



# The Weekly Westerner

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**Bill Lawless** and a "spooky witch" (a.k.a. **Lynne Thornton**) occupied the front desk for this last meeting prior to the "Hallowed Evening", promoted to include spooky mysteries for guests and Rotarians alike to witness. Attendees, some disguised for the occasion, were greeted by a Red Devil (a.k.a. **Marg Henschel**) and **Helen King** who promoted the upcoming Christmas party and the Christmas Wreath fund raiser.

**President Sa'adat** called the meeting to order and **Don Axford**, dressed as a member of the clergy (???), led the assembly in the national anthem.

The procession to the lunch buffet was aptly managed by the sergeant-at-arms, **Bob Kerr**, who gave priority to the tables with costumed individuals, including a "Goth" dressed man and other unknown characters.

Sa'adat introduced the head table consisting of **Ted Valentine**, **Chuck Morrison**, guest speaker and magician **Yeats Wong**, along with **Brian Wintonyk** and **Garfield Ganong**.

Helen King introduced the 10 guests and visiting Rotarians including Calgary West's incoming exchange student, **Fah Nichapat Tintukasiri**.

## Announcements:

Exchange student, **Fah**, provided a summary of the highlights of the past few weeks in Calgary, including Calgary Stampedes game where she received a team jersey as a memento. She also expressed how great it was to attend a conference with incoming exchange students hosted by other Rotary clubs, and how much she enjoyed getting together and sharing experiences.

A new venture with Habitat for Humanity in Cochrane was announced by **Holland Berry**. In partnership with the Cochrane Rotary Club, a two-storey 5-plex unit will be built over the next five months and volunteers will be needed from Calgary West starting with 10 on December 4 for VIP Day, and four volunteers for each of five build days to be scheduled during the first quarter of 2011.



**Bill Quinney** pointed out that copies of the Annual Report for the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation was on the tables for our review. He also reminded us that November is Foundation month and that we will be hearing more about this year's campaign over the next several weeks.

**Garfield Ganong** reminded us of the new-member wine and cheese reception at President –elect **Grant Ritchie's** house on Nov 4 (6:00 pm to 9:00 pm). Please call Grant or Garfield if you have not done so, and bring a bottle of wine, and hopefully a guest.

**Dick Brown** gave an enthusiastic update on two upcoming initiatives:

The first was the great interest to provide drivers for delivering meals for "Meals on Wheels". There are enough volunteers for taking on one route and enough interest to take on two routes with a few more volunteers. Making a commitment for two hours a month is what it would take.

The second was the excitement about the interest being shown for the Christmas Wreath program. He encouraged all club members to send the letter out to business and friends and family contacts. Orders need to be in by Thursday November 17, 2010.

**David Watson** reminded all that volunteers will be needed to participate in the Calgary West support for "Feed the Hungry" on Sunday, Nov 21. Please contact David to put your name in (403 244-1447).

The Christmas Salvation Army Kettle program is still looking volunteers to fill in the time at the South Centre Mall on Nov. 27 and Dec 4 and Westbrook Mall on Dec. 11. **David Hamilton** indicated the schedule will be distributed in early November.

**Marg Henschel** reminded everyone that tickets for the Calgary West Annual Christmas Party, to be held at the Earl Grey Country Club on Friday, November 19, will be available at the front desk at next week's meeting.

This week's winner of the 50/50 draw was **Don ..... Alexander**. not the other Don!

### **Program**

The program for this meeting was a presentation of magic and things spiritual in keeping with the Halloween theme.

Chuck Morrison introduced Yeats Wong as a magician with over 400 performances to his credit.

Before proceeding with his feats, Yeats shared some facts about his grandfather and the advice that his grandfather had passed on to him. He showed us an envelope that his grandfather had given him and set it up on a cupboard at the side of the room.

Yeats' first trick then was to illustrate that candy, which is sometimes tampered with on Halloween, would not affect him. He enlisted two members of the club to put needles in a piece of candy that he went on to put in his mouth without any apparent injury or effect.



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For his second trick, he selected the Red Devil from the audience and, after having her put her signature on a playing card from a full deck, proceeded to put the card back in the deck, put the deck in the box, and asked the “devil” to hold the box up between her thumb and forefinger for all to see. Yeats then “passed powers” to the devil and all saw a card appear to rise out of the box, which she then confirmed had her signature on it. Well Done!

Next, he had another individual of the audience examine two forks that were the same shape and profile. The individual was then asked to put one of the forks between his hands and after a few moments of conversation, asked him to compare it to the other one to show he had bent the handle. Finally, Yeats held the fork and we all saw the fork break in two without Yeats applying physical force.

The last feat, involved communicating with a spirit from the past. Enlisting yet another Rotarian to focus hard and receive the answers from the spirit, Yeats asked several questions about the past spirit’s height, his nationality, the year he died and his initials. Yeats wrote the answers told to him by the volunteer on several pieces of paper and stuck them up on the board for all to see. When revealing the answers about the past spirit, Yeats pointed out discrepancies between what he was told and what the true answers were. The spirit’s height was correct, his nationality was wrong, the year of his death was out by one year, and the initials were missing one letter. Oh well!

Next, Yeats went to retrieve the envelope previously set aside, opened it and the paper inside predicted exactly what the discrepancies to the answers were: the height was correct, his nationality was wrong, the year of his death was out by one year, and the initials were missing on letter - spooky!

Ted Valentine thanked Yeats for demonstrating his talents and presented him with a Calgary West Boltman.

**President Sa’adat** reminded all that next week was a club assembly and election meeting and adjourned this meeting.

Coming Events

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
<b>Sunday, November 21</b>	<b>Feed the Hungry at St Mary’s Church</b>
November 26	Grey Cup Weekend Special Program TBA
<b>Saturday, November 27</b>	<b>Salvation Army Christmas Kettles</b>
December 3	TBA
<b>Saturday, December 4</b>	<b>(1) Salvation Army Christmas Kettles (2) Habitat for Humanity VIP Day</b>
December 10	Hon. David Mason, Q.C. – Chair, Alberta Human Rights Commission



<b>Saturday, December 11</b>	<b>Salvation Army Christmas Kettles</b>
December 17	Children’s Christmas Choir
December 19	Rotary Family Christmas Brunch
December 24	<b>Meeting Cancelled</b>
December 31	Special Program – “Happy New Year”
January 7	
January 14	Len Perry: Vice President and General Manager CTV, Calgary
<b>Saturday, January 15</b>	<b>(1) Food Bank (2) Habitat for Humanity</b>
January 21	
January 28	
February 4	
February 11	Dr Stephen Duckett – President and CEO Alberta Health Services