

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

# The Weekly WESTERNER

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Holiday Inn, McLeod Trail, Fridays 12:15 pm

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The meeting began with the singing of *O Canada* led by **Don Axford**. The invocation was delivered by **Robyn Braley**.

At the head table: the Roman Catholic Bishop of Calgary, **Fred Henry**, President-elect and acting chair **Sa'adat Keshavjee** - an Ismaili Muslim who was surrounded by many players in the Roman Catholic community - **Dan Doherty** - a leader in the development of St. Mary's University College; **Chris Lee** - the engineer who cooked for years at Feed the Hungry; The President of Sask Air and longtime separate (Roman Catholic) schools principal, **Stan Cichon**; **Ted Valentine** who has led a retreat in January for men at Mount St. Francis and whose wife Shirley was Chair of the Separate School Board for years. A table of leadership, if ever there was one.

Did you know that Fred was one of my teachers at Western? Yep, the University of Western Ontario, where I attended theology at Huron and Fred was part of the staff at St. Peter's.

**NEXT WEEK WE MEET AT THE DANISH CANADIAN CLUB. Come early if you wish to park on the lot.**

**Tim Anderson** won the 50/50 draw.

**Bill Lawless** and **Karl Herzog** sent greetings from Guatemala.

We inducted a new member, **Allen Waters**, who was introduced by **Jim Willson**. The charge was given by **Bernie Ward**, a former president of a Winnipeg area Rotary club.

**Ron Brookes** told us that we have 1200 orders for Strawberry Shortcakes - a tad shy of the 4000 we hoped for, but there is still time.

**Don Alexander** welcomed visitors and guests.

**Garfield Ganong** was sergeant-at-arms, and fined our table because I gave another table the answer. (Cheap shot!)

We had a visiting Rotarian who told us about an evaluation done in the US of leading Foundations. The Rotary Foundation ranked 3<sup>rd</sup>. Calgary West has so far raised 116% of our goal!

We are seeking a student for Adventures in Citizenship. (This was called On to Ottawa at one time.) The Ottawa Rotary Club does the organizing and billeting for the young people. We select our student and pay the airfare to Ottawa. It is a fantastic growing experience. Do you know an outstanding young person aged 16-19?

### **Guest Speaker**

Dan Doherty introduced Bishop Henry who was to speak about homelessness. Dan told a golf story about Mike Carlin and the bishop. Did that ball really go in the hole, Mike?

Bishop Fred has an abundant sense of humour. It has been said of Fred that he never saw a microphone that he didn't love. It has also been said that he once did not believe himself to be opinionated. The response from his clergy staff was: he had an opinion about everything.

One had to be there to hear about the mouse story. Ask us: really!

When approached to be on a homeless eradication committee, the bishop was not really interested until he heard that they wished to end this problem in Calgary in ten years.

Any successes: yes, siree! 200 families housed. 1200 people in two years.

We need to support those in need or we too will be diminished.

The plan is to give housing first and then work on the social problems each person has.

The bishop hopes that each of his parishes will adopt a family. The need is for friendship and mentoring.

Our previous policies around environmental issues (like spitting) do not work. We cannot drive the poor away.

The Bishop praised the Provincial Government for massive financial support. Thanks Yvonne Fritz.

The group's ten year plan is to lead people to a home. (all roads lead home)

Ted Valentine thanked Bishop Henry and presented the Boltman.

### **Coming Events**

February 5	Bruce Dowbiggen – Globe and Mail, and Fan 960 <b>Meeting at the Danish Canadian Club. Chaired by Past DG – Steve Richard</b>
February 12	<b>No Meeting</b>
February 19	District Governor 5360 – Steve Allen
February 26	TBA
March 5	Roland George – National Energy Board
March 12	Cpl Bill Hamilton and Targo – RCMP Canine Division
March 19	City of Calgary Alderman, Jim Stevenson – the Airport Tunnel
March 26	Sherri Zickafoose – Calgary Herald Crime Beat