

Rotary Club of Calgary West  
(Service through Fellowship)

The *Monthly* WESTERNER

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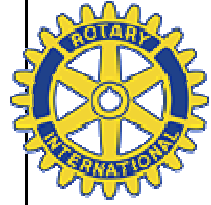
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**The mission of Calgary West is to uphold the ideals of Rotary in all avenues of service, with a focus on aiding the disadvantaged and developing the potential of youth, in Canada and internationally, in a spirit of fun and fellowship.**

### Garfield's Cogitations

October is the end of the first quarter of my year as your club president. I can't believe that time is passing by so quickly. There is much to do and with your help and participation we can and will accomplish much this year.

At the time of writing this report, in the waiting room of the Regina Airport late on a Wednesday evening, I can't help but think of the up coming Calgary West Hands on House Building project in Encenada, Mexico, Oct 18 to 21. Not having been on a project of this kind, I am excited and yet feel a bit of apprehension as I plan to take my 15 year old son as well. Not knowing what to expect, nor the reception we will receive, is worrisome and exciting all in the same moment. We have received information about the family to receive the house. (11 ft by 24ft): a husband and father who is blind, about 61 years old and who does not work, a 16 year old daughter who has not been able to continue school because she needs about \$250 a year for school supplies and a mother who works in the local hotel hospitality industry for about \$75 a month. They currently live in accommodations with no plumbing and

no power. All of a sudden, maybe our own problems are not that great by comparison and maybe by helping this family we can connect with some people outside our normal sphere of connections. I am taking my son so that he can get a small understanding that not everyone lives in the same affluent circumstances that his friends live in and that perhaps it is not such an inconvenience if he/we don't have all of the latest and greatest gizmos. I expect that this experience will impact me in a way that I can not predict and I hope that it has a lasting impact on my son.



Thank you Calgary West for helping this family. This project is truly Service through Fellowship.

President Garfield  
Service through Fellowship

## Service and Matching Grants

### FEED THE HUNGRY



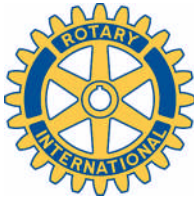
It is just a couple of months away. Rick Dreja is taking names for volunteers so see Rick to sign up. The big day is Sunday, November 18, at St Mary's Hall. Mark your calendar, bring your partner, invite your friends. The more volunteers, the better. For more details, see either Don Alexander or Ron Morrison who are chairing the committee again this year.

### SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLES



The organization of this event has been undertaken by Chuck Morrison. Thanks Chuck! And he has already been hard at work. He has secured two "inside" Chinook Mall location dates (November 24 and December 1) for us and also Westbrook Mall Starbucks inside location on December 8. Be sure to sign up to "work the bells" for Sally Ann and assist our club in the most worthwhile annual community project we undertake.

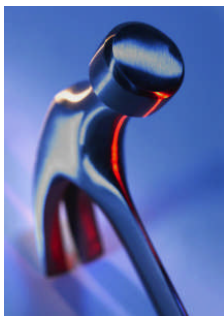
### ROTARY FLAMES FOUNDATION INITIATIVE



Under the direction of Ron Brookes, our club is in the next stages of creating a partnership with the Calgary Flames Foundation to assist in raising approximately \$250,000 over the next four years for the Calgary Rotary Clubs and Calgary Flames Foundation Initiative. Our club has already contributed \$20,000 to this project which aims to raise \$10 million for community projects by 2012. Should our partnership come to completion, we can as a club boast of our \$250,000+ contribution to the project.



### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Congratulations to Dan Varvos and his team on the late August casino for Habitat for Humanity. Now the money is raised, the next step is building the house. Stay tuned for updates from Dan when the "build" will happen!!

Also, Mike French and his committee are reviewing the potential of a multi-year agreement with Habitat. Once fully investigated, Mike's committee will report to the board on whether they feel we should put in place a multi-year partnership, continue to review on a year by year basis, or move on to a new project. Thanks Mike and your team for the work.

