



The Weekly Westerner

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Holiday Inn, McLeod Trail, Fridays 12:15 pm

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Holland Berry greeted arriving guests and Rotarians, collected their money and recorded their attendance all without a practical joke. **Marie Rickard** was efficiently selling 50/50 tickets and recording how many were planning to attend Brunch honouring **John Rymes** at the Pinebrook Golf and Country Club. **Bob Kerr** cheerfully greeted all at a friendly pace.

After the national anthem, **David Hamilton** gave the invocation, reflecting on youth and the meeting's program topic, the Rotary Four Way Test.

Roast beef, chicken, steamed vegetables and salads awaited all at the buffet.

President **Sa'adat** introduced those seated at the head table: **Kiram Kurji, Humza Riaz** and **Ariel Sie Mah** - all participants in the Four Way speech contest - **Frank Burns** and **Marie Rickard**.

Bob Kerr introduced the guests who were given Calgary West's traditional greeting.

Those welcomed included:

Ariel Sie Mah	Contest participant
Humza Riaz	Contest participant
Kiram Kurji	Contest participant
Zoong Sie Mah	Guest of Calgary West
Shiraz Kurji	Guest of Calgary West
Penelope Tsoubanopoulos	Guest of Victoria Achilleos
Harry Pelton	Visitor from Calgary South
Jack Thomson	Visitor from Calgary South

Announcements

Kurt Schurer announced an upcoming event called "Southern Fare" put on by the Rotary Club of Fish Creek and the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta, to be held on Friday, April 15, 2011, 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm, at St. Mary's University College Chapel. For tickets (\$40.00 pp) and information call 403-474-3873.



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The 6th annual Rotary Challenger Park golf tournament is to be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2011, at McKenzie Meadows Golf Course. Contact **Ron Jones** at 403-242-4154 for additional information.

Our inbound exchange student **Fah** enjoyed a week off from school and was able to meet up with some of her school friends.

Frank Burns announced that **Knut Brenier**, from Norway, has been selected to be Calgary West's inbound student for 2011-2012 as part of Rotary's Youth Exchange Program. Frank is interested in hearing from any club members who may wish to consider hosting Knut in their home for a month or more while he is in Calgary. Please contact Frank at 403-238-3222.

President Sa'adat reminded all of the following changes in the April calendar of Calgary West's meeting and events:

- Sunday, April 17 - Brunch at the Pinebrook Golf Club - tribute to John Rymes and a Silent Auction for The Calgary Foundation
- Friday, April 29 – There will be a meeting on this day.

Program: Four-Way Test Speech Contest

Frank Burns described the Four Way Test and that it has been adopted as part of Rotarians' ethics guidelines. High school students are invited to write a speech about the four way test and relate it to their own experiences. The winner of this contest will be Calgary West's participant to present their speech at the Rotary District Conference at the end of the month in Red Deer.

The judges for the contest were club members **Liz Jamieson**, **Jim Barnes**, and **David Williams**.

Ariel Sie Mah described her multicultural background and emphasized how the four way test helps to bring people to recognize the best way in learning about each other.

Humza Riaz related the conflict that he has experienced in sorting out how the new country culture can clash with old country values and the test can be applied to resolve these issues.

Kiram Kurji approached the world and its conflicts and how the four way test is a foundation that can be used to resolve these conflicts. He also pointed out that the same basis for behaviour four-way test promotes is found in the major religions.

After a few minutes of deliberation the winner of the speech contest was announced to be Kiram Kurji. **(Editor's Note:** On behalf of myself and my fellow judges, I can tell you that it was a difficult decision to choose the winner from three such good contestants. Any one of them would have done us proud at Red Deer.)

Marie Rickard thanked the participants for their efforts and presented Kiram with the prize.

Coming Events

April 8	Jason Bruketa - Diabetes: What You Really Need to Know
April 12	Club Assembly at the Holiday Inn. Meeting begins at 5.30 pm.



Tuesday	
April 15	No Meeting
April 17	Brunch honouring John Rymes at the Pinebrook Golf and Country Club
April 22	Good Friday – No Meeting
April 29	Bill Corbett – The Greening of Nuclear Energy
May 6	Lisa Vlooswyk – Canadian Women’s Long Ball Golf Champion
May 13	Rotary club of Calgary West – International Projects
May 20	Youth Program – Exchange Students and others
May 27	Luche Marmeluc – A Service to Seniors
June 3	Debra Yedlin – Calgary Herald Business Beat
June 10	Lana Dionne – YMCA
June 17	Dr Elizabeth Cannon – President, University of Calgary
June 18	President’s Ball
June 24	Special Club Program – Turnover Friday
July 1	No Meeting (Canada Day)
July 8	Stampede Parade Friday
July 15	“Stampede Yahoo” at the Holiday Inn
July 22	Wendy McDonald – Rotary District Employment Partnership
July 29	Martin Parnell – “Right to Play” – 250 marathons in 2010

Dear Rotarians!!!!

It's Masha Pronina, your inbound exchange 2007-2008. I just remember that when I was leaving Canada I promised myself to keep in touch with you. If you are interested I will tell a couple of words about what has happened with me since I left. I got into a Pedagogical University and currently am studying there to be a teacher of English and German languages. I also got very much involved with my local YMCA and now work there as a coordinator of international programs, which is now really hard, because after the crises we've lost most of our sponsors, but we'll get through it, I'm sure☺ Once or twice a year I go somewhere abroad (with the Y programs), hopefully one day I'll come to Canada again☺ with my work or however else☺ This summer I'm planning on going to Germany for a year and maybe looking for an opportunity to stay somewhere in Europe, but who knows☺.

So I'm basically happy with what is going on in my life! And you know what's interesting? I often think that everything could be really different if it wasn't for that year I've spent with you all!!! Because, you know, it somehow changed my vision of the simplest things that are around us, if you can understand what I mean☺.

Hopefully, you all are doing well!!!!

Hello to my Host Families and to all the people who were around me! And by the way, Saadat, I just visited The Rotary Club of Calgary West web page and saw that you are a president of the club right now, congratulations!

Hugs from Russia.

Missing you all,

Masha Pronina