

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

The Weekly WESTERNER

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This was another fine meeting at Calgary West as we celebrated US Thanksgiving with a wonderful turkey dinner.

The club was also well “Red” as our guest speaker today is a past Stampeders celebrity here to speak in recognition of the Grey Cup weekend.

The head table appropriately sported a great line up with **Clarence Buckley** and **Brian Wintonyk** flanking our guest speaker, **George Hansen**. Running interference were **Lynne Thornton** and **Bill Quinney**, with **President Karl Herzog** quarterbacking the whole affair.

Brian Wintonyk delivered an appropriate grace and Sergeant at Arms **Garfield Ganong** ensured an orderly procession to the excellent array of salads and turkey dinner.

Jim Barnes introduced our visitors and guests and we all joined in a wonderful rendition of our welcome song, albeit terribly out of tune – for which we all paid the price later.

Announcements

Marco will be in the Grey Cup Parade with many other exchange students. He would also like to borrow a snowboard if anyone has one to spare.

A photographer is required to take club photographs whilst **Marg Henschel** is away from mid-December until mid-January.

Don Alexander thanked all that helped serve 450 needy folk last Sunday.

Frank Burns introduce us to our new outbound student. **Andrea** is a grade 10 student at Westmount Charter School and has a long list of volunteer experience.

Bill Quinney talked about both the RI Foundation and the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. Bill distributed Calgary Rotary Club Foundation annual reports and has a supply for those of you who did not get one.

Janet Slemko remind those of us who have volunteered to help out at the Foodbank on Wednesday morning to arrive 10 minutes before the 8.30 start time.

President Karl announced that he presented a Calgary West scholarship to **Marita Mossey** at Mount Royal University. Marita is a second year student in the department of Social Work and Disability Studies. She asked Karl to pass on her thanks to the club.

Mike Carlin conducted a Dutch auction for a book that our guest speaker provided entitled, “History of the Calgary Stampeders”.

The 50/50 was another “robbery” by **Dan Doherty** as he again had swapped his tickets with Mike Carlin and then promptly won.

“I’m back” Sergeant at arms Garfield fined all Paul Harris Fellows who were not wearing their recognition pin, and went on to extract many dollars from many self proclaimed innocent victims.

Guest Speaker

Clarence introduced our guest speaker, which included Des leading us in song, which we actually accomplished pretty darn well – amazing!!

George “Bulldog” Hansen has worn a number of helmets – player, minor football coordinator, director of player personnel, scout, guest coach, and assistant general manager.

His teams always wore red and white: Balmoral Jr., Western Canada High, Calgary Bronks Jr., Sunflower Junior College (Mississippi), University of Georgia and the Calgary Stampeders.

He signed his first contract with the Stamps in 1959 and, standing at 6’2” and weighing 240 pounds, this was the fulfillment of his boyhood aspirations.

He played for the Stamps for eight wonderful years, scored a memorable touchdown and his only disappointment was that the team never made it to the Grey Cup whilst he was a member.

Bulldog opened the meeting up for questions which he answered in a forthright and diplomatic manner, for a footballer that is!

- The play is softer these days, no real blocks and tackles like there use to be.
- Less intensity in play, although the Rough Riders and their fans show it best.
- He loved beating Edmonton throughout the years, at every level of play.
- The best club is the best club on the day.
- Too much showboarding, it’s banned and called taunting in college football.
- And it was 50 years ago this year that he first played for the Stamps.

Go Bulldog go! Lots of fight left yet I’d say.

George was thanked by Brian Wintonyk, who presented him with a Boltman.

President Karl closed the meeting with another appropriate quote, this one from John Heisman: “Gentlemen, it is better to have died as a small boy, than to fumble this football.”

DECEMBER	FAMILY MONTH
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
JANUARY	ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH
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