

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

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President-Elect **Sa'adat Keshavjee**, filling in for President **Karl** who is in Guatemala with the rest of our entourage, called the meeting to order at 12:15. Sa'adat, reminded us that it is a great Friday in Calgary and if you believe the news, "We are out of the economic doldrums". Our guest speaker, **Dr. Bob Schulz**, will tell us the real story. We are three weeks away from the start of the Olympic Games in Vancouver and three weeks away from our annual delivery of our famous strawberry shortcakes for Valentine's Day. Keep selling!!

Des DeFreitas led us in the singing of the national anthem and **Ted Valentine** 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, with a choice of liver or roast pork, lots of veggies and second guessing our head count very accurately.

Sa'adat called us back to the meeting sharply at 12:40 and introduced the head table guests. Seated on his left were **Dan Doherty** to thank the guest speaker; Dan has been a member of Calgary West since 1982 and has been a very active and involved member. Next to Dan was our speaker, Dr Bob Schulz and beside him was **Mike Carlin**, who introduced Dr. Schulz. Keeping Sa'adat company on the other side of the head table were **Clarence Buckley**, a member since 1968; we all know of Clarence's work in the club. Beside Clarence was **Marnie Cardell**, one of our new members.

Marnie Cardell introduced our visitors and guests and Des led us in the singing of our welcome song.

Bob Kerr was looking very resplendent in his kilt.

Our guest speaker drew Sam Kamel (Verneil's and Doug's friend) name as the lucky winner of the 50/50 draw.

Announcements

Chuck Morrison reported that **Lynne Thornton** is doing well after her knee surgery and that **Bob Hamshaw** was hoping that she would be coming home that afternoon.

President Karl asked Sa'adat to pass on that our club was not sending money to Haiti, but asked us to examine the Rotary District Plan and channel our plans accordingly.

Roy Thurm thanked all those that brought in warm socks, mittens etc for the Alpha House.

Ted Valentine asked us to join in singing Happy Birthday to **Helen King** who had **Lawrence** and her daughter to help her celebrate. He then apologized to **Bill Quinney** for not including him, but Bill said that his big day was still a week away.

Brent Barootes gave us a brief presentation and update on the Rotary/Flames Partnership. Over the past five years they have met their goal of raising \$10MM and the money has gone to the community to help Health and Wellness, Minor Sports and Recreation, Homelessness, Poverty, Education, Arts and Culture, Seniors Housing and Care.

The present plan is to embark on a new five-year plan to raise another \$10MM. Brent then presented our club's ideas on where to put the money. These include Calgary Science Centre, Heritage Park, Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary, Sports Complex, Homeless Housing with the Mustard Seed, Kirby Centre for Seniors, Cantos Music Centre, Challenger Park, City Park/Green Space in the East Side, medical testing vans for Breast Cancer and Prostrate Cancer for outlying areas. Any other ideas would be welcomed.

All the clubs will be presenting their ideas.

Guest Speaker

Mike Carlin then introduced our guest speaker, Dr Bob Schulz, who is a professor with the Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary, where he has taught since 1973. He is referred to as "Dr Bob" by his students. Dr. Bob has received 21 awards for outstanding teaching, including "Top 10" from among 39,000 professors across Canada.

For his outstanding service, he was selected as the first recipient of the Order of the University of Calgary. He holds four degrees including an Engineering degree from Notre Dame and a PhD in Business Administration from the Ohio State University. He has is on several boards involved with long term planning. Mike asked us to welcome Bob and enjoy his presentation on business in the year ahead.

Dr. Schulz passed out summaries of his presentation for us to follow and review at our leisure. Your scribes will only present the highlights and if any one wants a copy we have it in PDF form and can send it to you.

1. 2010 fits into decade(s) long trends, including look-backs – who knows what will happen and near misses.
2. 2010 – the year ahead – a continuation of the trends that we have seen in the past
3. We are already here with several of the trends
4. Start of new trends
5. Short run – 1 year forecasts –
 - oil at US\$80.00 per barrel due to economic growth in China and India
 - natural gas at C\$5.50 due to weaknesses in the US shale gas and Canadian Montney Play
 - \$C close to par with \$US
 - Calgary economy about level but with high downtown office vacancies
 - Greater purchase of energy assets by the Chinese, Middle East and Europe
 - Provincial budget shortfall of between 7 – 9 B\$
 - increased corporate stress due to all the new reporting requirements

There were several questions that Dr. Bob tried to answer.

Dan Doherty thanked Dr Schulz and presented him with our Boltman. Dan said that Dr. Bob still shows the same enthusiasm energy that he did when Dan first met him in 1974.

Sa'adat closed the meeting with the following: "As January is Rotary Awareness month, what have each of us done to create an awareness of Rotary in our community?"

Coming Events

January 29	Bishop Fred Henry – Homelessness in Calgary
February 5	Bruce Dowbiggen – Globe and Mail, and Fan 960 Meeting at the Danish Canadian Club. Chaired by Past DG – Steve Richard
February 12	No Meeting
February 19	District Governor 5360 – Steve Allen
February 26	TBA
March 5	Roland George – National Energy Board

An Update on the Rotary - Flames Partnership

This initiative is the second phase of an already completed project. As you are aware, an initiative lead by the Flames Foundation for Life and the Rotary Clubs of Calgary spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Calgary, the Rotary Club of Calgary South and our Club provided \$10 million of funding to local projects in the past five years. Such outcomes were the Rotary Flames Children's Hospice, Rotary – Flames Garden at Ronald McDonald House and other worthy causes.

It is the intention of the partnership to do this again. The goal again will be to raise and give back \$10 million to the southern Alberta community by Rotary and Flames Foundation for Life. The project scope geographic area will be southern Alberta and all Clubs in the district have been asked to consider worthy causes to benefit. The overall Flames – Rotary committee have agreed that the next undertaking of \$10M over 5 years should be allocated to projects that fit into at least one of the following categories:

- Minor Sports and Recreation
- Health and Wellness
- Homelessness and Poverty
- Education
- Arts and Culture
- Seniors Housing and Care

As a Club we are proposing the following concepts be considered as possible opportunities and are looking for your feedback and input as members of our Club before we propose these opportunities. This does not mean that one of these projects will be funded, just that these would be the projects we would undertake to get information on and present to the overall Committee as suggestions specifically from our Club.

- Calgary Science Centre
- Heritage Park
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary
- A field house / indoor track fitness complex

- Homeless Housing Project with Mustard Seed
- Kerby Centre for Seniors support
- Challenger Park
- Cantos - National Music Centre
- City Park / Green Space in East Village - Calgary Parks Foundation
- Medical testing vans (2) that will visit communities across Southern Alberta for screening for Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer - Prostate Cancer Institute and Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation

If you have thoughts, input, concerns or other project considerations please bring verbally, by email or in writing, to Ted Valentine (ted@valentinevolvo.com) or Brent Barootes (brent@partnershipgroup.ca) prior to February 8, 2010.