

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

# The Weekly WESTERNER

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Holiday Inn, McLeod Trail, Fridays 12:15 pm

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After a couple of weeks of beautiful autumn weather (30 degrees and more), we were bracing for snow following today's meeting. The weather changes so quickly and the time passes so quickly. It is hard to believe we are well into the Rotary year.

This week, as always **President Karl** called the meeting to order sharply at 12:15, but had to bang his bell a few times to calm down the frivolity and fellowship being had by all and bring the meeting to order. (This report has no idea where the sergeant-at-arms was during his period; perhaps sergeant-at-arms **Garfield Ganong** was at the dessert table already.)

Prior to the meeting being called to order, there was great fellowship. The program committee was nested off to one corner planning and arranging for the continued great delivery of weekly luncheon speakers. As Committee Chair **Bill Tapuska** pointed out, they finished their meeting at noon to ensure that these committee members would have time between noon and 12:15 for fellowship. Well done Bill on both the meeting management and the great line up of speakers to date.

It was noted that **Past-president Lynne Thornton** arrived wearing a brand new black feather hat that was very becoming. Upon investigation, Lynne confessed that on a recent trip she found a shop that all they sold was hats. She said she was in heaven and bought many more than a conservative estimate of "several". But most were half-price, she noted. Great hat, Lynne, we look forward to seeing the rest.

When the meeting did come to order President Karl again thanked the Holiday Inn for their great service as well as the publisher of this bulletin **David Williams** and his team of scribes for the job well done to date!

**Don Axford** led us in a good rendition of *O Canada* while Past-president Lynne delivered the grace.

I noticed at this time that **Don Bateman** had arrived and bought 50/50 tickets. Knowing his winning record, I promptly threw away any 50/50 tickets I had bought figuring my chances at winning were next to nothing. Alas though, the 50/50 was won by **Bill Quinney**. (**Mike Carlin**, do we need to repeat this for the seniors sitting at the back with bad hearing? The 50/50 was won by Bill Quinney.)

On the front desk we were greeted promptly by **Frank Burns**. (Take note the SAA failed to announce/fine Frank for this and it is too late to promote, but Frank had a showing of his tremendous artwork this past weekend. Be sure to ask him how it went when you see him on Friday.) **Jim Barnes** was faithfully on the front desk collecting our \$25 while David Williams and **Stan Beveridge** were flogging the Club Christmas Extravaganza Dinner at the Golf and Country Club to be held on Friday November 13. And **Larry Doyle** was offering members and guests the chance to “roll in the dough” if they bought a 50/50 ticket.

The Holiday Inn served up a couple of salads, toast and cowboy chili for lunch. Scrumptilyicious!

President Karl introduced his head table including guest speakers from Bleeding Art Industries, **Becky Scott** and **Leo Wieser**, Past-president **Jim Willson**, who introduced the speakers, Past-president **Joe Klassen**, who thanked our speaker and Past-president **Bill Quinney**. Karl also welcomed back **Ron Brookes** from his extended vacation in Quebec where he lived on an island with no phone, not TV, no internet, just the company of family and friends. It sounds very relaxing.

Frank Burns, artist extraordinaire, introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. **Robyn Braley** had a couple of guests, while **Steve Rickard** and **Bryden Horwood** both had guests but were not at the meeting themselves. (I wonder who paid for their guests. Perhaps both should be fined \$25 next week for not picking up their guests lunch!!)

In announcements, **Stan Cichon** reminded all that there will be a memorial service for our past member and President **Jo Johansson** this coming Tuesday, October 6, at McInnis and Holloway Funeral Home at Elbow Drive and 50<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Our Brazilian exchange student, **Marco**, visited the microphone to update us with his past week or two of escapades. He was as happy as could be to announce that his home country of Brazil and specifically Rio de Janeiro will be host to the 2016 Olympic Summer Games which had been announced only hours earlier. Marco assured us that all of us were welcome to stay at his house if we came to the Games in 2016. (Marco you had better let your parent know there is about 50 or so people coming for dinner and a few nights stay in 2016!!) Marco went on to tell us all about his time at the Waterton Peace Park event and how rewarding and emotional it was to meet all the district (ours and the US) exchange students. He went on to chat about his school and his volunteering for Challenge Day and how rewarding (and emotional again) that was. If President Karl had let him continue to speak we might all still be there. President Karl has to pry poor Marco away from the microphone. Go for it again Marco! Great update - we love to hear from you!

