

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

The Weekly WESTERNER

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As Edith Josie would say: Here are the news. You have to have read the Edmonton Journal for that one.

The meeting began on time with **President Lynne Thornton** at the microphone. We are in our new digs – in Inglewood. (That would mean that we are west of Strathmore.) Seated at the head table were **Garth Evans** (he researched our new venue) **Orlin McMillan**; **Mac Hickley** - our guest speaker - **Bill Lawless** and **Chuck Morrison**.

Himself led in the singing of the national anthem – *O Canada*. The invocation was given by **Murray Hunter**.

The 50/50 draw was won by **Dan Doherty**: \$32.

The sergeant-at-arms was **Derek McClary**.

Prior to the sergeant-at-arms, a Dutch auction was held for two tickets to the Montreal-Calgary football game. The tickets were donated by **Ted Valentine** and won by **Stan Cichon**.

A huge round of applause was given to **Don Alexander** for his moving of all our stuff. He used his pick-up truck and some willing hands.

SHELTER BOX: **Alexis Beddoe** spoke about an evening at Stage West on September 15th – a Monday. The tickets are \$95.00 and are available from Alexis who is a member of the Fish Creek Club. Exchange students are welcome at \$35.00.

STUDENT: Our in-bound student, **Valerie**, spoke about camping in the mountains, experiencing snow in August, shopping, a golf game, the Vipers baseball game and her friend who is from Germany. Oh and Emerald Lake (the gem of the Rockies) and Lake Louise.

MIKE FRENCH: By the time you read this Mike's open house will be over. Oh, and Mike says pay your dues please.

SARCEE ROTARY: On September 26, the club will celebrate 10 years with an evening at the Big Rock Brewery. Tickets are \$30. We helped to get this club going and they would appreciate our presence.

Guest Speaker

Orlin McMillan introduced our guest speaker, Mac Hickley. Mac is the manager of the River Valley Committee Parks Foundation. He is a married man with a wife and two daughters.

Mac spoke about the Harvie Passage, which in part is funded by the Calgary Foundation.

There were 30 groups of interest who agreed on a mission statement. They aim to preserve, protect and conserve Calgary's water heritage on the Bow River and to make the Bow a navigable waterway. They will manage the weir to make it a flowing river and allow the fish to swim upstream. They are working on a plan that will see dump sites eliminated. They are aiming for a park-like setting for people. The area is beside the Sam Livingston fish hatchery. They are working on both the high water and low water passages. The idea is to make the high water side a graduated flow down.

The island will be extended. The design is finished and the cost was \$1 million.

The original construction cost was projected at \$6.5 million, but this has doubled. This is Calgary in 2008!

Alberta Environment and the federal government are involved in the design phase and the execution stage. The feds are in charge of rivers. The hope is to create spaces where the general public can experience the river. Look for completion in the spring of 2010. Landscaping will be completed later.

Chuck Morrison gave the thanks of the club and presented Mac with the Boltman.

Twenty years ago Bill Tapuska was our president and our new president was the Duchess of Drumheller at the Royal Tyrell. As Lynne will be away, Bill will chair next week's meeting. And she paid her fine in advance.

Next Week's Speaker:
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