

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

# The Weekly WESTERNER

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Holiday Inn, McLeod Trail, Fridays 12:15 pm

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Bernie Ward, David Williams



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A lively fellowship was interrupted by **President Karl** at exactly 12:15. We were then led by **Don Axford** in the singing of the national anthem.

The invocation was given by **Denise Penner-Collins**.

President Karl invited tables to follow the head table in the order of scribe's table, tables with guest and tables with Rotarians who have been involved with Youth Exchange.

President Karl gave gracious thanks to the staff of the Holiday Inn for yet another delicious meal. He also introduced the head table: **Frank Burns**, **David Watson**, **Emily Cadman** (Outgoing Exchange Student), **Emily Halleran** (Returning Exchange Student) and **Marquinho Bersani** (Incoming Exchange Student).

Visitors and guests were introduced by **David Williams**.

Denise Penner-Collins appealed for participation in the 2009-10 Dinner Club. Sign-up sheets were available and new members are especially welcome to attend. Please contact Denise for additional information.

An absent **Ron Jones** was represented by President Karl in the call for volunteers for Habitat for Humanity on August 22. Ron will be sending out a list, but more volunteers are needed, so please contact Ron.

President Karl thanked David Williams for the production of the monthly bulletin. He also introduced the Committee Organizational Chart which is 95% complete. There are still many open committee chair and member positions. It is important that these positions be filled for the production of the roster at the end of August.

President Karl then led us on a guided navigation of the website. CWRC members are encouraged to visit the website, ensure their information is correct and update as necessary. This is also required to facilitate the roster production at the end of August.

Treasurer **Des DeFreitas** reminded us that dues are overdue. Payment can be made at the door or on the website.

The 50-50 was won by **Holland Berry**.

Sergeant-at-arms was **PDG Ted Valentine**, who made it a bit expensive for those not involved with Youth Exchange, Feed the Hungry, the Waterton Glacier National Park Gathering (Sept 25-27) or the Rotary International Convention in Montreal. Birthday wishes for August with special mention to **Dan Doherty** (Aug 14), **Bernie Ward** and **Mike Carlin** on the following day.

### Guest Speakers

Frank Burns introduced the students and gave us an overview of Youth Exchange.

- Calgary West Rotary has a long standing tradition of supporting youth programs locally as well as internationally. For the benefit of new members and guests, our students from district 5360 exchange with 16 different non-English speaking countries throughout Europe, SE Asia, and Latin America. The purpose is to promote peace and understanding.
- Rotary District 5360 exchanges students with the following countries: Brazil, Belgium, Denmark, France, Hungary, India, Japan, Mexico, Turkey, Norway, Netherlands, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, and Thailand.
- The first Rotary youth exchanges began between European countries only in 1927.
- Exchanges between California and some Latin American countries began in 1939.
- Exchanges with the eastern US clubs became popular in 1958.
- The Rotary International youth exchange program became an official program of RI in 1972.
- Currently, over 8000 students participate annually in over 60 countries, due to the efforts of tens of thousands of Rotarians and host families like the Cadmans.
- The youth exchange program is open to Rotarians and non-Rotarian families alike.
- The program is available to the 15 to 19-year-old age group with above-average academics.
- In their host country, students stay with two to three host families and must attend school.
- This is a three-year commitment for these youth. The first year is office training, the second year is the actual exchange, and the third-year involves promotion and training of the new outgoing students.
- District 5360 has its own official youth exchange website. [WWW.YEX5360.ORG](http://WWW.YEX5360.ORG)
- The Rotary International website is [WWW.Rotary.org](http://WWW.Rotary.org).

Emily Cadman is off to France on August 25th. She shared the presentation she will be delivering on arrival. This covered her background and information he host club does not necessarily know about Calgary, Alberta, and Canada. Emily intends to pursue a career in medicine.

Emily Halleran has recently returned from Brazil. She thanked the club and then proceeded to make us jealous of her incredible trip which included highlights such as: bull-riding, hot parks, dancing in water, school, dance lessons, volunteering at an orphanage. It made us proud to be able to contribute to such a rich life experience.

David Watson thanked the speakers and presented them with a Boltman each.

### Coming Events

August 21	RYLA program – Youth Speakers
August 28	Mayor Victor Perez – Uspantan, Guatemala

September 4	Membership Development
September 11	Calgary Children's Hospital – Field Trip
September 18	Kevin Nevue – CEO, Precision Drilling
September 25	Laura Lockman – USA Consul General in Calgary