

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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President Karl called the meeting to order at 12:15 and reminded us to once again to focus on our vision of an improved world, one project at a time. He welcomed his good friend, our guest speaker, **Roland George**, a member of the National Energy Board of Canada (NEB) who will tell us what the NEB is and its mandate to serve all Canadians.

Don Axford led us in the singing of the national anthem and **Robyn Braley** gave the invocation before we all proceeded, in an orderly fashion, to the buffet table to enjoy our lunch of baked ham and scalloped potatoes. Thanks again to the Holiday Inn and staff for their efforts in providing us with a great meal, and second guessing our head count very accurately.

Karl called us our back to the meeting sharply at 12:40 and introduced the head table guests. Seated on his left were **Bryden Horwood**, to thank the guest speaker. Next to Bryden was our speaker, Roland George and beside him was **Steve Rickard** who introduced Roland George. Keeping Karl company on the other side of the head table were **David Marshall**, officially our newest member, even though David was a member of our club several years ago. Beside David was **Des DeFreitas**, our treasurer for this year and next.

Bob Kerr introduced our visitors and guests and Des led us in the singing of our welcome song.

Our guest speaker drew **Tim Anderson's** name as the lucky winner of the 50/50 draw and **Mike French** won two tickets, compliments of **Ted Valentine**, to the auto show.

It was great to see **Garfield Ganong** getting around a little better and to see that Bryden was without his cane. **Bill Lawless** was back after their extended holiday in Texas and Arizona and Bill's trip to Guatemala.

Announcements

-**Bernie Ward** thanked the members for attending the Integrity awards and passed on our recipient's (Dr. Anne Price) thanks for nominating her.

- Bernie also used his time with the microphone to pass on the following Rotary moment: there is an excellent article in the Reader's Digest by Karen Connelly, a past exchange student to Thailand, that is excellent reading.

-Dan Doherty gave us a brief report on the house building trip to Ensenada, Mexico, where they built two homes at once. One was extra challenging as there was no power available, so everyone had to remember how to use hand tools. The 10 young people from the "The Kids Cancer Care Foundation" had a great trip and enjoyed the experience. Our own YEX student, Marco, was also on the trip.

-Dan showed off his haircut that he had done by the young lady, whose family we did the build for three years ago and sponsored to go to school. She has finished her course and now has a career.

-Bill Lawless gave us a brief report on his trip to Guatemala and promised a detailed report later. They saw three of the four schools that are part of the project and are nearing completion. He also introduced **Jan Townsend**, the NGO for the project. Jan is a member of Canmore Rotary.

-Marco thanked the club for giving him the opportunity to take part in the Ensenada project and especially **Chris Davis** for giving him the Airmile points for his trip. Marco and Chris spent a day in San Diego, which Marco really enjoyed.

Sergeant-at-Arms - Stan Cichon was very easy on us all, but most noteworthy was his significant achievement award of no fines for one year, to Ted Valentine. Ted is 80 and still running marathons.

Guest Speaker

Steve Rickard introduced our guest speaker, Roland George.

Roland is well qualified to speak to us on the economics of the petro- chemical industry as he spent 30 years in the private energy sector prior to joining the National Energy Board of Canada, or the NEB as it is commonly called.

Roland is well qualified to serve Canadians on the NEB as he holds several education credits from universities in Ottawa and a bilingual MBA from Montreal.

Steve and Karl both know Roland as an avid outdoors man, a mountain climber, road runner and trekker.

Roland thanked Steve for his warm welcome and thanked the club for inviting him to be our guest luncheon speaker. He feels that although Rotary is quite different than the NEB, we have one thing in common, public service. He said that Karl was very persuasive when asking him to speak to us: Karl told him that this would be a "piece of cake" compared to all the other things that Roland does.

Your scribes will do a brief report on Roland's 10 page talk, but, for more information about the NEB, please visit their website at www.neb.gc.ca/

He told us about the importance of energy for Canadians and the role of the NEB in making decisions in the public's interest. The role of the NEB and their mandate is to "promote safety and security, environmental protection and efficient energy infrastructure and markets in the Canadian public interest". He said that our values of truth, fairness, goodwill and friendship are very similar to the NEB's values.

The NEB was started in 1959 as an independent federal agency responsible for overseeing the construction and operation of international and interprovincial pipelines, power lines and associated tolls and tariffs and energy exports out of Canada. They are responsible for the regulatory controls in the

frontier areas and offshore in a similar manner that the Energy Utility Board monitors the energy industry in Alberta. The NEB monitors 71,000KM of pipelines and 1,400KM of power lines across Canada.

He discussed how Canada is rich in energy resources and the importance that these resources be managed responsibly and safely. Canada's oil reserves and are second only to that of Saudi Arabia. Our oil production is expected to grow from 2.7million barrels per day in 2008 to 3.8 million barrels per day in 2020. Even though our gas reserves are huge, many of these reserves are in remote areas and not available to markets. In 2008 the energy industry accounted for seven percent of Canada's GDP and 28% of the total Canadian exports.

Roland gave a detailed look at the importance of natural gas to all Canadians and the challenges that face the industry in finding and producing it now and in the future.

Bryden Horwood thanked Roland and presented him with our Boltman. Bryden reiterated that indeed Canadians are blessed to be owners of these energy resources that the NEB manages for all Canadians.

President Karl closed the meeting with the following quotation from Benjamin Franklin:

“If you would not be forgotten

“As soon as you are rotten

“Either write things worth reading or do things worth the writing.”

Coming Events

March 12	Cpl. Bill Hamilton and Targo from the RCMP Canine Division
March 19	City of Calgary Alderman – Jim Stevenson “ the Airport Tunnel”
March 26	Sherri Zickafoose – Calgary Herald Crime Beat
April 2 (Good Friday)	No meeting
April 9	Exchange Students – Marco and Andrea
April 16	Janice Eisenhower – Women and Education in Afghanistan
April 23	Peter Fleck – Stamp Collecting and Trading
April 28 (Wednesday evening)	Club Assembly at the Holiday Inn
April 30	No meeting