

Rotary Club of Calgary West
(Service Through Fellowship)

The Weekly WESTERNER

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About 50 members and guests gathered for fellowship and were greeted by **Kurt Schurer**. As usual the front desk, led by **Bill Lawless** and **Brenda Sali** did a great job of ensuring that everyone paid up. The 50/50 ticket seller hit us all up to be sure that we all have a chance at the BIG!!!! jackpot. We have to be running out of cards soon. **Be sure to buy your tickets and memorize the Four-Way Test!**

President Garfield welcomed us by reminding us that August is Membership Month and suggested some useful reminders as to how we can try and get/find/encourage new members: invite workmates, friends to meetings; talk up Rotary; pass on *The Rotarian*, once you have read it; wear your Rotary pin.

We have a membership of 92 and have a do-able target of 100 for this year.

Garfield introduced the head table consisting of the guest speaker **Bill Stamile** with the Paddle Association of Canada, and **Ron Staughton, Bryden Horwood, Alex Coelho** and **Adam Joyce**.

The national anthem was played by **Don Axford** and was followed by an appropriate invocation given by **Murray Hunter**.

After another great meal by The Elbow Valley Casino, Garfield reminded us that the 2007/2008 dues are due. The district has invoiced us, so we need the members to cut that cheque!!!

Garfield reminded everyone that **Pauline** has sheets out for signing up for the Dinner Club. This is a great fellowship group.

Garfield informed us that our fellow Rotarian and friend, **Dr. Marmie Hess**, is being awarded the 2007 CBE Distinguished Alumni Award along with Al Markin, Chairman of Canadian Natural Resources, by Education Matters, at The Red and White Club on October 3, 2007. Tickets can be obtained at www.educationmatters.ca, they are \$175 per person.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Larry Doyle, did an excellent job of making several members cough up a loonie.

No happy bucks. No one had any money left!

Guest Speaker

Bill Stamile, with the Paddle Association of Canada, was introduced by our own Ron Staughton, a member of the local Paddle Association. Ron went on to tell us that Bill was the president and founding Calgary member of the Paddle Association of Canada. In fact, Ron informed us that Bill *was* the Calgary Paddle Association!

Bill started his working life as a golf professional at Pinebrook Golf Course. From there, he became a Realtor for Royal LePage, an owner-operator of Le Biela Restaurant (an Argentine Gourmet Restaurant), an owner/consultant selling oil and gas services in Argentina, and then he changed careers all together and became an owner/operator of AMW Landscaping and, finally, a licensed financial advisor for Leede Financial Markets Inc.

Bill started his talk by stating that he obviously could not keep a job for long!

Bill explained that the game of paddle is always a doubles game and it mainly uses tennis rules, but incorporates some squash rules as the side walls are allowed to be used.

The PAC, Paddle Association of Canada, a non-profit organization, is the national governing body for the sport of paddle in Canada and has been involved with promoting the sport since 1992. PAC is now seeking ways to build an indoor facility in Calgary, which will house PAC's National Headquarters and Training Centre.

The world championships are being held in Calgary, August 23 – 30, 2008, and 24 countries are expected to participate in this world class tournament.

Bill was thanked by Bryden Horwood and presented with our Infamous Boltman.

Calgary West Calendar

August 24	Essya Chikmoroff - returning exchange student from Hungary
August 31	Ray Falk and The Barbershop Quartet

District 5360 Events

September 8, 2007: Family Fun Day at Calgary Rotary Challenger Park - contact Don Ross at donaldross@shaw.ca

September 7, 8, and 9, 2007: Waterton International Peace Park – 75th Anniversary – Info on District Website.

Be sure to check out the District website for more information on the RI Conference in LA, June 15 – 18, 2008, and our District Conference in Lethbridge, May 23 – 25, 2008.

And finally . . .

“Under current law, it is a crime for a private citizen to lie to a government official, but not for the government official to lie to the people.” Donald M Fraser