

Rotary Club of Calgary West  
(Where Rotary Works)

# The *Monthly* WESTERNER

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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, both in Canada and internationally, in a spirit of fun and fellowship.**

## Mike's Mind

Last month I wrote about joining the dots of Rotary, sharing Rotary information, "Firesides" and improving our Rotary knowledge.

Whilst we might not always join the dots for everyone, we do provide, at the club level, the opportunity for everyone to ask what is going on in Rotary and, specifically, what is going on in our club.

This opportunity is called an assembly. The club assembly is the business meeting of the club. It is when we get together, without visitors or guests, and talk about what our club is doing: we talk Rotary!

It is the members' opportunity to quiz or challenge the board and/or president about issues that are important to the members. Whether you are a new member, or a veteran of the club, it is a time to be frank and forthright. It is a time to ask why we are doing what we are doing and to discuss improvements or alternatives.

Our club averages about a 50% turnout, some say "Not bad", but I say "Not good enough". This is the only time in the year that you can really have a say that will make a difference to what we do and how we do it.

I believe it is the responsibility of each sponsor to contact the members they have introduced to the club (even if it was 20 years ago) and encourage them to turn out. Just like federal election time, members say such things as, "It won't matter what I say", or, "I won't say anything anyway". Well, it certainly won't if you're not there and you'll certainly not have the right to say anything later if you missed the meeting for no good reason!

I promised change this year, for better or worse, and so we will have another change for this assembly. I want it to be a salute to our pioneers - I seem to like that term this year! - and so we are holding it at Fort Calgary. We will salute the past of Calgary



and of Calgary West; we'll eat and we'll do Rotary business. Margot McDermott is in charge, so you just don't know what might be in store! Flex those muscles, remember those moves and wait for your cue; Margot's marching orders best be followed!

I realize some members might be away or otherwise engaged, but I would encourage those of you who cannot attend to do a make-up meeting for the week of the assembly. Let's make it a 100% attendance week. The club has not achieved that status for years and with on-line make-ups available there is no excuse!

### **Planning for Long Term – Continuity Committee Report**

#### **CHAIR – Garfield Ganong**

The Continuity Committee (consisting of Garfield) presented a report and a case to the board on August 15, as well as a motion to move forward to developing a long-term strategic plan for club activities, events and support. This plan will be developed over the next few months and presented to the board for review in January, 2007. From this, the plan will be presented to the club and open for discussion and input at the May assembly. This long-term plan will be a flexible road map for future boards and committees to review and consider when making their annual plans. It will hopefully allow our club to plan and execute programs more effectively and consistently. It will in no way replace the autonomy given to each club board, nor replace the need for an annual plan to be delivered to RI each year, but, as noted, be more of a road map for achieving our long term goals and objectives.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The budgets (as illustrated) were reviewed and approved by the board. Our annual dues increased this year to assist in covering an increase in club expenses. The club will try to run the club events, such as the fall BBQ, Christmas party and President's ball this year on a break-even basis. We are currently forecasting a deficit of approximately \$6,500, which includes the purchase of some badly needed audiovisual equipment for our luncheon presentations.

The community budget will again provide for significant donations in the three core areas, local community programs,

Also, if you are going to miss the assembly, please send your questions or comments to Margot, or myself, so they can be voiced on your behalf at the meeting.

Be an active member of your club: come to the assembly on September 13th, enjoy the cocktails and walk around the museum, hear about our pioneers – both Calgary's and Calgary West's – mix with your fellow Rotarians, ask a question or two, tell a joke, have fun and enjoy the fellowship.

Because of you, "Rotary Works" at Calgary West. See you there!

international projects and our youth programs. We have accumulated significant revenues from the past two casinos, and other fundraisers, which we will draw down significantly to fund the programs and projects listed above.

The fundraising committee is working very hard to come up with some innovative ways to raise funds to support our community. These will be outlined at our assembly in September.

