



The Weekly Westerner

Box 4572, Station C, Calgary, Alberta T2T 5N3
Holiday Inn, McLeod Trail, Fridays 12:15 pm

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Bernie Ward greeted arriving guests and Rotarians, collected their money and recorded their attendance. **Carolyn Christison** was efficiently selling 50/50 tickets. **Bob Kerr** cheerfully greeted all.

Don Bateman, President-elect, filling in for President **Grant Ritchie**, called the meeting to order, and commented on the good weather that was being experienced and keeping spirits high. **Don Axford** then led the national anthem from the keyboard, and was followed by the invocation. Sergeant-at-Arms **Chuck Morrison** aptly managed the procession of attendees to the buffet table, which was set up with a selection of soup, salads and sandwiches.

President-elect Don Bateman introduced those seated at the head table: **Karl Herzog**, guest speaker Citizenship Judge **Joy Dirks**, **Des DeFreitas**, **Marnie Cardell**, and **Brent Barootes**.

Bob Kerr introduced the guests who were given Calgary West's traditional greeting.

Those welcomed included:

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| Ben Kormos | Guest of Sa'adat Keshavjee |
| George Dirks | Guest of Calgary West |
| Christine Turner | Visiting Rotarians from Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, UK |
| Andrew Turner | |
| Andrew Barwood | Guest of Dick Brown from the UK |
| Kassoum Sow | Rotarian from Calgary Centennial |
| Terry McDonough | Rotarian from Calgary South |
| Roger Jarvis | Rotarian from Calgary South |

Announcements

Marg Henschel reminded all those planning to attend the Lobsterfest at Sam Switzer's in Bragg Creek that the event will start at 5:30 pm. She described the driving instructions and said to watch for the orange sign with "Switzer" on it at the driveway entrance.

Bill Lawless announced he was heading off to Guatemala for a week and will report back on the progress of the next phase of classroom construction now underway.



Denise Penner-Collins requested those interested in participating in the Calgary West's dinner club to sign up on the sheets left on the tables, or respond to her email to be sent out soon.

Steve Rickard encouraged Rotarians and guests to attend the upcoming Calgary Microcredit Conference to be held in Calgary at the Danish Canadian Club on October 1, 2011. Keynote speakers include Alex Counts, Terry Provance and Rupert Scofield. To obtain additional information and register, please go to website at: www.calgarymicrocreditconference.com.

Dick Brown briefly described the Rotary Friendship Exchange to England he participated in recently and introduced Andrew Barwood, one of his hosts, who had come to Canada on a trip.

Karl Herzog was pleased to announce that the event raised \$50,000 from the recent Motive-Action Golf Tournament. He expressed his thanks to all of the Calgary West members who had either volunteered to help or had participated in the tournament.

Guest Speaker

Des DeFreitas introduced the guest speaker, Joy Dirks, who was appointed as a Citizenship Judge in Calgary in January, 2009. She has an extensive background of professional, entrepreneurial and community service, which includes working as a protocol official with the government of Saskatchewan, planning and coordinating royal family visits to the province, a successful career in real estate condominium sales and management, an accomplished special events planner, writer, and key note speaker, and a corporate relocation consultant in Alberta. Judge Dirks is deeply committed to building a strong civil society through community service, and has been an active volunteer in schools, youth programs, teen camps, community organizations and local churches.

Judge Dirks opened her remarks with a thank you to Rotary for contributing to making the world a better place through its accomplishments and ethics in business, and initiatives in international and local services.

A joke followed in which she described a blonde in a Canadian blizzard. The blonde was driving when a blizzard swept in. The blonde soon remembered what her father had told her what to do when driving in a snow storm such as this. She recalled him saying wait for a snow plough and then follow behind it. She stopped, and when a snow plough soon came along she started following it. After a quite while the snow plough driver stopped, got out and walked back to the car. After finding out why she was following him the snow plough driver told her that he had just finished ploughing the snow from the Wal-Mart parking lot and that he was heading next to the Canadian Tire parking lot.

The population of Canada is based on aboriginal people, French and British settlers, and immigrant minorities. Canada is viewed as a destination of choice for 250,000 immigrants each year, and has the highest per capita rate of immigrants in the world. Immigrants view Canada as a land of opportunity where they can pursue making their dreams come true.



During the last sixty years, the predominant country of birth for those immigrating to Canada has varied. In 2010 the predominant country of origin was the Philippines and the previous ten years it was Asian groups.

A point of interesting trivia that many of the immigrants arriving during the 50s and 60s landed in Halifax. Pier 21 was the disembarking point and processing area for those people arriving to start a new life and introduced to a new culture. The floor of the building they first stepped into was often covered with Corn Flakes. While waiting to be interviewed new arrivals were presented with some provision which included cigarettes a box of Corn Flakes and other sundries. Often the Corn Flakes were not recognized as a snack or food and children tossed the flakes about not knowing what else to do with them.

Immigration continues to be an important element in shaping the Canadian society. Since 1869, Canada’s immigration programs have helped build a community of citizens respected around the world. Out of every 100 new citizens that Judge Dirks swears in, there are typically 27 to 35 different countries of origin. Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) is responsible for screening, supporting and ultimately helping immigrants to become Canadian Citizens.

Judge Dirks continued describing the requirements what someone wanting to become a citizen must do to become eligible and what they must know. She then had those present repeat the oath of citizenship as an affirmation of their citizenship.

CIC produces a wide variety of publications and other information on line including the steps and qualifications required for citizenship. Those interested for additional information are asked to browse through the publications online, or to obtain forms at <http://www.cic.gc.ca>

Karl Herzog thanked Joy Dirks for her time and informative presentation on Canadian citizenship and presented her with one of Calgary West’s renowned Boltman.

Coming Events

	New Generations Month
September 16	Roy Hebert: Alberta Manager IBM (100 th Anniversary)
September 23	Pam Swan: Field Trip, CNIB
September 30	District Governor Mike French
	Vocational Service
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
	Rotary Foundation Month
November 4	Bercusson (Tent)
Sunday, November 6	Feed the Hungry, St Mary’s Church



November 11	Remembrance Day – Meeting Cancelled???
November 18	Calgary Rotary Foundation: Dan Doherty
November 25	Grey Cup Weekend – Special Program
	Rotary Family Month
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	Meeting Cancelled
December 30	Happy New Year – Special Program