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CLUB NEWS

Good afternoon Rotarians and Guests. Welcome to the September 30th, 2021 meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. I am the Club's President, **Craig Stokke**

This week we lost a great friend and a great Rotarian, **Dick Shaw**. Dick joined our Club 37 years ago, in 1984 and was a very valued member, serving as Club President in 1997 to 1998.

Dick's daughter Becky has informed that there are no plans for a celebration of life near term, although they hope to have one in the future, perhaps in the spring, once COVID calms down a little. In the meantime, please join me for a moment of silence as we remember our friend **Dick Shaw**.

Our Club prepared a Rotary Profile of Dick a few years back and we'll break from lunch a few minutes early to watch his profile before the main program begins. Please join me for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.

Announcement: Craig Stokke: Just a reminder the Serving staff would appreciate if you would place your lunch cards at the top of your place settings so that the wait staff can easily see/access them. Please join me for the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace

Link to Dick Shaw Rotary Profile: <https://www.rotarycs.org/sitepage/club-history/dick-shaw>

Link to Rotary Banner Exchange with Joyce Cave: <https://vimeo.com/619077446>

That last video was recorded earlier this month. Dick's niece from California was in Calgary visiting. Joyce was inspired to join Rotary due to Dick's involvement and our Club's compassion after Jo Ellen passed away in 2017. You will be missed Dick and our thoughts go out to Dick's family.

HEAD TABLE: PP Chas Filipski (1996: President 2019-20), John Fitzsimmons (1998), Patrick Lor, Don Bacon (Our Club: 2004, Rotary: 1966) and George Deegan (1974)

VIDEO WORK FOR CLUB MEETINGS: If you would be interested in assisting Steve, Jamie, and Glen Godlonton with videoing Club meetings (or learning more about it) please reach out to **Steve Mason**. He would be happy to explain how it works.

GUESTS: Janet Matthews brought 2 guests: Karen Green and Sari Osada, Jim Burns brought Dale Struksnes (Friend of Penny Leckie), Greg Martin brought his son Danny, Glen Richardson brought his daughter Kari Megs and his son Todd and lastly Melanie Todd joined us as Kathy Demorest's Guest who she said she had never met before today! Way to recruit Kathy! We sang the Welcome Song



50/50 Draw: Bill Sumner asked our Guest Speaker Patrick Lor to pick the winning ticket. Paul Brick was the lucky winner of \$115 and even luckier as there was no Sergeant at Arms this week to pick his pocket!





CLUB NEWS:

COMMUNITY KITCHEN FOOD HAMPERS: **Craig Stokke:** Earl Huson is looking for two volunteers to assist filling fresh food hampers on October 5th. There are other dates available as well and they will be in the bulletin. Please let Earl know if you can help at: ehuslink@telusplanet.net or: **403 686 0828**.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS:

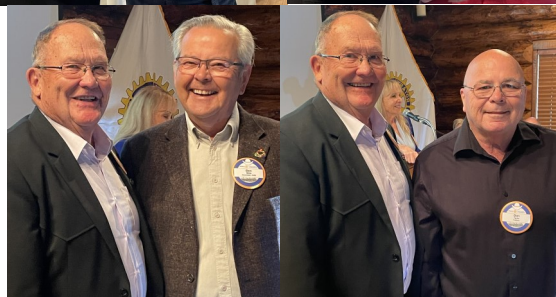
- ♦ **John Fowlis** has been diagnosed with cancer and is now at Rosedale Hospice. COVID screening is in place at the hospice and John would love to have his fellow Rotarians come by for a visit. He has a personal phone. His ability to respond on the phone varies, but people can leave messages. His phone number is **403-560-3983**. John has been a member of our Club for 39 years.
- ♦ **Michael Zacharki** was taken to hospital last night with chest pains. He is having a gall bladder operation today and should be home on October 2nd.

CRCF Presentations: Past President **Sherry Austin** introduced a number of benefactors to the CRCF with the assistance of **CRCF Treasurer Al Johnson** who provided unique pins to recipients: **Mark Ambrose, Michael Ruttan: +1, Kevin MacLeod: +4, Luanne Whitmarsh: +1, Don Mintz: +1 & Don Taylor: +1**



Sherry thanked the recipients for their contribution to our local foundation that helps our Club to provide much needed community support for those who need it the most.

