





RCCSP Weekly Bulletin September 8th 2022 Volume Number 68, Issue Number 7

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Welcome to the September 8th meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park. It is my pleasure and honour to be the Club's President, Jim Fitzowich.

Head Table: from left to right, Carol Graham, DG's Wife-Pat Leavitt, Len Hamm, President Jim Fitzowich, District Governor-Steve Leavitt and P.P Craig Stokke.





Announcements: President Jim Fitzowich

President Jim opened the meeting with the sad news that Queen Elizabeth had just passed away. In her honor he asked Hugh Delaney to lead us in singing " God Save the Queen"

This week is the Annual District Governors visit. Some history on District 5360:

1957- District 5360 was organized and Art Balfour (Grande Prairie) became DG.

1998 – Northern portion of District 5360 above latitude 52 degrees, 45 minutes became District 5370.

1966 – PP Orville Burke (Calgary South) became our first DG, followed by Gardie Shaw (1984) and Ken Copithorne (2004).

The rest will have to wait until after lunch...





Please join **Hugh Delany** for the singing of O Canada followed by Rotary Grace.





Announcements Continued:



50/50: Neil Magee looked after the draw today and with everyone back the pot increased to 150.00. Won by Don Bacon! Congrats Don!!

Health and Wellness: Tommy Low is **no** longer at the South Campus Hospital. He has been moved to the Bethany Care Center at 916 18A St NW, Calgary.

Ed Whitaker – Ed's daughter Wendy Cartwright advises Ed's Celebration of Life will be on Monday October 17th. Details will follow in the Bulletin once received.



Guests: Marietta Maier Announced the Guests in the audience and we sang our beloved Welcome Song

Sergeant at Arms: Joe Connelly tested us all with what we remembered from Jim Gray's presentation on the Green Line. We enjoyed the usual good fun with Joe picking a few pockets particularly from those who did not sign Jim Gray's petition.

Minute Speakers

- Carol Graham addressed her comments to all the Committee Chairs (See email)
- Ken Farn asked for a few more volunteers for the Terry Fox run on Sept 18th (See page 6)
- **Pat Neuman** reminded us about the Past Presidents "Party" next week. One last chance! (See below)
- Len Hamm brought us all up to date on the Ribbons for Peace initiative as we are approx. 5 weeks out. He indicated that we have raised \$41,000 to date with an approximate \$20-25k+ still pending. Remember you are not Registered until you've paid, get those Registrations in! We are still looking for Wine/ Beer/Dinner Sponsors.
- John Fitzsimmons brought us up to date on Ukrainian Resettlement and they still need help with moving and transporting furniture. We want to send a MAJOR shoutout to **Todd Richardson** and Natasha as they have taken in a beautiful Mother and Daughter into their home and Grandpa **GR** for providing a car. **Dana Hunter** offered her truck to be used with one more strong person needed to help. Message Dana or Fitz if you are willing and able.



President's Party—Last Chance!! Corinne has ordered a few extra tickets for anyone who is wanting to come to the Presidents' Party on September 15th!! If you haven't registered yet, please go to www.rotarystampedepark.com tickets are available until sold out. Please email **admin@rotarycs.org** or call **403-244-9788** if you need help registering.

Rotary International Pins: Kathy Demorest has Rotary International Pins for anyone who did not get one at the Meeting today. Please seek her out if you want one.



Celebrating Rotary President









Speaker Introduction:

Craig Stokke Steve Leavitt's Biography:

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Steve has been a member of the Rotary Club of Raymond for 21 years. Steve received his Masters degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Alberta. His career was involved with marketing and management in Agriculture business and he now has his own business in Agronomy Consulting.

2007 is when Steve became a true Rotarian as he experienced the impact of Rotary in Uganda a developing country. In 2016 Steve and Pat served a volunteer mission for one and a half years in St. Lucia in the lower Caribbean. In conjunction with their local Rotary club, they have participated in fund-raising, and many service opportunities such as with an Interact club with their local Indigenous Reserve. He is the District Governor for 2022-2023. Steve is married to Pat, and they have five children and fifteen grandchildren.

