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The lovely pitter patter of raindrops was reflected in the piano stylings of **Don 'the Axford'**: "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head", and "April Showers". We were home at the Danish Canadian Club, where many memories bind us together. The notion of members serving members at the round tables was neat.

President Sa'adat tried valiantly to gather us in to begin the meeting.

For me it was nice to see **Lana Dionne** from Eau Clair YMCA, present as the guest of **Dan Doherty**. That does not mean the other guests were not appreciated!

At the head table: **Chuck Morrison, Don Alexander, Gordon Rodrigues, Don Bateman, Luc Marmelic** and President Sa'adat. The national anthem was played by DA. **David Williams** gave a succinct invocation.

What a magnificent feast: roast beef, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, preceded by a serve yourself salad with hot buns and butter. There was a dessert, but at our table it seemed to be non consumed.

The **50/50 winner** was **Karl Herzog**. It will help pay for his European jaunt. OK, maybe one wine on the plane.

Announcements

The President's Ball is on June 18th and tickets are almost gone.

There are 25 folks heading for Everest with Karl and then on to Thailand.

The only item that Dan Doherty is more enthused about after Ensenada is RYLA. Over 100 youth attended the May event at the U of C. Dan was at the International Convention in New Orleans and was part of an International Rotary Committee examining RYLA. There is an event planned for Denver on the horizon.



David Watson presented a cheque for \$5,000 to **Sylvia Whitworth** of the Boys’ and Girls’ club for Avenue 15. They have begun an annual programme to assist youth to get off the street. The young people must agree to quit their addictions. They have no contact with family. They are in a year-long programme learning life skills to become candidates for employment. Avenue 15 is still a stop gap programme for street kids. The Avenue 15 will provide a warm meal, shower facilities, clean clothes and then send the kids back to the street. It’s a great programme. Sylvia spoke of Cody who has graduated from the annual programme and now has a job.

Chris Davis spoke about Ensenada and the group from Kids’ Cancer. The young man who wanted to go so badly was not able and has since died. His sister, Jessie, did go and sent message streams back to her brother. Chris was choked with emotion when he gave us this news. No doubt many others listening felt the same.

Larry - I want to golf – Doyle talked about a golf event. Was it Spearfish? OK, if you want to golf call Larry.

Oh, and did I tell you Lana from Eau Clair Y sat at our table?

Guest Speaker

Don Bateman introduced our speaker, Luc Marmelic from ElderNet. With data from the civic census and Statistics Canada, Luc spoke about the Boomers entering post-65 era. Seniors numbered 90,000 in 2006 and now 110,000. In 2020, it will be 182,800.

15% of seniors live below the poverty line in our city. 26% of seniors, 23,145, live alone.

ElderNet is not a programming agency. It is about connecting dots and gathering information. It is about ensuring that agencies provide for the needs of seniors.

It is about: housing, social connectedness, access to information and health and income strategies. It is about information.

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Don Alexander thanked the speaker and presented the Boltman.

REPORTER’S NOTE

I was fined for the bad weather. I did, however, announce that I am in sales, not management.

Coming Events

June 1	Partners Coffee Party and Fashion Show – 10am-12, 1420 Scotland St. SW
June 3	Debra Yedlin – Calgary Herald Business Beat
June 10	Lana Dionne – YMCA



June 17	A representative from the University of Calgary
June 18	President's Ball
June 24	Special Club Program – Turnover Friday
July 1	No Meeting (Canada Day)
July 8	Stampede Parade Friday
July 15	“Stampede Yahoo” at the Holiday Inn
July 22	Wendy McDonald – Rotary District Employment Partnership
July 29	Martin Parnell – “Right to Play” – 250 marathons in 2010

Please consult the calendar on our website to view and sign up for all upcoming events:
<http://www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org/Calendar.htm>.