### INTERNATIONAL RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR CRITERIA

The International Committee of the RCCW (the committee that receives, reviews and recommends on all submissions for money or services) has received the green light from the board on the criteria they will use to review all submissions. Congratulations to Bryden and his team in developing these criteria. The criteria to review the 17 submissions to date are as follows:



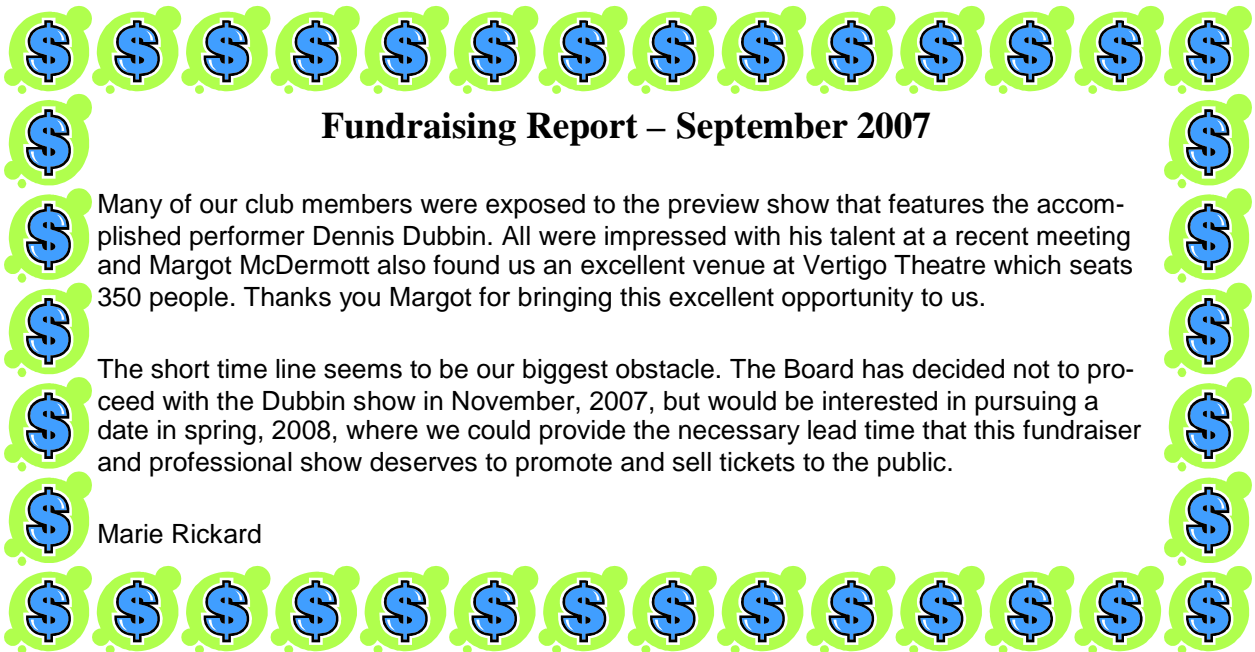
## INTERNATIONAL PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA APPROVED

- For the “poorest of the poor”
  - For many, rather than a few
  - Smaller organizations/projects where benefits attributable to RCCW can be identified versus large organization/projects/programs where we get lost in the shuffle for recognition
  - Efficiency, effectiveness and accountability
  - Involvement of local Rotary and/or RCCW members
  - Preference for projects that qualify for matching grants
  - Preference for capital versus operating expenditures
  - Consistency with District’s and R.I.’s priorities
  - Benefits of continuing with charities that RCCW has supported in previous years
  - Potential for future longer term involvement
  - First consideration to Central/South America and Caribbean
- Opportunity for RCCW members to make a personal sweat equity contribution

## HIGHWAY CLEAN UP



What a great day! Congratulations to Don Bateman for organizing the event and making it such a successful annual fellowship and community service event. Congratulations to all those who participated. Together we are making Calgary and the surrounding area a cleaner greener place. And to top it all off - great fellowship!!



### Fundraising Report – September 2007

Many of our club members were exposed to the preview show that features the accomplished performer Dennis Dubbin. All were impressed with his talent at a recent meeting and Margot McDermott also found us an excellent venue at Vertigo Theatre which seats 350 people. Thanks you Margot for bringing this excellent opportunity to us.

The short time line seems to be our biggest obstacle. The Board has decided not to proceed with the Dubbin show in November, 2007, but would be interested in pursuing a date in spring, 2008, where we could provide the necessary lead time that this fundraiser and professional show deserves to promote and sell tickets to the public.