The Calgary Rotary Clubs
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CLUB ROSTER: If you wish to receive a hard copy of the 2021-2022 Club Roster please advise Bev Ostermann at: ostercms@telus.net. If you wish to receive more than 1 copy please also advise. Please email Bev, not Kathyann with this request. Thank you

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- ♦ Search for ClubRunner and download the app. You will need your username / password that you already have for ClubRunner
- ♦ You can see all Members. You can call, text or email them. You can see all events etc...

Here are 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>

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A	Applegate, John
B	Baker, Sue
	Brackett, Leigh
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	Davis, Clare



CLUB NEWS

DID YOU KNOW?

- ♦ RCCSP Board Meeting Minutes and Current Financial Statements are posted on our website at: www.rotarycs.org under Member Resources?
- ♦ The history and current information about the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation can be found on our website at: www.rotarycs.org under Member Resources, Rotary links, District links?

NEXT WEEK: October 7th at Rotary House:

Stampede Brass: Chairman Steve McDonough and CEO Joel Crowley

Joel Cowley, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible to the Board of Directors for leading the organization. Before taking on the role of CEO, Joel was most recently the president of Angus Genetics Incorporated, following 15 years with the internationally renowned Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. As president and CEO of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Cowley oversaw 135 full time employees and 35,000 volunteers and brings considerable strengths in leadership, communication, administration and business to the Calgary Stampede.

Steve McDonough, President & Chairman of the Board has spent his professional career building organizations and taking on new challenges. A lawyer by training, Steve has served as a policy advisor to the federal government in Ottawa, built and sold an advertising agency, is involved in commercial property development and has built a franchise retail business. Steve has a wide array of skills and experience.

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

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://rotarycs.org/event/rccsp-oct-7-meeting-meal-registration/>

If you forgot to register online come to the meeting anyway. 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.



Today our country recognizes **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. This day is intended to educate and remind Canadians about the history of residential schools, honour the victims, and recognize the survivors.

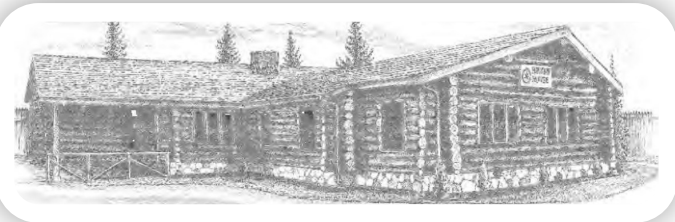
For such a young country we certainly have a lot of history; and today, and everyday, we have an opportunity to remember, reflect, learn the history of this great nation.



Closing Remarks: President Stokke: 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/yuvSiSH0F30>





GUEST SPEAKER: PATRICK LOR: HIGH TECH IN ALBERTA

Speaker Introduction: John Fitzsimmons: John noted that Patrick was a former member of our Club and joined in 2004 during Len Hamm's year as President. John saw Patrick as a special member who was destined for great success. He also admitted that he, along with other younger members such as himself would sit at the back of the meeting room and cause trouble. John crept Patrick on social media for 20 years and followed his success with great interest.



Patrick holds an MBA degree and is the Managing Partner at Panache Ventures, a seed-stage venture capital firm that will invest in over 140 Canadian startups over the next 3 years. Although no longer a Rotarian he lives by the values of Rotary in his approach and intent. He is the proud father of two children now 23 & 25.

