

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

The Weekly WESTERNER

Box 4572, Station C, Calgary, Alberta T2T 5N3, La Joie de Vivre, Fridays 12:15 pm

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At our club meeting at La Joie De Vivre in Inglewood n this warm and overcast Friday, **President Lynne Thornton** in a beautiful black suit (with hat) called the last meeting to order at 12.15 pm.

Today's singing of 'O Canada' to the music of **Don Axford** seemed a bit low key and it was remarked that we need to add some enthusiasm to our singing. The piano was great, the singing was not!

On the head table today with President Lynne Thornton were keynote speaker **Albert Jacobs, Ron Jones, Ron Brookes, President-elect Karl Herzog** and **Past-president Des DeFreitas**.

Chris Davis introduced our eleven guest from as far away as Wales and as close at Calgary South.

Dinner was enjoyable: ham, vegetables, potatoes, seafood soup and salads.

Announcements and Acknowledgements

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT'S REPORT: **Valerie**, our in-bound student from Switzerland, reported on her movements for the last week. She was at West Edmonton Mall, then snow boarding at Canada Olympic Park and then on to a musical called "Musical Hairspray". She moved from the Herzogs to the Rickards for her next season of stay. Please remember to include Valerie in your family events.

CHANGE OF VENUE COMMITTEE: Karl Herzog reported that the committee is hard at work and has brought the list down to four possible venues - the Holiday in on McLeod, the Danish Canadian Club, the Carriage House and the Joie De Vivre - and will report once they have meal-tested the Holiday Inn on McLeod and 42nd Avenue next week.

Sergeant-at-Arms Ted Valentine did a great job of fining those who were ready for Christmas and then... those who were not! Happy bucks: He celebrated his 50th Anniversary (Congrats Shirley and Ted)

GUEST SPEAKER TALKS ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING

Engineer Ron Jones introduced geologist Albert Jacobs, who hails from Holland, and was educated at the University of Amsterdam. Jacobs and a few friends have established a Friends of Science society.

Albert spoke about his views on global warming and provided an in-depth study of his findings.

Some of the highlights:

- Climatology is not a science. It is an amalgam of various sciences, many of whom do not talk to each other. Hence it provides a polarized viewpoint on this subject.
- The IPCC's mandate is to "Investigate the human cause of climate change" and he believes that climate change is not affected by human causes but by natural causes.
- He showed graphs of the ice age and the global warming aptters over the last 18,000 years showing that the world has gone through greater periods of both global cooling and global warming and this age is not the only nor the worst but a phenomenon that occurs cyclically.
- There is no mean global temperature measurement. This is created by measuring temperatures at various stations in civilized (urbanized) areas and that a large proportion of the world mass is comprised of water and deserts, so the measurement is really not realistic.
- Urban areas produce more heat than rural and **ram** areas by their very nature. There is often as much as a ten degree difference between an inner city weather measurement and one at a rural or outlying point (such as at an airport).
- He then showed us the graph of weather patterns over the past 400,000 years also demonstrating that there are highs and lows and this has been a cyclical pattern.
- Carbon dioxide emissions follow the temperature highs by up to eight hundred years later and do not necessarily show up immediately, so the correlation between emission and global temperatures is not direct and immediate.
- The "hockey stick" graph of global warming may have been flawed by the processing, the parties and the data as demonstrated by experts.
- There is a connection between cosmic rays and the formation of clouds.

CONCLUSION:

The presentation was very detailed and involved many graphs and empirical evidence to build his case. He concluded that global warming is a natural event and not man-made!

Ron Brookes thanked the speaker and presented him with a Boltman gift.

Mr Jacobs very kindly stayed on to answer questions.

Next Meetings:

December 12th will be a family event with the children reciting Christmas carols. This meeting will also elect and announce the new officers of our Club for the year 2010. Partners are invited to attend.

December 19th, we meet at the Holiday Inn on McLeod Trail at 42nd Avenue

There will be no meetings on December 26th and January 2nd, 2009.

The meeting ended at 1.30 pm.