Murray Hunter  
Club Treasurer

**Calgary Club of Rotary West  
Summary Community  
Budget  
July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007**

	<b>Actual</b> 2005/2006	<b>Budget</b> 2006/2007		
Revenue from fundraisers	\$99,605	117,304		
Revenue from foundation and other	<u>18,105</u>	<u>16,000</u>		
Total revenues	<u>117,710</u>	<u>133,304</u>		
	<b>Actual</b> 2005/2006	<b>Budget</b> 2006/2007		
Expenditures				
Community	48,847	73,750		
International	38,008	70,000		
Youth	17,416	39,000		
Other	<u>2,500</u>	<u>15,000</u>		
Total expenditures	<u>106,771</u>	<u>197,750</u>		
Excess of revenue over expenditures	<u>10,939</u>	-64,446		
Surplus June 30,2006		139,750	<b><u>Restricted</u></b>	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b>
Commitments carried forward from 2005/6		<u>-16,000</u>	132,145	7,432
Anticipated surplus June 30,2007		<u>\$59,304</u>		
Commitment to Habitat for 2006/2007		<u>\$15,000</u>		

**Calgary West Rotary Club  
 Summary Club Budget  
 July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007**

	<b>Actual 2006/2007</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Total Revenues	<u>\$23,921</u>	<u>\$28,400</u>
Expenditures		
International	10,401	12,300
District	5,113	6,250
Club	9,155	14,000
AV Equipment		<u>2,300</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>24,669</u>	<u>34,850</u>
Expenditures over revenue	<u>\$748</u>	<u>\$6,450</u>
Surplus June 30,2006		<u>\$10,419</u>
Anticipated surplus June 30,2007		<u>\$3,969</u>

**Getting to know you!**

This month we will be getting to know Garth and Pauline Evans, joint owners of Garth Evans Oil and Gas Consulting Ltd. Garth and Pauline were inducted into the Rotary Club of Calgary West in July, Their respective classifications are Technologist and Corporate Secretary.

Pauline's role in the company is to take care of all secretarial, accounting and administration duties; a Diploma in Business Administration has definitely come in handy. Pauline has always had an interest in volunteering and hopes to continue this in Rotary. She is presently on the assembly committee and, along with Garth, she has written her first weekly newsletter.

Garth is a Registered Engineering Technologist (Petroleum) and started working in the oil industry in 1965 in Smiley, Saskatchewan. He has been involved in both the service and operator's side of the industry. Presently, he is self-employed and enjoying doing sales and marketing consulting for a drilling contractor, as well as some production consulting for a small oil and gas company. Garth is a member of the program committee and is enjoying the opportunity to discover how Rotary works.

Together they have joined Calgary West Dinner Club and the Downtown Dinner Bridge Club, and are really looking forward to meeting new people

## Summary of the Board Meeting of August 15, 2006

We met at the offices of Operation Eyesight Universal on August 15, 2006, at 4:00 pm. Our next board meeting is on September 18, 2006, at Operation Eyesight Universal (4 Parkdale Cr. NW) at 4:00 pm. Members welcome.

We discussed:

Communicating to District 5360 that the board wants protocols followed. That is, requests and other communications should be directed to the board through the president.

The need to follow up with members who are not attending meetings to determine the reason. If they are sick then the "sick and visiting" committee will be informed; if there are other reasons then the membership committee will follow up.

Doug Chisholm's decision to remain a member and to contribute to the club in any way that he can (articles for the monthly bulletin, etc.) was warmly welcomed.

The President's Ball and the board has the philosophy that it is for the president to decide the format of the evening.

The timelines for restricted funds. The club has 18 months to disperse restricted funds (casino, etc.). \$60 000 must be dispersed by December 31.

Guidelines were reviewed to speed up the process of giving monies to International projects, to which the Attorney General's office will hopefully approve.

The Stampede Breakfast committee will submit a final accounting of the breakfast and report regarding next year's breakfast to Stan. The breakfast will have two tier prices, one for members and one for others.

The board supports the fact that the Stampede Breakfast is both a fundraiser and a community-building event.

A charity organisation requested our club data in order to contact members. The board rejected their request.

