

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

The Weekly WESTERNER

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Our wandering president was back and full of compliments. – yes, **Karl** was back in the saddle. Along for the ride at the head table were: **Joe Klassen** –who won a trip to Italy on a 50/50 type draw whilst holidaying in Florida; **Janet Slemko**, in the suit – no bolo tie, **Past President Bob Kerr**; long time member and past president **Clarence Buckley**, and finally **Christian Cormier** – City of Calgary publicist on the west LRT.

Does he need a metronome – well?! **Don Axford** led the national anthem *O Canada*.

Jim Barnes gave the invocation and **Brent Barootes** was the sergeant-at-arms – nuff said.

Prior to lunch I was speaking with **Helen King** about the Stampede Parade breakfast. I volunteered to serve beans. Helen gave a pitch for volunteers at the meeting. She also said some tickets have already been sold and that **Marg** (where is she this month?) **Henschel** was in charge of tickets.

Wandering Rotarians

A batch of Rotary club banners were presented by **Mike French**. Mike was in Uganda visiting projects undertaken by our district.

Sitting with **Steve and Marie Rickard** at lunch I learned they are off to Liberia, then Kenya, then Malawi, then Nairobi – yep, Kenya on a Microcredit check. Our district has raised almost \$100,000 for this project and we need a wrap up of donations.

There was some speculation that a certain cleric was bound for India sooner than later. Which brings us back to Marg Henschel – where is she now?

Ted Valentine paid tribute to the February birthdays, including his own. **Sam Switzer** was taken to Vegas by his family – at age 83. Bob Kerr – wearing a suit - was 80. Overheard in passing is the suggestion that Bob is retiring from the law. I wonder if that means he is stopping his running.

50/50 Draw: Janet Slemko won \$42.50.

Jim Barnes introduced visitors and guests and the welcome song was sung very, very well!

District Conference at Banff is on May 28-30.

International Convention is in Montreal, June 20-23.

March 1st St. David's Day – OK David.

Duncan Stanners spoke of his visit to San Francisco and the Rotary club.

Guest Speaker

Bob Kerr introduced our speaker, Christian Cormier. Christian is a graduate of the University of Montreal and holds a masters degree from the University of Paris.

If you want to skip my brief summary just go to www.WestLRT.ca and you will find the full story.

The West LRT will be eight kilometers long, with six stations. It will run underground and be elevated. Since 2006, there have been 120 meetings to explain the process and receive feedback. The contract was issued to SNC Lavalin in 2009. Completion date will be 2012. Until then if you wish to go or to come from the west, make plans.

Christian told us that there will be delays and problems: stops at Sunalta; elevated 26th Street station; Shaganappi Golf course, south side; Westbrook station; 45th Street station; AMA. Sirocco – 450 parking stalls and 69th Street Station. And Mayor Bronconnier won't cut the ribbon.

Householder info delivered to 50,000 households in the catchment area. Your best bet for information is www.WestLRT.ca.

So get ready folks the work has begun. Where is Mount Royal University anyway?

Janet Slemko gave the thanks of the club and presented the Boltman.

Coming Events

March 1	St David's Day (Dydd Dewi Sant)
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
April 16	Janice Eisenhower – Women and Education in Afghanistan
April 23	Peter Fleck – Stamp Collecting and Trading
Wednesday, April 28	Club Assembly at the Holiday Inn. Meeting begins at 5.45 pm
April 30	No meeting.