



The Weekly Westerner

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Holiday Inn, McLeod Trail, Fridays 12:15 pm

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There was a sense of enjoyment and friendship as we gathered at the Holiday Inn remembering just what the sun looks like - YAHOO!

The head table assembled and were: **President Sa'adat Keshavjee**; Guest speaker – **Diane Reid** (Boys and Girls Club); Exchange student from Thailand, **Fah Tintukasiri**; **Marg Henschel**- the lady with a camera; **Marie Rickard** and **Marnie Cardell**.

The National Anthem, *O Canada*, was led by himself and **Mike Carlin** gave the invocation.

Steve's and Marie's daughter was the 50/50 winner. Her team raised \$5070 for cancer.

OUR VISION: An improved world one project at a time.

Bill Lawless: Our Guatemala project – do you wish to go?! If so, contact Bill soonest.

Dick Brown: MEALS ON WHEELS - call if you want to help. Also, there will be a meeting at 11 am before next week's meeting.

Larry Doyle: There will be a golf tourney at Woodside, Wednesday. We have nine golfers so far, but there is room for about seven(?) more. Get in touch with Larry.

Ted Valentine mentioned various Rotarians – some no longer belonging to our club! – whose birthdays will be occurring during September and a little beyond. Too many to remember!

Chuck Morrison was sergeant-at-arms.

THE INDUCTION

Jaslin Kaur Ahuja was presented by me, **Don A.** Jaslin arrived in Canada from New Delhi a short time ago. She was introduced to Calgary West through Dr. A C Peter – a Rotarian in the New Delhi East End Club, and also the Piravom Club met me in Piravom when I spoke to their club. He had worked with



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Jaslin in the Gift of Life programme of Rotary International. Jaslin co-ordinated the work with her hospital. On learning that Jaslin was coming to Calgary, Dr Peter contacted me and the rest is history.

The charge was given by **Garfield Ganong**. Garfield urged Jaslin to give herself to her membership and grow with the experience. Congratulations Jaslin! At age 29, Mike Carlin suggested that our average age has dropped dramatically. (That’s Jaslin at 29, not Mike!)

Guest Speaker

Marnie Cardell introduced our speaker and shared her insights into the work of the Boys and Girls Club, and Habitat for Humanity.

Diane Reid, a very delightful, warm, funny lady with a passion for youth gave us an overview of the work of Calgary Boys and Girls Club.

Diane spoke about the relationship between Rotary and the organization. Seventy one years ago the Chief of Police noted the need for work to be done in the Inglewood-Ramsay area of town. Fathers were absent and at war. The young boys were known to curse and break street lights! The Manchester Rotary Club, now Calgary South, assisted in the creation of Rotary Boys Town. For ten years they provided governance, financing and leadership for the group. They also shared \$10,000. to begin Camp Adventure. The Province came through with land and a 99-year lease. It was a tent camp that has changed many lives.

Their work now involves 40,000 young people. They have a goal to encourage the youth to finish high school. They work with refugees, school drop-outs and street kids. Avenue 15 is one of their housing projects where kids are looked after. They have 2500 volunteers. They service 147 schools. (Are there really that many? I could have misheard.) Breakfasts and lunches are provided to people of need.

There annual budget is \$13 million, of which \$5 million comes from the province, \$1.7 million from the United Way and \$1 million from FCSS. The rest is fundraising.

It would be a good idea for all members to learn more about the Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary.

Marie Rickard thanked Diane and presented her with an Operation Eyesight certificate. A person will be given sight in Diane’s name. A great gift.

Coming Events

October 1	Exchange Students – Outbound and Inbound
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



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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”