

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

The Weekly WESTERNER

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Acting chair **Bill Quinney** called the meeting to order at 12:15ish. With him at the head table: **Clarence Buckley, Ted Valentine, Bob Kerr, Karl Herzog** and guest speaker **Rick Green**.

The national anthem was accompanied by himself.

The invocation was given by Ted Valentine.

It was noted that there were four past presidents in the group. They had the royal jelly.

Bill checked that the food was present before inviting sergeant-at-arms, **Bryden Horwood**, to name the tables to go for food. (If you put your thumb on the mike it will scream!) As acting scribe, **Don Axford's** table led the way.

In 101 Dalmatians attire and escort for yours truly (in stability not mentality), **Carolyn Christensen** played Cruella Da Ville. At the scribe's table, **Dan Varvos** spoke about the new Eau Claire Rotary Club. He said there are highs and lows in the experience. There are 35 members, but, as these new Canadians get jobs, they drift away.

Jim Barnes presented the names of visitors and guests followed by the welcome song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stan Beveridge spoke about our Christmas party on November 14th at the Calgary Golf and Country Club. **Stan Cichon** has tickets.

Youth Director **Marie Rickard** said that a new arrangement with Central West High (formerly Lord Shaughnessy) is being negotiated.

Marie also introduced **Daria Tilimpea**, one of two young ladies that Calgary West sponsored to go on a Trade Mission to Peru with Global Vision's Junior Team Canada. **Erica Frick** and Daria were both RYLA participants in 2008. RYLA was organized in the District by our own **Dan Doherty**. The theme in 2008 was "I am involved, I have a voice!" These two young ladies applied and were accepted to join this

mission and were responsible for one half of their expenses. Calgary West has made a contribution to support their passion and leadership. She was with us to describe her experience.

Twenty three young people jetted to Lima, Peru, to volunteer. They had difficulties with bus transportation and no hotel, but the Canadian Embassy came to their rescue. They constructed a community centre. Talisman was a partner to this programme and airlifted the students by helicopter to see their project. I am involved since I have a voice is their battle cry. We were thanked.

A full version of Daria's speech is given at the end of this bulletin.

Don Alexander said Feed the Hungry, November 16th, needs more volunteers.

Chuck Morrison announced that we shall man the Salvation Army kettles at Chinook food court on November 22 and 29. Maybe Westbrook on December 6.

Publisher's Note: The following is the e-mail that Chuck sent to Don:
Calgary West will be manning Christmas kettles for the Salvation Army on three consecutive Saturdays beginning November 22, 2008. On **November 22/29**, we will be at **Chinook Centre** in the food court location. On **December 6**, we are **expecting** assignment to **Westbrook Mall**, but I have no location confirmed. Volunteers for Westbrook will be sought in forthcoming meetings. **Availability for Chinook is reduced to Saturday November 29, 5pm to 8pm**, due to an outstanding response from those present at today's meeting. **Please call or e-mail Chuck** if you can take that remaining shift or keep yourself available to work December 6. We also need names to spare on any date should a volunteer encounter an unexpected problem with working their shift.

Sa'adat Keshavjee would like Paul Harris Fellows to wear their pins in November, Foundation month. Now, if only I knew where I put the pin when I moved.

Clarence Buckley urged people to sign up for the bridge club. It takes place on the second Tuesday of each month. It is fun and there is dessert as well!

Dan Doherty suggested that we hold **Robyn Braley** in our prayers. Robyn is in hospital with an undetermined heart condition. It is better not to communicate with Robyn by e-mail or visits. I believe a card will be present for us to sign next week.

Want to curl – the game with rocks and brooms? Talk to Dan Doherty.

The sergeant-at-arms managed to ding most of us. Bryden Horwood (world traveller that he is) mentioned Cairo is not Calgary.

Jim Walker took home \$33, from the 50/50 draw.

Helen King won the wee John Deere tractor. (You had to be there to understand!)

GUEST SPEAKER

Bob Kerr introduced Rick Green of Cochrane. He came from Ontario 23 years ago to Fort Mac and Suncor. There are two daughters in his family, 23 and 25. (I hope that is right.)

Rick demonstrated his card skills at two tables. He is very good at gaming. We were truly amazed.

While Rick was performing his magic – and with his knowledge and consent - some of our members took the chance to gather in groups to exchange greetings and small talk. It was a refreshing change to have this informal time together.

Ted Valentine thanked Rick and presented the Boltman.

Bill Quinney ended the meeting with a groaner.

Thanks to all who assisted me with my tasks. Cheerio.

Future Programs

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

Daria Tilimpea's Presentation

About four months ago, just before my summer vacation, I had applied for a program called Junior Team Canada, created by Global Vision. Global Vision is a non-profit organization started by Terry Clifford, a former minister in the House of Commons. Since 1991, he and his team have been choosing young delegates from all across Canada to participate in an international trade mission that would find its way around the world. This year, I was fortunate enough to be accepted into this amazing opportunity and embarked on the journey that would forever change my thinking about international business. Peru was the location chosen this year, in light of the recently signed free trade agreement between Canada and Peru. In June, there was a national youth Caucus in Ottawa where our team of 23 students met the Prime Minister. In August, we were finally ready to reach this year's destination: Lima, Peru. Although we arrived at 3 am in the morning to find that our buses had forgotten about us at the airport, and then our hotel thought we were coming a day later and had no room for us, we still had an amazing start to the mission by meeting with the Canadian embassy that same day. Over the next week, we met with different Canadian businesses operating in Lima and sat down with the CEO's and the executives to learn more about the challenges and advantages of working in a foreign country. One of the local universities also held a reception for us. It turned out to be an unforgettable night of interaction with local Peruvian youth and making long-lasting ties. The team then split into three, with one group visiting Huaraz in the Andes mountains to work on a project with two Canadians of building a business community center. The second group traveled to Puno by lake Titicaca to explore the small local businesses and my group was sponsored by Talisman and we were taken by helicopter deep into the Amazon Jungle to see first hand the base camp of a Canadian company. The challenges they had to go through, both in having to make sure they don't harm the environment, nor the natives, were great. At the end of the two weeks, we had to write a market report to bring back to our sponsoring businesses back home to give them a glimpse of the foreign market in Peru.

There are really so many things I could talk to you about our experience, but I'm not sure I can truly convey what it felt like to be representing our country overseas. Junior Team Canada's mission was to promote cross cultural understanding and development in the private sector. We were able to do that through lots of late nights, through interaction with local Peruvians, through meeting with Canadian businesses and exploring all corners of the country. We came back home with a sense of purpose that we would apply everything we have learned in order to help Canada continue to be a leader in an international world. I feel so grateful to have taken part in such an endeavor, so thank you to Rotary for helping make that happen.