

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

# The Weekly WESTERNER

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Holiday Inn, McLeod Trail, Fridays 12:15 pm

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Was there a head table? Not in the conventional sense. Prior to the luncheon, we were entertained by **Milo – Bonnie Baldwin, son Ben and Jordan**. The Holiday Inn staff was busy setting up more chairs as our numbers were huge by 11:45. Home from San Antonio, Texas was **Tara Atwell**, daughter of **President Karl Herzog**. (Not too long ago, I was privileged to do Tara's and husband Michael's wedding at the Palliser.) Lots and lots of partners with sparkling eyes and stylish clothes. The Stampede Royalty was present.

The national anthem was sung accompanied by himself on the electric piano provided by **Sa'adat Keshavjee**.

**Clarence Buckley** did the grace, which is given, in full, below.

As you know, Canada has recently lost two more of its brave soldiers in Afghanistan, trying to bring freedom to those who have none. In the midst of our Stampede festivities and laughter and celebrations, can we take a few seconds of silence to honor them and pray for their families in their time of grief, each in our own way. Thank you.

As the invocation for today's luncheon, I've chosen a prayer from the pen of Bob Edwards, an outspoken journalist who edited the "Eye Opener" from High River, starting March 4, 1902.

Lord, let me keep a straight way in the path of honor; and a straight face in the presence of solemn asses; let me not truckle to the high, nor bulldoze the low; let me frolic with the Jack and the Joker and now and then win the game; lead me unto truth and beauty and tell me her name; keep me sane but not too sane; let me condemn no man because of his grammar, and no woman because of her morals, neither being responsible for either. Preserve my sense of honor and value and proportions. Let me be healthy while I live, but not live too long. Which is about all for today, Lord.

Oh, maybe one more thing:

Now I sit me down to eat,

I pray the Lord I will not cheat,

If I should reach for cake or bread,

Please guide my hand to beef instead.

Amen.

**Stan Cichon** introduced the table match-ups and chose who went to dinner in his right order.

The welcome song was sung, led by **Des DeFreitas**.

It is a tradition in Calgary to honour dignitaries with a special White Hat ceremony. We at Calgary West have our own traditions dating back to our charter night some 42 years ago. One specific tradition is our logo. It features a fearless, handsome hat-wearing cowboy riding a wild bucking bronco. Karl, as our 42<sup>nd</sup> president, you now become the guardian and epitome of the spirit of Calgary West. At this time we would like to charge you with this monstrous, solemn and sacred responsibility.

Karl, please come to the centre of the circle and of course bring Cindy too. Also would Stampede Queen **Kerri Williamson** join us in the circle. Karl, your programme committee has gone to great expense to ensure the authenticity of this ceremony with particular attention and detail to the artefacts of history.

Queen Kerry led Karl in his pledge.

“I, Karl Herzog, having been elected as the new president of the only genuine Western Rotary Club in Calgary, namely Calgary West, and having been duly treated to exceptional amounts of heart warmin’ hand shakin’ , tongue loosenin’, back-slappin’, neighbour lovin’ Western Spirit, do solemnly promise to spread this here brand of hospitality to all folks and critters who cross my trail during this Rotary year.”

On the count of three, we all raised our hats and yelled “Yahoo!”

Queen Kerri and the princesses led all in the 1,2,3, Yahoo Salute.

Oh, and Karl fell off his hobby horse before the swearing in! (You had to be there to understand!)

#### THE ROYALTY

**Tara Sergerie** and Kerri Williamson grew up competing against each other in 4-H and are now attending Mount Royal nursing.

Tara also knows co-princess **Kateri Cowley**, because of their work as horse wranglers and stunt doubles on the Alberta-shot series “Heartland”.

Kateri works as a horse trainer on the ranch where she was born and raised.

**Nikkole Heavy Shields**, a Blackfoot Indian from Southern Alberta, works as a youth and family support worker at Awo Taan Native Healing Lodge. Next year, she plans to pursue social work in Medicine Hat, where she hopes to play college basketball.

Nikkole told the writer that she attended a Rotary camp in Medicine Hat for which she is grateful.

Milo had two CDs at each table and sold them for \$5. **David Williams** collected the money for them. Good for you guy!

The very well known **Wayne Ronstad** of “On the Road Again”, a 20-year TV hit, entertained us royally. He had Karl, **Cindy** and the daughters reeling with laughter. A masterful entertainer, Wayne had us clapping and singing along. Many plugs were given to the Irish aviator from Calgary South who seemed

to host Wayne. The Irish aviator also mentioned to your scribe that he wanted to thank the Calgary West guys who sold Dream Home Tickets – me too.

The 50/50 draw was \$40, and **Crawford Caswell** won.

The line dancing demo and class was led by **Marlene Doherty**. Now I have seen Marlene and **Dan** jive – they are excellent. Butttttt, **Helen King** and Dan seemed a tad out of synch. But may I say **Pauline Evans** and grand daughters, **Felicity and Grace Evans**, were having a hoot.

There was a sweet rendition of “You are my Sunshine” which Tara Herzog really did not want to sing. “You are my Sunshine” is a favourite song of our own **Marmie Hess**. But, for Marmie, it is the ski hill which she used to clamber up and then ski down. And there were no chair lifts – no roads, no buses - just sheer courage.

Oh, and **Tim Anderson** won a free CD.

It was a great non-meeting, filled with good humour, great entertainment and Stampede royalty.

### **July 23 – Motive Action Golf Tourney.**

And your scribe says; Yahoo! Pardners! Toodles.

July 17	Steve Shroul: Changing Reading Habits of Young Adults
July 24	Gerry Meek: Director, Calgary Public Library
July 31	Angela Knight and Dariel Bateman: “Calgary Reads”
August 7	Rockyview Hospital: Grief Counselling
August 14	Two Exchange Students: one inbound and one outbound
August 21	Membership Growth: Club Program
August 28	Mayor Victor Perez: Uspantan, Guatemala

Our exchange student to Brazil, Emily Rose, has a blog site: <http://Emily-exchange-to-brasil.blogspot.com>. If you just click on this Website address, you will go straight to it. Marie Rickard has told me that Emily updates this site regularly, so please visit it every so often.