The board also declined to participate in the District's cookbook fund raising project. The format of the September 13 club assembly at Fort Calgary was discussed. There will be a tour of the Fort and the business part of the assembly will focus primarily on the club's fund raising events. Time for questions for directors is also scheduled but we ask members to read the director reports in this bulletin and have your question prepared prior to the assembly. Directors will not be giving reports at the assembly in order to speed up the proceedings.

The guidelines and application for World Community Service projects were presented for discussion.

This year the media committee will concentrate its efforts on the Strawberry Shortcakes event and one other fund raiser. Mount Royal College has its In Memoriam ceremony on August 25 and Harold Sharlow is among those honoured and endowed with a scholarship.

The induction of Matthew Hanrahan will occur on August 25, 2006.

Jennie Toboada's return to Argentina was confirmed.

The board thanked Chris Davis for the donation of a digital camera to the club. Signing authority, Strawberry Shortcakes and Christmas concert fund raising events, club insurance, long term planning, classification talks and attendance.

## **Summary of the Board Meeting of August 15, 2006 - Continued**

We decided:

To give signing authority to Mike French, Chris Davis, Murray Hunter and George Edwards.

To accept the proposal for Strawberry Shortcakes with Calgary Coop.

To cancel the Christmas concert and retrieve the deposit.

To accept the motion for long term planning. A long term planning committee chaired by Garfield Ganong will submit a report (based on the Continuity Report of August 15) to the board at the January board meeting.

To purchase club insurance from Vanguard Insurance (the program recommended by the District) and to cancel our policies with Godfrey-Morrow.

To have more frequent classification talks that will have the form of an interview. The interviews will be approximately 2 minutes and will focus on vocation and interests.

To have the monthly attendance report posted at the registration desk so that members can ensure that the information is correct and errors corrected.

To have two applications for international projects, one for World Community Service projects and one for other international projects so that members can initiate international projects other than those listed by Rotary International under World Community Service.

Meeting adjourned and the next meeting is on September 18, 2006 at Operation Eyesight Universal at 4:00 pm.

## **Pictures versus a Thousands Words – Club Photo Committee Report**

### **CHAIR – Gerry Madigan**

Now that we have such a great new monthly bulletin with photos of activities and meetings, we needed to create a committee that would ensure lots of pictures were available. The monthly bulletin is, obviously, more work for everyone (directors getting articles, reporting on their portfolios, etc, David Williams our editor and publisher), so it was decided to spread the load. Gerry Madigan stepped up to chair this committee. His team of club members will share the responsibility of ensuring photos are taken each week at meetings, as well as special events and club activities. This will be great for both our monthly version of the “Westerner” as well as for our archives. If you want to join Gerry’s committee, please contact him directly. If you happen to be at an event or activity for our club and get a great shot yourself, please forward to Brent Barootes or Gerry for submission to the “Westerner”.

The committee would also like to recognize and thank Past President Chris Davis for his donation of a used (he stepped up and got a new camera for his own use) digital camera and appropriate apparatus to ensure the club has a camera to take pictures and the ability to have them forwarded to the “Westerner”. Next time you see Chris, smile and say thanks!!

## **Getting Greener – Environment Committee Report**

### **CHAIR – Ron Brookes**

Under the direction of Ron, the newly formed Environment Committee has been working diligently on its mandate for this Rotary year. The committee reviewed the following Calgary West Club events looking for environmental improvement opportunities.

Fall Barbeque

Feed The Hungry

Strawberry Short Cake

Stampede Parade Breakfast

Habitat for Humanity

Four of these activities involve food services which use disposable plates and cutlery. The committee thought there might be some greener products to use, but, in discussing this with Crawford Caswell, we learned that the total cost for these products at the Stampede Breakfast alone was only \$100 and that the styro-foam plates and cups compress well in the landfills and decompose in about 10 years along with the paper napkins and cups. Using washable china and cutlery poses sanitary use and storage problems. Products made from more rapidly decomposing materials are considerably more expensive and, while we could collect the plastic cutlery separately for recycling, there is otherwise little room for improvement here.

