

Rotary Club of Calgary West (Service through Fellowship)

The *Monthly* WESTERNER

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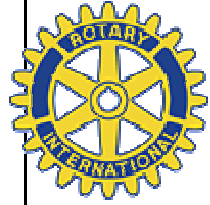
Past President: Mike French **Secretary:** George Edwards

Treasurer: Mike French

Directors: Brent Barootes, Mark Ferguson, Garth Evans, Bill Lawless,
Marie Rickard, Brenda Sali

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The mission of Calgary West is to uphold the ideals of Rotary in all avenues of service, with a focus on aiding the disadvantaged and developing the potential of youth, in Canada and internationally, in a spirit of fun and fellowship.

Garfield's Cogitations

The 12th month of service as your club president is unbelievably here. June is a transition month as Lynne ramps up her board, and incoming directors are busy selecting chairs and filling the numerous club committees. Remember that Calgary West has no paid positions and that we are all volunteers. Nothing gets done without your involvement, so, when the new directors or committee chairs call upon you to serve, step up to the challenge. I promise you that it will be rewarding and full of opportunities for fellowship and service.

I have included within the body of this month's newsletter all of the things Calgary West did this year. I think that you will be amazed at its depth and broadness. There are very few, if any, avenues of service that this club did not touch this year. I believe that this has been possible because of the ground work with an emphasis on continuity and long term planning by this and previous boards. Every year, by building on past accomplishments, Calgary West moves forward, making an even larger impact locally and around the world. Every member of this club has a right to be proud of these accomplishments! Together we have made a significant difference in the lives of people here in Calgary and around the world, in countries such as Guatemala, Mexico, Ecuador, India, Burma, Tanzania, Ghana and other places. I encourage each of you to share what we have done with family, friends and prospective members.

Although Lynne may let me have a brief space in the July newsletter, I want to thank every member of Calgary West for giving me this opportunity to serve as your president. Because of you, I have had a great year, and not once did I ever wish that someone else was doing this, even when past presidents grabbed the mike and rambled on. I imagine that I too will succumb to the same habits. (maybe I already have J). They say that no organization is successful without great leadership and I want you to know that Calgary West had the best board of directors that any president could have hoped for. They all worked extremely hard and, even though we had some challenges in the treasurer's role earlier on, and membership, I want to thank all of those who stepped forward to help. You are all great!

To Past President Mike French - a great mentor, who also took on the difficult task of treasurer - President-elect Lynne Thornton, secretary George Edwards and directors Brent Barootes, Garth Evans, Mark Ferguson, Bill Lawless, Marie Rickard and Brenda Sali, THANK YOU for everything you do for Rotary.

Garfield
President



Rotary Club of Calgary West Board Meeting May, 2008, Central Memorial High School

Attended by: Garfield Ganong, Mike French, Lynne Thornton, Brent Barootes, Garth Evans, Mark L.P. Ferguson, Bill Lawless, Marie Rickard, and George Edwards

Incoming Board members: Margot McDermott and Jim Walker

Regrets: Brenda Sali

The meeting continued as the requirements of the quorum were met.

The motion by Brent Barootes/Bill Lawless to approve the minutes of April 20, 2008 carried.

Business Arising:

- Marie Rickard reported on the status of event reviews by our insurance company. The review of An Evening on Broadway is pending upon receipt of the risk analysis. The insurance company mentioned that specific forms would have to be filled out if the event had an excess of 1000 people involved. It was recommended that the insurance company receive an outline similar to the one formatted by Marie Rickard for their review. It is important to note that insurance carried by facilities hosting our events lowers Club level of risk.
 - ◊ The discussion about risk raised many areas that need to be considered when devising a risk analysis.
- The Community Support Award will be presented to Calgary CO-OP at one of regular meetings (preferably at the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon) and that one such award will be presented each year.
- A regular meeting program devoted to Youth programs was suggested. A presentation on hosting inbound exchange students would be included at this meeting.
- The feedback on the recent May 7 Assem-

bly was positive.

Reports

President

- At the recent All President's meeting, the new Rotary Club of Calgary Eau Claire was discussed. The result of the discussion was that the Club was "fait accompli", that is, it is a done deal and it is time that the other Clubs support and help it.
- Garfield Ganong gave the members of the Board a list of the accomplishments for this year. It was suggested that the list should be included in the new members kit and also that the list should be available on the website so that it could be sent to potential members.

