

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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Another fine day for Rotary. Although the crowd was small, the enthusiasm was as high as ever.

And, as always, everyone seemed busy either working or socializing and enjoying each other's company. **President Karl** started the meeting on time and introduced the head table comprising of the 'late' **Carolyn Christison, Ted Valentine, Chris Lee and Bill Tapuska**, in addition to President Karl and our guest speaker, **Mark Stephen**.

A delicious lunch was served and the staff of the Holiday Inn thanked.

**Duncan Stanners** introduced our three visitors and guests, including the young **Jen Rickard**, here to pitch for money – thankfully not Micro money!

Karl thanked the house committee for setting up at the Carriage House last week and explained that our contract with the Holiday Inn allows the Holiday Inn to bump us four Fridays each year when they have large do's on.

The next "bump" will be on June 18<sup>th</sup> when we will be at the Danish Canadian Club, at least those of you who haven't left for the International Convention in Montreal.

**Mike Carlin** announced the forthcoming new members evening on **June 8<sup>th</sup> at Karl's and Cindy's home**. The focus is on new members in the last couple of years, but, if you've been around a while and would like to learn more about Rotary, I'm sure you'd be welcome: 7 PM at 123 Riverbend Drive SE (call 403 236 3070, if you get lost). Arrive early for the best parking. Confirm attendance to **Marie Rickard** at 403 244 7463.

Remember, sponsors ensure you bring along your new member, and, if you can't remember who that is, then new members please bring along your sponsor!

Marie Rickard announced our club's annual partners do. If you, or, more importantly your partner, has never attended, then this is the time. Bigger and better than ever, with an opportunity to purchase those

early Christmas presents. This will be held at Marie's and Steve's home located at 1420 Scotland Street SW, Calgary. (Call 403 244 7463 if you get lost and to confirm attendance.)

Then it was Jen: 60 K for the Walk for Breast Cancer. Last done naively three years ago, Jen is going into it with her eyes open, and a foot bath waiting her return! The members present gave generously and, if you would like to donate, go online and find Jen's name and donate. It's a great cause and it's good to see the family of Rotary doing the walking for us.

**John Rymes** then presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to each of **Pauline and Garth Evans**. It is always gratifying to see our members supporting the Foundation and the many valuable programs it supports.

Jen Rickard then won the 50/50 and promptly donated it to her own cause – well done Jen!

Mr Nice Guy, **Stan Cichon**, was our nice guy sergeant-at-arms, today. Apparently, it was Stampede day at our club so he fined everyone not wearing red and then went on to a table quiz to do with football, causing confusion amongst the fans.

A happy buck, two actually, from Bill Tapuska to celebrate the 30 year anniversary of Mount St Helens eruption and the removal of a serious tumour from his head.

Personally, I think we should all have put in two bucks in thanks for having Bill around, except for those of you that have lost more than that at golf with Bill!

Then the MIGHTY VOICE OF THE STAMPEDERS. Thankfully, a voice that can be clearly heard around the room.

#### Highlights:

- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of McMahon Stadium – then at the end of town limits.
- 65<sup>th</sup> team anniversary
- Story as to why the stadium was financed
- QR has longest association with the Stampeders
- Praise for the QR team behind the scenes
- Six-hour show – pre game/game/post game
- Acknowledged his colour commentator, Greg Peterson
- Football talk – North American football talk – I think I got this assignment last year – must be time for more members to join the bulletin writing team
- Change over from “Older” players to newer players
- Average playing life in the CFL 4 and a 1/2 years
- 24,000 plus season tickets sold so far
- Stadium changes this year
- Highlight is the presentation in Olympic Plaza

#### Q&A

- Coaching changes
- Kicking game
- Where are the Canadians in Canadian F L?
- Expansion teams

OPENING GAME: July 1<sup>st</sup> against Toronto

Carolyn expressed the thanks of the club wondering about all those names. She also presented Mark with out world-famous Boltman.

Ending quote:

“You don’t realize how easy this game is until you get up in that broadcasting booth.” Mickey Mantle

### Coming Events

May 21	Anne Price – CWRC’s Integrity Award recipient
May 28	Venue transferred to the District Conference in Banff
June 4	Danielle Smith – Leader, Wildrose Alliance
June 11	Ald Rick McIver – Mayoral Candidate
June 18	Calgary Police Chief Rick Hanson – <b>Meeting at Danish Canadian Club</b>
June 25	Special Club Program – Turnover Friday
June 26	President’s Ball
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