

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

The Weekly WESTERNER

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It's heart warming to see the plethora of activity in our club before each meeting; late comers sure miss a lot of the action.

Marnie Cardell ran the reception desk, pleasantly and efficiently. **Kurt Schurer** hovered around helping with the set up. **David Williams** was Mr. Hospitality, handing out badges.

Bob Kerr was observed buying a draft of McGuinness for **Ted Valentine**. Rumour has it that both became octogenarians this month and the older had to buy; Bob beating out Ted by at least a week. Ted remains in training for his annual 10K run in April. Claims it will be his last. We'll see!

Computer whiz **Jim Willson** loaded up the latest club news for viewing on the screen. What a great addition that has been to the club's communication.

Karl Herzog, happy to be back after four weeks away from his presidential duties, was seen tidying up last minute head table arrangements in preparation for the DG's visit.

The Stampede Parade Committee is already organizing for our big pancake extravaganza in July and with **Helen and Laurence King, Mike Carlin, Crawford Caswell** and **Kurt Schurer** huddling around a table making preparations, we know it will be another huge success.

Bryden Horwood was seen hobbling around with a cane! Claimed it was the result of hitting too many golf balls in practice. Sometimes taking lessons is the worst thing one can do! Bryden's too young for the Seniors Tour anyways.

Don Alexander momentarily left the building in a hurry. It seems like he had a senior moment, locked the keys in his truck and had to rely on AMA Emergency service to break into his vehicle. When last seen, he was agonizing about whether to tell Barb.

The pins on the jacket of exchange student **Marco** seem to be exponentially growing in number by the week. Must weight a ton by now. Hope his back holds up!

Newest repeat member, **David Marshall**, fits right in to the pre-meeting activity, just like he never left.

Chuck Morrison, with the sergeant-at-arms mantle about his neck, was seen skulking about, getting the “goods” on unsuspecting Rotarians.

Rare but welcome visitor, **PDG Bill Gillott** of the Calgary Club came as a guest of **Stan Cichon**, no doubt to plan some District event.

President Karl “rang” the meeting to order right on time, welcomed our visitors and guests to our club where our vision is “An improved world, one project at a time”. Karl allowed as how it was great to be back after his trip to Guatemala where our school building is having a tremendous impact on the education of children in the rural area of that country. He went on to remind us that February 23 is the 105th birthday of Rotary.

After the Anthem, **Larry Doyle** offered the invocation. We were all greatly impressed by his poetic eloquence until half way through, he couldn’t read his writing and after a pause ad-libbed to recover nicely, to the amusement of all there. Good thing God has a sense of humour!

Thereafter the meal followed with salads, pasta and chicken. As a club, we’re finally getting the hang of this buffet bit. No more chaotic scrambles. But then again, maybe it’s the threat of major fines by the sergeant-at-arms.

Karl thanked the HI staff and introduced the head table featuring Ted Valentine, two Steves, District Governor **Steve Allen** and **Steve Rickard** and on the other side, two Jims, **Willson** and **Barnes**.

David Williams introduced eight visitors and guests followed by a rousing singing welcome by our club members.

Our attendance looked like seven tables of eight plus the head table, about 60.

Dan Doherty filled us in on the trip to Mexico next week with a number of club members and 10 kids cancer survivors to build two houses for families in Ensenada. More to come on this in a special presentation at a meeting in May.

Marco brought us up to date on his activities including being late for “Strawberry Shortcakes” and his first crack at ice skating.

Bernie Ward still has 2 tickets left for the Integrity Awards at Stage West on March 1. Our candidate is Ann Price. **See at the end of this bulletin for further details concerning Dr Price.**

Ron Brookes reported on a successful Strawberry Shortcake event: 3200 cakes delivered for a profit of \$11,000. He singled out Rotarians who helped: printing, Jim Willson; media, **Duncan Stanners/Pauline Evans**; Co-op contact, **Kurt Schurer**; orders, **Klassen/Rodrigues/Henschel**; banker, Ron Brookes; delivery, Bernie Ward; boxes, **Crawford Caswell**; promo, Chuck Morrison; plus 43 teams of deliverers. Thank you all!

Two Larry’s won the raffles, 50/50 for \$24 by Laurence King and two tickets to the auto show by Larry Doyle. Congratulations!

