

# The Weekly Westerner

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Grey Eagle Hotel, 3777 Grey Eagle Drive (Corner of 37 St SW and Glenmore Drive)  
Mondays 12.10 pm - 1.30 pm

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## **Together We Are People of Action - Building Community**

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Summary of meeting by President Gerry.

1. New member: **Nketti Johnston-Taylor**.
2. Guest Speaker: Valarie Wafer. Member of Rotary Club of Collingwood and Incoming Rotary International Director.
3. Dan's slides. My understanding is that these are going to be sent to all members.
4. Next virtual meeting, April 20
5. Quote: " I am one and only one, while I can't do everything, I will not let what I can't do prevent me from doing what I can."

Here is the link to this Zoom meeting:

[https://us04web.zoom.us/rec/share/515derd60IJXJE5WbnaJwiEpvAT6a8hyBIq6dZmkdo0vjGHY8WYJWkj\\_wu88ld](https://us04web.zoom.us/rec/share/515derd60IJXJE5WbnaJwiEpvAT6a8hyBIq6dZmkdo0vjGHY8WYJWkj_wu88ld)

### **Bio of Nketti Johnston-Taylor**

Nketti is an Economist and Educator with a passion for International and Community Development and a keen interest in Financial Literacy. This passion has guided Nketti's career and education choices and ultimately her decision to become a Rotarian. As a young Rotaract in England, Nketti worked on a number of projects including helping to raise awareness on the Polio epidemic in Africa. Nketti's father is also a Rotarian and has encouraged her to join Rotary. Nketti feels honoured to be inducted into the



Calgary West Rotary Club and looks forward to working on projects that enhance the socio-economic standing of Calgarians & at the international level.

Nketti is currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Economics at Saint Mary's University Calgary, an Economics Instructor at Ambrose University and an Adjunct Professor of Field Education in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary. Nketti also manages and co-ordinates a number of projects at the Justice Sector Constellation. The Constellation is a collaborative whose mission is to intervene at the intersection of poverty and the legal system so that everyone facing a legal issue can access the resources and services they need. It is also one of the pillars of Calgary's Poverty Reduction Strategy – Enough for All. In 2018, Nketti also founded the Sierra Leone Education & Book Drive Initiative to provide educational opportunities and leadership training for underprivileged youth and older adults. It also provides schools supplies i.e. books and stationery to primary and secondary schools and post-secondary institutions in Sierra Leone.

Nketti moved to Calgary in 2012 to join her husband Zim and they have twin toddlers Zillah-Marie (the girl) and Zim-Mason (the boy). Nketti is very excited to join Calgary West Rotary Club and hopes to bring her skills and competencies in developing and managing projects from project initiation to evaluation & reporting (amongst other things). Also, Nketti can provide mentorship & support to the younger Rotaracts & Interacts and other vulnerable young people. Furthermore, she hopes to develop a family with the Calgary West Club & be part of a community that support each other, learn from each other & inspire each other & essentially feel a sense of fellowship & camaraderie.

### Coming Events

<b>April: Maternal and Child Care Month</b>	
6	First Zoom meeting
13	<b>No Meeting - Easter Monday</b>
20	LCS Committee Presentation. Via Zoom.
23	Evening meeting at the Joyce
27	George Brookman?
<b>May: Youth Service Month</b>	
4	YEX Program: Margot Robins and Friends. Via Zoom.
11	Todd Hirsch: Economist - ATB Financial. Via Zoom.
18	<b>No Meeting - Statutory Holiday</b>
21	Evening Meeting
25	Michael Chiasson: Motivate, Challenge, Inspire - Every Student Matters. Via Zoom?
<b>June: Rotary Fellowship Month</b>	
1	Calgary's National Music Centre
8	Mark Neufeld, Calgary Police Chief
15	Can Learn Presentation

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22	Gerry Meek Day. Programme TBA.
29	Canada Day Special - Immigration and New Canadians: Peter Veress
	<b>July Stampede and Okanagan Cherries Month</b>
3	Parade Breakfast
6	Stampede Yahoo!
13	TBA
20	TBA
27	TBA

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