

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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President Karl Herzog gathered us together as the gong sounded, although many were still chattering. We were in the swell confines of our space in the Holiday Inn. President Karl thanked the Holiday Inn staff for their great work – right on Karl!

President Karl called on **Don Axford** to lead the national anthem.

The invocation was given by **David Williams**.

The right order for the first two tables was the head table followed by the scribe's table. As the scribe was at the head table, tables with guests were called next. How lovely to see **Eileen DeFreitas** and **Barb Cichon** at our event. As one of the primary volunteers at the Rockyview Grief programme Barb was pleased to be present.

As the folks rushed to the feed trough the sergeant-at-arms was moved to figure out a new way of going for next week.

Visitors and guests were introduced by **Past President Chris Davis** who led the welcome song ending with yours truly doing the DaDa Da Da Da- clap clap.

Ron Staughton won the 50/50.

At the head table: The **Reverend Bob Glasgow**; **Dave Bruketa**; President Karl, **Frank Burns**, **Past District Governor Ted Valentine** and The Reverend Donald Axford.

RON JONES: Pitched the need for volunteers for Habitat for Humanity August 22nd – six needed. Also, the special golf tourney for Rotary Challenger Park – ask Ron.

TED VALENTINE: The Waterton Glacier National Parks Rotary Gathering – September 25 -27th. Great for a couples' getaway.

OFF TO MONTREAL: June 20 – 23rd – Rotary International Convention. There are needs and deeds. Ted would like to see a huge delegation from our club and District.

Finally (although too late for you) Feed the Hungry.

DENISE PENNER COLLINS: Rotary Dinner Club for this upcoming year. Although our group has not yet finished last year – oops!

VALENTINE Either Ted or the Volvo dealership offered two tickets in a Dutch auction, which was won by Des DeFreitas.

Guest Speakers

Ted Valentine introduced our two guests from the Rockyview Grief Centre, now the Calgary Health Region Programme – Bob Glasgow and Dave Bruketa. This programme was launched several years ago, but by 2000 they were seeing 500-600 people a year. They now have secured funding for 5.2 counsellors and see 1000 people a year. Bob said that many people are the subject of loss without any sense of community. He told of a young graduate engineer in Calgary, only eight months, who lost his wife and had a child to care for without support. The Centre helped. Philanthropist Martha Cohen pitched some money to the programme.

A film was shown with three sets of parents speaking about their loss and their journey. One set of those parents were Dave Bruketa and his wife. He and his wife lost their daughter. Dave spoke passionately and with great emotion about their sense of loss and how Bob and the centre helped. He volunteers to speak to others who have lost loved ones. He spoke of the inability to face daily challenges. He spoke about how he and his wife attended a new group that was formed, and their absolute fear in dealing with the issues facing them. Then he said: “It was wonderful. It is great when someone listens.” Counselling and group sessions helped.

A PIN COULD HAVE BEEN HEARD IF IT HAD DROPPED. The attention was rapt and amazing.

Thanks were given by Frank Burns, who presented our speakers with a Boltman each.

Coming Events

August 14	Exchange Students Emily Halleran (returning) and Emily Cadman (outgoing)
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