With Habitat we felt that our efforts to improve our unit would only be a drop in the bucket compared to the total number of houses under construction in Calgary. One suggestion which could be implemented now is for members to bring their own washable china and cutlery to the Fall Barbeque for recycling at home. The committee will promote this. Other than the last comment about the BBQ, it was decided that none of our club events held any real potential for environmental improvement and, therefore, the committee should broaden its focus to consider other initiatives which would have more impact.

The following items were suggested:

- Membership education using environmental guest speakers

- Club environmental projects such as tree planting

- Trend setting examples, like battery recycling

Each of these three opportunities is being developed and moved forward. Stay tuned for further updates on each of these. If you have any questions, thoughts or comments, please contact Ron Brookes directly with your thoughts.

## **Plan to Attend September Assembly – Assembly Committee Report**

### **CHAIR – Margo McDermott**

It is September and again our assembly is rapidly approaching. Under the leadership of Margo and her diligent team, this will be one incredible assembly. The focus will be to salute our club's pioneers. And where more fitting than at a pioneer location - Fort Calgary! By now, you have heard all about the event and I am sure you have bought

your ticket to attend. There will be great fellowship, a tour of Fort Calgary, dinner, of course, a couple of key reports, a salute to our club's pioneers and a major discussion and update on our fundraising plans. But, just in case, here is the agenda for the evening of September 13, 2006. Let's aim for 100% attendance.

### **ASSEMBLY ITINERARY:**

6:00 P.M. TOUR THE FORT followed by Cocktails and Guest Speaker

7:00 P.M. DINNER in the Officers' Mess

8:00 P.M. CLUB MEETING AGENDA:  
PLANNING THE FUTURE: President Mike

FINANCIAL REPORT: Club Treasure  
FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES: by Stan

Cichon

Q & A PERIOD: all club members

MEAL PRICE = \$20.00

Tickets can be pre-purchased at club meetings

or

Phone Roy Thurm/Denise Penner-Collins

See Photo Page for Margot with a Mountie!

If you come prepared we'll still have you out by 9.00!

### **RI Foundation Planning – Continuity Committee Report**

#### **CHAIR – Sa'adat Keshavjee**

The Foundation Committee has been hard at work and making great plans for November, Foundation month. Committee member Bob Hamshaw will be attending a District conference on RI Foundation matters being held here in Calgary later this month. As well, look for the RI Foundation article in November's newsletter. But don't wait until then! See Sa'adat, or one of his committee members, today to make your contribution to a sustaining Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF). Remember, you can get to the goal

of \$1000.00 US for this Fellowship twice as fast as you think. For each \$200 you pay towards a single existing PHF, or a new sustaining PHF, the club will match that \$200! You pay \$200, the Club pays \$200, and you are almost half way there!! Buy one for yourself. At this offer, buy a few! Set them up for your sponsor, your spouse, children or grandchildren. No better time than the present to add to an existing PHF, or start a new sustaining membership.

### **Something New from the Vocational Committee**

#### **CHAIR – Ray Falk**

Boy has this committee been busy!! In an effort to learn more about our club members' (new and not so new members') vocations, Ray and his team are pleased to announce two new exciting features on vocations.

“Westerner”. It all starts this month, so look in this edition for stories on Pauline, herself, and husband and club member Garth. More to follow each month. So be aware, Pauline may be contacting you next for your story and vocation!!

Each month, new member Pauline Evans (who is also working with Margot on the Assembly – what an active new member!) will be writing two articles featuring club members and their vocations. Through this, we will learn more about our members and what they do or did for a living. This is a great new feature article for the

And there is more. Periodically during the year, time will be set aside at regular club meetings (a short five minutes or long two minutes!!) for Ray and his team to “interview live” different club members about their vocations and interesting highlights in their careers, such as making the “Young Canadians” all come to stage.

## **Something New from the Vocational Committee - Continued**

Or, do you know which members have met celebrities through their jobs and which celebrities? Be sure to attend weekly meetings, since you don't want to miss any of these great interviews! Also, in October, Vocation Month, be ready for an interview each week. This should be fun and very interesting to learn about our own members.