Main Speaker:

He opened his presentation by mentioning firstly, his Wife Pat Leavitt for leaving her teaching job for a year to travel with him as his role of District Governor, then stated that he had visited with the Board this morning and learned all about our Club. He was impressed by the level of activity and was sure that we were heading in the right direction. He commented on the good vibe in the room today.

He was fortunate to be District Governor in a year when we have the first Canadian President of RI. He heard Jennifer at the Houston Convention but had a chance to meet with her during her Stampede visit. Our Members Steve and Jamie had put together a short clip on the highlights of her visit to Calgary and it is available on YouTube. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3SfeCI0d71</u> and watch District 5360's full version with Steve and Jamie's video included within but more of Jennifer Jones speaking <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8medgwCaE4s</u>



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As District Governor Steve has a background of Agriculture he shared a metaphor of planting a Tomato, showing a Tomato seed package and stating the seed inside this pack isn't doing much good, it is just sitting there. It is only when the seed is planted into a medium and add water and sunlight that that Tomato grows. To show you that is a natural thing that happens, he continued, "and within each of you you've got seeds of something you feel you'd like to do in Rotary, as a Club you have seeds you want to plant and it is only as you add nourishment that anything is going to happen". Great metaphor DG Steve!

He outlined the District Action Plans as follows.

He briefly touched on each item but then turned it over to the Club to have a discussion at their table and challenged us to "Imagine" and come up with some seeds of ideas. Each table was asked to collect comments and a few spoke to them.

We heard comments such as

- After Polio, what next? Alzheimer's
- Can Rotary be a leader in World Peace.
- Publish the Tables sold for the Ukrainian evening and get them all sold and filled.
- 2025 Calgary Convention. Let's put the White hat back into Calgary.
- Grow Fellowship. Meeting Attendance. Make ups
- It's got to be fun!
- Do we need to consolidate Clubs.
- Get Youth Exchange going again
- Foster our Business Club initiative.
- Look at strategic giving.



We gave Steve a warm round of applause following his presentation and President Jim added his thanks and donated \$200 on behalf of the Leavitt's to the Ribbons for Peace initiative.

Please see DG Steve Leavitt's PowerPoint presentation on ClubRunner under Member Resources or at this link;

https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/0000000952/en-ca/files/page/presentations-frommeetings/september-8th-2022-district-governor-steve-le/September%208th%20District% 20Governor-Steve%20Leavitt-Visit

** please review the recording of the meeting for the complete presentation !**

THIS WEEK'S MEETING LINK:

https://youtu.be/Fxd35P3FtS8



In Closing:

Next Week's meeting: Will be Honen's Board Chair Siân Mathews

Guests and prospective members are always welcome at Rotary for lunch and the 15th would be a good meeting for you and your guests to learn more about the Calgary Arts Community.

Looking forward in seeing you all on September 15th.

Final words:

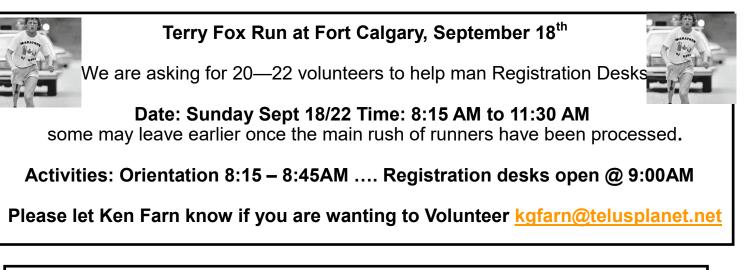
Thought for the day: "If you keep your face towards sunshine, then you cannot see the shadows." -Helen Keller

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

www.rotarystampedepark.com



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY !!!

Volunteers are required to build Good Food Boxes. Click on <u>Sign Up</u> to view available slots and book yourself directly online

Monday September 12th: Tuesday October 18th: Monday November 21st: Tuesday December 6th:

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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EARL AND KEN REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!







