

Rotary Club of Calgary West
(Service through Fellowship)

The Weekly WESTERNER

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Welcome and opening remarks:

President Garfield Ganong welcomed Rotarians and guests to Calgary West where service through fellowship is the focal point of our club.

President Garfield presented members and guests with a brief history of Calgary. In 1875, when the North West Mounted Police built Fort Calgary at the junction of the Bow and Elbow rivers, it was named Calgary after Calgary Bay on Scotland's Isle of Mull. Colonel James F. Macleod named Calgary because of his ancestral connections to the Scottish Bay.

In 1884, Calgary was incorporated as the town of Calgary with a population of 6000 people. Today, Calgary's population exceeds one million people and is home to the most number of head offices per capita than any other Canadian city. Our opportunity and connection to the oil patch and the entrepreneurial spirit of its business leaders have resulted in Calgary being one of the best places to live and raise a family in the world.

Led by **Don Axford**, the members and guests sang our national anthem.

The head table guests consisted of: our guest speaker, **Judith Athaide**; **Bill Tapuska**, classification of Engineering Management, who would introduce our guest speaker; **President-elect Lynne Thornton**, classification of Public Relations who would thank our guest speaker; **George Edwards**, classification of Education Curriculum; **Christopher Lee**, classification of Geology; and, of course, our own President Garfield Ganong.

Ron Jones introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests.

Adam Joyce gave the invocation before President Garfield invited us to enjoy the social aspects of companionship and lunch.

Walk-about Notes

- **Wayne Brown** introduced **Verena Greco**, a former exchange student and **Iris Marnoquen** who now attend university here in Calgary.

- **Robyn Braley** presented us with an update of the Strawberry Shortcake event. The goal this year is to sell 10,000 cakes. Tiger Courier is once again one of our sponsors and will process credit card purchases as well as assist in delivery. Robyn encouraged members to approach Human Resource departments for orders exceeding 100 cakes and also to recommend companies that would consider sponsoring this event.
- **Bill Quinney** spoke about membership mentioning that, because two members had resigned since President Garfield took office, the club now needs three new members to ensure that President Garfield meets his goal of adding to the membership. Bill stated the goal of the club to pursue younger female and male members, broaden the classifications within the club and also the diversity of our membership. Finally, Bill announced that the meeting of January 18 would have an outstanding speaker that would be of interest to guests; this is one way of introducing guests to Rotary.
- Casino shares were announced by President Garfield, **Dan Varvos** on behalf of Habitat for Humanity and **Karl Herzog** on behalf of Motive Action. Each group has received \$103,675.15. The Rotary Club of Calgary West participated in all three casinos.
 - Dan Varvos mentioned that now our club can build its own project for Habitat for Humanity.
- President Garfield announced that our club will receive matching grants from the Gates Foundation.
- **Alex Bueller**, a Rotarian from Georgia, spoke about his time in Calgary while consulting for an oil project and how much he enjoyed attending meetings of the Calgary Rotary clubs.
- Karl Herzog regretfully announced that the planned ski outing was cancelled due to a lack of snow and the cold weather. He announced that the trip would be rescheduled in January.
- **Grant Ritchie, sergeant-at-arms**, fined members for a variety of reasons including President Garfield for not allowing a sergeant-at-arms to work their magic in adding to President's fund at recent meetings. Also, Grant put all members on alert that when he is scheduled to be the sergeant-at-arms members had better show him the respect that is his due.
- Dan Varvos won the 50/50 draw of \$40.50. Dan was gracious in accepting the money, so it is not certain whether or not he was disappointed that he was one week shy of having the opportunity to take home the bonus pot

Guest Speaker

Bill Tapuska introduced our guest speaker, Judith Athaide. Among her many accomplishments are: Vice-President, Engineering and Project Execution for the Bow Office Building on behalf of Encana; a Bachelor of Commerce degree, a Masters in Business Administration, and an Engineering degree. She had her own consulting firm assisting energy companies in strategic planning, marketing and trading. Judith has led workshops on electricity de-regulation, spoken at industry conferences and has been the editor for electricity industry newsletters.

Bill and the members and guests gave Judith a warm welcome.

Judith began her talk by informing members and guests that since the Bow Building had been sold to HR REIT there would be questions that she would not be able to comment upon because of the confidential and sensitive nature of the agreement.

Information about the Bow Building:

- It is a fast track project in that planning, design and construction are happening at the same time.
- HR REIT owns the building and Encana has leased the building for 25 years with options to renew.
- 3800 Encana employees will be moved from 6 buildings into Bow Building.
 - Encana employees had input into the planning of the building (needs assessment, photos of likes and dislikes, interviews)

- Bow Building has been planned to be user-friendly, reflect the Western culture and identity, connect to nature and to the future needs of the company.
- With the Bow Building, Encana addressed several issues: staff retention, improved facilities, and stable lease rates.
- The bricks of the York building were taken down brick by brick and will be used in the façade of the south tower; new bricks were cast to replace any original bricks that may be damaged or broken.
- The Bow Building incorporates three parts: a North Tower (1.7 million square feet), a podium atrium (100,000 square feet) and a South Tower (100,000 square feet). The project will include retail facilities as well as the office requirements of Encana.
- The size of the floors is 32,000 square feet and 80%-90% of the space has an outside view.
- Every business unit has three floors.
- There are 3 sky gardens and gardenettes on every third floor.
- The project has been designed to take advantage of the south winds.
- The plus-15 will connect the Bow Building to Petro Canada, Telus and the Hyatt buildings.
- The public plaza is still in the planning stage.
- A mock-up of a working area was built so that contractors would gain an insight into the possible problems they might encounter.
- Environmental features: heat grills situated in the floors (heat rises) and people can control the heat in their area, blinds in the offices and atriums (automatic close and open feature), and motion sensors to control lights.
- 35 elevators, 8 are express and the rest are local for use by the business units. The express elevators move at a rate of 1400 feet per second.
- The parkade will accommodate 1400 vehicles and transverses 5th and 6th avenues. The goal is to open 6th Avenue to traffic in June 2008.
- It is the second largest building in Canada (58 floors, 236 metres). But, in terms of the tall buildings in other parts of the world, it does not even receive a mention.
- The Encana employees will move into the Bow Building between February and June 2011.

Lynne Thornton warmly thanked Judith for giving such an interesting talk without notes. Lynne presented the Boltman to Judith.

Future Programs:

- December 7: Judge Ray Lee, Immigration Court Judge for Alberta; “Reaffirm your Citizenship”.
- December 14: Radisson School Choir
- December 21: Social and Ensenada presentation, and songs
- **December 28: Meeting cancelled**

Closing Quote:

“To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.”
Anatole France