In October, since it is Vocation Month, be looking also for a feature article on Vocations, a Rotary Avenue of Service. This exciting article will be written by our own club member, Doug Chisholm, who has agreed to add to our new Monthly Westerner with such articles. Be watching for others by Doug after October. Thanks Doug for this help!

## **MEET OUR NEW YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT!**

### **FABIO MAGISTRIS**

Fabio arrived from Bulach, Switzerland, on August 9<sup>th</sup> and our club will have the privilege of hosting him for the next year. He is seventeen years old and will be attending Henry Wisewood High School starting September 5<sup>th</sup>.



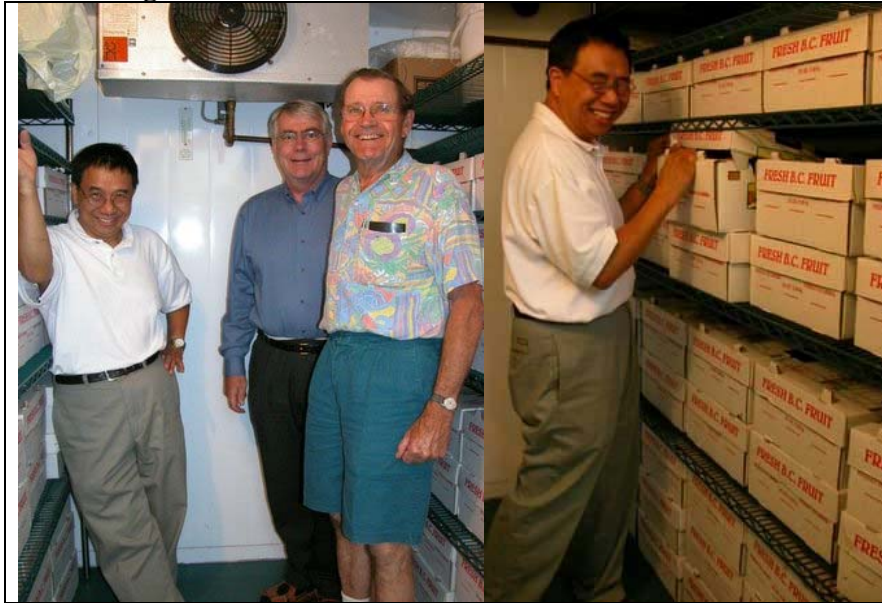
Fabio is an interesting and athletic young man and he is interested in doing and experiencing as much as possible during his exchange here in Calgary. He recently attended his first Youth Exchange gathering in the district, where he displayed great ability to absorb line-dancing directions. No mean feat! It was held in Fort McLeod and included all current Inbounds and the most recent Rotex. On the way back from Fort McLeod, he visited Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump.

Below is his wish list (first cut) of things he would like to do. **Pick something and treat yourself to spending some time with him!!**

Red Hot Chili Peppers Concert on September 16<sup>th</sup>  
Spruce Meadows Masters, Sept 6 to 10<sup>th</sup>  
Calgary Stampeders / Flames / Vipers game(s)  
Banff Culture Walk  
Tyrell Museum in Drumheller  
Tennis game (he is an avid player and likely to beat anyone in our club!)  
Skiing the Rockies (get his take on how the Rockies compare to the Alps)  
Anything else that blows your skirt up will likely do the same for him

Fabio has to live by the Rotary Four Ds: **NO**: Drinking, Driving, Dating, Drugs  
He also cannot fly in any non-commercial aircraft. Other than these things, he's pretty open.  
Fabio can be contacted at:  
Counsellor: Bernie Ward - home 279 0056, office 717 3147  
His first host family, effective September 5<sup>th</sup>: Brian and Alberta Chikmoroff – 278 3910  
His cell: 714 7734

**Photo Page**



To the left, we have Christopher Lee storing up supplies for his Guinness Book of Records to stay in the same vault as hundreds of boxes of BC grapes without eating one of them.

To the far left, Jim Willson and Clarence Buckley join Christopher In the last few moments before the door was shut.

Hm. By the way, has anyone seen Christopher recently?



The gentleman on the left in this photo is Rotarian Paul Kuhn. He is a member of the Lakeland Rotary Club, Florida.

