

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

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Treasurer: Des DeFreitas

Directors: Stan Beveridge, Ron Brookes, Bryden Horwood, Bruce Taylor
Bernie Ward, David Williams

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They said it was going to be the worst snow storm of the season to date. And it was. The blowing snow and falling snow blanketed our city, but over 50 of our club members made it to the meeting. It was a very important meeting. It was our Annual General Meeting, a Club Assembly and the election of our 2010-11 Board of Directors and President. Congratulations to all those who made it regardless of snow and blizzard.

The eating format was a little altered. It was a great system with many people commenting on how much they liked the approach. As members arrived, they would check in, grab a drink, have some fellowship, and at their leisure starting at noon they could make their way to the feed trough (buffet) to grab their meal and sit down for an uninterrupted dining and fellowship time. What a great concept for allowing members to socialize with those they sat with. This still left time for committees to meet, of which **Bill** (sometimes referred to as Ron, his older and less well known brother) **Tapuska** and his speakers committee were again meeting and planning to try and outdo their incredible delivery of great programs to date.

President Karl then rang the bell and brought the meeting to order at 12:20 pm. We sang the national anthem and the invocation was delivered by **Don Axford** who appropriately thanked our creator for the food we had already enjoyed versus "about to enjoy". The buffet was packed with two choices of salad, three different hot vegetables, creamy mashed taters and succulent braised lamb shanks. What a cornucopia of culinary delight!

Karl offered the podium to several members for announcements.

Ted Valentine flogged the International Convention in Montreal assuring folks that all their answers could be found on the internet, but he was available by phone or in person to answer questions as well. He reminded people that the early bird offer rate for the Montreal 2010 Rotary International Convention expires about the middle of December, so those who want to save should register now. He also noted that if you attend the 2010 District Conference in May you save even more! Ted also took the opportunity in what he said would be 30 seconds and ran almost 3 minutes (but who's counting), to remind folks that if they have some spare time that he and **Gordon Rodrigues** for years have been driving seniors to medical appointments through the Senior Resource Centre. Ted noted if anyone else can spare some time to do these drives the seniors would really appreciate it. You don't need to

schedule it in (though helpful), you can call that morning if you have time. For more details on how you can help, speak to Ted or Gordon.

Ted also took the opportunity to thank everyone in the club for their prayers, kind thoughts, cards and comments on the passing of his sister last month. He and the entire family were most appreciative of the outpouring of sympathy and support and he wanted all to know.

Mike French took the opportunity to thank new members **Janet Slemko** and **Duncan Stanners** for their leadership with the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank project this past week. It was a stunning success with a great turn out from the club to support this project. This was a great opportunity for members to lend a helping hand and also enjoy great fellowship. It looks like this might be a quarterly event for members to get involved with. We will await further news. To see pictures of the event, visit our web site at www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org.

Bill Lawless and his committee (I think it is a one man committee) have done an excellent job revamping the web site and keeping it updated with pictures of our events and meetings. Great work Bill.

Bill Tapuska reminded folks that the ever popular and always sold out Rotary Club of Calgary West Family Christmas Brunch tickets are on sale through him. The last day to buy them will be this coming Friday, December 11 at the club. In the meantime, call or email Bill to reserve your tickets today. It is a fabulous affair with adult tickets just \$25 and children under 15 get in for a meager \$15 each.

And finally, President Karl announced to the membership that the dedication of the Habitat for Humanity house that we built will be this Saturday, December 12, at 9 am at the site we built on this summer. Karl will circulate the details.

After the announcements (which took less time to deliver than they did type out), President Karl led us into our AGM and Assembly. It was a well run and well organized affair as the treasurer and each of the board members delivered their reports. Questions were minimal as each club member received the full report in a well laid out booklet for review at the tables. At the end of this bulletin is a copy of the overall report. Copies of the unaudited final statements from June 2009 are available upon request. As a reporter, I had hoped to have much more to write about, but the written reports were so well done, that the oral deliveries were really just a synopsis of the written reports. As noted, few questions were asked and all seemed in agreement with the report and that our board members and their leadership on committees were doing an excellent job. Congratulations to all.

