



The Weekly Westerner

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The Holiday Inn was abuzz with many unfamiliar faces as we were to hear of Micro-credit. **Alex Counts** was to be our guest speaker. Alex was a Fullbright Scholar. Other scholarly types at the head table were: **Steve Rickard**, the hatted **Marg Henschel**, **Victoria Achilleos** (a dress guru). **Duncan Stanners**, and **President Grant Ritchie**.

The national anthem was begun by **Robyn Braley**, who was joined by the key boarder, **Don Axford**, The invocation was by Robyn Braley.

Sergeant-at-arms was **Bob Kerr**.

Visitors and guests were introduced by **Marie Rickard**.

The welcome song was led by Don Axford – as someone had pulled the plug on the keyboard. Oops!

Ted Valentine introduced the September birthday people.

Joe Klassen reported that 12 folks prepared potato sacks for the Food Bank.

Larry Doyle said thanks to the folks who did highway clean-up.

Bill Quinney requested that all tickets be handed in for the Beer for a Year Project for the draw on Friday, October 7th.

Guest Speaker

PDG Steve introduced our speaker, Alex Counts.

A video was presented that showed how a loan given to a girl could transform her, her family and her community (one loan at a time).



Alex spoke about Microcredit in Bangladesh. Microcredit worked in 90% of Bangladeshi communities. It was the notion of civil society changing the course of the nation and not the government. It is the same story with Rotary, Bill Gates and Polio plus.

In India it was about solar heating. In Haiti it was about adult education.

Problematic: There was an unscrupulous man who enriched himself. Some times too many loans are given out by competing agencies. But 100 million folks have been helped, and this has changed our world.

Duncan thanked Alex for his interesting and informative presentation, and presented him with our world famous Boltman.

Coming Events

	Vocational Service
October 7	Dr Elizabeth Cannon, President, University of Calgary
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 Ethal 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