Larry Doyle announced that the Club Golf Tournament was held this past week with **Grant Ritchie** winning the tournament from a low gross perspective while **Gordon Rodrigues** squeaked in to win the low net score. There were seven golfers in the tourney and Larry noted that prizes were provided by Karl, Mike Carlin and others, and there were lots of prizes and they were welcome but undeserved!

**Clarence Buckley** reminded us of a great event coming up in Canmore. It is the Hearts and Hands Dinner being held at Silvertip Golf Resort in Canmore. This is the organization we fund for our Guatemala project of water filters, stoves and schools! Tickets are just \$100 each and the dinner is on October 15. For more details and to get tickets, speak to Clarence.

President Karl announced that it was Larry Doyle's birthday on October 2 at the meeting and on October 3 it was **Bob Hamshaw's** and Clarence Buckley's on October 4. What a string of birthday parties we could have had together!

It was also announced by President Karl (because Past-president and Past DG Steve Rickard was not at the meeting himself to announce nor pay for nor entertain his guest) that there will be a presentation on MicroCredit at Fort Calgary on Thursday, October 29, at 7 pm. The presentation is on the MicroCredit project in Liberia. For more details, please contact Steve Rickard.

**Dick French** from the Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook took a few moments to talk about their upcoming fundraiser gala being held on Saturday, November 7, at the Carriage House Inn. It is called “Putting on the Ritz” and all the proceeds raised will go to Little Warriors, a charity focused on preventing child abuse. It is a gala evening with wine served with each of five courses, a champagne starter and a 20-piece big band for dancing the night away. Tickets are just \$125 each and tables of 8 are \$1000. There are also sponsorship opportunities available. For more information visit their web site at [www.chinookrotary.org](http://www.chinookrotary.org).

Garfield Ganong as our illustrious sergeant-at-arms was able to pick up a few bucks. He fined President Karl for pulling Marco from the microphone as well as throwing in a happy buck announcing he had found a sucker – oops - a willing volunteer to be his official treasurer for the 2012 District Conference. Garfield is the Chair of the Conference in 2012 when our own **Mike French** will be District Governor that year.

### Guest Speakers

Jim Willson introduced our guest speakers today. Leo Wieser has a background in pyrotechnics as well as costume design, lighting and special effects. He started Bleeding Heart Industries, a Calgary-based company that focuses on special effects and custom fabrication for Hollywood movies, TV movies, commercials, events, theatres productions and such. He was joined in partnership a year later by Becky Scott who oversees the communications, marketing and the business side of operations, while Leo’s focus is on creativity and production. As Leo noted, the name of the company came from the “pull out of the film industry” from Alberta when he was sitting round thinking about “bleeding for his art” and looking for work.

This entrepreneurial venture has truly shown the spirit of Albertans to make things work. The company (four employees and then contract workers as needed) was created out of a void in the market then morphed into delivering different services within the entertainment industry to ensure survival, but also the changing of the times. The company does everything from building foam sets for events and exhibits, including much of the exhibit layout at the Children’s Creative Museum at the TELUS World of Science in Calgary, for theatre stage productions, special effects like explosions and fires, blood drenched audiences and more. You name it, from a special effects perspective, they deliver. Their list of credits and work is long. Many we see daily or when we visit places like the Science Centre, the zoo, the opera or watch TV or movies. For more details on what they do and to see some great footage and examples of their work, including cars blowing up and buildings bursting into flame and more, visit [www.bleedingartindustries.com](http://www.bleedingartindustries.com)

### Upcoming Speakers and Events

October 9	Bruce Cameron – A View of Calgary Municipal Politics
October 16	Lisa (Longball) Vlooswyk – Canadian Women’s Golf Longball Champion
October 23	MLA Ron Liepert, Minister of Health for Alberta
October 30	“The Great Houdini” – A Hallowe’en Surprise
November 6	Remembrance Day Celebration. Also, Mark Verrall, a medic in Bosnia and Afghanistan
November 13	Ezra Levant – Human Rights Commissions
November 13	Christmas ball in the evening