

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

# The Weekly WESTERNER

Box 4572, Station C, Calgary, Alberta T2T 5N3, La Joie de Vivre, Fridays 12:15 pm

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**President-elect Karl Herzog**, standing in for **President Lynne Thornton**, who is recovering from surgery, kicked off the meeting by introducing our guest speaker and the head table. Joining PE Karl were PP **Jim Willson** and PP **Bob Kerr** along with PP PT T and FDG **Mike French** and our guest speaker **Sharon Moore**, about whom more will be said later.

**Don Axford** at the piano led us in the singing of *O Canada* and **Margot McDermott** delivered the grace. **Kurt Schurer** introduced our visitors and guests.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Helen King** gave particulars about the upcoming club assembly and delivered the first call for volunteers for this year's Stampede Breakfast.

**Jim Barnes** called for volunteers to attend meetings at other clubs and publicize the Stampede Parade and other club initiatives.

**Marie Rickard** declared the partners coffee party a rousing success with 20 attendees. Thanks to **Lu Horwood** for providing her house for the event.

**Dan Doherty** gave us the thanks of the Boys and Girls Club for supporting their Mexican house building trip in February. Dan also mentioned the RYLA event next weekend of which he is the District Chair. Rotarians may attend if they wish. Email Dan for details if you are interested.

**Dan Varvos** was pleased to state that his team for the May 30 house building event under the auspices of Habitat for Humanity was oversubscribed. If you have not registered and would like to come Dan said he could find something for you to do. Dan also called for volunteers for the upcoming Motive-Action golf tournament.

Our exchange student **Valerie** has just moved in with **Mike Carlin and Irene**. She has recently been horse riding in Kananaskis and unfortunately spent the last week in school. She is enjoying bike riding around her new neighbourhood of Midnapore.

PP **Garfield Ganong** announce this year's President's Party would be on June 26 and would cost \$60 per person.

**David Watson** informed us of a June 11 information session for Youth Exchange Host Families. The club needs new host families so if you know anybody who might be interested in hosting an exchange student have them attend this session. David has recently circulated an email with the relevant particulars.

**Jeff Rayman**, a new Rotarian from the RC of Toronto East, made a brief announcement about his upcoming trip to Haiti to see Microcredit in action.

Mike French said there would be a membership meeting on May 21. Contact Mike for details.

**Larry Doyle** announced that the first CWRC golf day would be at Speargrass on Monday, May 25. Interested golfers should contact Larry.

### **NEW MEMBER INDUCTION**

**Stan Beveridge** and **Bill Tapuska** presided over the induction of **Janet Slemko**, as our club's newest Rotarian. Stan introduced Janet and Bill gave the charge. Janet was introduced to the club by **Sa'adat Keshavjee** who unfortunately could not attend her induction due to out of town teaching commitments.

Janet has a degree in physical education as well as a professional education diploma and a MA in applied behavioral science. She has had a varied and successful career teaching at NAIT and in HR and organizational development positions with AGT and for the last 15 years as a management consultant with IMTC Ltd. She provides consulting services in strategic planning, change management, business process re-engineering and management development to pharmaceutical, financial and energy companies. She is also an author having written and published a book entitled **Mind Wealth – Turning Knowledge into Assets.**

Janet is also a dedicated volunteer being an active member of a number of professional organizations as well as working with the United Way campaign, Commonwealth Games and the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Fitness and Recreation. Just the sort of person our club needs! Please welcome Janet to the club!

### **50/50 DRAW**

Don Axford won the 50/50 draw of around \$40.

### **SERGEANT AT ARMS**

The SAA was thankfully dispensed with this meeting!

### **SICK AND VISITING**

**Marmie Hess** is recovering well from a bout of pneumonia. She expects to resume normal activities in a short time.

**Ruth Rogers** is now recovering from her broken leg in the CareWest facilities on the Rockyview site.

**Sharon Jones** is in Rockyview hospital with medication complications after emergency treatment at Foothills.

Finally, get well President Lynne after you ankle replacement surgery.

## **PROGRAMME**

Bob Kerr introduced our guest speaker Sharon Moore who is the Executive Director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Calgary. She has spent the last 30 years of her career focused on the development and well being of children and youth. She began her career in Toronto working with Youth Clinical Services, counseling youth who were experiencing mental health issues. Following her move to Calgary, she became the Director of Client Services with Big Sisters and became actively involved in the merger between three mentoring organizations: Aunts at Large, Uncles at Large and Big Sisters. She continued with the new merged organization Big Sisters and Big Brothers of Calgary and Area as the Program Supervisor.

She has held progressively senior positions within her organization and has participated in the development of many new programmes. She has also served as the past chair of the Calgary Youth Mentoring Coalition and has participated in many aspects of the mentoring movement.

Sharon gave us an overview of the programmes her organization has created and administers. These involve in-school mentoring where the mentoring relationship is carried on and developed during school hours. There is a teen mentoring programme as well as a Between Generations programme where people 55 and older meet each week with two children each. There is also a recreational mentoring programme at Canada Olympic Park where participants get to use the facilities at no cost to themselves.

The various mentoring programmes have made and continue to make critical differences in the lives of children who would not otherwise be able to experience positive relationships with concerned adults.

Sharon's father was a Rotarian and she is well aware of the scope of Rotary's activities. Recently our club donated 10K\$ to Big Brothers and Big Sisters. This money was used to purchase supply cabinets and supplies to fill them. Sharon conveyed a big thank you from the staff and volunteers of her organization to CWRC.

Jim Willson thanked Sharon but was unable to give her a Boltman! We owe her one and she will get hers in due course!

**Next week is the Stars Ambulance tour.**

President Elect Karl concluded the meeting with the following observation:

“There is no limit to what can be accomplished and it doesn't matter who gets the credit.”



Stan Beveridge introduces Janet Slemko, and Bill Tapuska charges her with the fork!



President-elect Karl Herzog and guest speaker, Sharon Moore



Belated happy birthday wishes to FRED RONICKER!

Fred is currently an honorary member of Calgary West, and is the only charter member of the club (June 10, 1967) who is still a member of the club.

Fred married Clarice on May 10, 1997, and they lived part time in Calgary, as well as the south. Clarice succumbed to cancer on April 11, 2009.

Fred is now living in Fort Worth, Texas, where he is recovering from a broken hip. **He turned 90 on April 26!**

You can send him mail at:  
2600 Colonial Pkwy  
Fort Worth  
Texas 76109

His cell phone number is 817-988-6120. He keeps it on him at all times.

**You can ask Jim Willson for further details.**

Friday May 22	Stars Air Ambulance – field trip to 1441 Aviation Park NE – <b>OFF SITE</b>
<b>Wednesday May 27</b>	Club Assembly <b>Danish Canadian Club at 5:30 PM</b>
Friday May 29	Regular Friday <b>Meeting Cancelled</b> because of the Assembly on Wednesday the 27th
Friday June 5	<b>BACK AT HOLIDAY INN – IN THE NEWLY RENOVATED BALLROOM – OUR NEW HOME!</b>
Friday June 5	Suzanne Schulz, CA – Fraud Awareness
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
June 26	<b>Handover Meeting</b> – Lynne’s farewell speech and the induction of President-elect Karl Herzog; <b>also</b> Scott Ackles (President Calgary Stampeders) – The Grey Cup champions
Friday June 26	President Lynne’s grand soiree in the evening.
Friday July 3	<b>Stampede Parade Breakfast.</b>

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.