

Rotary Club of Calgary West
(Service through Fellowship)

The Weekly WESTERNER

Box 4572, Station C, Calgary, Alberta T2T 5N3, Elbow River Casino, Fridays 12:15 pm

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On this sunny-rainy Friday's club meeting at the Elbow River Casino, President **Garfield Ganong** called the meeting to order at 12.15 pm and, as usual, provided some interesting facts. This time, he highlighted the work of Past President **Stan Cichon** in chairing last week's meeting while Garfield was away. He made special mention of the successful 'Night on Broadway' last Friday where we netted over \$14,000.00 for needy causes. He specially thanked the organizers, **Joe Klassen, Ted Valentine, Margot McDermott, Mike Carlin, David Rodgers, Jim Willson, Verneil Martin, Murray Hunter, Marie Rickard** and the many others that were involved. He led us into the singing of 'O Canada' to the music of **Don Axford**. The attendance at this meeting was pretty good.

On the head table today with President Garfield were keynote speaker **Peter Young, Brent Barootes, Jim Barnes, Ted Valentine and Dan Doherty**.

Introduction of Guests: **Don Alexander** introduced our fourteen guests who included the partners of Karl Herzog and Frank Burns.

Don Bateman recited the invocation.

Dinner was sumptuous as always: Jambalaya and Perogies were on the menu

Announcements and Acknowledgements

PAUL HARRIS AWARDS FOR FRANK BURNS AND KARL HERZOG: This was a special occasion for our club. We have two new Paul Harris Fellows to join this august group of world contributors to the Rotary Foundation's wonderful work. Congratulations Frank and Karl.

CHEQUE PRESENTATION TO MUSEUM OF THE REGIMENTS: Our club donated \$10,000 to the museum this year and has committed to contribute to the museum for two more years.

PRESIDENT'S BALL: Wednesday, **JUNE 25TH, 2008**. This is a must-attend function – the event of the year for all club members and their partners. This is where we honour our outgoing president, Garfield, and first lady. **Pioneer Hall. Tickets available from Mike French.** Y'all be there!

MASHA'S MUSINGS: Masha leaves Canada next Thursday, June 12th, at about 4.00 pm. Please contact Bernie for more information about her departure. It would be great if we could see a farewell team at the airport.

NEW INBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Our new inbound will come from Switzerland early in the summer. Stay tuned for more information. If you are interested in hosting, etc, please contact **Pauline Evans**.

VIVA MEXICO! OCTOBER 16-18: Dan Doherty announced our club's plans to build two homes in Ensenada and a joint project to build a school house with the Rotary Club of Ensenada. We need about twenty people to come along. Please contact Dan for more information.

CROWCHILD CLUB EVENT: The Crowchild Club is holding a Texas hold'em tournament on June 7th. Tickets are \$100 each. The event will be held at the Stampede Casino.

THANKS TO THE CLUB: David Townsend of the Sarcee Club thanked our club for assisting with their successful art auction. They raised \$60,000.

STAMPEDE PARADE TICKETS: On Friday, July 4th, we have our annual stampede parade breakfast on the parade route. Tickets are available. Please contact **Bill Tapuska** and team.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: **Bob Kerr** managed to fine pretty well everyone today for one thing or another.

50-50: **Don Bateman** AGAIN won the prize today! It was \$44.

THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Peter Young was introduced very ably by Jim Barnes.

Peter celebrates a 30-year history in sports. He is currently President and co-founder of the Calgary Vipers Baseball team. He has had a celebrated career in sports all over North America and has worked in network television as a sports broadcaster.

Peter provided an animated talk about his career, the Vipers, the development of the team, its track record in Calgary, how the name was found and all about their escapades and his. Peter believes in having fun and is more concerned with the dynamics rather than the outcome. He explained how his philosophy is based on providing entertainment to the fans and spectators by providing "fan-friendly and affordable fun". He talked about launching a vasectomy night and a prostate cancer awareness program through their team's efforts. The speech was well received and we, too, had a fun meeting.

Brent Barootes thanked the speaker for his enlightening talk, and presented him with our world-famous Boltman.

The meeting ended at 1.30 pm.

Next Meetings:

June 13 – Art Johnson, MLA, on banning cell phone use in cars

June 20 – Calgary Soccer Association on the future of soccer in Calgary

June 27 – Classification talk by Kurt Schurer and Turnover meeting