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**SEMI-ANNUAL BULLETIN  
Fall 2023 Edition**

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## THE PARK'S AMBASSADOR TEAM

As you may know, one of our Ambassador positions is normally held by the President/CEO of the Calgary Airport Authority-YYC (one of our recognized Founding Partners). To this end, we want to thank Mr. Bob Sartor, who just retired from the President/CEO position, for his gracious support to Calgary Rotary Challenger Park during his tenure at YYC. We want to wish Bob all the best in his retirement and we want to congratulate Chris on his appointment as the new President/CEO of YYC.



*In Fond  
Memory of*

**Duane Allan Schmeekle**  
1920 – 2010

**Walter Werner Haessel**  
1941 – 2022



We are happy to welcome Toby Oswald-Felker (past Board Chair) and Chris Dinsdale (President/CEO Calgary Airport Authority) to our Ambassador Team. Both Toby and Chris will be formally inducted on to the team at our Spring Social in May 2024.

**Back Row (left to right):** Trevor Thomson, Chris Dinsdale, Sheila Taylor, Jack Thompson, Myrna Dubé-Thompson, Toby Oswald-Felker, J.F. (Jim) Burns,  
**Front Row:** Gerry Darichuk, L.W. (Lou) MacEachern, Mark Terrill, Don Ross, Colin Cantlie  
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## AGM

Our AGM was held at noon at the Field House on May 31, 2023.

Thank you all who attended in person and those who joined us via teleconference call.

Our next AGM is scheduled for May 27, 2024.

## FAMILY DAY

Our Family Fun Day 2023 was held on June 17.

The day turned out to be sunny and warm. Approximately 1100 people attended this fun-filled day which included a free barbecue lunch and activities for all to enjoy.

This event was made possible in part by



Our next Family Day is scheduled for June 15, 2024. Admission is free. We hope to see you all again.

**"EVERYONE IS WELCOME"**

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# CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

We are thrilled to report our 17th Annual Calgary Airport Authority Charity Golf Tournament was held on August 23, 2023 at the beautiful Hamptons Golf and Country Club. Approximately 70 participants attended.

Thank you all players, sponsors, and volunteers for your precious time and support, we raised \$48,000+!

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

**August 24, 2024 (Venue TBA)**

For sponsorship and team information, please visit our website: [tournamentofdiamonds.com](https://tournamentofdiamonds.com)

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## CASINO

Our next casino will take place June 9th & 10th, 2024

at Elbow River Casino

Once again we will be needing upwards of 40 volunteers. Please call 403-250-2707 for details.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR TIME AND SUPPORT**

## ROTARY CLUB

On September 8, the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park took their Rotary Club meeting on a road trip to the Park. It was great to see them all (and other Clubs we hope will follow suit with either a club or committee meeting sometime over the next year, here at the Park- Contact Anar for details).

The morning was extra special, because it afforded the Club the time and opportunity to reminisce and acknowledge a Rotarian (and fellow club member), the late Mr. Doug Kyle, (and his spouse) for their "service above self" /gift in sponsoring the construction of the Park's track. Doug was also an ex-Olympian (in Track and Field-T&F) and a strong advocate for T & F in the broader community, along with Carol, were very gracious and thoughtful supporters of a number of community causes.

Doug ... rest in peace, knowing you have made a difference in our community!



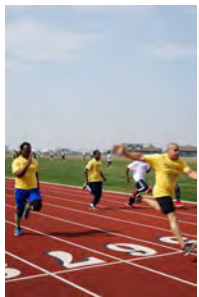


# SOME OF THE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT CALGARY ROTARY CHALLENGER PARK

A special needs family picnic as well as the girls basketball clinic was organized by Akram Jomaa



## Carifest



## Fiji Soccer



## Halloween





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## Hope Church Picnic



## Cricket





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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 2024!



**Jim Zackowski**  
*Park Executive Director*

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