



The Weekly Westerner

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A large crowd gathered at the Holiday Inn for the pleasure of hearing **Dr. Elizabeth Cannon**, president of the University of Calgary.

At the head table: three engineers: **Bryden Horwood**, **Bill Tapuska** and Dr. Cannon. 'Tother side: **President Grant Ritchie**, who later won the beer for a year lottery (he said he would buy wine and invite us over), **Karl Herzog** (the climb every mountain guy) and **Des DeFreitas** (the money guru).

Robyn Braley lead us in *O Canada* and a somewhat behind pianist. Two Invocations followed: one invocation was by **Ted Valentine** and the other by our youngest Paul Harris person, **Brooklyn Barootes**.

Dan Doherty introduced our visitors and guests, and we sang the welcome song, sans piano.

50/50

I was so sad that I didn't win, I forgot to write down the winner –oops! Was it **David Watson**?

David Watson spoke about Feed the Hungry on November 6th with Calgary South.

Jim and Frances Barnes leave for Mexico in two days and will be back for Christmas.

Jim spoke about the programme, Association for Community Living. Rotary participates in this programme which finds companies willing to take on a needy job client. Our **Mike Carlin** found such a company, and they will have two positions. 85% of these clients find full time work.

Sa'adat Keshavjee said that the Safari to Africa will now happen in 2013. The **Ganongs** have approved the change. If you want to participate, speak with Sa'adat.

There is a choir coming to Knox United church on October 10th, the Trelawny Male Choir. Tickets are \$20, if you apply early, or \$25 at door. **Talk to Marie**. It is for a Rotary project.

Marie also said that 175 persons attended the Micro-Credit Conference on last Saturday at the Danish Canadian Club. She congratulated the committee and hubby **Steve**.



Mike Carlin reported that the golf wind-up was successful and that a wounded, but repaired, David Watson had the score of 83.

Club Assembly is slated for October 21st at the Holiday Inn.

What a lovely turkey dinner we had.

Guest Speaker

Bill Tapuska (in his own elegant style) introduced Dr. Elizabeth Cannon, president of the University of Calgary.

By the way, I saw **Marmie Hess** at a table. Marmie has a doctorate from three of Alberta's universities – U of A; U of C and Lethbridge.

Elizabeth was named U of C president on July 1, 2010. She is a professional engineer and was dean of the Schuler School of Engineering, U of C.

Her specialty is Geomatics Engineering with emphasis on Global Positioning.

Her giftedness as a speaker was recognized by questioner Robyn Braley, who said that she must surely have escaped her engineering roots to become a public relations phenomenon.

Elizabeth told of her PEI roots and her father's Rotary roots. She exclaimed that the U of C and Rotary both work for the Calgary community. She came west in 1982 and said she arrived just as the exodus occurred from Calgary.

SOME INTERESTING DETAILS

- Two thirds of students are from Calgary and two third remain here after graduation.
- The U of C has roots to 1906, but, in 1946, a committee was formed to ask government to have a university here.
- The university is 45 years young and will celebrate 50 years in 2016.
- Right now, there are 31,000 students and 5000 faculty and staff – a small city.
- Their new downtown campus is at 8th and 8th.
- They have a book storage building at Spy Hill.
- There are 140,000 alumni living in 148 countries, but two thirds live here.
- There is an international public policy programme headed by Jack Mintz – 40 folks from around the world.
- There is a concentrated academic programme for the energy industry.
- There are now 14 faculties and a nursing programme in Qatar (pronounced Kutter).
- 4000 faculty community leaders and students are visioned for the U of C future.
- They have a plan approved by the board of governors and the faculty association.
- The original motto was: "I will lift up my eyes (sounds like a psalm to me) and the mountains are near." It is now "Eyes High".



- The budget is 1 billion dollars. Half comes from the government, 25% from tuition fees and 25% from research grants.
- It is a research university. There is no conflict with the new Mount Royal University. Both schools have increased enrolments.
- The goal is to provide a good education and Elizabeth said that there 95 post secondary schools in Canada and all are excellent.

The thrust of the address by Dr. Cannon was about engaging the Calgary community and providing the education that will continue to make Calgary blossom as a city and a place of excellence. Every school has a plan and desires to be the best. And, as a graduate who has attended eight schools of higher learning, and is a graduate of three, I found this presentation truly amazing.

Bryden Horwood thanked Dr. Cannon and presented her with the Boltman.

Coming Events

	Vocational Service
October 14	Inbound and Outbound Students
October 21	Assembly
October 28	Everett Andrews, Magician Extraordinaire
	Rotary Foundation Month
November 4	District Governor Mike French
Sunday, November 6	Feed the Hungry, St Mary's Church
Thursday, November 10	All clubs Remembrance Day ceremony at the Ogden Legion. Lt Governor Ethell will be the speaker.
November 11	Meeting cancelled
November 18	Calgary Rotary Foundation: Dan Doherty
November 25	Grey Cup Weekend – Special Program
	Rotary Family Month
December 2	Bill and Maxine Lawless: Guatemala
December 9	RYLA Presentation: Report from participants
December 16	Special Program – TBA
December 18	Rotary Family Christmas Brunch, Pinebrook Golf Club
December 23	Meeting Cancelled
December 30	Happy New Year – Special Program