President-Elect **Sa'adat Keshavjee** was then called to the podium to announce the new members who will be joining the board in July 2010 for a two year term each. They include **Frank Burns** for his second stint, Past President **Mike Carlin** who returns once again and **Carolyn Christison**. And **Brian Wintonyk** has stepped up to the plate as club secretary for the next two years. Thanks to each of these volunteers.

Past President **Lynne Thornton** then announced with a drum roll and full fanfare that our President Elect come July 2010, and President in 2011-12 following Sa'adat's term next year is **Grant Ritchie**. Grant was unable to attend due to being stranded in who knows where because of the snow storm but the applause was fantastic and the excitement of his reign greatly anticipated. Congratulations to the nomination committees and those who were elected. The vote for the incoming slate of directors and the new president-elect were unanimous.

The meeting was capped off with a festive note. Three club members were recognized for their contributions to the Rotary International Foundation by **Bob Hamshaw** who heads up the RI

Foundation work in our club. Bob presented long time club member and past president, **Jim Willson**, with a ruby stone Paul Harris Fellowship Pin. This signifies his ongoing gifts to the foundation. The normal Paul Harris Fellowship Pin has no precious stones in it. Then, after you have earned five or more Paul Harris Fellowships, you are awarded with the ruby stone. Congratulations and thank you to Jim for his tremendous ongoing support of Rotary through the RI Foundation. Bob also had the pleasure of inducting two new Paul Harris fellows into this exclusive and honorable group. Bob presented both **Ron Brookes** and **Bill Lawless** with their Paul Harris Fellowship pins. Congratulations to both of you for your ongoing commitments to the Foundation.

President Karl then wrapped up the meeting right at 1:30 sharp and told us he had a surprise for us but had run out of time. He promises to make good on that little surprise this coming week, so be sure to attend.

Upcoming Speakers and Events

DECEMBER	FAMILY MONTH
December 11	Dr Charles Samuels – Sleep Deprivation and Human Performance
December 18	Westmount Charter School – Christmas Choir
Sunday December 20	Rotary Club of Calgary West Family Christmas Brunch at Pinebrook Golf and Country Club
December 25	Christmas Day – No Meeting
JANUARY	ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH
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
FEBRUARY	WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH
February 5	Stay tuned and amazing program to be announced soon!
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 February 23	An All Club’s Calgary Dinner – The Rotary International Foundation and Integrity 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
MARCH	LITERACY MONTH
March 5	Roland George – National Energy Board Member
March 12	Calgary Fire Chief Hanson
March 19	Stay tuned and amazing program to be announced soon!



The Rotary Club of Calgary West District 5360

Assembly & Annual General Meeting Presentation

Presented December 4, 2009

By

Board of Directors, The Rotary Club of Calgary West

AGENDA

12:15 – 12:20 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

2009-2010 GOALS REVIEW
PRESENTATION

About the Rotary Club of Calgary West

Financial Report

Directors Reports

Membership Report

Fundraising Activities Report

Club Service and Grants Report

Club Administration Report

Club Activities Report

Youth Report

12:40 QUESTIONS

1:00 ELECTIONS

1:05 PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATIONS

1:10 RECOGNITION

1:30 ADJOURNMENT

About the Rotary Club of Calgary West

The Rotary Club of Calgary West is a "can-do" club that has been highly integrated into our local and international community

Our vision is: An improved world, one project at a time.

Our mission is: To serve and to lead through local and international projects which enrich lives and brighten the future for all.

Values: We do this with truth, fairness, goodwill and friendship.

Calgary West first met in the Holiday Inn on May 26, 1967. We had 31 members and 2 visitors from our sponsoring club, Calgary Manchester (now Calgary South), who came to explain the aims and ideals of Rotary and how a club operates,

The Rotary Club of Calgary West 2009-10 Officers and Directors

Officers

President: Karl Herzog

President-elect: Saadat Keshavjee

Past President: Lynne Thornton

Treasurer: Des DeFreitas

Secretary: Ron Morrison

Directors

Stan Beveridge-Membership

Ron Brookes-Fundraising

Bernie Ward-Club Administration

David Williams-Club Activities

Bryden Horwood- Service and Grants

Bruce Taylor-Youth

PAST PRESIDENTS OF CALGARY WEST WHO ARE ACTIVE IN THE CLUB

1972 John Rymes

1978 Ron Jones

1979 Ted Valentine

1983 Clarence Buckley

1985 Bob Kerr

1988 Bill Tapuska

1990 Jo Johanson

1991 Des DeFreitas

1993 Jim Willson

1994 Stan Beveridge

1995 Stan Cichon

1997 Mike Carlin

1998 Bill Quinney

1999 Dan Doherty

2000 Steve Rickard
2002 Bob Hamshaw
2004 Joe Klassen
2005 Chris Davis
2006 Mike French
2007 Garfield Ganong
2008 Lynne Thornton

