

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

# The Weekly WESTERNER

Box 4572, Station C, Calgary, Alberta T2T 5N3  
Holiday Inn, McLeod Trail, Fridays 12:15 pm

**President:** Karl Herzog **President-Elect:** Sa'adat Keshavjee

**Past President:** Lynne Thornton **Secretary:** Ron Morrison

**Treasurer:** Des DeFreitas

**Directors:** Stan Beveridge, Ron Brookes, Bryden Horwood, Margot McDermott  
Bernie Ward, David Williams



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President **Karl** called the meeting to order at 12:15 and pointed out the fact that we did not have a head table as we needed room for our entertainment, The Westmount Charter School Choir. (This is the school that Marcos is attending.) Karl thanked the staff at the Holiday Inn and also thanked your scribes for the handmade Skiing Santa table centres. He then told us that they would be auctioned off and asked **Garth Evans** and **Mike Carlin** to come up and explain what was happening. Garth told everyone that **Pauline** decided to come up with a new idea for the table centres and thought that if we made them Santas we could auction them off and donate the money to one of our charities. When we read in the bulletin that **Dan Doherty** was going to build two homes in Mexico and needed funding for the second one we decided that this is where the money raised would go. Garth asked Mike Carlin to explain the auction. Mike said that we would sell 36 tickets at \$5.00 each and 12 lucky members would get a table centre. President Karl said that he would match the funds raised from the President's discretionary fund. This meant that a total of \$360 would go to the Home Build. NOTE: Dan informed us that this put him over the top for the project. Thanks to everyone for your support. On a post note, Dan told us that \$205 was collected at the tables.

**Don Axford** lead us in the singing of the national anthem and **Bryden Horwood** gave the invocation before we all proceeded, in an orderly fashion, to the buffet table to enjoy our lunch. Thanks again to the Holiday Inn and staff, for their efforts in providing us with a great meal of chicken and lots of veggies and second guessing our head count very accurately.

**Des DeFreitas** introduced our visitors and guests, including our own YEX student, **Marco**, his friend from the Calgary North club and **Andrea Barr**, our outbound student next year. He then had Marco assist him in leading us in the singing of our Welcome Song.

## Announcements

**Tim Anderson** had been to Las Vegas and presented banners from the 2 two clubs that he visited. At one of the clubs, Las Vegas West, the incoming president is originally from Edmonton.

**Carolyn Christison** presented Marcos with a Christmas gift from the club.

The 50/50 draw for \$40.00 was won by ????????

President Karl announced that the club had the pleasure of inducting two new members and asked Bryden Horwood and Dan Doherty to come forward and introduce **Marnie Cardell** and **David Hamilton**. He also asked **Chris Davis** to assist by giving the Rotary Charge to David and Marnie.

#### **Dan introduced Marnie**

Marnie Cardell has resided in Calgary for 25 years and is married to a native Calgarian, **Mike Cardell**, with two adult children - Katie in Chicago and Joey in B.C.

Marnie has worked for almost 30 years in the resort development industry on Canadian, USA, Mexico and Central America projects. Her areas of focus have been on marketing, acquisition, finance portfolios, administration and building of company key teams.

Marnie has been an active volunteer by sitting on or directing many committees in her business, community, sports, government, schools, and church organizations. She recently participated in the 2008 Ensenada build and Habit for Humanity New Brighton build with her husband, Mike, and very much enjoyed the Calgary West Rotary commitment to service and 'can-do' vision.

Marnie has attended several of the Rotary West meetings and is looking forward to participating in the activities the club has chosen to serve locally and internationally.

#### **Bryden introduced David Hamilton**

David was born and raised in Montreal, Quebec. He graduated from McGill University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in '67 and joined Union Carbide in Toronto and for the next 24 years enjoyed multiple assignments in manufacturing and General Management in Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia. David continued his career in plastics manufacturing management until he joined Shaw Communications in Networking Operations.

David retired in September, 2009, and now is busier than ever supporting his wife **Kathi** in her bed and breakfast business, which she started while waiting for him to retire.

Kathi and David have three daughters who are married and have also settled in Calgary with their seven grandchildren. David enjoys his skiing, home improvement projects, stained glass work and travelling.

David sees Rotary as an excellent opportunity to make contributions towards improving the community and world we live in using the skills he learned throughout his career.

Chris Davis gave the Rotary Charge to Marnie and David and President Karl presented them with their Rotary pins and welcomed them into the club.

#### **Christmas Entertainment**

We were entertained with a great selection of music and song by the Junior and Senior music classes from the Westmount Charter School.

President Karl passed on his weekly words of wisdom, "Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Canada won't make Christmas white", and wished everyone a happy holiday weekend.

#### **Upcoming Speakers and Events**

<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>FAMILY MONTH</b>
December 11	Dr Charles Samuels – Sleep Deprivation and Human Performance

December 18	Westmount Charter School – Christmas Choir
December 20	Christmas Brunch at Pinebrook Golf and Country Club
December 25	Christmas Day – No Meeting
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH</b>
January 1	New Years Day – No Meeting
January 8	Tim Morgan – Co-Founder of WestJet – WestJet and the Airline Industry
January 15	Ken Read – A Crazy Canuck – Canada’s 2010 Olympics
January 22	Dr Bob Schultz – Business in the Year and Decade Ahead
January 29	Catholic Bishop Fred Henry – Homeless in Calgary
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH</b>
February 5	(Tentative) Bruce Dowbiggen: Calgary Herald
February 12	No meeting at Holiday Inn – All available club members delivering Strawberry Shortcakes – Regular Meeting cancelled
February 19	Stay tuned and amazing program to be announced soon!
Tuesday	An All Club’s Calgary Dinner – The Rotary International Foundation and Integrity
February 23	Awards with Guest Speaker Past RI Chair Bob Scott – Location and details to follow
February 26	No Club Meeting due to all Club’s meeting earlier in the week
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>LITERACY MONTH</b>
March 5	Roland George – National Energy Board Member
March 12	Calgary Police Chief, Rick Hanson
March 19	Calgary Alderman Jim Stevenson: The Airport Tunnel