Marie Rickard

**Rotary Club of Calgary West**  
**Club Scholarships - Background and Brief Overview**  
**Presented by John Rymes, Scholarship Committee Member**

**General Statement** - All club scholarships, either endowed or not, are funded from the club's annual net income received from the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF). This income is based on the club's capital account in the Foundation and is usually received in June or July each year.

**Preamble** - In 1972, Calgary West joined the other three Rotary clubs in Calgary to form the "Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation". The purpose of the CRCF was to provide an annual source of income for each of the member clubs to receive the net interest returns from their respective capital accounts. This income was to be used for the clubs' selected community projects and was not to be used for "out of community" endeavours. The capital of the Foundation would not be spent but would be retained in perpetuity. For interest, 12 of the 13 Rotary clubs in Calgary are now member clubs of the Foundation.

In 1974, Calgary West's initial total contribution was \$ 3,925.00 and from this received its first annual net income of \$ 31.00.

In 1986, the club's next largest contribution to the CRCF was \$ 28,125.00, a combination of club member donations and a portion of our new bingo revenues. In that year, the club's capital account increased to \$73,805.00 and the annual net income received was \$6,405.00. In the future, contributions from bingo revenues were to be disallowed by the Alberta Gaming Commission.

In 2001, the CRCF board of directors introduced a method to enhance the annual returns to the member clubs by developing a "reinvestment initiative". This provided:

an increased annual return over the 5% minimum.

a modest increase in the club's capital ac-

count to offset inflationary trends.

*This "reinvestment initiative" has resulted in an increased awareness and contributions to the Foundation.*

*In 2007 the club's capital account had increased to \$297,611.00 and the annual net income received was \$28,202.00.*

**Scholarships Begin** - On April 26, 1978, Calgary West held a testimonial dinner in honour of the Venerable Archdeacon "Swanny" Swanson to a sold-out gathering at the Calgary Inn. The purpose of this outstanding event was to create a trust fund in honour of "Swanny". The net proceeds from this dinner were deposited in CRCF on behalf of Calgary West. From the interest realized and to honour "Swanny" and his love of the RCMP, Calgary West created a \$500.00 endowed scholarship at SAIT. It was named the "Colonel Macleod Scholarship" and, since that time, it has been presented each year. A letter to the club from SAIT is received annually with the name etc of the selected student. In 2005, its value was increased to \$ 1,000.00

In 2002 and 2003, and with encouragement and input from Lord Shaughnessy High School and its principal, two new scholarships were established. The school and Calgary West, through their long-term partnership, participated in the choice of the selected students. These scholarships were valued at \$250.00 each and were annually presented until the spring of 2007 when they were "discontinued".

During 2002 and 2003, personal dedicated memorial donations were deposited in the club's capital account of the CRCF. The purpose of these donations was to enable the club to establish and fund its first endowed memorial scholarship at Mount Royal College

(MRC). This scholarship, to be awarded annually with a specified value of \$2,500.00, was named the “**Constance Mary Rymes Memorial Scholarship**”. Since 2003, personal dedicated memorial donations have been deposited each year in the club’s capital account to ensure that the club will continue to have sustainable funding for this endowed scholarship.

In spring, 2004, on Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup>, Past **President Bob Hamshaw** presented the first “Constance Mary Rymes Memorial Scholarship” during the Scholarship and Awards Ceremonies at MRC. This scholarship was awarded to a full time student enrolled in the Bachelor of Applied Interior Design. Since that time a club member has presented this scholarship each year during the “Awards” Ceremonies:

**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Stan Cichon**  
**March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006: Lynn Thornton**  
**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006: Mike French**

MRC has confirmed that all scholarships henceforth would be presented in the fall of the calendar year.

During 2005, a previously “lost” club scholarship at MRC for “Disability Studies” was found and reinstated. To ensure that it would not be “lost” again, this scholarship has been endowed by the club. The scholarship is named the “Rotary Club of Calgary West Scholarship Fund” with a value of \$ 500.00. In November, 2006, the Dean of the Faculty of Health and Community Studies presented this scholarship to a full time student enrolled in the Disability Studies Diploma Program at MRC. This scholarship is to be presented annually in the fall of the calendar year.

