



# The Weekly Westerner

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Holiday Inn, McLeod Trail, Fridays 12:15 pm

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There were slight strains of music ascending from the musical instrument which would be used to play *O Canada*. Noticed handing out name tags was **Knut Buene**, our inbound student. What a smile and what a neat way to meet the club's members.

**President Grant** had the difficult task of calling us to order, even though we didn't seem to desire the same. The head table guests arrived in dribs and drabs. After the singing of *O Canada*, **Chuck Morrison** gave an invocation that covered the bases. (Well done Chuck!)

As usual, the head table proceeded to the food trough first: President Grant Ritchie, **David Hamilton**, **Bill Lawless**, **Stan Cichon**, **Don Bateman** (he didn't win the 50/50) and our guest speaker, **Brian McAsey**.

**Mike Carlin** introduced our visitors and guests and the welcome song was sung.

The 50/50 draw was won by CR **Dick Brown**. At the Bank of Nova Scotia Dick was wearing blue shorts and a snappy summer shirt, but he went home and changed. (Dick: I think the shorts were cooler!)

**Sa'adat Keshavjee** will lead a safari to East Africa next February, which includes Zanzibar. Then there will be an after trip to Egypt. Talk to him and maybe we can get it changed to 2013.

**RON JONES AND CHALLENGER PARK:** The annual golf event is slated for August 31 at McKenzie Meadows. You may still sign up.

**MARG HENSCHEL:** Lobsterfest at Sam Switzer's acreage is on September 10<sup>th</sup>. 76 folks have signed up and the cost is \$38.

**Karl Herzog** sent a message saying thanks to those who golfed or assisted at the Motive Action event.

**TED VALENTINE:** Seven tickets to the Red and White against Les Alouettes on Saturday, a football game. (I think the red and white stands for the Calgary Stampeders.) It was a Dutch auction and the money went to the club. **Jim Barnes** won and was seen talking with our inbound student, Knut Buene. I think he is going to the game.



**MALCOLM HARRISON:** He was asking for assistants at the front desk.

**MIKE CARLIN AND LYNNE THORNTON** did a song and dance about new members. There will be teams of five persons who will find and nurture a new member. For some reason, we want 12 new members This seems a novel idea.

**Guest Speaker**

Bill Lawless introduced our guest speaker from the Calgary Fire Department, Brian McAsey.

Some notes about the fire at Slave Lake and the task of co-ordinating the firefighters.

**THE BLAZE:**

- Consumed one third of the buildings on lots in the town
- 1500 people were fighting the fire
- The hospital was ordered evacuated at 3:08 AM
- Our fire department assisted in the co-ordination
- All communication infrastructure was destroyed
- The Calgary Fire Department answers 60,000 events a year
- This was the largest fire in Alberta’s history
- It cost a quarter billion dollars to fight the blaze
- The cost was borne by provincial and federal taxpayers
- It is the second largest insurance disaster in Canada next to the Quebec ice storm
- How do you control the Office of the PM and Premier? Answer: carefully!
- 100 fires going at one time

Fire fighting units came from all over. Following 9/11, three separate action squads were set up across the country to handle such emergencies The effectiveness of these units proved invaluable. Our fire departments expertise was appreciated.

David Hamilton thanked our speaker and gave him the club’s Boltman.

**Coming Events**

<b>New Generations Month</b>	
September 2	New Generations co-ordinated by Dan Doherty
September 9	Joy Dirks: Citizenship Judge
September 16	Roy Hebert: Alberta Manager IBM (100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
September 23	Pam Swan: Field Trip, CNIB
September 30	District Governor Mike French
<b>Vocational Service</b>	
October 7	Dr Elizabeth Cannon, President, University of Calgary
October 14	Inbound and Outbound Students
October 21	Vince Caleffi, key player in startup of Alberta Sheriffs Department
October 28	A Hallowe’en Surprise
<b>Rotary Foundation Month</b>	



November 4	Bercusson (Tent)
November 11	Remembrance Day – Meeting Cancelled???
November 18	Calgary Rotary Foundation: Dan Doherty
November 25	Grey Cup Weekend – Special Program
	<b>Rotary Family Month</b>
December 2	
December 9	RYLA Presentation: Report from participants
December 16	Special Program – Children’s Choir???
December 18	Rotary Family Christmas Brunch, Pinebrook Golf Club
December 23	<b>Meeting Cancelled</b>
December 30	Happy New Year – Special Program