

Rotary Club of Calgary West  
(Service Through Fellowship)

# The Weekly WESTERNER

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About 58 members and guests gathered for fellowship and were greeted by **Ron Jones**. As usual the front desk, led by **Adam Joyce** and assisted by **Jim Willson**, did a great job of ensuring that everyone paid up. The 50/50 ticket seller, **Pauline Evans**, hit us all up to be sure that we all have a chance at the BIG!!!! Jackpot . **Bill Tapuska**, as well as selling tickets to the ever popular Christmas Brunch on December 16 at the Pine Brook Golf Course, had the WINNING TICKET and PULLED THE JOKER. YES HE KNEW THE FOUR WAY TEST AND WILL RECEIVE THE \$1000.00 +++.

**President Garfield** welcomed us by giving us a brief outline of our RI President, Wilf Wilkinson's work and beliefs in the Rotary Foundation and how much good the Foundation has done throughout the world. Garfield reminded us of the Rotary Foundation motto "Every Rotarian, Every Year", which can make a huge difference in the world. Wilf reminds us that this is the RI Foundation Month and the time to make your annual donation.

Garfield introduced the head table consisting of the guest speaker **Cynthia Douwes**, an Ambassadorial Scholar, **John Rymes** to introduce Cynthia and **Sa'adat Keshavjee** as the thanker to the guest speaker. At the other table, Garfield's companions were **Bill Lawless** and **Carolyn Lece**.

The national anthem was played by **Don Axford** and was followed by an appropriate invocation given by Jim Willson.

Ron Jones introduced our guests from Calgary Rotary clubs, Canmore Rotary and non-Rotarians. We all gave our exchange student, **Masha**, a great round of applause.

After lunch, Garfield thanked the Christmas Ball Committee for a great evening attended by about a 100 festive souls. Some even convinced the DJ to play until midnight so that they could practise their dancing skills. The exchange students added lots of life to the evening.

Thanks to everyone for all the help at the Feed The Hungry on November 18. What a success! 1000 people went away well fed thanks to **Chris and Connie Lee** and all the helpers.

**Karl Herzog** reminded everyone that the annual ski trip is set for Dec. 2. Call Karl to sign up.

Jim Willson gave us a brief outline of one of the District's great Past Governor's, Laurie Fisher's, ideas of what makes a person worthy of an integrity award, when he first came up with the idea in 1993.

Condensed version:

- someone whose words and actions meet the four way test
- an authentic person – just a real solid individual
- someone who is honest and above-board in all of his/her relationships
- someone who is willing and able to be accountable for their actions
- someone who is willing and able to defend and argue their personal views by referring to a set of standards accepted and understood by all
- someone whose word and handshake is their bond

The integrity committee is asking that, if any member has someone in mind, please bring it to the attention of **Bill Lawless**, **George Edwards** or Jim Willson. Remember that this award is only open to non-Rotarians.

Bill Lawless reminded everyone that nominations for board members for next year are due.

**Margot McDermott** announced that **Masha** was having a great time and, if anyone has an exciting event planned, please give Masha a call, as she wants to see and do everything.

**Chuck Morrison** thanked all who have signed up to man the Salvation Army Kettles for the three Saturdays 11/24, 12/1 and 12/8. ***There is one open spot that needs a volunteer for the 8th of December at Westbrook Mall from 4pm until 6:15 pm.*** Please call him at 271-3412 if you can help fill that slot.

Bill Tapuska put in a plug for the annual Xmas Brunch at Pine Brook Golf Club on December 16. The tickets are going fast!

Our Sergeant-at-Arms, fined George Edwards for cutting his finger at Feed the Hungry and Garth's table all suffered as your reporter (Garth) did not answer the football quiz correctly. Your reporter apologizes. **Bill Quinney** had to pay a small penalty for his advertising in the Herald.

### **Guest Speaker**

Cynthia Douwes, a past Ambassadorial Scholar, was introduced by John Rymes. Cynthia was born in Kitimat, BC, and raised in the Kelowna area. The Kelowna/Rutland Rotary Club sponsored Cynthia as an exchange student to Denmark in 1985. After completing high school Cynthia went to study at the Simon Frazer University in Business Management. Again, the Kelowna/Rutland Rotary Club sponsored her as an Ambassadorial Scholar. She went to study in New Zealand and received a Masters degree in Business Admin/Human Resources from Massey University.

Cynthia is married to Jeff and they have twins, a boy and girl that take up a lot of time. Cynthia has started her own company, ConnLinn Meeting and Event Management.

Cynthia gave us a brief outline of her life leading up to her year in New Zealand. She then took us on a slide show of all the places that she visited in New Zealand. One of the things that Cynthia was very impressed with how well the Maoris had integrated into society. Maybe we could learn some lessons!

Cynthia said that her biggest challenge in going to New Zealand was leaving the security of Canada, leaving her family and boyfriend, Jeff, now her loving husband, and quitting the security of her job. In exchange, she received an education in life, patience and personal growth.

Through her Rotary experiences as an Exchange Student and Ambassadorial Scholar, she will always have a strong bond with Denmark and New Zealand and thanked Rotary for these opportunities.

She closed with a quote from T. S. Eliot that sums up why Rotary and the experiences meant to her:

“We shall not cease from exploration

“And the end of all our exploring

“Will be to arrive where we started

“And know the place for the first time.”

Kia Ora Taatou , Katoa, Rotary (Thank you so much.)

Sa’adat Keshavjee thanked Cynthia for sharing her experiences with us and telling us how the Rotary Foundation is such a pillar in our lives.

President Garfield ended the meeting with the following quote from the Oliver Wendell Holmes: “To be seventy years young is sometimes more cheerful and hopeful than to be forty years old”.

Also one from Chili Davis: “Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.”

### **Calgary West Calendar**

November 30	Judith Athaide – The Bow project for Encana
December 7	Judge Ray Lee: Immigration Court Judge for Alberta – Reaffirm your Citizenship
December 14	Raddison School Choir
December 21	Social, Ensenada Presentation and Christmas songs
December 28	NO MEETING Time to reflect on the past year and get ready for 2008

REPORTER for November 30 is George Edwards.

### **District 5360 Events**

Be sure to check out the District website for more information on the RI Conference in LA, June 15–18, 2008, and our District Conference in Lethbridge, May 23–25, 2008.

### **And finally . . .**

“Macavity, Macavity, there’s no one like Macavity,

“There never was a Cat of such deceitfulness and suavity.

“He always has an alibi, and one or two to spare:

“At whatever time the deed took place –

“ MACAVITY WASN’T THERE!”

T S Eliot

## **ShelterBox sending aid to Nepal August, 2007**

Victims of flooding in Nepal, India and Bangladesh are to be helped by a Cornish aid charity.

ShelterBox, which is based near Helston, is coming to the aid of some of the 20 million people who have been made homeless in the floods.

In Nepal, 24,000 families have had their homes swept away after the most severe monsoon rains in years.

An initial consignment of 200 boxes was sent with more aid expected to follow next week.

**The Rotary Club of Calgary West donated 6 boxes in 2006/2007 and was part of the aid sent to Nepal.**



Each ShelterBox tent can accommodate 10 people