

CALGARY 2025

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



DEAR ROTARIANS

We are thrilled to share the incredible success of our launch for the 2025 Calgary Rotary International Convention! Registration for Calgary opened at the same time as the opening of the Singapore convention.

In Singapore, Calgary hosted a booth where we promoted our city and district. It was a tremendous success and we couldn't have done it without the amazing support we received from Rotarians across Canada. Volunteers from D5360, D5370, and even as far as Ontario generously took a break from enjoying the 2024 Convention themselves to spend some time in our booth, answering questions and inviting Rotarians worldwide to attend our convention next year. Not only did they provide valuable information about our district, but their infectious energy also offered a sneak peek of the excitement awaiting our guests at next year's convention.

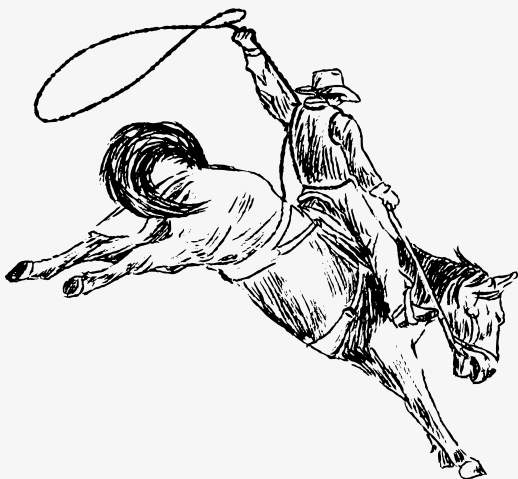


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HERE ARE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS:



Preliminary numbers from Rotary International indicate that **Calgary registrations are up 38% compared to Singapore's registration numbers in Melbourne.** This is also the highest post-COVID registration for any Rotary convention and a testament to the incredible enthusiasm and dedication of our volunteers and supporters.

Registrations for Host Hospitality, Signature Events, and Pre-Post Tours are now available on our Calgary 2025 Host Organizing Committee (HOC) website: rotarycalgary2025.org. This is a major milestone because, for the first time ever, Calgary was able to promote all our ticketed events on the first day of registration. The response to our ticketed events has been phenomenal, with many Rotarians already booking their events.





KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

We invite everyone to join us for a District-wide Zoom call on Tuesday June 11 at 7:00 PM. We look forward to sharing more information and answering your questions. Please register through the District website at rotary5360.ca

If your club has not yet nominated a Calgary Convention Champion, please do so. The Convention Champion will act as a vital link between the convention organizers and your club, ensuring timely information is communicated to all members.





BMO CENTRE IS OPEN

June 5, 2024 marked the official grand opening of the beautiful new BMO Centre at Stampede Park. We were fortunate enough to attend the event and we can assure you that the building is AMAZING! We cannot wait to showcase it to the world.



THANK YOU

A huge shout-out to Volunteer Director **Farid Bedwany** for organizing the Singapore team, **PDG Rick Istead** for training our volunteers, **Philippa Gear** for setting up our shifts, **Corinne Wilkinson** for ensuring we looked great in our branded shirts, and **Emily and Megan Stokke** for being our Rotary Princesses (maintaining huge smiles in literally thousands of pictures). Also, we would like to thank **Cassandra Graves** and **Shelley Zucht-Shorter** with Tourism Calgary for being such amazing partners and we are grateful for the support of **DGEs Christina (5360) and Brian (5370)**. We appreciate everyone and are incredibly proud of all of you.

At last, we're off and running. It will be a fun ride!

Warm regards,

Craig Stokke & PDG Mark Starratt

Co-Chairs, Calgary 2025 HOC



VOLUNTEERING AT THE ROTARY CALGARY CONVENTION 2025:

The volunteers at the Calgary Booth in Singapore did an outstanding job, they came not only from Calgary, but the rest of Alberta, and the rest of Canada. It was truly a great exhibit of Canadian spirit, and Rotary Unity that went beyond the call of duty. As you saw earlier in the newsletter, this resulted in great number of sign ups to our convention and non stop excitement at our booth till the last minute of the last day.

We need to keep up that spirit and spread it on a much bigger scale to our convention, please. Take the time to go to our website and scroll down till you see volunteer, and sign up. You don't have to be a Rotarian to do so, so if you know some friends and family that would be willing to volunteer please spread the word.

For a direct link to volunteer you can scan the QR code or click [HERE](#)



Thank You,

HOC Volunteer Committee

