

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

The Weekly WESTERNER

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On this sunny and warm (13 degrees) Friday's club meeting at La Joie De Vivre in Inglewood, Acting (and Past) President **Stan Cichon**, in a beautiful grey suit (complete with moo-sounding cell phone), called the meeting to order at 12.15 pm, welcomed all members and guests and commented on the financially dysfunctional economy in the world today and the US\$8.4 billion write-down by Merrill Lynch.

Ron Jones led us into the singing of 'O Canada' to the music of **Don Axford**.

Chris Davis recited the invocation.

At the head table today with President Stan were keynote speaker **Master Corporal Cade Seely**, **Rick Guthrie** (introducer), **Ron Jones** (thanker), **Ron Morrison**, and **David Williams**.

Bill Lawless introduced our five guests, who included **Fred Scott** visiting from the coast.

Dinner was enjoyable as always: shepherd's pie, lentil soup, Caesar salad and cake for dessert.

Announcements and acknowledgements

CHRISTMAS PARTY

To be held on Friday November 14th at the Calgary Golf and Country Club. All members are encouraged not to miss this very special annual event. Tickets are \$60 per person.

ANNA MARIA KAUFFMANN CONCERT.

Jim Walker announced that it appears the concert has been cancelled (as announced at two other clubs this week).

FEED THE HUNGRY

Don Alexander distributed the roster for the event at the St Mary's church on Sunday, November 16th. Please sign up as this is our annual club's day at this event.

ENSENADA HOUSE BUILDING PROGRAM

Dan Doherty introduced our team and celebrated the fact that they built two homes in Ensenada this year. This is an on-going event. Please contact Dan for the next event.

SICK AND VISITING

Bryden Horwood was in the hospital for surgery and is now home. Bill Lawless advised our club that he is stable. Happy recovery Bryden!

RICKARDS GET-TOGETHER

Steve and Marie Rickard are hosting a get-together for Rotarians and new members and partners at their home. All CWRC members have been sent an e-mail on at least two occasions concerning this event. Please check with Marie Rickard for further details.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Sa'adat Keshavjee asked all Paul Harris Fellows to wear their PHF pins during the month of November to celebrate Foundation month. More information on the Foundation will be broadcast in November and this will also remind us all to be looking at our annual contributions to both the Rotary Foundation and the Calgary Foundation of Rotary Clubs.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Brent Barootes honoured a table of past presidents that included **Bill Quinney, Ted Valentine, Des DeFreitas, Stan Beveridge** and **Bob Kerr** for graciously waiting their turn and eating last. With the economy in the doldrums, Brent decided the fines should increase and so they did!

HAPPY BUCKS:

The Cichons have a new and first grandson in Saskatoon.

Marmie Hess is happy to be back. (Great to see you back Marmie!)

Fred Scott is happy to be with us again today.

Bill and Maxine Lawless and Evelyn and Clarence Buckley have just returned from a successful trip to Guatemala.

Dan Varvos because his son, Duncan, was awarded a bronze medal for sparring at the Kuk Sool Won World Tournament in Houston two weeks ago. He also had a happy buck because his instructor had been promoted to sixth degree black belt at the meeting in Houston.

David Williams for the same reasons as Dan!

50-50:

Crawford Caswell won the \$45 today.

IN BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT

Valerie from Switzerland had no report. Please remember to include Valerie in your family programs.

GUEST SPEAKER

Rick Guthrie introduced Master Corporal Cade Seely who is a member of the King's Own Regiment and has returned from several tours of duty in Kandahar, Afghanistan, with the Canadian forces.

The highlights of this most informative presentation were:

- Afghanistan has 34 provinces, a vast terrain from green to desert, some mountains and a major river.

- There are eight major ethnic groups, 34 smaller tribes and the Pashtun are the main group followed in numbers by the Tajiks.
- The equipment they use in military warfare is now quite current and amongst the best in warfare.
- The way to win would not be successful unless the local army and police force are trained, equipped and ready to take over. This may not be attainable by 2011 when our forces are slated to leave.
- The Canadian mission works to provide security, stability and redevelopment and work is progressing steadily, but the damage from the Taliban appears to be relentless.
- The challenges come from such issues as corruption, tribalism, the drug trade and other inter-tribal dynamics that this generation may not be able to combat. The next generation, with better education and awareness, may better be able to handle the needs of the country.

Ron Jones thanked Master Corporal Seely on behalf of the club, and presented him with a Boltman.

Closing Comments

Our next meeting, on October 31, will be chaired by Past President Bill Quinney. Being Hallowe'en, all members are asked to consider wearing some form of costume.

The meeting ended at 1.30 pm.

Future Programs

October 31	Rick Green: A Day of Magic
November 7	The D5370 2007 membership chair, Elly Contreras
November 14	District Governor Mark Starratt
November 21	Bill Lawless talking about our project in Guatemala