

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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At this very hot, sunny Friday's club meeting at The Holiday Inn, MacLeod Trail, in the newly renovated ballroom, chaired by President **Lynne Thornton**, resplendently dressed in her black hat and outfit complete with a wheelchair (as she is convalescing after surgery), the meeting was called to order at 12.15 pm.

The meeting, attended by approximately 50 people started with "O Canada", the invocation was recited by **Chuck Morrison** and lunch of soup salads and sandwiches was served.

HEAD TABLE: Today's head table was graced by President Lynne Thornton, **Robyn Braley**, **Robyn Jackson**, **Bill Tapuska**, **Chuck Morrison**, **Emile Lemire** (of L'Arche)

David Williams introduced our seven guests which included our own **Fred Scott** visiting from British Columbia.

Announcements and acknowledgements

The Stampede Parade, July 3rd, 2009, is going to be hit. **Helen King** announced that the volunteer roster needs to be filled and we are now seeking sale of tickets at \$37 each. If each member would sell ten tickets we would be sold out. Please rush in with your monies to Helen. Time is running out!

President's Western Party at Springbank on Friday, June 26th, 2009 is the party in honour of our outgoing president, Lynne Thornton. Tickets are \$60 each. This is one event that must not be missed! Please see **Helen King** for tickets. Hope to see y'all there. It has a western theme, with cocktails at 6.00 pm.

Dutch auction by Banker Mike Carlin of a jar of last year's cherries in Courvoisier was won by suntanned **Paul LaFrance**. (Yes, he is back after sailing in the Caribbean for half a year!)

All-Rotary Clubs Meting for Stampede outing of beef and beans at Fort Calgary July 7th, 2009. **Karl Herzog** reported that the Calgary clubs have decided to do this as an annual bash and the entertainment will be with the Young Canadians. This will be a wonderful event and an opportunity to

meet other Rotarians. Tickets are \$30. This will NOT be a make up meeting as we have our own western meeting on Friday the 10th of July.

Valerie's Diary: Our exchange student Valerie (from St Moritz, Switzerland) reported that she played golf several times with **Larry Doyle**, went to a week long excursion with eighteen other exchange students into the mountains and attended school for her last three days. She is now done with school and into her last month with us.

50-50 Draw: Won by **Grant Ritchie**.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Brent Barootes did a splendid job of fining people for everything from having too many women at a table, to being too involved in board discussion, to not having bought a ticket (yet) for the Parade breakfast, to **Don Bateman** winning too many 50-50s; to **Garth Evans** complaining about the economy and the dynamics of business; to **Ed Aboussafy** not having brought his Starbucks coffee in this afternoon (he finished it in the car earlier!); to **Garfield Ganong** golfing at Whistler, BC. **Bob Hamshaw** was fined for his complaint about the sergeant wearing no socks!. Fun was had all round and the coffers are burgeoning!

GUEST SPEAKERS ROBYN JACKSON AND EMILE LEMIRE OF L'ARCHE (THE ARK) TALK ABOUT THEIR PROGRAM IN ALBERTA

Bill Tapuska introduced Robyn Jackson, director of the L'Arche program in Calgary and one of the resident members of the program Emile Lemire.

The Highlights:

- L'Arche was established in France by a Canadian, Jean Vanier, son of our own Prime Minister Vanier when he realised the loneliness of people with developmental disabilities that need support due to challenges and loneliness.
- L'Arche has four homes in Calgary and was started here in 1962 with a first home in Midnapore. Emile was one of the first residents who now lives independently.
- Their philosophy is based on the fact that everybody has something to offer and that a mutually transformable relationship can be developed through interaction.
- They are non denominational and faith-based.
- They have international connections in four other countries, one of which is India.
- They have family-style group homes as well as a day program of recreation and they are all situated around the Chinook area of SW Calgary.
- They have 29 members and about forty support volunteers.
- They are funded (70%) through an Alberta Government grant program.
- Their members are supported for life and usually are in their twilight years.
- L'Arche is also in Edmonton and Lethbridge.

The presentation was most informative and several questions were asked by our members.

Robyn Braley thanked Robyn and Emile and presented them both with a Boltman.

Next Meetings:

Friday, June 19	Malcolm Kirk (Publisher, Calgary Herald) – The daily newspaper today
Friday, June 26	Handover Meeting – Lynne's farewell speech and the induction of President-elect Karl Herzog; also

	Scott Ackles (President Calgary Stampeders) – The Grey Cup champions
Friday, June 26	President Lynne’s grand soiree in the evening.
Friday, July 3	Stampede Parade Breakfast. NO LUNCH MEETING
Friday, July 10	Stampede theme: Bonnie Baldwin and Mike Zero – country entertainment. Appearance of the Stampede queens. BRING YOUR PARDNERS!
Friday, July 17	Steve Shroud: Changing Reading Habits of Young Adults
Friday, July 24	Gerry Meek: Director, Calgary Public Library
Friday, July 31	Angela Knight and Dariel Bateman: “Calgary Reads”

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.