**PAST PRESIDENTS OF OTHER CLUBS WHO ARE
ACTIVE IN THE CLUB**

1984 Bernie Ward West Winnipeg Club, Winnipeg, Mb
1994 David Williams The Rotary Club of Bungay, Suffolk, England
1996 Don Axford Stettler, AB

**ACTIVE MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN
DISTRICT GOVERNORS**

1999 Ted Valentine
2005 Steve Rickard

President's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is universally agreed that Calgary West's success over the long term depends on our having a strong and vibrant membership. To that end, our primary focus this year will be on membership with a view to adding 25 new members and to reinvigorate our existing membership base.

Even though the prospect of growing, strengthening and invigorating our membership is exciting, I wish to emphasize that these initiatives will not be successful without the continued, invaluable work of our remaining 60+ committees. To be an exemplary Rotary Club that actively supports the ideals of RI through fun and fellowship, we must all pull together.

I want to thank you all for your courage and sacrifice in moving the goals of Calgary West forward. Clearly we have taken the RI Presidents theme to heart by recognizing that indeed "The Future of Rotary is in *Our Hands*."

On a personal note, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing warm-hearted support of Cindy and me. We are truly touched by your kind sentiments.

I very much look forward to working with you and for you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Karl Herzog

Financial Reports - Available upon request

Community Account

Casino Account

General Account

Membership Report Director Stan Beveridge

Having experienced a drop to 72 members, one of the major goals of Calgary West is to increase club membership. Our traditional method of attracting new members from business colleagues and contacts has not had great success in the last few years due to the aging of our club members. Consequently, we have developed new strategies to attract and retain new members. Our goal for the year is to increase our membership by 25 members.

Calgary West has been successful in the past with club extensions being instrumental in the starting of three new clubs. Accordingly, we are using the experience in new club extensions to do an internal club extension. The move to our new home at the Holiday Inn has provided us with the perfect chance to implement this strategy. Under the enthusiastic leadership of Mike French, the Membership Growth Committee has identified over 800 businesses in the area around our new meeting place and have established a data base of these establishments. For the initial initiative, 85 of these businesses have been chosen to target. After sending these businesses a letter introducing Rotary and our club, club members are visiting them with a newly developed brochure to tell them about Rotary, invite them to one of our meetings and determine their interest in joining our club. We have just started these visits but are encouraged with the response.

For this internal club extension initiative we have developed a set of guidelines as to what we expect from new members and what new members can expect from the club.

New members of the Rotary Club of Calgary West agree to the following guidelines:

- Each member agrees to be an active member and to seek to actively participate on a minimum of 2 committees each year and be actively involved in at least 2 fundraisers and 1 hands-on service project monthly, subject to physical capacity or club exemption.
- Each new member undertakes to attend a member information evening, together with your partner, within the first 2 years of membership
- Each member agrees to support the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International annually with a minimum US\$100 donation thereby maintaining “Sustaining” membership status.
- Each member agrees to attend a minimum of 50% of club meetings and a minimum overall attendance of 70% of meetings annually, including make-up meetings, subject to Rotary International or Club exemptions.
- Each member agrees to assist with the front desk at least twice annually, as well as assist with the weekly program by introducing or thanking the guest speaker or saying Grace.
- Each member agrees to bring at least 2 guests to the club annually and to actively solicit for new qualified members as determined by the membership growth committee from time to time.
- Each member undertakes to make every effort to attend either a District conference or an International convention at least once every 3 years.

- Each member commits to one club assembly annually.
- Dress Code: Business or business casual
- Each member will help fellow Rotarians with fun, fellowship and companionship.

