

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

The Weekly WESTERNER

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President Lynne Thornton called the meeting to order by attempting to whistle. There was no microphone and no piano. We were in a side room because our normal space was rented with an agreement signed. Oh well, we did get chummy.

Holland Berry was at a side table near the back and **Dan Varvos** was at a side table at the front. Holland would introduce **Doug MacDonald** our speaker and Dan would thank him.

Our national anthem was led by the singing duo **Ronnie and Donnie [Ron Jones and Don Axford]** for those who are not members of CWRC]. We are back to try to be a singing club. Next week, for certain.

Bill Lawless introduced visitors and guests, The welcome song was sung ending with dum dum de dum dum clap clap.

Brooklyn Barootes escorted her mom and dad.

Don't forget to bring your cash next week for the Alz Walk. (How do you spell Alzheimer's anyhow?)

We greeted a new member – **Bruce Taylor**. His partner was present. Holland introduced Bruce and **Bernie Ward** gave the charge. President Lynne presented the official paper work, the name tag and administered a hug.

Our inbound student **Valerie** had fun with **Larry Doyle** at a golf course, and enjoyed the lobsterfest at Sam's place.

Incidentally, the lobsterfest was magnificent. What a great job! Thanks everyone! And thank you **Bryden and Lou Horwood** for the drive.

Highway clean up is on Saturday and we meet at Calaway Park and then drive to our location. It is always fun, especially if it is sunny. Then we gather for lunch.

Bryden Horwood spoke about the International Committee and its work. We are doing the Guatemala Schools project but we need suggestions for another project. Talk with Bryden and his committee. Let your imagination soar.

Lynne announced the death of our Integrity Award nominee. Was it Danny Mah?

My hearing is going. So must my eyesight, cuz I didn't hear or see who one the 50/50 and David Williams was not there to help me out. **Frank Burns** tried. Oh well!

The sergeant-at-arms was **Ted Valentine**. He alluded to the fact that the sergeant ranked first above the president!

That special gathering for our sponsored Rotary club is at the Big Rock Brewery, 555 – 76 Avenue SE. Cost \$30.00.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8 IS OUR CLUB ASSEMBLY. **Helen King** has the tickets for sale @ \$25. Cocktails at 5:30PM.

Guest Speaker

Holland Berry introduced our guest speaker, Doug MacDonald. Doug is the leader of Scouts Canada in Southern Alberta. He is a member of the Downtown Rotary Club.

There are 5200 young people in the programme and 2800 volunteers. In the world there are 28 million participants in 155 countries. Lord Baden Powell began the scouting movement in 1907. Doug mentioned the obvious: our young people are electronically connected, but personally disconnected. Families are moving and the family structure is failing and money is a problem. At its high point there were 350,000 in the movement, but now the numbers are 75,000. They are looking for new ways to do the programme that will meet the needs of the kids. Oops! And girls are now in scouts. The majority of children are under 12 but some stay active until 26 years. Scouting is about relationships. They stress a programme of environmental action – the three R's: reduce, recycle and reuse.

Dan Varvos thanked Doug. He said that the scouting movement was a place where he was assisted in learning English. He presented Doug with the Boltman.

Speakers Program

September 26: Our exchange student, Valerie Lauener, will give her presentation.
The Speaker on October 3rd will be Jennifer Neden from the GSE-Brazil Team.