

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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The meeting started with our first ever fire alarm. The members, seemingly impervious to fire and smoke, took their time to saunter out as far as the front exit. Some hung around in the lobby and others just blocked the door braving the cold wind outside. The fire truck arrived, the all clear was given, and we all trooped back in to start the meeting.

**Des DeFreitas** led the anthem and **Brent Barootes** gave a stirring invocation in Latin.

## Head table

**Frank Burns, Bernie Ward, Grant Ritchie, Holland Berry, President Karl Herzog,** and our special guest **Dr. Anne Price.**

## Guests

**Dr Ian Burgess** from Calgary Chinook.

**Mahmud Khalfan, Judy Stawnychko and Jane Defoe,** guests of **Kurt Schurer.**

**Dr Rookmin Maharaj, Ray Clark and Les Humphrey,** guests of **Chris Davis.**

**Carrie Emery,** guest of **Marie Rickard** [Editor's Note: Carrie attended a convent school in my home town of Llandudno! I, however, have never attended a convent school!]

And, of course, **Marco Bersani**, resplendent in his coat of many colours, who is now living with Karl and **Cindy**

Special welcome was given to **Sam Switzer.** Good to see you back!

## Announcements

### Marie Rickard

- Come one, come all to the **coffee party** she's hosting on Wednesday, May 26, 10 am to noon at her home (1420 Scotland St SW) to talk about the work of Servants Anonymous and see/buy products made by women from the Nepal project.
- All **new members** who have joined over the past two years are invited to Karl's home for an evening of wine, dessert and coffee, Tuesday, June 8, 7pm, 123 Riverbend Dr SE.
- Our **new exchange student** is Nichapat Tintukasiri (better known as Fah!). Please contact Marie ([marie@rickard.ca](mailto:marie@rickard.ca)) or **Amy Weatherall** ([xoxamy@yahoo.ca](mailto:xoxamy@yahoo.ca)) to host.

**David Williams (on behalf of Lynne Thornton)**

- Sign up for the **President's Ball**, Saturday June 26 at the Austrian Canadian Club, 3112 – 11 Street NE. Tickets are \$65 each.

**Helen King**

- The **Stampede Parade** fund raiser promises to be a great success. We expect 450 people. This means volunteers are essential. Please sign up and come prepared to work.

**Larry Doyle**

- **Golf** at Speargrass on Monday, May 31. Please e-mail him if you are interested.
- 2010 Driving Futures Tournament in aid of people beginning careers in the auto industry. Wednesday, July 21, at 7 am at the McKenzie Meadows Golf Club. Register your foursome for \$700 or come alone for \$200. **Deadline for entry is July 9, 2010.** Contact Karl Herzog for more information.

**Marco**

- Told us of his experiences in Leadership Camp and was congratulated on his graduation from grade 12.

**Cheque Presentation**

**David Watson** presented a cheque for \$2,000 to Judy Stawnychko for the Association of Rehabilitation for the Brain Injured (ARBI) ([www.arbi.ca/](http://www.arbi.ca/)).

**New Scholarship**

**Stan Cichon** proudly announced the creation of the E. R. (Jo) Johanson Memorial Scholarship in Music at Mount Royal University on behalf of our club executive and our board of directors.

The text of his speech is given at the end of this bulletin.

**Sergeant-at-arms**

**Brent Barootes** was cut short (mercifully, as he had prepared quite a list) due to the press of time, but not before he fined Stan Cichon \$20! for being too nice as sergeant-at-arms the week before.

**Guest Speaker – Dr. Anne Price**

Dr. Price, CEO of the Calgary Learning Centre ([www.calgarylearningcentre.com](http://www.calgarylearningcentre.com)) is this year's recipient of our Integrity Award.

The criteria for selection for the Integrity Award are:

- A non-Rotarian adult resident of Alberta,
- One whose lifestyle is consistent with the four-way test,
- Someone whose life shows purpose and expresses principles widely accepted in the community,
- One who, regardless of circumstances, takes a stand without concern for personal loss or reputation,
- A person who may not necessarily have a high public profile, and
- One who has made a personal contribution to the region, which would warrant special recognition.

Dr. Price's presentation focussed on two topics – literacy and learning disabilities and the Calgary Learning Centre.

42% of adults have some form of learning disability or lack of literacy skills. This is a root cause for health issues, accidents, parental problems and conflict with the law.

Youth are particularly at risk. Lack of literacy can lead to youth crime. Learning disability leads to dropping out of school, which then causes unemployment or underemployment.

The Calgary Learning Centre provides assessment services and support for people of all ages, from primary school to secondary, post-secondary and parents. The focus is their "Power for Youth" programme ([www.calgarylearningcentre.com/main/page.php?page\\_id=32](http://www.calgarylearningcentre.com/main/page.php?page_id=32)). They help 80 young people per year.

Dr. Price will advise the club as to how members might help.

**Closing Quote**

**Neil Marcus**, a disabled poet, humorist, writer, actor and adventurer:

"Disability is not a brave struggle or courage in the face of adversity. Disability is an art. It's an ingenious way to live."

**Coming Events**

May 28	<b>No meeting at the Holiday Inn. Venue transferred to the District Conference in Banff</b>
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
<b>June 26</b>	<b>President's Ball</b>
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

**Stan Cichon**

President Karl, fellow Rotarians and guests,

The impact that scholarships have on education is profound.

The value of any scholarship comes from two perspectives, the individual receiving the scholarship and the one offering the scholarship.

For the recipient, the scholarship serves as a powerful way to encourage students to reach for their dreams.

For the donor, the scholarship fund is a legacy that changes lives.

Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Today I am proud to announce on behalf of our club executive and our board of directors the creation of the E. R. (Jo) Johanson Memorial Scholarship in Music at Mount Royal University.

Many of us here have known Jo. However, I suspect this is not so for our new members. Let me give you a brief glimpse of former Calgary West Rotarian, E.R. Jo Johanson.

*Jo became a member in 1981 with a classification of Music Composer/Arranger. From 1981, until his leave of absence in 2007, he was our club pianist.*

By 1987, Jo had become a Paul Harris Fellow and in 1992 received his first multiple Paul Harris sapphire followed again in 1996, 1998, 2006 and on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007 Sam Switzer presented Rotarian Johanson with his 5<sup>th</sup> sapphire.

For the years of 1988 through 1989 Jo served two terms as the District Rotary Foundation Chairman. But education of our youth was his passion.

From 1991 through 2003, Jo gave the District over a decade of service to the Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee with three terms as Chairman. This time spanned 11 different district governors.

1990 – 1991 saw Jo as President of our club, Calgary West.

On Thursday afternoon, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Annual In Memorial Ceremony will be held in the Dr. John H. Garden Memorial Park on the Mount Royal University Campus. During that Ceremony, the Memorial Scholarship for E. R. Jo Johanson will be suitably recognized and his name will be engraved on the appropriate marble plaque.

This is a particular significant moment for me as Jo was my Rotary sponsor.