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**SEMI-ANNUAL BULLETIN
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Honorary Patron of the Park

The Board, Staff and Friends of the Park, would like to extend a warm welcome to Her Honour, the Honourable Salma Lakhani AOE, B.Sc., the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, for accepting our invitation to become the Honorary Patron of Calgary Rotary Challenger Park.



AGM



Due to Covid 19 restrictions, our AGM was held via Zoom on May 19, at noon.

Thank you all for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend.
Our next AGM is scheduled for May 11, 2022.

Family Day

Family Fun Day 2021 was cancelled due to Covid restrictions. We remain optimistic for next year and have scheduled our 2022 event for June 18-2022.

We hope to see you all.

**A big "THANK YOU" to all our Family Fun Day sponsor's
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Casino

Our casino was tentatively set for either July, August or September of 2021. Due to Covid 19, our casino has now been delayed to July, August, or September 2022.

We will be needing upwards of 40 volunteers. For more details please call 403-250-2707

Golf Tournament

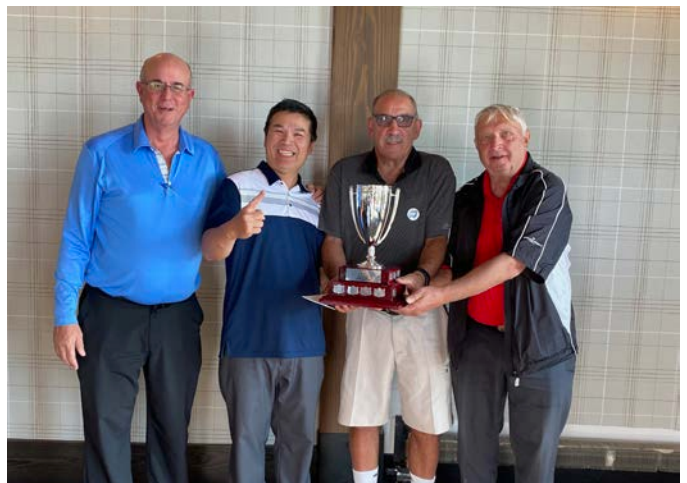
We are thrilled to announce our 15th Annual Calgary Airport Authority Charity Golf Tournament was held on August 25, 2021 at the Bearspaw Golf and Country Club. We had 59 participants on a beautiful sunny day.

Thank you to all the players, sponsors, and volunteers for your precious time and support!

We look forward to seeing you all again next year on:

August 24, 2022 at Bearspaw Golf and Country Club, 61 Hamilton Dr NW

For sponsorship and team information, please visit our website: tournamentofdiamonds.com



Brett Gates, George Pathumman, John Arienza, Ed Wasylyshen

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Long-time Rotary Club of Calgary Downtown member Walter Haessel has been given Rotary's highest award, the Distinguished Service Award. Walter joined Rotary in 1982 and served in a number of capacities, but he distinguished himself with his leadership and fundraising abilities, which were put to good use in Cambodia, Thailand and Latin America where he worked to better the lives of the poor.

"I was flabbergasted. I wasn't expecting anything like that at all," Walter said from his home at United's Garrison Green.

Recently, he was also honoured with Rotary's Service Above Self Award for his "exemplary humanitarian service". And in 2005 he was honoured with Alberta's Centennial Medal for his contributions to fellow citizens, community and the province.

He has travelled to more than 20 countries. He worked with Calgary's CAWST (Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology) to bring clean water and basic sanitation to developing countries. But he felt the deepest connection with Cambodia, where he helped rural villages improve the quality of their lives with new wells, irrigation systems, schools and training. He has travelled there numerous times to work with Sustainable Cambodia.

"We love to travel, and it was exciting to go there. The culture is so interesting and a lot of good can be done for a few dollars. It is very rewarding to see the changes we have made," said Walter.



Walter and Ann Haessel in Thailand



Walter Haessel

"Most recently I have worked with a small non-governmental organization that works with children who have cerebral palsy, especially in Cambodia and Thailand. We brought wheelchairs in from Australia. We've raised a considerable amount of money for that project, but when COVID hit, the project was temporarily put on hold."

Walter is married to Ann Haessel, a professional artist who has donated proceeds from her art sales to schools in Cambodia and the Philippines.

Walter also was instrumental in the development and setting up the operations of Calgary Rotary Challenger Park. He served as the Board Chair from 2001 – 2005 and currently is recognized as an Ambassador of the Park.

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

By: Cal Schuler

As of Wednesday, October 6, 2021, in support of Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM), Calgary Alternative Support Services, in partnership with Spinal Cord Injury Alberta will continue with our vision of an inclusive and barrier-free society, at our first Annual Mobility Change Makers YYC event in Calgary.

Mobility Change Makers YYC is proud to celebrate Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM). DEAM is an annual awareness campaign that takes place each October. The purpose of DEAM is to promote employment inclusion for people with disabilities and celebrate the many and varied contributions of employers and workers with disabilities.

DEAM is an excellent opportunity for Employment Service Providers and Canadian Employers to demonstrate their ongoing commitment to job seekers with disabilities, and to help promote employment inclusion in our country. It is equally important to recognize and celebrate the outstanding inclusive employers, and diverse employees that we work with.

In the month of October, DEAM:

- celebrates workers with disabilities and their skills, successes and achievements in the workplace
- promotes employment inclusion for people with varying abilities
- raises public awareness about disability employment issues and the role we all play in fostering an accessible disability-friendly work culture
- supports employers in promoting inclusive hiring practices and demonstrating their ongoing commitment to accessibility for Albertans with disabilities

The province of Alberta and the City of Calgary has done tremendous work in addressing the issue of accessibility. Events such as Mobility Change Makers YYC are helping to maintain this momentum. As a community leader, you can help us raise awareness by becoming a Mobility Change Maker by spending one day in a wheelchair. Your involvement will help shape Alberta's future in becoming the frontrunner to a barrier-free province, making our communities, and places of work are more accessible and inclusive to people with physical and other mobility impairments.

Change Makers such as yourself are making a change to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities. Together we are touching lives in our community every day. Your participation in this event will be promoted throughout Calgary.



The Park's Ambassador Team



Back Row (Left to Right)

Walter Haessel,
Gerry Darichuk,
Mark Terrill

Middle Row

Trevor Thomson,
Bob Sartor,
Sheila Taylor,
Jack Thompson,
Myrna Dubé-Thompson,
J.F. (Jim) Burns,
L.W. (Lou) MacEachern,
Don Ross,
Colin Cantlie

Front Row

Cal Schuler & Sierra

Some of the Events and Activities at Calgary Rotary Challenger Park



Basketball



Picnic



NSA Ball



Cricket



Calgary Airport White Hat
Volunteer Get Together



Track and Field

Best Wishes



Toby Oswald-Felker
Board Chair

Toby Oswald-Felker & Jim Zackowski on behalf of Calgary Rotary Challenger Park want to Wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas, safe holidays and a Great 2022!



Jim Zackowski
Park Executive Director

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