Sergeant-at-arms Chuck Morrison, after setting everyone at ease by announcing no fines, went on to give a “pass” to Rodrigues, Tapuska and Brookes for reasons not explained, but followed up by fining the tables of Cichon, Doherty and Doyle for various and sundry offences. Good haul for the president’s fund.

A happy \$20 from Ron Jones whose grandson is safe off the coast of Brazil when the tall ship he was on, sank. Another happy \$10 from Dave Marshall whose granddaughter survived a serious accident with no permanent damage.

Guest Speaker

DG Steve Allen was introduced by Steve Rickard.

Our DG has a 40-year career as a chartered accountant. He’s been active in voluntary work in Calgary at the Stampede, president of Calgary Rotary Club, director of Calgary Foundation, Calgary Zoological Society, Scouts Canada and in 2006 was honoured as Calgary’s citizen of the year.

DG Steve met with our board in November, but, because of a conflict in scheduling, was unable to meet with our members until today. Ours is his last club meeting in the District and Steve’s presentation was obviously well rehearsed.

He spoke of some of his experiences in Rotary.

Why did we become Rotarians? Because someone asked us!

He regarded it as an honour and privilege to be invited. He quickly learned that expectations of business contacts quickly went to the back burner in favour of opportunities to be of service along with fellowship.

Attendance was a real challenge, but rewarding, if the effort is made. There is a sense of energy in every Rotary meeting

There is a diversity among members with different backgrounds of business, professional and not for profits. Women in Rotary have made a huge impact on the clubs’ energy.

The power of Rotary is amazing: 1.25 million Rotarians meet each week throughout the world.

Our values bring us together: values of hospitality, commitment to community and commitment to integrity. The values of Rotary are best illustrated by the Four-Way Test. Nowhere is there a better statement of ethical conduct. Rotarians throughout the world are comfortable with each other because of these values.

The Four-Way Test and these shared values are even more important today than when the test was developed in 1933.

We have very good reason to have pride in Rotary.

Polio Plus and its objective to eradicate polio throughout the world, is recognized by Gates Foundation which is providing \$350 million in addition to the \$250 million given by Rotary.

The Rotary Foundation is rated 2nd in the world for its focus on water, health and hunger and literacy.

Our club, Calgary West, has many “incredible” projects in Guatemala and Ensenada.

DG Steve concluded by appealing top members to reach out to other people with similar values to join Rotary to continue the great work so that Rotary will survive and thrive.

Ted Valentine thanked DG Steve for an “outstanding” job and stated that all Rotarians in the District are indebted to him for his leadership.

Ted concluded by presenting a pair of tickets to the 2010 Auto Show to Steve but then relented and dug out a Boltman as well.

Karl finished of the meeting by announcing next week’s program

End of Story!

Coming Events

February 26	Christian Cormier – Public Engagement Consultant, West LRT
March 5	Roland George – National Energy Board
March 12	Cpl Bill Hamilton and Targo – RCMP Canine Division
March 19	City of Calgary Alderman, Jim Stevenson – the Airport Tunnel
March 26	Sherri Zickafoose – Calgary Herald Crime Beat
April 2	Good Friday – No Meeting
April 9	Exchange Students – Marco and Andrea

Anne Price

Dr Anne Price has been CEO of the Calgary Learning Centre since 1996. She is a leader in education promoting lifelong learning, especially for those with learning disabilities. With a PhD in Educational Psychology (Special Education) and several years as a committed advocate of learning, Anne has developed many resources for parents, counselors and educators and is a passionate supporter of educators in training. Anne participates in several community initiatives such as the Learning Disabilities Stakeholders Group (Chair), United Way Children's Initiative and Advisory Committee to the Faculty of Education (U of C).

Anne is well known for her compassion for learners and for her staff at the Learning Centre. “Her focus is on what the learner requires to be successful.” Over the years she has supported the design and implementation of adult learning programs including Parenting the AD/HD Child, Partners for Learning, and Life Strategies for Adults with Attention Difficulties.

In the words of another supporter, “Dr. Price's role as chief prompter, facilitator, teacher, guide and critical advisor is acknowledged and appreciated by all who work with her. Her inquiring questions, encouragement, support and modeling help to build the learning and leadership capacity of all who aspire to become master teachers, competent parents and effective leaders.” Anne's leadership will be celebrated with this award.