We will provide to a new member:

- A liaison: a seasoned Rotarian to help guide you into Rotary ways.
- A new member package, including a list of members and their contacts, how to access our website and Rotary International's web site, a list of the executive and a copy of the Rotarian monthly.
- We will place you on a committee and assign you to a monthly work team.
- Assign a member of the member development committee to review the new member assignments and help them understand Rotary and our club.
- An invitation for you and your partner to attend a member information evening and to club socials.
- Give you a handshake and a smile when you arrive at the club each week.

When we obtain these new members who do not have any strong ties with any our present members, our club will have to work hard to retain the new members. Our Membership Retention Committee, headed by Steve Rickard and Mike Carlin, is developing a strong mentoring program to make sure our new members are fully integrated into our club. They are also working at developing a number of new "hands-on" community programs to engage our members into service.

Fundraising Activities Report Director, Ron Brookes

Strawberry Shortcakes Sale – February 14, 2010 Chair: Ron Brookes Expected revenue: \$12,000.

This committee of 10 members organises the promotion, sale and delivery of individually boxed servings of strawberry shortcake for Valentines Day. The cakes are made for us by The Calgary Co-op and sell for \$6 each. A minimum order of 6 cakes is required for free delivery. Orders are taken by TigerTel who provides 24/7 telephone answering and fax service. Stampede Messenger organises deliveries to match the number of volunteer driver teams and provides a refrigerated truck for transport and storage of the cakes before delivery. Centre Street Church provides space for volunteers to pick up the product on delivery day (February 12 this year). Full participation of the club membership is required to promote, sell and deliver the product.

Stampede Breakfast – July 2, 2010 Chair: Helen King Expected revenue: \$13,000.

This committee of 6 people organizes and promotes the sale of tickets for a Stampede breakfast and bleacher seats. The seats are on 9th Avenue and are rented from the city. Rotarian volunteers cook and serve the breakfast and supervise the seating to insure that everyone has a seat. This event requires the full participation of the club to make it a success.

Casino – 3rd Quarter 2010 Chair: Orlin McMillan Expected revenue: \$75,000.

This committee (no members yet) provides the volunteers to fill the positions required by the gaming commission to staff a 2 day charity casino. Their work also includes the filing of applications and reports as required. We expect to be awarded a casino date every 18 months. We also help staff casinos for

Habitat for Humanity, The Flames Rotary Foundation and Motive-Action. When compared to Stampede Breakfast and Strawberry Shortcakes less than full member participation is required.

Cherries Sale – July 2010 Chair: Chris Lee Expected revenue: \$3,000.

This committee sells 20lb boxes of fresh cherries from BC for \$80 a box, delivered. They are exceptional! All members help to promote and sell orders. Only a partial turnout is required for delivery

New Project – Dinner & Entertainment Night Chair: Chris Lee Expected revenue \$5,000.

This committee proposes to prepare and serve dinner for 150 participants and provide after dinner entertainment for \$30 – 40 per ticket. The venue would be St. Mary's Parish Hall. Date dependant on the entertainment schedule. This event would be small scale and just for members and their friends.

Club Administration Report Director Bernie Ward

The following committees come under my directorship and are primarily administrative in nature;

- Public Relations – Chair: Garfield Ganong
- Website – Chair – Bill Lawless
- Bulletin – Chair: David Williams
- Roster – Chair: Gordon Rodrigues
- Photography – Chair: Marg Henschel
- Integrity Awards – Chair: Grant Ritchie
- Conferences – Chair: Ted Valentine
- Sergeant at Arms – Chair: Ron Jones
- Foundations – Chair: Bill Quinney
- Assemblies – Chair: Helen King
- Continuity – Chair: Saadat Keshavjee

A couple of the committees have goals that are a bit unique to this year;

- Public Relations – Chair: Garfield Ganong –
- Create an awareness of club activities among club members;
- Provide PR support to fund raising and major event initiatives
- Help to create a public image conducive to membership development
- Create a crisis communication plan to help deal with emergencies
- Good progress is underway to the meeting of these goals

Website – Chair – Bill Lawless: The committee is working on a number of improvements to the website to make it more informative, attractive and useful. The intention is to make the website the main communications tool for our members & to the public. Some of these things;

- Greater use of pictures
- Distribution of bulletins via the website
- Highlighting of upcoming events
- Interactive ability

