

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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The sun was finally shining and the buzz in the room was happy: to see everyone, and we were in for an interesting speaker.

**President Karl Herzog** was patient as he waited for us all to settle down a bit before greeting everyone and starting the meeting. **Des DeFreitas** did the honours leading us in *O Canada*, and **Larry Doyle** gave a very fitting invocation. **Ted Valentine**, as sergeant-at-arms, directed the tables to the lunch buffet of assorted rolls, salads, pickled beets, steamed spinach, mushrooms, noodles and chicken in a marinara sauce. Very nice!

President Karl's head table was loaded and there wasn't a drop on liquor to be seen. He introduced **Bryden Horwood, Rick McIver, Tim Anderson, Ron Brooks, and Brian Stalwick.**

**Bill Lawless** introduced visitors and guests, including **Mike Pyldych**, a former member of our club, and **Sue and Paul LaFrance**, who are catching up with family and friends before returning to their boat and the life on the water they are enjoying and obviously thriving on, as they look hale and hearty.

**Stampede Parade Breakfast** is a roaring success already with over 700 tickets sold. **Helen King**, chairman of the event, announced we need more volunteers to work. In fact, we need everyone in the club to be there to help. This is a major fund raiser for us and we need all able-bodied folks to turn up at 6AM with a big smile on their faces. Family and friends are welcome to work, too. Please call Helen with any additional people to add to the fun.

**Marie Rickard** reported that the **Partners' Coffee Party**, held at the Rickard home, was a success. It was so nice to see some of the faces we don't see all that often. The buzz was plenty, with lots of smiles as we all caught up over a cup of coffee or tea and some delicious dainties and fruit. It was a terrific morning. Thanks, Marie!

It's casino time, again, and **Orlin McMillan** urged us to fill out the forms, completely, and get them back to him right after the meeting. The **Habitat for Humanity** casino is July 14 and 15, Wednesday and Thursday of Stampede.

**The President's Ball** is slated for June 26 at the Austrian Canadian Club. Tickets are on sale for a very reasonable \$65 per person. That includes a live band and a couple of bottles of wine on the table. It will be a fun evening as we say thank-you to **Karl and Cindy Herzog** for all the time and effort they have given the club this year. The venue celebrates Karl's heritage through music, food and atmosphere.

**Friday June 18 is the cut off for ticket sales**, so join us in a fun sendoff for Karl as he winds up a very successful year in the service of Rotary. **Contact Lynne Thornton or Marg Henschel soonest.**

Lynne also announced the passing of **Orlin McMillan's father, Russell**. He was 92 and sharp as a tack and playing his favorite game of bridge the day before he went to sleep and didn't wake up. As Orlin said, it's what we all want for our loved ones and for our selves. He'd had a very full life in Cold Lake, having moved there when he was the ripe old age of 12, and never had a good reason to leave. Orlin was born and raised there.

Bill Lawless proudly presented President Karl with the completed report on the **Guatemala project** where we have been building classrooms and schools. The project is still working along with the Hearts and Hands and Canmore Rotary club building stoves, more classrooms and a secondary school.

Mark July 7<sup>th</sup> on your calendars as our in-coming President Sa'adat chairs a **visioning session** at the Holiday Inn from 5:30 to about 8:30. This is an opportunity to help guide the direction of the club for the next year or so and all hands on deck would be very useful.

We had a banner exchange with the Clear Lake Club in California. They have an interesting fundraiser called a "seafood boil" where a wonderful variety of seafood is cooked all together and delivered in a great swoosh via a clean garbage can unceremoniously dumped in the middle of the table! The "boil" is lobster, crab, clams, oysters, indeed something for everyone! Sounds weird, but fun, and apparently it's a sellout every year.

**Marco** had exams last week, so didn't report, but we were treated to his grad photos, with Marco looking very debonair in the company of other very attractive exchange students of the female gender. He also celebrated his birthday in fine style with a party and fun.

We inducted a new member, and he's a natural! **Scott Leckie** is the director of Sales at the Holiday Inn and **Ted Valentine** allowed as how his classification should be "inn keeper". Scott is the kind of person who was a Rotarian before he got the pin. He's a grad of tourism and hospitality in Vancouver before setting off to Ottawa, Toronto and winding up in Calgary. Scott was hockey "coach of the year", volunteered in maximum prisons, and has been doing weekend grocery deliveries for the Kirby Centre folks. He was sponsored and introduced by President Karl. Past District Governor Ted Valentine read the charge reminding us all of the history, objectives and four way test Rotarians live by. Scott was heartily welcomed by all. It's going to be easy for him to remember the meeting place, and he'll never get wet walking from the parking lot. Ted was also hoping for the food to get increasingly better (although we don't have any complaints) and the price could go down. Always hopeful.

**Mike French** won the 50 / 50 of \$39, even though **Don Bateman** was the last man through the door and bought his usual "arm's length".

Ted Valentine wore the sergent-at-arms brass with wit and humour. He noted birthdays in June for Don Bateman, **Roy Thurm, Rick Guthrie and Steve Rickard**. We were put to the 4 Way Test as Ted wanted us to be sure to call these guys on their birthday or put up a loonie. He also called for a loonie if you were intending to vote for our guest speaker, Rick McIver, a toonie if you were not, and a toonie if you changed your mind after hearing him speak.

### **Guest Speaker**

With that, Tim Anderson introduced our guest, Alderman Rick McIver, mayoral candidate in the fall election race.

Mr. McIver has served the city for eight years as alderman and has long been touted as a candidate for the mayor's chair. He acknowledges the mayor, and all of council, are elected to serve the citizens, the tourists and business. Calgary has benefited from the recent growth but McIver feels "growth" at city hall is often used as the scapegoat for all kinds of ills, imagined or real.

"Growth must be managed so people who live here benefit from that growth." McIver also said, "Using common sense led me to occasionally say 'no', like when I said no to city hall for \$200 million for development of East Village."

His motto uses the acronym CAT for Cost control, Accountability, Transparency. In so doing, he pledges to re-vamp the budget process, manage the debt load, have an independent municipal auditor, abolish hidden taxes in the water, sewer and Enmax bills, and to communicate to the public the services the city provides. At the moment, the bureaucrats and politicians are not allowed to answer directly to the public, answers must be vetted by the PR department.

Mr. McIver answered questions on the intended route for the ring road, transparency, dealing with the Drop In Centre. He was direct in his answers, even though he knew a couple of answers wouldn't get him the vote of the person asking the question.

Bryden Horwood thanked Mr. McIver saying that although Rotary is an a-political organization, we are still very interested in politics. He thanked him for the last eight years in office as he served the community and wished him well in the future. McIver was delighted with his Boltman.

### **Coming Events**

June 18	Calgary Police Chief Rick Hanson – <b>Meeting at Danish Canadian Club</b>
June 25	Special Club Program – Turnover Friday
<b>June 26</b>	<b>President's Ball</b>
July 2	<b>No Meeting</b>
July 9	<b>Stampede Parade – Meeting on the parade route</b>
July 16	"Stampede Yahoo!" – Bonnie Baldwin, Mike Zero, Stampede queens
July 23	RYLA
July 30	Student David Gunn – Capsized tall ship survivor