Treasurer

- The report given at the May 7, 2008, assembly was submitted for approval. The motion by Mike French/Bill Lawless to accept the financial report as given at the May 7, 2008 Assembly carried. Any business conducted since May 7 will be recorded in the June report.
- Garfield Ganong expressed the sincere gratitude of the Board for the work that Mike French has done as Treasurer since assuming the position. Garfield also mentioned the fine contribution of Gordon Rodrigues to the Club for his work in reviewing the financial statements for the past two years.

Secretary

No report

Club Activities

- Due to a low response from members for a volunteer recognition luncheon, it will be organised in the new Rotary Year; this

luncheon should include a presentation of what Rotary does.

- Bill Lawless suggested that contact information should be included on non-Rotarian volunteer lists.

Fund Raising

- Stampede Breakfast committee has submitted a budget and a risk analysis for Board approval. The motion to approve the budget carried.
- The Board commended Marie Rickard for her work in producing the information re: risk analysis and Calgary West events. This gives both event committees and the insurance company the foundation from which to work.
- The Board members want a budget and a risk analysis for the “Life is a Bowl of Cherries” event.
- “An Evening on Broadway” update: Currently, 240 tickets of the 300 available have been sold and payment has been received for 141 tickets.
 - ◊ The Board was informed that another performance of “An Evening on Broadway” occurs the next evening. Margot McDermott pointed out that piggy-backing on additional performances reduces our cost; if the Club had to pay for all the expenses incurred to put on such a performance the cost and the price of tickets would be much higher.

Membership

There are a number of potential members that will be submitted to the Club, mostly likely in the new Rotary year. Members are encouraged to look for younger potential members to join Amy, Brenda, Charles, David, Kurt and Matthew.

Community Service and Grants

Organisations seeking financial assistance are asked to resubmit their applications on July 1, 2008.

Club Administration

- The Club history is now on our website, www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org; the first 25 years are now posted and work continues on the remaining years. Check it out!
- The website also received positive comments related to attracting potential members and also helping to educate new members.
- The May 1, 2008, Assembly basically paid for itself (it is close to budget).

New Business

- The request from ShelterBox Canada to purchase additional boxes to give aid to the people of Myanmar (Burma) ended when the members were informed that there was no room in the budget for any additional expenditure.
- The Club is having the Calgary West logo reworked and it will be placed on KidSport materials.
- The motion by Bill Lawless/Brent Barootes to have 5 banners produced at a maximum cost of \$800.00 carried. Bill Lawless will send the Board members a mock-up of the proposed banner for comment. The banners will be used at all Club events and as such will not be any specific event expense but a general Club expense.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2008, at Central Memorial High School.

The meeting adjourned.

Rotary Club of Calgary West

What we did in 2007-08

Youth

1. Sponsored outbound student, Kearstin Plemel, to the Netherlands.
2. Hosted inbound student Masha Pronina from Russia.
3. Selected a 2008 outbound student Emily Halleran, who will most likely be heading to Belgium this fall.
4. Sponsored six students to RYPEN.
5. Sponsored six students to RYLA.
6. Selected Triston Smyth a student from Westmount Charter School to represent Calgary West in Ottawa this year through the Adventures in Citizenship program.
7. Held a Four-Way Speech Contest
8. Provided \$5,000 in various scholarships to SAIT and Mount Royal and attended their presentation to recipients.
9. Supported "It's a Crime Not to Read" program in the amount of \$2,500.
10. Investigated a School Partnership (recommendation not yet completed).
11. Students from Radisson Elementary School sang Christmas carols at a meeting in December.
12. Sent students and club members to youth orientation weekends.

Community Service

1. Provided \$10,000 to the Military Museum for educational programs and committed to an equal amount for the next two years.
2. Provided \$4,000 to Feed the Hungry and worked a supper, as well as committing to support for the next four years.
3. Provided \$10,000 to Feed the Hungry Capital program for new kitchen equipment.
4. Provided \$8,000 in matching funds in partnership with the Olympic Club to Kids Sport program in Calgary.
5. Manned the Christmas Kettles for the Salvation Army.
6. Raised \$103,000 for Habitat for Humanity and made a long-term commitment for future fundraisers with a goal to Calgary West building a home within the next two years.
7. Formed a partnership with the Rotary Flames

Foundation that will see Calgary West raise approximately \$250,000 for the Foundation over the next five years.

