

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

The Weekly WESTERNER

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Conducting the meeting from her chair, **President Lynne Thornton** was still as delightful as always. She called upon (in lieu of no piano) **Don Axford**, **Des DeFreitas** and **Ron Jones** to lead the national anthem. Then **Mike Carlin** gave the invocation, or, as **Brent Barootes** called it, grace.

Incidentally Ron Jones said that **Sharon** was home. Wow! Ain't that good news.

At the head table, there was a heavy dose of accountants: Des DeFreitas, **Larry Doyle** and guest speaker, **Suzanne Schulz** (accountants all), and **Vasile Douros** (after a long absence, but **Frances** is well), **Frank Burns** and the Prez, Lynne Thornton.

Mike French introduced visitors and guests and this was followed by the welcome song.

Out of order (in the passage of meeting), but **Don Bateman** won the 50/50 draw. After Suzanne spoke about fraud there were chants of fraud heard in the room as Don wins often!

Announcements

Ron Jones:

- (1) Rotary Challenger Park: a family fun and sports day will be held Saturday, June 20, 10 am -2 pm. RSVP, please, by June 18.
- (2) Challenger Park Golf Tournament, August 31, McKenzie Meadows. The format is Texas Scramble.

Mike French: Many builds coming for Habitat for Humanity, so please sign up. The following Website address will remind you of what is involved:

http://www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org/SpecialEdition/RotaryH4HMay30_09.pdf

Jim Barnes: World Skills Competition Sept 1-7

- World Skills is a growing international event hosted every two years around the globe. Has been active for over 30 years. The Canadian team has been picked through national competition a year ago.
- 45 Competition skill categories, Canada will enter in 38.

- 1000 competitors from 50 countries, 30 languages spoken. They will be housed on the SAIT campus while in Calgary.
- 5000 international exerts, delegates, judges and visitors.
- Stampede Park will provide 80,000 square feet of competition space, probably the largest trade type show Calgary has hosted.
- 150,000 student and public spectators. Alberta government is spending four million to transport students to this event. Calgary schools have changed their opening dates to attend.
- 55 million budget - \$13+ million from federal government, 42+ million from Alberta, and 3+ million from City of Calgary.
- Volunteers - 3000 including 300 Rotarians. Rotarians are providing information services from 10 booths. CWR has a booth. The general task is to answer questions, provide directions, be ambassadors, etc. Rotary has been given permission to promote Rotary from our booth. Calgary Rotary Clubs' objective is to promote Ryla, Rypen, Youth Exchange and maybe to attract new Rotarians and possible youth exchange host families. Volunteers will have opportunity for various free social events, will be provided with C Train passes, volunteer shirts, meals.

Limited sign up opportunity still exists - contact J. Barnes.

Bryden Horwood made a presentation of a cheque to the winner of the 2009 Rotary Peace Photo Competition, **Andrea Thain Liptak**, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Downtown Red Deer. Andrea was the winner of the division of the competition for Rotarians in District 5360 and the overall winner of the competition which included the Rotaract Club of the University of Lethbridge. The prize for each competition was \$500, so she was presented with a cheque for \$1,000. Interestingly, the photo was actually taken by her husband, **Kyle**, so Andrea said that she would be sharing the money with Kyle. As for her part of the prize, she said she would use the money for a fundraising walk for schizophrenia.

David Watson announced an information evening for potential host families.

Time: 7.00 pm, Thursday, June 11th

Where: Haysboro Community Association

This session is being promoted by District 5360 and Calgary West. We hope Sarcee, Chinook, Heritage and Fish Creek will also participate.

We need two things:

1. A strong support from our club (just to show up).
2. An audience of potential host families. Not to be signed up but just to obtain information.

Helen King: We need volunteers for the Stampede parade. Sign up sheets were circulated at the tables with at least one bearer of a sheet saying sign here. Jim Barnes asked for members to go to other Rotary clubs. **Marg Henschel** is in charge of ticket sales. Get busy – eh! I volunteered.

A \$5,500 cheque presentation was made by Marg Henschel to **Audrey Clancy**, who represented the Father Lacombe Care Centre. We provided this money so that the centre could purchase a special Hill-Rom Prime Air Mattress for a client who is in bed for 22 out of 24 hours per day. The patient (Gloria, 49), her family and the home were very pleased.

THE PRESIDENT'S SOIREE: This will be on June 26 at the Wild West Centre. Tickets are \$60 per person. Marg Henschel has tickets. The Centre is opposite Calaway Park entrance.

THE PETULANT SCRIBE: Much confusion centered on who was the scribe: Larry Doyle or his replacement Don Axford. I believe the sergeant-at-arms, **Stan Cichon**, fined the President over that item. The scribe's table went last to dinner. Tut Tut! I was so busy eating that I missed the first part of the meeting – sort of. The scribe wishes to suggest to **Bill Tapuska** that at the club assembly I admonished myself for argumentative, perhaps obnoxious, behaviour, not the members of my table. A suggestion: never confront a contrarian over opinions about - OK anything.

Guest Speaker

Suzanne Schulz was introduced by speaker Des DeFreitas and thanked by Larry Doyle.

Suzanne is a VP of KPMG Inc, graduate of the University of Lethbridge, a chartered accountant, a chartered business valuator, and a specialist in forensic and investigative accounting.

She spoke about fraud awareness. Fraud is a deliberate deceit over money or property. It is usually carried out by long term employees (aged 30-49). They are hard working people, who know what the business is about. They earn the trust of their employer and then oops! They usually feel passed over for new appointments; or have gambling addictions, or a sick family, or any other reason. The key words are: Opportunity, Motive and Rationalization.

A very interesting profile. Thanks, Suzanne.

President Lynne's closing thought

Life is still beautiful!

There is no doubt about it – Life has its ups and downs.

But no matter what, the sun still shines, flowers still bloom, and blue skies always return.

No matter what's going on in the news, there is still good news to share!

No matter what difficulties these days may bring, there are still blessings to count.

And more are headed our way.

Friday, June 12	Ms Robyn Jackson (L'Arche Calgary) – Serving people with intellectual difficulties
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 Darrell 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.