



**RCCSP Weekly Bulletin September 28th, 2023**  
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**Welcome to the September 28th 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.**

**Head Table: (L to R) Luanne Whitmarsh, Jim Gray, Jim Fitzowich, President Bryan Walton, Dale Struksnes, and Gord Weicker.**



Last week I was remiss in neglecting to thank President Elect **Jim Bladon** for chairing the meeting of September 14. Thanks so much Jim you did a stellar job.



Please rise and join me and Vitallia on the piano 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](mailto:nread@telusplanet.net)

**NORM DEVITT** Norm Devitt is bright and alert. He is at Father Lacombe room 401 west wing, the address is 270 Providence Blvd SE, Calgary, AB T2X 0X2. He is happily awaiting visitors!!

**Pickle Ball:** Pickle Ball tomorrow has been cancelled because of not enough people. Any other questions, please call **Deb Sands** at 403-703-7301. Here is the sign up link for future dates, please sign up! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A8AC2CA1FDC70-44237972-pickleball>

**Visitors and Guest:** **Greg Smyth** did his usual fantastic job of introducing our many esteemed Visitors and Guest, from the Charities, to Sponsors of the KAH Golf Classic, to many friends and families in the audience.



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

**Sgt. At Arms:** **John Fitzsimmons** was Sgt. At Arms today and raised a bunch of money for the Club. Fitz fined every Member but gave them a \$2 credit if they registered for the Meeting, was wearing a Rotary pin and did a make-up in the last 2 month. Way to go Fitz!



**50/50:** Neill Magee asked Guest Speaker, Jim Gray, to pull the lucky ticket of \$185 and the winner was **George Deegan**!

## Social Committee— “Sounds of the Caribbean Islands” get ready for that winter vacation.

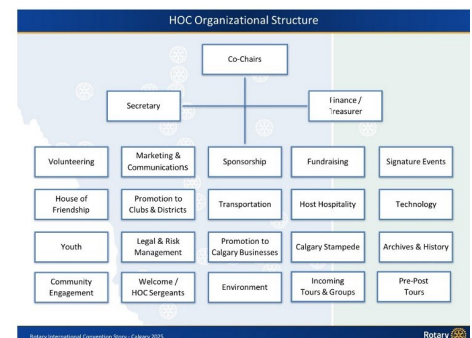
Caribbean Themed Potluck Dinner and Dance. Get your shorts, flowered shirts and dancing flip flops on and come out to the party October 28, 2023 Riverbend Community Association at 19 Rivervalley Drive SE. Doors open at 5:30, dinner 6:30 Entertainment by the one and only “Calysto Steelband”. Liquor sales of wine and beer \$5 each \$20 per person, please email, text or call **Brenda McKinley** with confirmation of attendance, dish and payment at 403-870-7292 or [b-mckinley@hotmail.com](mailto:b-mckinley@hotmail.com)



## 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](mailto: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](#)



## Special Presentation— Kids at Heart—Charity Cheque Presentation



Today was a special day as we got to see the fruits of our labors from the Kids at Heart Golf Tournament. **Dale Struksnes**, Chair of KAH Committee, and **Gord Weicker**, Chair of the Selection Committee presented the cheques to the three deserving recipient charities; Between Friends, New Heights, and Youth Centres of Calgary. They were very surprised and grateful to see the cheques were much bigger than anticipated!!! \$85,000 to each charity!!! We know they will continue the great work they do in our community with these funds and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for them



all. A special thanks to Charlesglen Toyota, our main Sponsor of the event for several years now, who came out to celebrate with the charities today!

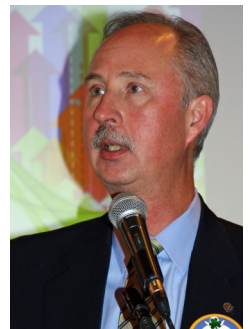


## Main Presentation— Jim Gray—Green Line

**Jim Fitzowich** introduced Jim Gray with his impressive bio, it was very extensive so we didn't even hear it in it's entirety but we all know Jim Gray's success story and admire all that he has done.



Jim Gray then spoke at the podium and gave us all an update on the Green Line. There are many interesting facts and calls to actions that we highly suggest you watch the video recording of today's Meeting to hear them all.



**Bob Steele**, a previous colleague of Jim Gray's, thanked the speaker with a riveting Thank You that we again, suggest you watch the video to see the entire presentation.

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



## Ronald McDonald House Project

The expansion of RMH is scheduled for completion May 2025.

Left to right: Jason Evanson, (CEO Ronald McDonald House); **Bob Wiens**; **Jim Hutchens**; **Jim Bladon**; **Greg Martin**; Lanny MacDonald, (Flames Foundation); **Bryan Walton**



## Waterton Glacier National Peace Park

This past weekend many Members went to the Waterton Glacier National Peace Park for the Hands Across the Border Ceremony . President Bryan submitted this photo along with the Peace Pledge.



### PEACE PLEDGE

*"In the name of all we hold sacred, we will not take up arms against each other. We will work for peace, maintain liberty, strive for freedom and demand equal opportunities for all. May the long existing peace between our nations stimulate other peoples to follow this example."*



**THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK:** <https://youtu.be/YaPKw31UbAw>

## In Closing:

**Next week's Meeting:** We are back here at Rotary House on October 5 to hear from Rob Roach, Deputy Chief Economist and Managing Director at ATB. And, a special feature presentation by Club Director of Operations, **Lynn Topp**.

**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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### NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

**Lisa Van Hemert** has been **proposed** as for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Greg Martin** and Seconded by **Allan Johnson** with a proposed Classification of **Mapping Services**.

If any Member objects to **Lisa Van Hemert** joining our Club or to HIS/HER proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, Luanne Whitmarsh: [secretary@rotarycs.org](mailto:secretary@rotarycs.org) prior to August 17th, 2023.

### NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

**Jerry Ohlsson** has been **proposed** as for active membership to the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park as Sponsored by **Craig Stokke** and Seconded by **John Fitzsimmons** with a proposed Classification of **Wholesale Flooring Marketing**.

If any Member objects to **Jerry Ohlsson** joining our Club or to HIS/HER proposed classification an objection must be filed in writing with the Club Secretary, Luanne Whitmarsh: [secretary@rotarycs.org](mailto:secretary@rotarycs.org) prior to August 17th, 2023.



# Hiking Club

Sixteen hikers were blessed with perfect weather to enjoy a hike on Douglas Fir Trail. We were surrounded by autumn colours. We had lost one of our hikers by the time we got to this view point, due to the incompatibility of a sore hip and 400 stairs. Despite some of the group taking a side trail, we all ended up at Angel's Cafe for lunch. Luckily we had phone service and could communicate with the "lost" faction. It was a good workout in the fresh air with lots of conversation. **Pat Farn**



Host Families are still needed for our incoming exchange student, Marino. Contact Gail Williams if you or someone you know may be able to help.

[gailwi45@telus.net](mailto:gailwi45@telus.net)



**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](mailto:gailwi45@telus.net)  
Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park





# Welcome Back to Rotary House

**October 5th:**

**Rob Roach— Foot Traffic Report on Migration**



**October 12th:**

**TBD—TBD**



**October 19th:**

**GEM MUNRO—Amarok Society**



**October 26th:**

**Yuliya Gorbach - Update Ukrainian Project**



**November 2nd:**

**TBC—TBC**