Speaker: Patrick Lor

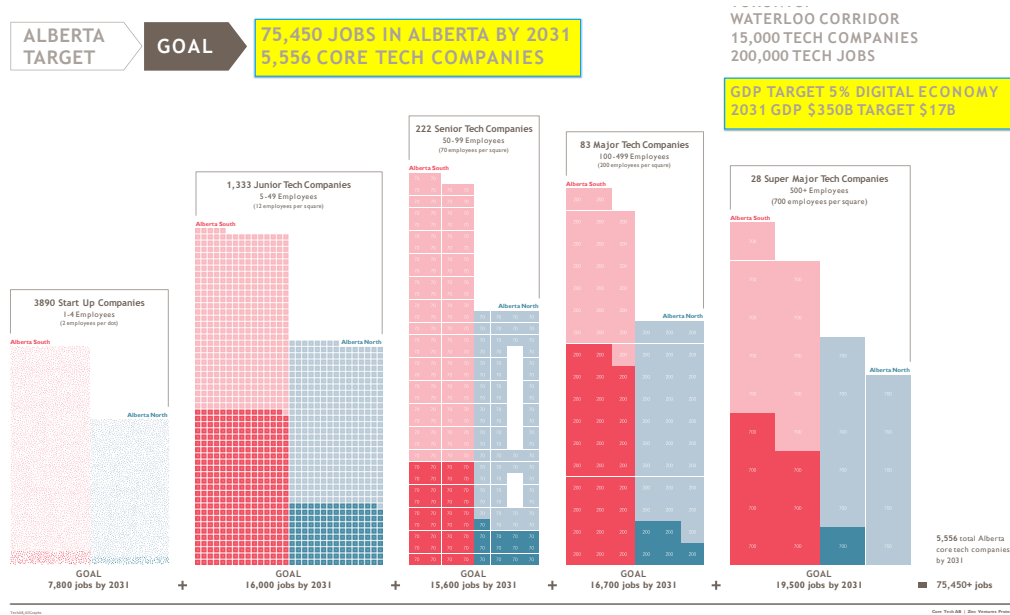
Today's presentation is "Alberta's Technology Ecosystem" highlighting some of the people and organizations that are helping entrepreneurs build great companies and diversifying the economy. WE always focus on Alberta as an oil-based economy. 16-20% of our economy comes directly from oil and gas. It affects the entire economy. In the early days of the pandemic startup funding dwindled due to the coronavirus (March 2020).

By May 2020, Reuters reported \$15 trillion and counting for global stimulus. Global funding to startups rose to an eye-popping new record-a 157% increase year to year from 2nd quarter of 2020 to Q2 of 2021. There was an acceleration of digital platforms, e.g. Zoom. Due to the savings created during the pandemic, there has been a lot of money going into the technology ecosystem. There have been new record highs for the development of tech companies along with many advances due to digital transformation. Although the volume of deal flow is lower in Calgary than Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal, a lot is happening behind the scenes.

Reflecting on Alberta's technology ecosystem Patrick reviewed 5 key elements to success in digital economy:

1. Goals 2. Supporting Entrepreneurs 3. Funding 4. Investment strategy 5. Community

Alberta's target goal to transform and diversify our economy is the creation of 75,450 jobs by 2031 (representing 5% of the GDP) and 5,556 core tech companies Supporting entrepreneurs through education and mentorship: This is available by a variety of companies: Creative Destruction Lab, SAIT School for Advanced Digital Technology, Startup Edmonton, Innovative Masterminds Edmonton, Platform Calgary and Combine. Funding has been made available through Alberta Enterprise Corporation. \$703 million has been invested into Alberta companies.



Investment Stages were identified: Stage, Ideation, Pre-Seed, Seed, Series A, Series B, Series C and IPO.



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Four Key Investment themes to watch that informs the Investment Strategy for Alberta were identified:

Enabling technologies ie: AI, Blockchain, cryptocurrencies, DeFi, robotics, quantum computing;
Digital Transformation of traditional industries: ie: Fintech, open banking, proptech, healthcare, insurtech (insurance industry), agriculture; ESG-e.g. ClimateTech, energy, DEI, women's health;
Continuing digital transformation ie: Enterprise software, e-commerce, delivery logistics

Nothing happens without community support. Many entrepreneurs are giving back to the community, through mentorship and investment in startups. Patrick suggested looking at Start Alberta which is a database of all the startups to consider supporting.