8. Provided \$10,000 to the Drop-in Centre for emergency medical staff and supplies and committed to a further \$10,000 next year.
9. Committed to raising \$250,000 for the Drop-in Centre through operating a number of casinos on their behalf over the next five years.
10. Provided \$10,000 to Challenger Park for their new capital program.
11. Provided \$5,000 to Hull Homes this year and committed to \$2500 more in each of 2009 and 2010 for refurbishment and support of their recreation program.
12. Donated \$10,000 to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization.
13. We cleaned up approximately three kilometers of Highway #1.

International Service

1. Funded , built and furnished a home for a poor family in Ensenada, Mexico.
2. Funded an eyesight restoration operation for Yuan, the head of the head of the Ensenada family, and funded his daughter's, Anna's, education.
3. Committed to funding and building two more houses in Ensenada in Oct. 2008 and providing an additional \$5,000 for a local Rotary project in partnership with the Rotary Club of Ensenada.
4. Provided \$10,000 to Shelterbox Canada for the purchase of nine shelter boxes to be used in disaster relief world wide.
5. Donated \$5,000 to Operation Eyesight Universal for their ongoing work in restoring eyesight in India.
6. Donated \$10,000 to the Guatemala Ripple Effect Program working in conjunction with the Hearts and Hands Foundation, CRCID, Rotary Club of Winnipeg West and Rotary Club of Guatemala Sur to build two classrooms for the existing school and committed to two additional years of funding not to exceed \$15,000/year in partnership with CRCID.
7. Contributed \$3,000 towards the Zone establish-

ing a Peace Scholarship in RI President Wilf Wilkinson's name.

8. Completed funding the Tonga project.
9. Purchased malaria nets for families in Tanzania.
10. Donated \$1,500 to Clowns Without Borders.
11. The club allocated \$12,500 of casino funds together with District funds of \$12,500 and \$25,000 of the Calgary West Wild Rose Foundation entitlement for a total of \$50,000.00 for the Ghana with Gates Micro-credit Project.
12. Donated \$250 to the District 5360 Group Study Exchange Team going to Brazil in May 2008.
13. Sponsored a District wide World Peace Photo contest.

Fund Raising

1. Provided breakfast and seating on the route of the Stampede Parade for over 860 people and netted \$11,000.
2. Worked a casino in August and raised \$103,600 for the club.
3. Raised over \$4,000 in our annual Life is a Bowl of Cherries fundraiser.
4. Sold a record 7,400 strawberry shortcakes and delivered them on Valentine's Day to net the club over \$26,000
5. Initiated a new fund raiser, Music of Broadway, which we expect to net about \$10,000.

Membership

1. Current membership stands at 87, plus four honorary members.
2. Inducted three new members: Charles Buchanan, David Rodgers and Amy Schalin.
3. Have several other candidates in various stages of the membership process.
4. Lost five members due to work, family and health.
5. Made Rod O'Hara an honorary member.
6. Funded members to attend Waterton Peace Park Assembly, District Assembly, District and International conferences.
7. Funded training for members in various district sponsored events and fundraising.

Club Administration

1. Published weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters.
2. Updated the new club website.
3. Donated over \$12,000 from members and club matching funds to the Rotary Foundation.
4. Continued with informative weekly slide show.
5. Selected Ed Wong to be our recipient of the Integrity Award.
6. Raised significant funds for the president through a tough sergeant-at-arms committee.
7. Organized two successful club assemblies.
8. Kept the electronic roster up to date and published two major hard copy updates.
9. Reviewed all club financial accounts, brought up to date and establishing mandatory financial procedures for future use.
10. We will soon be posting the club history on the club website.

