



The Weekly Westerner

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Holiday Inn, McLeod Trail, Fridays 12:15 pm

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Bill Lawless and **Ron Brookes** manned the front desk on this sunny summer-like day, as the Rotarians and guests arrived in anticipation of the fellowship and luncheon awaiting them. They were greeted by the team of **Brent** and youthful **Brooklyn Barootes**.

President **Sa'adat Keshavjee** called the meeting to order and **Don Axford** led the assembly in the national anthem, followed by **Denise Penner-Collins** with the invocation.

Equipped with a new wireless microphone, thanks to the Holiday Inn, President Sa'adat introduced the head table consisting of **Frank Burns**, **Bernie Ward**, guest speaker and incoming exchange student, "**Fah**" **Nichapat Tintukasiri**, new member **Jaslin Kaur Ahuja**, and recently returned outgoing exchange student, **Emily Cadman**.

Bill Lawless introduced the numerous, guests and visiting Rotarians.

Announcements

President Sa'adat kindly walked around the dinner tables to provide the wireless microphone to the following members to make their announcements.

Karl Herzog announced the Rotary Everest Trek 2012 event to support Nepali education opportunities. For more information, visit the website www.rotaryeveresttrek.org.

He also reminded us of the Motive-Action Training foundation's 25th Anniversary Celebration on November 3, 2010. Please contact Karl for details at 403 287-3132.

Kathryn Kaldestad of the Calgary Chinook Rotary Club informed us of a Gala Event to be held at Spruce Meadows on Saturday, October 23, in support of Scouts Canada.

The Calgary West Bridge is starting up for another season, organized by **Larry Doyle**. Please contact Larry to participate in this fun activity at 403 270-9308.



Duncan Stanners announced that he is looking for volunteers to work at the Calgary Food Bank. He has set up a calendar on line on the Calgary West website. Click on the "Events" button on the page and go to the month January, 2011, to sign up.

The Christmas Salvation Army Kettle program has identified the dates for Calgary West Club. They are South Centre Mall on Nov. 27 and Dec 4, and Westbrook Mall on Dec. 11. **David Hamilton** indicated the request for volunteers will be made before the end of October.

David Watson is the one who should be contacted to participate in Calgary West's day to work at Feed the Hungry on Sunday, November 21, 2010. Contact David to sign up as a participant. 403 244-1447.

Marg Henschel announced we will be participating in a Christmas Wreath Fundraising program. More information will be provided at our meeting on Oct. 8, 2010.

Marg, who will soon be leaving for a four-month trip, asked for volunteers to be one of the club's photographers. Please contact her at 403 278-5576.

Jim Barnes talked about the Employment Partnership Project supported by District 5360 and other Rotary clubs to assist in creating meaningful employment opportunities for people with development disabilities. He requested members to look for opportunities and contact himself or **Jaslin** for assistance in moving forward.

Dick Brown announced sufficient interest had been shown for Calgary West volunteers to take on a route for Meals on Wheels. This will involve having volunteers to contribute two hours a month to deliver meals to Meals on Wheels clients. Last year the organization delivered 425,000 meals. Contact Dick Brown to volunteer at 403 290-1168.

The 50/50 draw was won by Dick Brown. No mention of Don Bateman's participation was made!

This was the first time the sergeant-at-arms duties were filled by **Marnie Cardell** and she did a fine job of seeking out the mandatory contributions, highlighting Brent Barootes for child exploitation in enlisting his daughter to help him fulfill his role as greeter today.

Guest Speakers

Frank Burns introduced the topic of Calgary West's Youth Student Exchange Program and the Inbound and Outbound students.

Marnie Cardell first introduced **Ngoc Bui** who expressed her appreciation in being selected by Calgary West to participate in the RYLA recent conference.

"Fah" Nichapat Tintukasiri, our current inbound student from Thailand, presented a PowerPoint slide show highlighting her family, the interests she enjoyed at home, interesting facts about the language and culture in Thailand, and the highlights of the community and province of her home town.



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Calgary West's recent outbound exchange student, Emily Cadman, then presented a PowerPoint slide show of her year in France illustrating her activities, visits, the three host families and the Rotary student exchange get-togethers in France. It was obviously a highly cherished and appreciated experience.

Bernie Ward thanked the speakers for sharing their experiences with us.

Our RYPEN recruiting ads run something like this:

Are you 13-18? Would you like to meet new friends? Are you looking for ways to build self confidence, self esteem, and develop a variety of personal skills? If the answer to these questions is YES, RYPEN may be for you.

RYPEN is a four-day Rotary camp created for young people who want to grow but have limited opportunities to attend other development programs. You will learn new things about yourself and the world around you. RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) is sponsored by **Rotary International District 5360.**

RYPEN is a leadership training program which aims to provide youth aged 13-18 years old with the opportunity to develop their leadership potential. This weekend provides youth with the opportunity to build confidence, develop life skills and learn to work together to solve problems. This provides a unique opportunity to interact with other people their own age and to actively learn in a supportive environment.

In sourcing appropriate candidates, they should have leadership potential, have demonstrated qualities of sincerity, courage, persistence, application and dependability. Prospective applicants should be committed to developing their leadership qualities.

September 16-19, 2010, Calgary sent 21 campers to Eagle's Nest Ranch. Calgary West sent 2 campers, Ngoc Bui and Tabbitha Guthrie, both girls were identified and referred to our club as candidates with all the characteristics as outlined.

Tabbitha is a member since age 12 and a volunteer with the Calgary Boys and Girls Club; she has been a returning camp counselor for the Boys and Girls Club and is very active in helping at her club in Pineridge while working to graduate in January from Bishop McNally. Her plans are to work and to then attend culinary arts school in Vancouver.

Ngoc is currently on the Leadership Team at Forest Lawn High School working hard at her Grade 12 studies while away from her family that lives in Nha Trang, Vietnam. She has been in Canada for 1 year, currently living on her own and wanting to attend Mount Royal College and University. Ngoc is hoping to work at a Business degree in marketing.

These girls are active in meeting their leadership potential and after the RYPEN weekend, the Rotary seed has been planted. At her request, Ngoc has been given information to research ROTARACT, the Calgary Metro Club.

We know the Rotary family will welcome these young women to our organization in the near and not too distant future. While InterAct and RotarAct represent a small percentage of today's



Rotary community, they are 100% of the future.

Coming Events

October 8	District Governor Al Bergsma
October 15	Ray Clarke (former alderman): A View on Calgary Civic Politics
October 22	Christie Johnson: Head Mistress, Malawi Girls on the Move
October 29	A Hallowe'en Surprise
November 5	Rotary Assembly and Election – No Speaker
November 12	Special Remembrance Day Program – TBA
November 19	Club Program – RI Foundation
November 19	Christmas Formal Ball – Earl Grey Golf Club
November 26	Grey Cup Weekend Special Program TBA
December 3	Len Perry: Vice President and General Manage CTV, Calgary
December 10	
December 17	Children's Christmas Choir
December 19	Rotary Family Christmas Brunch
December 24	Meeting Cancelled
December 31	Special Program – "Happy New Year"