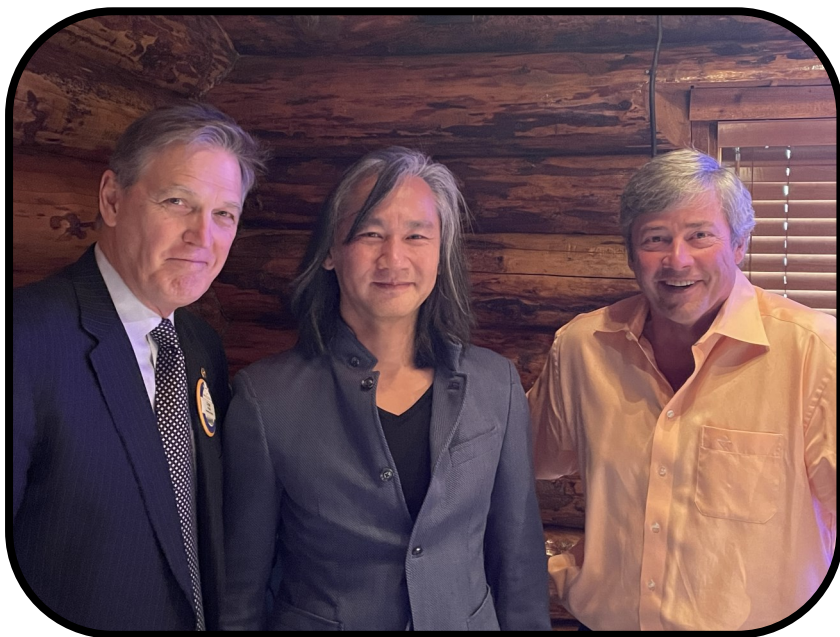
Patrick closed by thanking the Club for having him back and noted that Sherry was encouraging him to rejoin us. Good work Sherry! Patrick's contact information: pat@panache.vc and (403) 560-2384.



There were a questions about the future of biotech and transformation of jobs due to the advance of technology. Patrick advised there is investment into biotech in Alberta and it's a big trend with the potential for custom tailored drugs and quicker development of drugs. Patrick noted there will be a generational shift to more jobs online requiring a different skill set as well as a massive amount of automation reducing current workloads. The transition will be painful but there will be greater opportunity to increase social benefits and do more societal good by lifting people out of poverty.

Speaker Thanks: PP Chas Filipski: Before I offer thanks to **Patrick Lor** I would like to offer a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of you for your support of myself and sons during this most difficult period of our lives. I reiterate how much it means and again tell you that I will personally respond to everyone as soon as I'm able. Let me also echo the words of **Dick Shaw**. This is not just a Rotary Club but a family of people who never fail to step up when it matters most. You have my unending gratitude.

Mr. Lor: Those of us that knew you when you were an active member of this club also readily saw that you were headed for exciting times. Thank you for proving us right beyond our wildest expectations! Your talk today is a great reminder of the power of youth - intelligence - innovation and certainly hard work. These also happen to be the traditional traits shared by Albertans and you are no exception. What is also not lost on any of us is that your endeavors have been conceived, nurtured and launched so much from the city and the province we all care about. With all that our region has endured over these past years; now approaching a decade it is indeed inspiring to see that the same vision shared by many of the senior members of this club who - themselves - shaped our city and province is now being carried on - through a new generation of entrepreneurs who still see - and who still value - the potential here. On behalf of everyone today I thank you for taking the time to not only speak to us today but to inspire us for our future!



In Closing: President Craig: In recognition of your time today, our Club will make a \$100 donation to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. This gift will help support our community. Thank you.

For the full presentation, please view the recorded meeting: <https://youtu.be/yuvSiSH0F30>



The Calgary Rotary Clubs **FOUNDATION**

September 23, 2021 CRCF PRESENTATION: Sherry Austin
(notes were submitted after Bulletin was produced last week)

This was our first CRCF Recognition Ceremony for this Rotary year. We are so very grateful for all the wonderful donations from the past year and a half and want to be sure to honour our amazing donors. We will be doing small ceremonies for the next few weeks.

