:

**Sharyl Madigan** did an amazing job introducing our guests which was followed by our welcome song.



**Jim Hutchens** had Christina Hassan our District Governor and guest speaker pull the 50/50. The pot of \$140 was won by **Dorothea Schaab**



**Jim Hutchens** steals a second at the podium to tell us that applications for Community Service Grants are being accepted until October 25th. The Application is on the website.

**Jim Fitzowich** our St@Arms starts off with telling our 50/50 winner **Dorothea Schaab** that he is not going to fine her because she's so nice but asks if she is going to be making a donation today. **Dorothea** did make a donation!

**Jim Fitzowich** points out that **President Elect Gordon Weicker** had put 2 st@arms on the schedule today, he also points out that **Gord** has lost his President Elect pin.... oh and he also almost forgot to announce our guests today. **Gord** got fined \$35.

**Jim Fitzowich** moves on to **President Jim Bladon**. He asks who is training **President Elect Gordon Weicker**.... **Jim Fitzowich** asked **Jim Bladon** to put money in the pot.....

**President Elect Gordon Weicker** Introduces Richard Agnew Chair of Stampede Lotteries who is here to give a special presentation to our DreamHome Chair **John Shield**.

Richard Agnew acknowledges how much work it is to put Stampede Lotteries together. He thanks those people who work so hard on this. Richard is going to be transitioning to Past Chair of Stampede Lotteries and wants to say thank you! Richard Agnew Presents \$100,000 to **John Shield** and **Stacey Johnston!!!!**



**John Shields** asked **Kevin MacLeod** to come up and receive his 2022 2023 Buckle. These belt buckles are given to past chairmen.



**John Shields** explains that they decided with the convention next year being western theme that the Presidents should receive a belt buckle. **John** asks **President Jim Bladon** to come up and receive his belt buckle. **Past President Bryan Walton** was not able to join us today but was able to receive his buckle last week.



**John** reminds us to put July 4th to July 13th 2025 in our calendars! We need as many volunteers as possible!!!!



**President Elect Gordon Weicker** introduces our District Governor and our guest speaker today Christina Hassan. Christina is a very incredible person who has accomplished many amazing things in her life at a very young age!

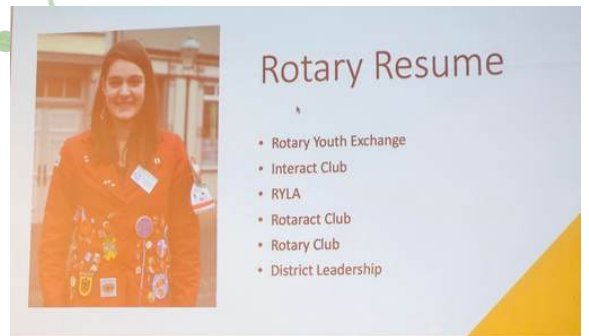
In 2018 six members of Rotary and Rotac Worldwide were honoured as People of Action. Young volunteers during Rotary day at the United Nations in Nairobi Kenya. These Trailblazers are recognized for the commitment and for sparking transformation through Innovation. One of those six people was Christina Hassan with the Fish Creek Rotary Club who launched the nonprofit "Full Soul" which trains midwives, supplies, and safe sterile equipment to hospitals in Uganda this is really quite an amazing! Recently Christina was appointed the Honorary Consulate for Germany in Calgary and Avenue magazine selected Christina as one of the top 40 under 40.

Christina Hassan comes up and tells us a bit about her self and her history in Rotary along with some information about the district. Christina had an incredible and unforgettable presentation today and we are very honoured to have her talk with us. There is so much to her story that is so valuable and moving, I encourage everyone to watch the meeting video linked on page 1 and listen to her amazing presentation.

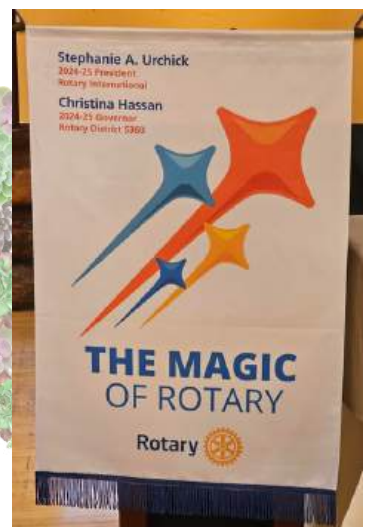


We are thanking **Chad Hason** the chair of public image for providing an amazing resource for clubs around the District for the next 3 years! Thank you **Chad!!**

Christina tells us that District 5360 is the number 1 in the world for giving to the annual fund!!!



**Don Taylor** came up to thank Christina for coming today to give this incredible presentation!! Our club will be donating \$100 to CRCF in Christina's name!!!



Click [HERE](#) for the photo gallery



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**President Jim Bladon** is doing well after under going hip surgery, he was able to join us at this meeting!

**Lynn Grant** is improving daily but needs time and patience to get back on his feet.

**Paul Brick** had a fall and broke is collar bone. We wish you a speedy recovery!

## ROTARY/STAMPEDE CELEBRATION OF LEGACY PROJECT



## IMPORTANT!!

If you can't place your order on the registration site DON'T KEEP ORDERING as it means you keep paying and our count is way off. Please email Grayce and she will help you!



**Rotary**



Calgary at Stampede Park

PROVIDED MUCH NEEDED SUPPORT TO THE MENTAL WELLNESS AND RECOVERY OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL, AND VETERANS AT CALGARY LEGACY HOUSE.

OUR GRANT DONATION ALLOWED FOR RENOVATIONS TO BE DONE AT THE FACILITY TO PROVIDE EASIER ACCESSIBILITY AND TO CREATE A WARM, SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST.

THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE US ON THE FRONT LINES CAN ALSO BE THE MOST VULNERABLE.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK IS PROUD OF IT'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMUNITY.

KNOW WE SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR TIME OF NEED.

**LEGACY PLACE SOCIETY**  
| Thank you Stampede Rotary Club

**Rotary** Club of Calgary at Stampede Park

### DONOR UPDATES

SEPTEMBER 2024 COMMUNITY GRANT

**STAMPEDE ROTARY CLUB CONTRIBUTION IN ACTION**

Thanks to an **\$82,000** grant from the Stampede Rotary Club, the Calgary Legacy House has undergone vital renovations, turning it into a welcoming home for First Responders, Veterans, Military Personnel, and their families. This generous contribution enabled us to replace the roof, upgrade flooring, renovate bathrooms, and modernize the kitchen. Additionally, we enhanced accessibility, relocated the fireplace and entryway, ensuring a safe and inclusive environment.

**30+ FAMILIES IMPACTED**

This year alone, we've welcomed **15 children** to the house—children facing their own challenges, including one with autism and another with ongoing medical difficulties. These families, often juggling multiple stressors, have found a safe, welcoming space to regroup and heal. The funding has helped create an environment where even the youngest members feel safe, cared for, and part of something special.

**MORE THAN SHELTER: HOW ROTARY'S SUPPORT RESTORED DIGNITY AND PRIDE AT CALGARY LEGACY HOUSE**

The importance of these upgrades cannot be overstated. For many of our clients, the Calgary Legacy House is more than just a place to stay—it's a sanctuary during some of the most difficult periods of their lives. Recently, we had a former client return to stay with us, someone who had used the house in the past. When he saw the improvements Rotary helped make possible, he was absolutely speechless. He said—and I can't emphasize this enough—that he has never been more proud to use a support service.

To hear someone who has dedicated their life to serving others express this kind of gratitude was deeply moving. He was struck not just by the physical changes to the house, but by the sense of dignity and pride the upgrades brought him. He mentioned that the environment now feels truly like a home, a place he feels honoured to be a part of.

**What's on the go?**

Currently, we are focused on refacing the master bathroom, which includes upgrading the tub, expanding the shower, and adding new tiling. We're also excited to install central air conditioning soon to ensure the house remains comfortable in the summer months.

*"We're all just walking each other home"*

*"This grant has made it possible for us to provide a space where our clients can find both physical and emotional comfort. The fact that they feel proud, not just grateful, to stay here is a testament to the impact your support has had. It's hard to put into words what that means to someone who may be going through a difficult transition, but Rotary has given them a renewed sense of self-worth and community. Thank you."* —Amberly Wrubleski, Fund Development Specialist

**CLICK ON IMAGE TO SEE IT BETTER!!**



# BUSINESS CLUB



ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK   
 BUSINESS CLUB MEETING

**Funeral Services - Evan Strong**  
 Networking & Refreshments to follow.

 6:00 to 8:00pm

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 EVAN J. STRONG

Join us at:  
 Evan J. Strong Funeral Home North  
 3625 12 St NE

**\$20 tickets by October 17th at:**  
[rotarystampedepark.com](http://rotarystampedepark.com)



## PARTNERS in PRINT

### Rotary Partners Bridge Club

Join us for the Rotary Partners Bridge Club, taking place on the **\*\*second and fourth Wednesday of each month\*\*** starting **\*\*October 9 and 23\*\***.

- **Location:** Calgary Golf and Country Club

- **Time:** 11:30 AM

- **Cost:** \$27.00 (this includes lunch)

Open to all Rotary Partners.

• If you are interested, please contact **Carol Cairns** at **403-288-3873** for more information.





# **IMPORTANT NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY**

## **- LUANNE WHITMARSH**

1. As you know I am RCCSP Club Champion for Rotary International Convention in Calgary!! I will do routine updates here for you all!!
  - I am providing you with the direct link to Volunteer Local where one can sign up to express their interest in volunteering at the Rotary International Convention in Calgary from June 21-25, 2025.  
<https://calgary2025rotaryconvention.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=81064>  
Please sign up your members, families and friends to volunteer as soon as possible. We estimate we will need more than 1,500 volunteers over the 5 days for one of the following volunteer opportunities; Once we have our volunteer schedule confirmed, you will have the opportunity to sign up for a shift or two that works best for you and your schedule.
2. We know parking is confusing. This is new to Grayce and I also... Please communicate with us to help you. Registering the vehicles for guests and speakers is our responsibility or THEY get a ticket. Grayce will be updating us real soon as she is working with the Stampede on this.
3. Grayce is on holiday from September 29th to October 14th and so VERY limited access to her will be available. She will continue to do the meal ordering and bulletins – thanks Grayce.
4. Luanne is on holiday with NO access to wifi from September 29 until Oct 3.



### **Closing:**

Next week **October 3rd – Kids At Heart Charity Presentation**

 The week following **October 10th – Michael Colburne – REP Steering Committee** 

### **Closing words:**

As you go about your business this week remember, that each of you creates the magic of Rotary, unlock the magic, advance the magic, and be the magic of Rotary.

# Calendar

## SEPTEMBER

- 5th: Alec McDougall
- 12th: Legacy Committee presentation
- 19th: Stampede Foundation + BBQ
- 26th: Christina Hassan (District Governor)

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## OCTOBER

- 3rd: Kids at Heart Charity Presentation
- 10th: REP Steering Committee
- 17th: Rotary Exchange Student Presentation
- 21st: Business Club Event
- 24th: Prostrate Cancer
- 31st: Halloween

OCTOBER						
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