Foundations – Chair: Bill Quinney – The committee has begun its program of promoting support for both foundations. At the meetings for November the committee is setting up a table in our meeting room with signage at one end, indicating the CRCF & at the other end, the RI Foundation. There will be a committee member at each end & they will, over the course of November, they will try to speak with as many members as possible to make sure they understand the two foundations specifically & how they compliment each other as well as how they can contribute. They will also have all the necessary forms on hand to facilitate contributions to both foundations, including doing contributions by monthly deductions from bank accounts or charges to credit

Club Activities Report Director David Williams

Front Desk (House) – Chair: Kurt Schurer Each week, we have two Rotarians manning this position. Their duties are to take the money from Rotarians and visitors, mark as present those CWRC members who attend, gather the names of guests and visiting Rotarians, and provide an opportunity for anyone attending the meeting to take part in the 50/50 draw. There is also a CWRC member who is the greeter. He/she gives out name tabs, and also offers assistance, when appropriate, to visitors, guests and speakers to be teamed up with a/the relevant Rotarian.

Venue Committee– Chair: Garth Evans Members of this committee liaise with the Holiday Inn staff on an as-needed basis. They can also act as a conduit between the club members and the HI staff so that there are no misunderstandings!

Music and Song – Chair: Don Axford Unfortunately, we are without a keyboard, which means that the comforting and entertaining sound of a piano in the background has not been heard for some time. Also, the national anthem and our welcome song to visitors cannot always be guaranteed to be in key! The matter of the keyboard is under review, and it is hoped that, eventually, a keyboard will be obtained

Program – Chair: Bill Tapuska This committee has successfully arranged a top notch program of speakers, including, most recently, Ron Liepert, Ezra Levant and “Houdini”!

Christmas Party– Chair: Verneil Martin This took place on November 13 at the Calgary Golf and Country Club. Ten exchange students were in attendance. As usual, it was a great success.

Dinner Club – Chair: Denise Penner-Collins Not all CWRC Rotarians have taken part in this opportunity to gather together socially at members’ homes. But those who have seem very satisfied with their involvement.

Christmas Brunch– Chair: Bill Tapuska: This will take place on Sunday, December 20. It is a wonderful, festive gathering of over 200 CWRC Rotarians, family and friends.

Bridge Club– Chair: Joe Klassen

Club Service and Grants Report Director Bryden Horwood Calgary West's Humanitarian Contributions

Community Initiatives:

Habitat for Humanity: an ongoing project funded by operating casinos on their behalf and providing hands on volunteer support to build three homes in Calgary

Rotary Flames Partnership: supporting the partnership which has created the Rotary Flames House, a hospice for terminally ill children, and, the nearby Rotary Park, a safe and clean sanctuary for visitors and children, and the REACH program which supports the medical community in areas such as heart disease, neuroscience and bone and joint health.

Rotary Challenger Park: construction and ongoing support and funding of the park, a barrier free meeting and recreational facility that is accessible to all people.

Calgary Military Museums: providing funding for the expanded/consolidated museum in the interest of educating Calgarians about of military history.

Meals on Wheels: funded an upgrade/expansion of their food preparation facilities.

It's a Crime Not to Read: funding a program run by the Department of Education, City Libraries, Calgary Police Service, to help Children to read.

Hull Homes: funding programs for children with behavioural issues.

Salvation Army Christmas Kettles: members take their positions in the malls and ring the bell for donations.

Art a la Cart: funding for art and "Sky Window" for patients at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre

Motive Action: providing support by assisting in operation of fundraising: casinos and golf tournaments

International Projects:

Guatemala: funding and providing in partnership with other Rotary organizations, volunteer support to build classrooms, stoves and sanitary facilities.

Mexico: funding and hands on volunteer support to help build four homes in Ensenada

Columbia: funding in partnership, a clean water project for an estimated 5000 people.

Uganda: funding in partnership, a project to provide services and support of AIDS orphans and affected/infected adults through education, training and microcredit banks.

Kenya: funding equipment for the Hawkers Market Girls Centre which trains young women from the street to make them self sufficient

Ghana and Benin: funding Medic Canada to expand microcredit banks primarily for women

World: funding the Rotary International initiative to eradicate polio.

World: funding Clowns without Borders recognizing the importance of humour in the healing process.