ROTARY RIBBONS FOR PEACE FUNDRAISER

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN EVACUEES TO ALBERTA!

Join the **ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY AT STAMPEDE PARK** in raising funds to assist Ukrainian evacuees relocating to Alberta.

OCTOBER 12, 2022, 6 PM - 10 PM

POLISH CANADIAN CULTURAL CENTRE, 3015 15[™] STREET NE

Master of Ceremonies/Auctioneer: Danny Hooper, Danny Hooper Productions Guests of Honour: Hon Ed and Marie Stelmach

Remarks: Oleksandr Danyleiko, Consul General of Ukraine, Edmonton

Special Entertainment by Vykrutas Ukrainian Dance Society, followed by live Auction.

Tickets for the Evening are ONLY \$175 and include dinner, entertainment, live auction and special guests.

To show your further support, custom designed **Blue and Yellow Ribbons for Peace** will be available for a donation of \$100.00.

All donations tax deductible according to CRA guidelines. rotarystampedepark.com/ribbons-for-peace/

Slava Ukraini

\$10,000+ Blue Sponsor

- Centre Front table for 10
- *Program front page advertisement
- *Showcased on monitor with video message from sponsor
- Advertising on social media platforms, posters and website
- Advertising with media sponsors, eg. newspapers, TV, radio

\$5000 Yellow Sponsors

- Table at front for 10
- Advertising space in program (1/2 page)
- Advertising on social media platforms, posters and website
- Advertising with media sponsors, eg. newspapers, TV, radio

\$1000 Friends of Ukraine Sponsors

- Program listing
- Listing on social media
- Listing in media eg. newspapers, TV, radio

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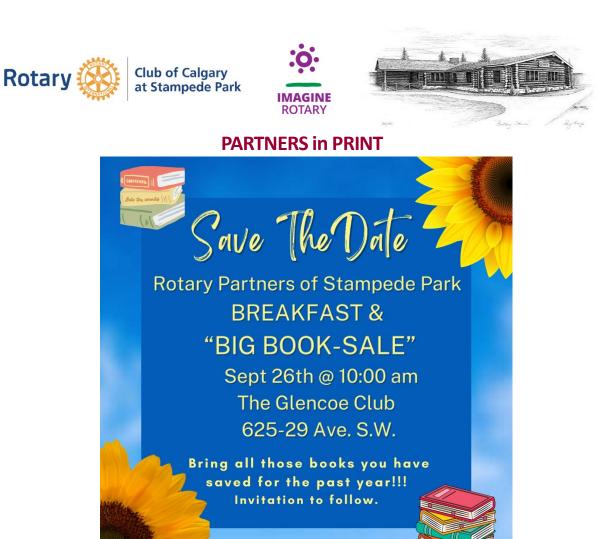
Several of us will be at the Meetings early and staying afterwards to help people register for Tickets, Tables, Ribbons and Sponsorship, if you need help registering please catch us before or after the Meetings. Alternatively please go to,

https://rotarystampedepark.com/ribbons-for-peace/

We want to fill all of the 450 seats but not with just Rotarians. We need you to reach out to corporate Calgary-all those 50 somethings who are the next generation of executives. We encourage you to invite the younger generation and put together a table. It will be an authentic Ukrainian dinner with wine and beer and lots of fun. Greg Martin brought up the idea to bring young people and mentioned you may have to BRING them (pay for them) but would be worth it to encourage that demographic to get involved in Rotary and helping Ukrainian evacuees!

Price per ticket is \$175. You get a tax receipt for \$175 minus the cost of the meal (approx.. \$50.00)=\$125.00.Put together a table of 10 for a cost of \$1750. Less the meal cost and your receipt is \$1250. Add a ribbon to each seat at a cost of \$100.00 each.

We piloted a program and spent \$5,000 to help educate Evacuees and it was beyond successful so imagine what we can do with \$150,000, which is our goal!



