

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

# The Weekly WESTERNER

Box 4572, Station C, Calgary, Alberta T2T 5N3  
Holiday Inn, McLeod Trail, Fridays 12:15 pm

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A good crowd was present as attested to by the noise factor in the room. Seven full tables of eight, plus the head table.

President Karl Herzog started the meeting a few minutes early as is his wont. **Des DeFreitas** led us in an upbeat version of our national hymn even without a piano. **Bob Kerr** dusted off his classic "Cowboy's Grace" and mused about "when chips were down" and a "pot of stew".

Well, it wasn't stew at the Holiday Inn. We were served a bevy of salads, baked apple a la raisins sauce and baked ham with covered with tangy mustard sauce. Delicious!

**Garfield Ganong** orchestrated our approach to the buffet table which seems to be getting more orderly as time goes on.

Our head table was missing one! Our special guest, **Tim Anderson**, hadn't showed by meal time which got the room all abuzz wondering if we were to have a speaker for the day.

But President Karl, sensing the uneasiness in the room, calmed us down by declaring that Tim Anderson indeed will be our speaker, only slightly late.

But he did introduce the head table sans Tim. **Grant Ritchie** was assigned to thank our speaker, **Jim Willson** to introduce. **Holland Berry** and **David Watson** weighed down the other end of the table just because it would have looked unbalanced if they weren't there!

**David Williams** introduced our guests and of special note was **Maureen Klassen** and special guest **Sherri Johnson** from the Feed the Hungry. Des DeFreitas did the "switcheroo", sat all the guests down and stood up all the members for our classic welcome song.

President Karl remarked on the highly successful Christmas Party at the Country Club and especially noted **Eileen DeFreitas** and **Jane Beveridge** for their table decorations, **Helen King** and **Marg Henschel** for their tenacity in selling tickets, Des DeFreitas for pinch hitting until our MC arrived and, of course,

without missing a beat, **Chris Davis** smoothly took over as MC. We all thought it was planned that way! And behind the scenes and greatly missed was **Verneil Martin**.

Exchange student **Marco** claimed to have sore feet from dancing too much. He confessed to being enthralled by a new Christmas song, "I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas". We suspect that Karl and Cindy who are hosting Marco hope that he doesn't get his wish.

**Ted Valentine** promoted the International Convention in Montreal and also reminded us of the special guest for the following week, Stampeder Alumni, George Hanson. His advice is to wear "RED" at the meeting in anticipation of a Stampeder victory over the Riders on Sunday, which immediately received some noisy heckling from Rider Nation members present.

David Watson presented a cheque to Sherri Johnson of Feed the Hungry to cover our contribution for the dinner on the following Sunday. Sherri spoke briefly and reminded us that our club has supported this program since its inception 15 years ago. Let's see, probably an average of 800 dinners per Sunday times 15 years means we have served about 12,000 dinners to the hungry of Calgary over that time! That's a lot of potatoes! Congratulations, Calgary West Rotarians.

While this was going on, our special guest Tim Anderson tried to quietly sneak into the room but was caught in the act to a round of applause laced with a few hecklers.

**Bob Hamshaw** briefly spoke about the Rotary Foundation and then called Maureen Klassen forward for a presentation by President Karl of a Paul Harris Fellowship complete with a pin and medallion.

**Past President Lynne Thornton** circulated a sympathy card for **Ted and Shirley Valentine** on the loss of Ted's sister. She suggested we all give Ted a hug.

The resignation of **Alex Coelho** was regretfully announced due to his continuing health problem.

### **Guest Speaker**

Jim Willson did the introduction.

Tim is the founding and current mayor of the village of Redwood Meadows which is a community located within the Tsuu T'ina Reserve. As such, Tim has dealt with the nation for many years and has a unique perspective on the dealings for the ring road.

Tim is active in politics being a board member for both federal and provincial constituency associations.

Tim explained that the "agreement" with the province called for a swap of land, 5,000 acres for 1,000 acres given up by the nation; and, in addition, a cash payment of \$275 million (yes, million!) and proper access to the new roadway. A pretty sweet deal for the nation.

Except (in fine print) the 5,000 acres are not available. The crown land is leased for grazing rights and the province would have to make "reasonable efforts" to acquire the land from the lessees. Nor can the province promise mineral rights on the land since that was federal jurisdiction and the feds were staying away from this deal like it was the H1N1 plague. There was doubt whether the Federal Dept. of Justice would even permit an agreement like that as it may not be an enforceable contract.

In the Q&A Tim allowed that, as of now, there is "nothing on the table" between the province and the nation.

It was an unfortunate situation since it was a “helluva” deal for the nation. The chief and council were in favour but the nation’s members rejected it because it wasn’t properly explained and they simply didn’t trust that the politicians would keep their side of the bargain.

The city and province are now proceeding on an alternate route for the ring road which will not involve nation lands. In the meantime, it was noted that Calgarians in the SW part of the city can only watch with envy the high speed ring road around the other three-quarters of the city without even one traffic light.

Tim was thanked by Grant Ritchie and presented with a Boltman.

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>FOUNDATION MONTH</b>
November 27	George Hansen – Calgary Stampeders Alumni – Grey Cup Meeting
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>FAMILY MONTH</b>
December 4	Club Assembly and Elections
December 11	Dr Charles Samuels – Sleep Deprivation and Human Performance
December 18	Westmount Charter School – Christmas Choir
Sunday December 20	Christmas Brunch at Pinebrook Golf and Country Club
December 25	Christmas Day – No Meeting
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH</b>
January 1	New Years Day – No Meeting
January 8	Tim Morgan – Co-Founder of WestJet – WestJet and the Airline Industry
January 15	Ken Read – A Crazy Canuck – Canada’s 2010 Olympics
January 22	Dr Bob Schultz – “Business in the Year and Decade Ahead”
January 29	Catholic Bishop Fred Henry – Homeless in Calgary