Greg Martin, has Chaired our inaugural CRCF Committee and will present the pins. He also keeps the records for all our CRCF donations. Today we will be honouring three of our new CRCF LEADERS. A CRCF LEADER has donated \$10,000 to our local Foundation and receives a pin depicting 5 stars and a moon overlooking Rotary House. These pins were designed specifically for our Club for CRCF donors.

Norm Devitt: Founding member of CRCF for our Club who was involved in development of the original CRCF principles which are located on the website. These principles are still guiding us today.

Dilan Perera: First Chair of our Communications Committee and the motivating force behind our current round table lunch setup.

Jack Thompson: Chair of the RI Foundation (TRF) for our Club.

We receive annual disbursements from the CRCF Foundation that go to our Small and Large Grants Committees for dispersal to those in need in our community. With gratitude to all of you for your kind generosity and foresight in support of community service.

Corinne Wilkinson found these great photos of **Dick Shaw and George Deegan** from Halloween at Rotary and was thoughtful enough to pass these along to share with everyone as we mourn the loss of a great friend





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 29th: On our hike eleven hikers not only saw Larch trees and fall colours, we also saw snow at Ptarmigan Cirque. Some blue sky occasionally allowed welcome warmth from the sun. At the top the rugged rocks were amazing. The fall colours were everywhere. Because it was windy and freezing at the top we held off eating lunch. After a slippery trip down, we were greeted at the bottom by the aroma of the honey wagon. We ate our lunch on the asphalt away from the aroma of the honey wagon. It had no effect on our enjoyment of lemon squares and cookies!

Submitted by Pat Farn





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SUITCASES for HULL SERVICES

I am collecting, gently used or new, small to medium sized suitcases for Hull Services Residents. There is a need for the residents, ages six to seventeen, to have their own suitcases to keep their belongings in.

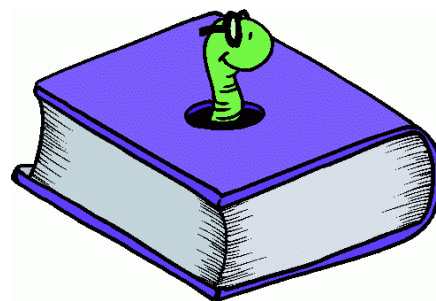


If you would like to contribute please contact me, Kelly Brittain at: kabritts444@shaw.ca or call: 403-256-1379. Thank you for your help.

**Submitted by: Kelly Brittain, Secretary
Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park**

Book Club News

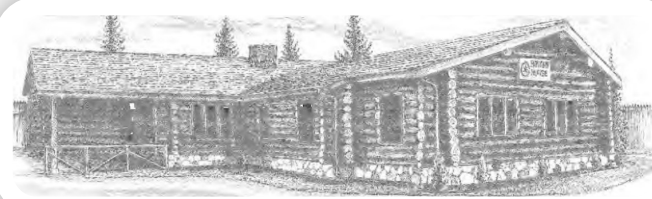
We had our first meeting at the Calgary Golf and Country Club on September 20th with 14 members present.



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

OCTOBER 7th: ROTARY HOUSE: **Stampede Brass:**

Joel Cowley, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible to the Board of Directors for leading the organization. Before taking on the role of CEO, Joel was most recently the president of Angus Genetics Incorporated, following 15 years with the internationally renowned Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. As president and CEO of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Cowley oversaw 135 full time employees and 35,000 volunteers and brings considerable strengths in leadership, communication, administration and business to the Calgary Stampede.

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Register: <https://rotarycs.org/event/rccsp-oct-7-meeting-meal-registration/>

OCTOBER 14th: ROTARY HOUSE

Vertical Agriculture: Dan Cloutier: Sprung Structures

OCTOBER 21st: ROTARY HOUSE

The Hydrogen Economy: Bill Armstrong: Steria Energy

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:

Rollie Cyr Executive VP Customer Service Calgary Flames

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





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MEETING ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

They can assist with Zoom Meetings for Rotary Related matters ie: Committee Meetings etc.
They can set up a link for you to send out, open meeting and assign a co-host

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COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERING

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

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

Please contact Earl Huson: ehuslink@telusplanet.net or 403 686 0828

2021/2022 RCCSP OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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