

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

The Weekly WESTERNER

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President Lynne called the meeting to order at the usual time.

Des DeFreitas pitched the right note and we sang *O Canada* with gusto.

SPECIAL NOTE: NO MEETING NEXT Friday cuz it's Good Friday.

At the head table: a well tanned **Marg Henschel** (where will she go next?), our president, Lynne Thornton (the hat lady with spangles), **Tim Anderson** (Mayor of Redwood Meadows), **Chris Davis** (legal counsel and our gift at Stampede time – cuz he knows city regulations), **Bruce Taylor** (the uniform guy) and our special guest, **Gordon Branson** of the Calgary Regional Planning Group.

A SPECIAL NOTE: **Ted and Shirley Valentine** would like to thank everyone for their presence, their cards, and their prayers. Their grandson, **Teddy Muehldorfer**, died and his service was last Tuesday at St. James Church. Teddy's life was filled with challenges, but was full of love as the Valentine family and his other relatives and friends surrounded him with care and attention.

Holland Berry offered the invocation.

Introducing our visitors and guests was **Kurt Schurer**. Kurt led us in the welcome song and the interlude was provided by your humble scribe. Da da de da da clap clap.

Ron Jones brought us up to date with wife **Sharon's** hospitalization. Because of a massive reaction to drugs Sharon ended up in hospital. She battled many problems and will be in hospital for an extended time. After the hospital, she will recover in a personal care home on the grounds of Rockyview Hospital. Ron thanked all the Rotary family for their care of him at this difficult time. Sharon was uplifted by the cards and letters. President Lynne promised Ron a rum.

SARCEE ART AUCTION: **Mike French** announced that the event will be held May 30th. A table is being organized by Mike and **John Rymes**.

GRAHAM DRAKE: Graham gave us an overview of hosting inbound students. He had many tips for us. Graham met with President Lynne and President-elect **Karl Herzog**.

A former Stettler resident and Rotarian there, Graham is well known to me. His three children are all doing well. **Holly**, his wife, is involved in the student committee. **A note:** the Big Green of **Bill Quinney** is where Graham makes his living.

Steve Rickard: A special night for membership growth is being planned for May. Think about bringing prospective members. The hosts are **Stan and Jane Beveridge** and the date is May 21st.

The 50/50 was won by **Phil Wild** from Northwich, England.

FINAL UPDATE: Our April 24th meeting will be held in Canmore at the Convention. We are the luncheon hosts. President Lynne proposed hiring a bus and many were interested. Are you? Get in touch with Lynne.

Guest Speaker

Tim Anderson introduced our guest speaker Gordon Branson. Short and personal.

Gordon is a member of the 17 jurisdictions that make up the Calgary Regional Partnership as is Tim Anderson.

This group is planning the development of the region that encompasses 15,000 sq.km. and holds 1.2 million folks. Much consultation has been the order of the day. The emphasis is on core building blocks. It is part of an even larger entity of the South Saskatchewan River basin.

The environment and water use are key to the plan. The plan foresees an additional 1.6 million people in our area and proposes how the area should be developed. Gordon noted that the City of Calgary is allowed water resources for 3 million people.

How do you develop the rural area to maintain the quality of the grasses escarpments and water areas to best sustain an environment that is good for people and sustainability? The plan is striving to prevent sprawl, protect water sheds and provide sufficient water and transit services. Population growth is expected to be around 1.6 million by 60 years.

The key is to put landscape first.

Chris Davis thanked Gordon and presented the Boltman.

REMEMBER NO MEETING ON GOOD FRIDAY. Tis the scribe: Don Axford. Toodles.

April 10	No meeting – Good Friday
April 17	Four Way Speech Contest. Downstairs in the Hunter Room
April 24	Meeting being held in conjunction with the District Conference. Meeting begins at 11:30 in Canmore at the Radisson Hotel and this will replace our regular weekly meeting.
May 1	Peter McKenzie-Brown from Arthritis Society. Back in the Holiday Inn Ball Room.
May 8	Robin Knudsen from Olds Club on actual operation of micro-credit bank funded by our club
May 15	Leo Wieser and Becky Scott - Bleeding Art Industries - special effects for entertainment, movies, stage, TV
May 22	Pam Ison Reilander: STARS
May 27	Club Assembly being held at the Danish Canadian Club
May 29	No meeting

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.