Yes, this is another reminder about dues payments needing to be sent to Karen and also about signing up for the TREMENDOUS BOOK SALE AND BREAKFAST on Sept. 26th, 2022.

I am excited about this coming year and hope that you all are as well. Fingers crossed there will be no more need for Zoom meetings and we can all get together and enjoy the fellowship of this club.

Our year at Partners starts July 1st. Although it seems like we take a break over the summer the Executive have been busy planning events, working on programs for this coming year, lining up venues as well as possible speakers or preformers for our events.

If you have paid your dues already - and signed up for the Breakfast , THANK YOU!

If you haven't the dues are \$40.00 for the year and the cost of the Breakfast is \$35.00.

Please makes cheques payable to: Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park and send them to Karen Grant at: 3927 Vancouver Crescent N.W. Calgary, AB. T3A 0M2

OR e-transfer to: partners@rotarycs.org

payable to: "Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park"

Looking forward to seeing you all soon and RECONNECTING !!!

Best regards, Rhonda Yaskowich, President. Rotary Partners of Calgary at Stampede Park







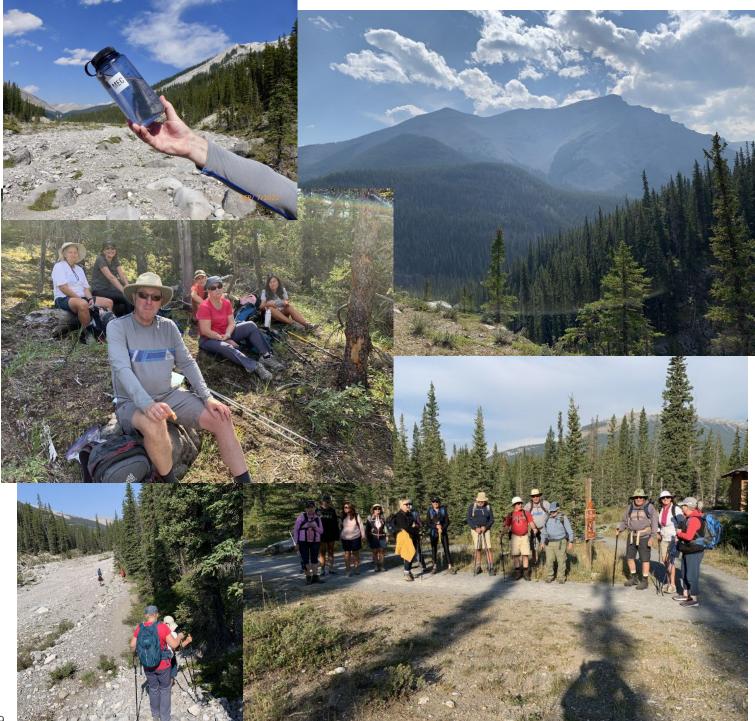
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HIKING CLUB

Well, it was a crowd again, hiking Nihahi Creek Canyon. Smoke lingered in the air so the view showed that. At the switchbacks which take you to the canyon, the group split and some stayed low and waited.. With an elevation gain of 403 meters and a total distance of 14.5 km, this was going to be a challenge. Going down proved equally difficult to climbing up. After this arduous hike we were supposed to be rewarded with a lake where we would eat our lunch. The Google map showed us standing in the water. The dry river bed was all we saw and our disappointment showed. This is the only picture of water we could take (thanks Donna J). On the trip back, Larry, Sir Galahad, met us with his van and drove us the final 1.5 km through the campground. We put dusty boot prints all over his van, but this tired bunch were really, really grateful. **Submitted by Pat Farn**





September 15: Siân Matthews - Honens Piano Competition

September 15: Presidents' Party

September 22: Kurt Kinnear - 4H Leadership

September 29: President Dr Vanderpool - St. Mary's University

October 6: David Wartman - Calgary Civic Symphony

October 12: Ribbons for Peace Fundraiser

October 13: Oleksandr Danyleiko Consul General of Ukraine -War in Ukraine











