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**SEMI-ANNUAL BULLETIN  
Fall 2025 Edition**

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## THE PARK'S AMBASSADOR TEAM



Left to right Trevor Thomson, Chris Dinsdale, Jack Thompson, Myrna Dubé-Thompson, J.F. (Jim) Burns, Gerry Darichuk, Toby Oswald-Felker, Mark Terrill, Don Ross, Colin Cantlie

## AGM

Our AGM was held at noon at the Field House on May 23, 2025.  
Thank you all who attended in person and those who joined us via  
teleconference call.

Our next AGM is scheduled for May 22, 2026.

## FAMILY DAY

Unfortunately, Family Day 2025 was canceled due to inclement weather.

Our Family Day for 2026 is scheduled for  
Jun 20, 2026

We hope to see you all.

## CASINO

Our casino will take place on January 21 & 22, 2026 at the Elbow River Casino.

We will require upwards of 40 volunteers. Please call 403-250-2707.

**WE “HUMBLY” THANK ALL THE VOLUNTEERS IN ADVANCE FOR  
THEIR PRECIOUS TIME AND SUPPORT!**



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2025

The convention took place in Calgary from June 21 to June 25. Over 17,000 Rotarians and participants from 120 countries attended the event.

Calgary Rotary Challenger Park hosted approximately 250 guests for a park tour, followed by a dinner at The Radisson Hotel. The event was magical, filled with vibrant entertainment and a wonderful atmosphere.

We would also like to extend a very special thank you to Toby Oswald-Felker and Corrinne Wilkinson for their tireless efforts and dedication in organizing this fabulous event for everyone.

We invite you to visit our website to watch an engaging and insightful video about the origins of the park and its vital role in serving the community.



# CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

We are thrilled to report our 20th Annual Calgary Airport Authority Charity Golf Tournament was held on August 28, 2025 at The Winston Golf Club.

Approximately 72+ participants attended.

Thank you all players, sponsors, and volunteers for your precious time and support, we raised \$40,000+!

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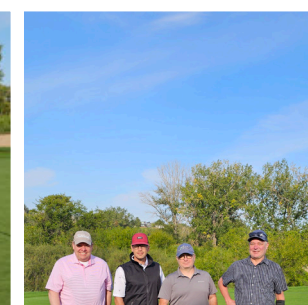
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Winning Team (in no particular order) Kevin Lawlor, Allan Law, Brian Guichon, Joanne Smith, Josh Ronald, (Tournament committee Brian G. member)



# SOME OF THE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT CALGARY ROTARY CHALLENGER PARK

## Cricket



FriendsCafe Calgary Cricket Tournament  
2025 - Runner up Team

## Group Events



## Islamic School



## URSA



## Basketball



## LETTER OF APPRECIATION



Thank you for your support of our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Day on June 12, 2025, through the Every Kid Can Play Program. It truly makes a difference in the lives of our students.

Supporting autistic children in this way is really an act of kindness. I'd like to thank you not only for your generosity, which is changing lives, but also for being the kind of person who really cares enough to support the educational needs of autistic children and their families.

Thank you for being a part of the caring community that supports our vision of a school where students with academic, social, and emotional needs can thrive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "CChrumka".

Carlene Chrumka, CFRE

Chief Executive Officer

*Learning with autism is better here.*



## SAD NEWS TO SHARE

We are deeply saddened to share the passing of our beloved ambassador and cherished park friend, Cal Schuler.

Cal was instrumental in organizing our Family Day, securing support from many generous sponsors.

He will be greatly missed. Please keep him and his family in your prayers, and may his soul rest in eternal peace, Amen.

More about Cal's journey and achievements, shared by one of his closest and dearest friends, Rhonda Amiot:



It is my honour and privilege to tell you all about Cal Schuler. Not only was he a son, brother, and uncle, he was also a very active advocate for many. Becoming a quadriplegic at the age of 17 in a tobogganing accident did not slow him down. Cal worked for and with many organizations supporting people with disabilities. He also started his own company called SPECTRA (Spectra Alternative Solutions). With his company, he was providing accessibility audits and sensitivity training. He was educating many businesses and their staff about people with disabilities.

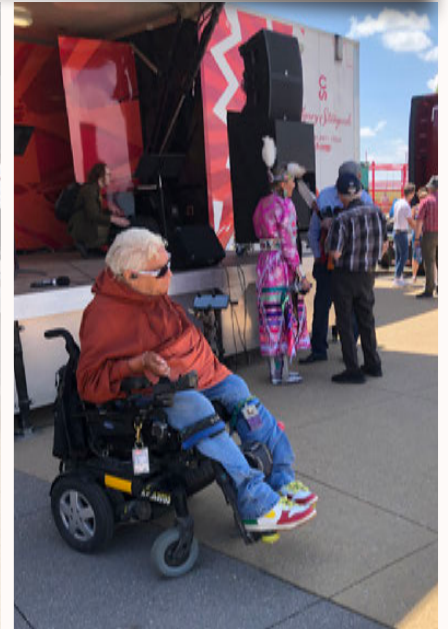
Cal was also active with the Rotary Club for many years. His main achievement being a Family Fun Day event held every year at the Calgary Rotary Challenger Park.

### Other mentions include

- Recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Metal
- Access Recognition Award through the City of Calgary on Accessibility
- Status of Persons with Disabilities Award of Excellence in the category of Public Awareness, and the Dr. Gary McPherson Leadership Award for Lifetime Achievement
- The City of Calgary's Advisory Committee on Accessibility. He was instrumental in the lipped sidewalks in Calgary
- Was a Commissioner for Oaths

One of Cal's mottos was to make diversity a part of everything we do. Strength lies in differences not similarities.

His legacy will go on forever.





## Where curiosity leads and learning follows

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**L.W. (Lou) MacEachern Endowment Fund at the Calgary  
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## BEST WISHES



**Marvin Pawlivsky**  
*Board Chair*

Marvin Pawlivsky & Jim Zackowski on behalf of Calgary Rotary Challenger Park want to Wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas, safe holidays and a Great 2026!



**Jim Zackowski**  
*Park Executive Director*

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