**Youth Report - Director Bruce Taylor
Youth Exchange Chairperson – Marie Rickard**

Inbound Student: Marco Bersani from Brazil is enjoying his time in Canada. He will be moving to his second host family in December. Later in the year he will be hosted by our President Elect and President.

Outbound Student Emily Cadman, is in a small town close to Paris, France. For updates see: emilycadman.blogspot.com Our 2010-2011 outbound exchange is Andrea Barr.

Emily Hallorin
Outbound 2008-09
Brazil

Valerie Launer
Inbound 2008-09
Switzerland

Emily Cadman
Outbound 2009-10
France

Marco Bersani
Inbound 2009-10
Brazil



School Partnership Chairperson – Walter Krawciw

A Poster Contest will be run at Central Memorial High School to introduce our youth programs. The posters will be designed by the students and invite students in grades 10 to 12 to participate in Ryla, Rypen, Student Exchange, Adventure in Citizenship and the Four Way test. It will indicate the objective of each, the month when each program will be held, how many students will be selected for each program and who and when they should apply. It will show the Rotary wheel, pictures of students participating, be about 12X16 inches in size, colorful and be eye catching. It will direct the applicant to the vice principals office for more info and application forms.

RYLA/RYPEN/Adventures in Citizenship Chaired Kurt Schurer, Bruce Taylor, Saadat Keshavjee

Calgary West sent three students to the September RYPEN Camp. Plans are being made for the 2010 RYLA and RYPEN camps.

It's A Crime Not to Read Chairperson – Chuck Morrison

Funding has been presented. A report will be provided to the committee so we can follow up with and inform the board on the use of funds. \

Four-Way Speech Contest – Chairperson – Carolyn Christison

This year the contest will be staged in the Spring of 2010. \

1. Introduction

Karl

The nominating committee for the replacement of the three directors and one officer that will have completed their terms June 30, 2011, was confirmed by your board and was chaired by Sa'adat with Stan Beveridge and myself as the other members of the committee. The President Elect Nominee selection committee was chaired by past president Lynne with all of the Club Past Presidents as members of the committee.

Those Directors and Officers who are now completing their terms are, and I would ask them to please stand up when introduced include;

1. Past President Lynne Thornton
2. Stan Beveridge
3. David Williams
4. Bruce Taylor
5. and Secretary Ron Morrison

Thanks to each of you for all of your hard work both during my term as Club President and your continued hard work as part of Lynne's Board. Remaining on the Board for the remainder of this year to the end the 2010 – 2011 year are: - please stand as I announce your names:

Des DeFreitas - Treasurer
Ron Brookes
Bernie Ward
Bryden Horwood

Thank you for all of your continued hard work

I would like to now turn it over to President Elect Sa'adat to present the slate of members nominated for election as Directors and Officers for a two-year term starting July 1, 2010.

Sa'adat

Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the Nominations Committee it is my privilege to nominate the new members who have agreed to let their names stand for election to the Board of Directors...but before I do that I would like to say that - in an organization in which the president changes every year - the importance of good continuity can't be overstated so - thank you Des DeFreitas – Treasurer Ron Brookes, Bernie Ward, and Bryden Horwood for staying on for your second year, and thank you President Karl and Past President Lynne for all your help to-date.

In accordance with our bylaws:

On November 6, at a regular meeting held one month prior to today's meeting, we invited Calgary West members to be nominated for positions on the board. Members were to inform the nominating committee of their interest to serve. A follow-up email notice was also sent out to all members on November 8. The nominating committee (consisting of the President-elect, the immediate Past President, and one director who then serving the second year of his or her term) received a number of nominations and is now pleased to present a full slate of nominees for directorships for the years 2011-13.

The nomination committee now moves **Frank Burns, Mike Carlin and Carolyn Christison** be elected as directors and **Brian Wintonyk** be elected secretary, for the years 2010-12.

You have heard the motion. All those in favor of the nominated slate please raise your hands. The motion passes. **Frank Burns, Mike Carlin and Carolyn Christison** and **Brian Wintonyk** – would you stand please –and accept our thanks and congratulations! I look forward to working with you and the other directors in the very near future.

Thank you everyone

3. President Elect Nominee 2010-2011

Lynne

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that **Grant Ritchie** has accepted the nomination as President Elect Nominee and will be president for the 2011-2012 Rotary year.