

The Weekly Westerner

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Together We Are People of Action - Building Community

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On this very hot and sunny (33 degree) Monday, President **Bill Fitzsimmons** called the ZOOM meeting to order at noon and welcomed us all to another great weekly session.

Announcements

Rotary Roses for Thanksgiving: Our newest fundraising initiative is a unique and novel idea, launched by **Marlene Doherty**, where Rotarians can order a dozen roses for \$35 plus \$7 delivery for Thanksgiving delivery Friday, October 9th. **The deadline is September 10th.** There will be free delivery for five orders to the same address.

Ted Valentine Remembered: *"It's a great day for Rotary"* was his District Governor theme.

Ted passed away last week, and members of our club including, **Bill Tapuska**, Marlene Doherty (for PDG **Dan Doherty**), **Clarence Buckley** and **David Williams** paid tribute. Ted was remembered for many things: Past President '79-80; District Governor; sense of humour; the Grey Cup meeting annually, the auto show tickets (hoping you would buy a Volvo!); his admiration for anything Valentine; his birthday remembrances which invariably included someone in his own family; his sense of fairness in business and in all matters; his consistent availability for all Rotary projects, including delivering strawberry shortcakes with David Williams; his services to the program committee, his Halloween's magician speakers; his "pope" jokes, and his contributions to other organizations which included the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary.

The poet Rumi said, *"Seek us not in our graves, but in the hearts of man(kind)."* Ted will always live on. May his soul rest in eternal peace. Our condolences to **Shirley** and his family.

Today's program: Tal Woolsey of CAWST- the Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology.

Sa'adat Keshavjee introduced Tal, a veteran in the water for the underprivileged business for over two decades ,who has had great success in delivering water information, education, research and technology

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to those in the world (almost two thirds of the world) who do not have clean water and access to sanitation facilities. CAWST is a Calgary firm that works with agencies around the world to provide capacity for the people that need these facilities.

Highlights of his presentation

- CAWST was founded in Calgary in 2001 and provides water and sanitation education, knowledge, research and support to agencies, groups and individuals. Their vision is that the world's water and sanitation needs are met universally by 2030. They are a licensed and trained group of engineers, researchers and educators who run a not-for-profit charitable organization.
- About four billion people in the world lack these facilities (two out of five people in the world).
- The cycle of poverty can be broken if basic health is enhanced. Water and sanitation provide a base line for good health.
- CAWST provides potable water and sanitation at the household level with very simple approaches to water management and sanitation practices. They fill the human capacity gap, he said.
- They have WASH centres: water, sanitation and hygiene that provides in-person technology, water training and management techniques, on-line training, and continuous support at the grass roots level.
- They have open-source materials available to all at all times. They provide the tools and the hope with a view to making these facilities accessible to many more people than have it now.

Questions were asked by Sa'adat, **Duncan Stanners**, **Natalija Reljic**, and **Tim Anderson** on such items as:

- how the message gets to the end user;
- how they can assist in greater implementation;
- their involvement with the Canadian First Nations;
- first-hand experiences in parts of Africa;
- the wonderful work they have done with bio-sand filters in India.

The presentation was met with much enthusiasm.

Thanks: Tim Anderson, our program chair, thanked the speaker and wished him much success in his mission

Next Week: **Ben Kormos** will talk about his project in Brazil.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1.15 pm.



Coming Events

August: Membership and New Club Development Month	
3	No Meeting Civic Holiday - August Long Weekend
5	Evening Zoom Past President's Reflections Series #1
10	Club Engagement F & F Committee update; New Club Developments
17	Water and Sanitation Tal Woolsey - CAWST
24	Ben Kormos: Brazil Global Grant Partnership
31	Club Engagement Updates and Discussions, New Initiatives
September: Basic Education and Literacy Month	
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21	District Governor Mary Turner
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