In 2006, and to honour **Harold Sharlow**, who passed away in September, 2005, and was a long time club member and charter president

of Calgary East, a new endowed memorial scholarship was created in his memory at MRC. The scholarship was named the “**Harold Sharlow Memorial Scholarship**” with a value of \$1,000.00. This scholarship is to be awarded annually to a full-time student enrolled MRC’s Music Performance Diploma Program, Conservatory (Theatre/Music) with special and dedicated interest in voice.

In the spring of 2007, on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, club president Mike French presented this new “Harold Sharlow Memorial Scholarship” during the College’s Scholarship and Awards Ceremony. The club will continue to present this endowed memorial scholarship annually to a selected student during designated Scholarship and Awards Ceremonies at MRC.

In addition to these endowed Memorial Scholarships, the individuals in whose memory these scholarships were established were also recognized and dedicated at special In Memoriam Ceremonies at MRC. As part of these dedications, their names have been engraved in the marble memorial wall in the Dr. John H. Garden Memorial Park, a unique and integrated part of the College’s Lincoln Park Campus. Family and Rotary club members were also invited and attended these In Memoriam Ceremonies.

In addition, each year the club president will receive an invitation to attend or to have club members attend these annual In Memoriam Ceremonies at MRC.

It should also be noted that MRC, through the MRC Foundation, has been extremely helpful in all of the club’s activities pertaining to these scholarships. The college has also ensured that these scholarships are posted on the college’s web site with specific reference to funding by the Rotary Club of Calgary West.

## House Activities September, 2007 - Director: Bill Lawless

Overview: The board has decided on the following dates:

Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>: We are waiting confirmation but tentative plans are to have the school choir and our yearly Xmas recital.

Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>: A casual Xmas social gathering and no formal structured meeting will take place.

Friday December 28<sup>th</sup>: There will be no meeting this day. This week is a very short week and it is expected that a lot of holidays will be taken during this time.

### Front Desk - Helen King, Chair

Committee members include: Brenda Sali, Kurt Schurer, Adam Joyce, Jim Barnes

Helen would like to thank all those who have volunteered to help at the front desk. The duty roster has been almost filled till the end of December.

### Speaker Program- Ted Valentine Chair

Committee Members: Frank Burns, Al Rosen, Bob Kerr, Bill Tapuska, Murray Hunter.

Ted asks that any members who have **ideas as to possible speakers** to please let him know the name, phone number, e-mail address and subject. Please remember that we do not encourage requests for donations, but would rather have speakers who are entertaining, informative, topical, motivational, inspirational, or comical.

**As of this writing, the committee has made plans to have an off-site Remembrance Day ceremony at the Museum of Regiments on November 16<sup>th</sup>.** The 9<sup>th</sup> has been very diffi-

cult to have appropriate speakers commit to that date.

### Golf - Larry Doyle, Chair

The last golf date was September 26<sup>th</sup> at Air-drie. Low gross score was Holland Berry and low net score was Mike Carlin. What a beautiful day it was. Eight golfers managed to endure the cold front that moved through and we got the 18 holes finished. Congratulations to Holland and Mike

### Supper Club - Pauline Evans, Chair

Pauline has the supper club organized and no doubt the first round of dinners will commence soon.

### Bridge - Joe Klassen, Chair

### Fall Lobster Fest: Marg Henschel

The first annual lobster fest was held at the Switzer acreage in Bragg Creek. Over 60 people attended and what a social evening it was. Thank you to Sam and Betty for providing such a wonderful facility.

### Partners' Coffee Party: Marie Rickard

Nothing to report.

### Christmas party: Verneil Martin

The date is confirmed for November 16<sup>th</sup>, at Calgary Gold and Country Club. Costs are currently being worked on and we expect to see the event a big success. Pauline and Garth will be organizing the selling of party tickets sometime by the middle of October.



### Christmas Brunch: Bill Tapuska

The confirmed date is December 16<sup>th</sup> at Pinebrook.

## Greetings from Kearstin Plemel in The Netherlands

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These last two months have been the most exciting, confusing, adventurous and enlightening ones that I have ever experienced. Though I have barely scratched the surface, I am sure this year holds nothing but the best life lessons and journeys I could ever ask for.

