

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

The Weekly WESTERNER

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Gathered in a small room accessed by the north parking lot a large turnout of Rotarians and more guests than you could shake a stick at were brought to order by **President Lynne Thornton**. It would seem serendipitous that Lynne, who has taught the art of communication at SAIT, would chair the meeting that would have three Four-Way Test contestants at work.

Ron Jones pitched the national anthem well.

Steve Rickard gave the invocation:

“Let us reflect on the words of Peggy Noonan.

‘A speech is poetry: cadence, rhythm, imagery, sweep!’

A speech reminds us that words, like children, have the power to dance the dullest bean-bag of a heart.

Emily Dickenson once said: ‘I dwell in possibility.’

As we gather to listen to our Rotary Four-Way Test speech contestants, may we acknowledge that the courage that it has taken for our speakers to take a step toward realizing all the potential that life has for us. Let us continue to dwell in our possibility with enthusiastic and passionate resolve. For the blessings of this day and the inspiration of our fellowship we are eternally grateful. Amen.”

President Lynne introduced the head table: **Carolyn Christison**; **Sa’adat Keshavjee** (at a distance), **Bob Kerr**, and our students **Hussain Khimji**, **Sadiq Valliani**, **Khalid Keshavjee**. Wow! Hussain is a student at Western Canada High, Sadiq is a student at Future Charter Academy, and Khalid attends Rundle College.

Also in attendance was Rotary International Scholar, **Julia Zolotykh**.

Then it was off to the food buffet with that scrumptious salmon.

Visitors and guests were introduced by **Jim Barnes**.

The itinerant **Clarence Buckley** was the 50/50 winner (\$31.00).

Habitat for Humanity: **Dan Varvos** told us that the build is scheduled for May 30.

Youth Exchange: **David Watson** advised that we need host parents for Marco arriving from Brazil.

Cheque Presentation: \$5,000 to Mats Ride: programme for suicide prevention.

Partners Tea: May 13th at the home of **Bryden and Lou Horwood**.

Sarcee Club Art Auction: The goal: a new van for Hull Homes. Red and White Club May 8. **See John Rymes.**

Report from Valerie: Wearing a T-shirt saying “I love LA” (some clowns in the club said “Lethbridge, Alberta”!), Valerie spoke about sun and sun tanning and Hollywood and Palm Springs with the host family of her German Youth Exchange friend. Also, there was a visit to Fort Walsh and two days of school. Go figure.

WORLD SKILLS: Coming to Calgary at Stampede Park. Volunteers requested. I have volunteered. Have you? **See Jim Barnes.**

Jacquie Brown: Schooling for Mexican children was provided, but this year Wild Rose funding did not arrive. Jacquie is short \$15,000. Does anyone have an interest in supporting a child?

THE BUS: Yes, we are chartering a bus to attend the convention luncheon where we are hosts. That is next Friday, April 24. I’m going. Are you? **Talk to Lynne.** The bus leaves 10.30 am from Callaway Park, and should arrive back at Callaway Park at 3-ish.

At the convention ball, ladies are requested to wear black, gold and white.

Garfield Ganong: The wind up do for President Lynne is at Springbank on June 26th, at the Wild West Centre.

Although there was no sergeant-at-arms, David Watson gave a happy buck for the following reason: Liverpool was the only team of the four English Premier League teams not to make it to the semi finals of the Champions League. DJW put up a fine of \$5.00 which he was sure would have been paid by **Chris Lee** had he been at the meeting. No doubt Chris will explain his team's failure at the next Rotary meeting!!

Four-Way Test Speakers

Then the young people spoke. Hussain, Sadiq and Khalid did amazingly well. As a person who has spoken in public for over 30 years, I was impressed.

The winner was Hussain, followed by Sadiq and Khalid. Judges were: Lynne Thornton, Marmie Hess and Bob Kerr. Great job by all, especially the fun given us by Khalid. Incidentally, Sadiq was runner up to our programme of Adventures in Citizenship.

May 1	Peter MacKenzie from the Arthritis Society
May 8	Robin Knudsen from the Olds Club - Micro Credit
May 15	Bleeding Heart Industries TV/Movie special effects.
May 22	Stars Air Ambulance – field trip.
May 27	Club Assembly Danish Canadian Club
May 29	Cancelled because of the Assembly
June 26	Handover Meeting

June 26	President Lynne's grand soiree.
July 3	Stampede Parade Breakfast.

End Thought from Maxine:

April showers bring May flowers and 129 varieties of weeds and crab grass.

Our exchange student to Brazil, Emily Rose, has a blog site: <http://Emily-exchange-to-brasil.blogspot.com>. If you just click on this Website address, you will go straight to it. Marie Rickard has told me that Emily updates this site regularly, so please visit it every so often.