

Rotary Club of Calgary West
(A Year of Rotary Fun and Fellowship)

The Weekly WESTERNER

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There was hustle, bustle and lots of pre-meeting activity with many guests and members engaging in lively fellowship. The fellowship was being enjoyed so much, the ringing of the bell to bring the meeting to order was clearly ignored. **President Karl** had to ring it twice to finally bring the club to order and get the meeting underway just after 12:15 pm!

Past President Stan Cichon was greeting all at the door. He stood in for this scribe who was late arriving and had the greeter duty as well. Thank you, Stan, for your support. Stan, like so many of our members has just returned from the south. He was there visiting his sister in Florida. **Gordon Rodriguez** manned the 50/50 sales and recorded attendance. He hawked the tickets well and the rewards this week were reaped by **Holland Berry**. Well done, Holland. Peering over from an adjacent table was a much relieved **Don Bateman** hoping he would not win the draw again for a second week in a row and probably the 10th time this Rotary year!! **Ted Valentine** was taking our cash at the desk. He looked quite comfortable accepting the money, just like he was standing behind the service payment counter at Valentine Volvo! He was just learning the use of the new fangled hand held, PIN oriented "credit card machine". You could tell he was used to the old fashion mode of put the card in the plastic machine and run the handle across and back to get an imprint. Oh how times have changed since Valentine Volvo was down on 1st Street and 15th Ave SW!

Don Axford was back and looking well. Great to see you mobile again, Don. President Karl also updated us that **Past President Lynne** was recovering well from a recent fall and **Marmie Hess**, too, was doing well in her recovery from a few cracked ribs. By the way, Marmie's birthday is May 3, so remember to give her a call - some say she is 45 years old with 50 years experience this year! And, boy, there seemed to be a lot of ailments going on in the club. **Bryden Horwood** seems to have shed his cane, but President Karl was complaining of a very sore back from his weightlifting (man that exercise stuff will kill you every time), **David Williams** at 66 (or soon to be this coming Sunday) had a sore leg and **David Marshall** was limping badly, but talking up a storm! Wow we could open up a remote clinic for a rehab centre and make some real money rather than selling shortcakes!! **Verneil and Doug Martin** and their faithful driver **Sam Camel** were also in attendance and all looking great.

Our national anthem was sung and **Frank Burns** delivered the invocation.

The head table was inhabited by **Murray Hunter** who thanked our speaker, our guest speaker **Janice Eisenhauer** from Women for Women in Afghanistan, **Carolyn Christison** who introduced Janice, **Alan Waters**, one of our newest club members in 2010 and **Garth Evans** along with President Karl. Stan Cichon introduced our guests, including **Gena**, a guest of Brent Barootes and three guests of Carolyn Christison: J'Anne, Iris and Carol.

President Karl also noted that **Steve and Marie Rickard** were still at Heathrow Airport in London waiting for the volcanic ash to subside so the airport would re-open and flights would resume after three days of airline stoppage. Sounds sort of like a SaskAir flight being grounded for good weather in Esterhazy, Saskatchewan!

Other announcements from President Karl included the reminder that there would not be a regular meeting of the club on Friday, April 30, but instead a Club Assembly for supper at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, April 28, at the Holiday Inn. Come out, get the update on Karl's year and see what President-elect Sa'adat has planned for us in 2010-11! It should be a great evening, so be sure to attend and let **Marg Henschel** know you are coming. Karl also noted that on **Friday, May 7, we will be meeting at the Carriage House Inn on Macleod Trail at 90th Ave South**. This will be a great meeting with our club members reporting on our international projects. And I heard something about Tequila being given away at that meeting. Now there is a must attend!!

Speaking of libations and meals, what a great lunch we had this Friday. It was good old fish 'n' chips with mushy peas, coleslaw and tartar sauce. What a delight. And it was Friday - you would think it was perhaps a Catholic club!

Chuck Morrison was our sergeant-at-arms. He did an excellent job, especially in letting the scribe's table follow the head table to the food trough! Then he went on in his allotted time to empty the pockets of club members who failed to have suit jackets on, who had not filed their taxes early and also those who had figured they would be getting a refund and thus should share in advance. He correctly fined all those who had already golfed here in Alberta in 2010 and, finally, granted the table who know that Saturday April 17 was to be "Record Store Day" where several historical bands would be re-releasing their tunes on the old fashion vinyl format of music recording that many of us recall as the mode of listening - unlike iPods, granny smith phones, well some sort of apple something. To the dismay of many in the club, the re-releases were not to be on "78s" that they were so familiar with and loved listening to the "Parade of the Milk Bottle Caps".

Bryden Horwood also regaled us with a short speech (I thought perhaps he was our scheduled guest speaker) on the upcoming Peace Photo Contest. Be sure to get your shots in and be eligible for cash prizes. This is an initiative started by our club several years ago and is now a district initiative.

Guest Speaker

Janice Eisenhauer delivered a great presentation on her organization Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan (www.CW4WAfghan.ca). She spoke of how she was influenced at a very young age by the atrocities in Afghanistan in regards to women. She read an article written by Canadian Sally Armstrong about the situation. From that point on, her destiny was set. Her life has been devoted to assisting women in Afghanistan. She looked at how much all of us had and the freedom of basic human rights, such as the right to live without fear and the right to be able to go to school. She clearly saw women in Afghanistan did not have this freedom and her mission has thus been to make this happen.

She witnessed such atrocities as the fact that women could not, under Taliban rule, congregate in groups of three, or more or they could be jailed, or worse. The girls were not allowed at schools and teachers today still have no text books to teach from. She spoke of the 30 years of oppression that has happened

and that an entire generation has lost education. She educated us on how 30 years ago women were doctors and lawyers and teachers, then this was all wiped out.

Janice told us of how the mission of Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan had two main missions. One is to advance education for Afghan women and girls and their families. The second is educating Canadians on the Human Rights issues of women in Afghanistan. 100% of every dollar raised, Janice told us, go to projects in Afghanistan. They fund schools and projects and libraries and such, both at the capital development level, as well as sustaining operational funds that are ongoing. Most of the work they do is outside Kabul and the major centres and in rural areas. She reminded us that Afghanistan is a country that has about the same population as Canada, but has the space the size of Saskatchewan. She reminded us of how important the work of the Canadian troops is in Afghanistan and how they work so closely with the troops to provide safety and security to Afghans. As she noted, the biggest block to education for women in Afghanistan is the lack of safety and security for those women who choose to be educated and risk being beheaded for doing so.

Murray Hunter thanked Janice for her talk, and presented her with our world famous Boltman.

Then President Karl called the meeting to a close at 1:30 pm sharp!

Coming Events

April 23	Peter Fleck – Stamp Collecting and Trading
April 28 (Wednesday evening)	Club Assembly at the Holiday Inn
April 30	No meeting
May 7	Calgary West International Activities and Projects. NB: This meeting will be at the Carriage House.
May 14	Mark Stephen, the CHQR Voice of the Stampeders
May 21	Dr Anne Price – Integrity Awards winner
May 28	No meeting at the Holiday Inn. District Conference Banff Weekend
June 4	Danielle Smith – leader of the Wildrose Alliance