I arrived August 7th and was greeted at the airport by a large group of Rotarians and my first host family, it was such a wonderful surprise, they had a big banner saying WELCOME TO THE NETHERLANDS KEARSTIN and gave me stroop wafles ( a very delicious Dutch treat), flowers and my counsellors children had drawn me pictures.

Rob Batenburg (my counsellor) and his wife (Karen) threw a very nice welcoming bbq for me, complete with traditional Dutch bread, cheese (naturally), sauces, and dessert (chocolate of course). I met many Rotarians and bits and pieces of my host families, as many people were still on vacations.

From August 11-18 I was in Enkhuizen. It's a little town north of Sassenheim, (my current home) for the Dutch Orientation Course. It was with 24 other students who are in the Netherlands with the YEX. The countries include Mexico, Ecuador, Argentina, Taiwan, U.S.A, and Canada (I am the only one with a red blazer!). I had a great time, we learned the basic fundamentals of the language, started many friendships, and did some wonderful activities, including a boat ride on the canals, museum trips, volunteer work with Docas International, and a wrap up bbq/dance that was held at a Rotarian's farm.

On the 6th of September, I began school. By this time I had picked up a little bit more Dutch. I was also starting to realize just how challenging this language was going to be. It did not matter much though, because the students made me feel right at home, showing me around and asking questions about Canada. It was very nice, I am helping in the English classes as a native speaker, and in return they are teaching me more Dutch everyday.

My host Rotary club is absolutely outstanding. They have about 40 members who greeted me with open arms and many curious questions! They meet every Tuesday at 12.30 for a lunch of bread,

cheese and meat (personally, I think Calgary West food is more exciting, but we'll keep that between us ) and a speaker. Rinus Alkemere, an elder member of the club has been teaching me Dutch for one hour a week before Rotary, every lesson, we prepare a little speech in Dutch about things such as my family, Canada, etc. and I present it to the club. It is very helpful for me.

Yesterday (September 30th) I moved to my second host family, the Ten Velden household. I have much confidence that they will be a great family. The mother is Saskia, the father Paul, have 2 daughters, Viviana and Marjolen.

My last family, the Bakkers were extremely amazing. They made me feel right at home, and were very loving, open, caring and fun. I was the youngest of three siblings; Debbie (23) Sander (22) and Laurens (19). The father Ad, and the mother Pia, were eager to make sure I learned as much Dutch as possible. They constantly spoke Dutch to me, and translated what I did not understand. They took me site seeing, and made me try every Dutch food imaginable. The boys (Sander and Laurens) took me out to meet their friends, and made sure I was always ok! Debbie has also been on exchanges to the US, Korea and Guatemala, so she always is there for me to talk to about my dilemmas.

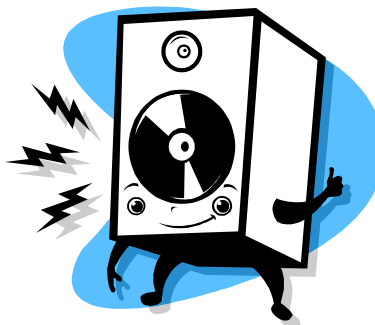
On October 13th, I will be going to Romania for one week with my school. I am very excited! I have also been informed of the Rotary water projects there and if time/location allows it I will go visit the sites and see how it has been affecting the community.

I have been kept updated on all the happenings in and around Calgary by the Wonderful Verneil Martin! We speak on the phone about once every two weeks, and she has sent me a lot of thoughtful, and loving parcels complete with her famous truffles (which are a smash hit with the Dutch people... and anyone else who has ever tried them!)

All in all there has been nothing I would want to change about this experience. I am having the time of my life, and I look forward to sending you my update next month. I hope all is well at home!

## Speakers' and Reporters' Page

### Speakers for October



5th	Robert Ferguson, Director for Citizenship and Immigration Canada
12th	Tseden Dhogonpa, Tibet Canada Women's Foundation
17th	Club assembly at Quincey's
19th	<b>No meeting</b>
26th	Phyllis Wheaton, The Story of the Stones of Signal Hill

### Reporters for October

5th	Don Axford
12th	Garth and Pauline Evans
17th	Lynne Thornton
26th	George Edwards
<b>November 2nd</b>	Sa'adat Keshavjee



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**

- 21st              Spring Assembly  
23rd              No meeting

### **June: Rotary Fellowship Month**

- 14th              President's Ball

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