Club Activities

1. Established an efficient, friendly and effective house committee to welcome members and guests and take dinner and 50/50 monies.
2. We have had a great speaker program, which has created increased attendance and interest in the club.
3. A fall lobster supper was hosted by Betty and Sam Switzer at their ranch.
4. Club Christmas party was held at the Calgary Golf and Country Club.
5. The 10th annual Family Christmas Brunch was held at Pine Brook with 200 people attending.
6. The President's Ball is scheduled for June 25th and promises to be exciting.
7. Calgary bridge group continued this year.
8. The dinner club saw approximately 16 couples participate.
9. We hosted a friendship exchange with Rotarians from Orangeville
10. A partner's coffee party was held with over 20 participants attending.
11. The club's golf group got out several times over the summer and fall.
12. We are organizing a volunteer appreciation day for June.

Club Activities - Director-Bill Lawless

Overview

The board has decided that the volunteer recognition day of June 20th will be postponed to a more appropriate date.

Front Desk - Helen King Chair

Committee members include Brenda Sali, Kurt Schurer, Don Alexander and Jim Barnes.

Thank you to all for the excellent work in making the front desk duties run smoothly, and also creating the positive comments that have come from guests and other club members on the efficiency of the front desk operations.

Speaker Program - Ted Valentine Chair

Committee Members: Frank Burns, Mike Carlin, Bob Kerr, Bill Tapuska and Murray Hunter.

The program speakers were terrific and thanks to all the committee members for their involvement this year.

Christmas Brunch: Bill Tapuska

My sincere appreciation to Larry, Pauline, Joe, Marg, Marie, Verneil and Bill for all your work this year in making the social activities for the club hugely successful and for creating fellowship extraordinaire.

Fundraising Report for June

Our club is a hardworking group of Rotarians out to make a difference. I want to personally express my gratitude for the hard work of the committee for the Broadway Fundraiser. Joe Klassen and team, thanks for all you do for Rotary.

Other fundraisers are also happening.

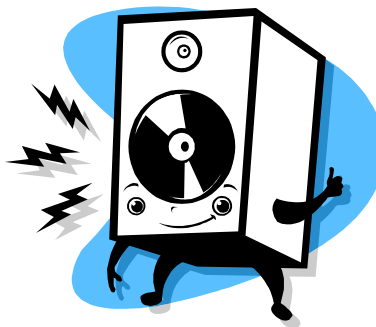
Don't forget to order your cherries from Chris Lee, because "Life's a Bowl of Cherries". They are healthy and delicious. Thanks, Chris, for taking this fundraiser on every year.

Stampede Parade Breakfast is a family tradition for some in our club. Tickets are \$37 per person, which purchases a great breakfast and a seat in the bleachers. Contact Marg Henschel to place your order.

Marie Rickard

Speakers' and Reporters' Page

Speakers for June



June 6	Peter Young - Calgary Vipers
June 13	Art Johnson, MLA - Banning cell phone use in cars
June 20	Future of Soccer in Calgary
June 27	Kurt Schurer - Classification talk. Also handover meeting.

Reporters for June

June 6	Bill Tapuska
June 13	Sa'adat Keshavjee
June 20	Don Axford
June 27	Sa'adat Keshavjee
July 11	Larry Doyle



The reporters for this Rotary year are:

Don Axford

Larry Doyle

George Edwards

Garth and Pauline Evans

Mike French

Sa'adat Keshavjee

Margot McDermott

Bill Tapuska

Lynne Thornton

If any reporter cannot meet his/her commitment for a particular date, PLEASE arrange for a substitute from the above list.

Calendar of Events

August: Membership and Extension Month

3rd and 4th Calgary West Casino

29th and 30th Habitat for Humanity Casino

September: New Generations Month

7th-9th Waterton Peace Park Assembly - 75th Anniversary

14th Fall Lobster Social

21st District Governor Visitation

October: Vocational Service Month

17th Assembly

19th No meeting

November: Rotary Foundation Month

5th World Interact Week

9th Remembrance Day Celebrations

16th Christmas Party at Calgary Golf and Country Club

18th Feed the Hungry

December: Family Month

7th Club Elections

16th Christmas Brunch at Pine Brook

January: Rotary Awareness Month

February: World Understanding Month

14th Strawberry Shortcake Deliveries

March: Literacy Month

April: Magazine Month

May

7th Spring Assembly

9th No meeting

June: Rotary Fellowship Month

25th President's Ball

Visit www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org/events for up to date information