



The Weekly Westerner

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Mondays 12.10 pm - 1.30 pm

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President-Elect Gerry Meek “pitch hit” for President Tim Anderson. He started the meeting at 12:15 and thanked the Grey Eagle staff and our own front desk volunteers for their good service. Gerry introduced the head table comprising of **Robyn Braley, Alex McFadden, Marvin Pawlivsky and Jeff Collins** (guest speaker)

Robyn Braley led us in the singing of *O Canada*, and **Duncan Stanners** provided the invocation which included quotes on service and peace.

Orlin McMillan Introduced our visitors and guests.

The **50/50** was \$55 and won by our new member, **Richard Dahl**.

Hot Seats

Bill Quinney advised that the Chestermere Club is holding its 4th annual “Amazing Race” and are looking for teams of four to enter (preferably younger members). **Darren Grierson** gave some tips on how to beat the Sarcee Club who have won the last three years.

Bill Lawless advised that the LCS committee was allocated funds last year to support “Soccer across Borders”. Next week, we will hear one of the soccer players who will be one of the best speakers, which we will not wish to miss.

Marlene Doherty read a “thank you” note from “NSTEP ...eat, walk and live” for our participation in this fundraiser for the past four years. The \$1,000 raised will be used in Calgary schools. Great work, Marlene.

Terry Felton advised that the “Hearts and Hands” golf tournament will be held on September 21st at the Douglas Dale GC. Please participate in this great fundraiser, which helps the Mayan people of Guatemala improve the quality of their lives.



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Sergeant at Arms. The esteemed **Garfield Ganong** dispensed justice in his usual efficient manner, including fining all those who have not paid their annual dues. **Marlene Doherty** paid a happy toonie to announce their 40th anniversary and **Dan's** birthday.

Two new members were inducted into Rotary International by our own District Governor

Dan Doherty asked each candidate to provide their reason and passion for wanting to join Rotary.

- **Richard Dahl** indicated he had a passion to work with people particularly those with mental health issues.
- **Linda Anderson**, wife of President Tim, is tired of being introduced as a guest. As a lawyer, she wants to bring her positive “can do” attitude to help with Rotary projects.

David Wartman has recently joined our club. He is the district chair for the “truth and reconciliation” committee. It’s our turn to listen!

Dan challenged each of us by pledging to assist these new members in realizing their passion. It has been said “It takes a village to raise a child” and it takes all members to raise a Rotarian.



Guest Speaker

Robyn Braley introduced our guest speaker, Jeff Collins, who is a former CBC Radio host.

Jeff came to Calgary to host the *Eye-Opener* early morning radio show just in time for the Olympics in 1988. Later, after some time in South America, he returned to Calgary as host of *The Homestretch*.

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In the early 90s, Jeff attended a gun show at the Stampede Corral. He was fascinated by the range of guns and was introduced to the gun collecting community. Later, he got his firearms dealers licence and has been active on the collecting front ever since.

An offshoot (no pun intended) is his business as a consultant for estates evaluating firearms. He has been operating under *Bang Bang Consulting* since 2009: Identification, Disposition, Acquisition, Help and Advice.

Jeff provided a very interesting and informative overview of his passion with firearms. He told several stories of people who had to deal with firearms left in an estate.

1. There are approximately two million firearm licenses issued to Canadian individuals. This does not account for all unlicensed firearms in Canada, which are estimated to be one million.
2. How, and by whom, will these firearms be handled when the owners die? Also, who may inherit a firearm?
3. When one accepts the duties of being an executor for an estate, there is always the likelihood the executor will discover assets that may present a challenge in the administration. Without question, a firearm qualifies as one of those “tricky” assets; especially if the executor was unaware that the deceased possessed a firearm.
4. Many questions arise upon discovering a deceased’s firearm. Is the firearm registered? Is it a restricted or prohibited firearm? Is the deceased’s license still valid? Is it in the will (if there is a will)? Is the beneficiary of the firearm qualified to receive it?
5. How should the executor proceed? The following is a summary of some of the factors to consider and procedures to follow.

Responsibilities of an Executor

- It is the responsibility of the executor to ensure that the firearms are safely stored until such time as the firearms are transferred or disposed of. The executor is responsible to further ensure that any restricted or prohibited firearms that the executor, as transferor, transfers to another individual or business are registered to the transferee.
- The executor has the duty of determining whether the deceased held a firearms licence, and, for any restricted or prohibited firearms, that the appropriate registration certificates are located.



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Inheriting a Firearm

- The Firearms Act sets out the Federal regulations governing the possession of firearms.
- The beneficiary of a firearm must have reached the age of majority and have a Possession and Acquisition Licence with all appropriate privileges for the class of the firearm.

'Firearms' are defined in the Canadian Criminal Code. Unfortunately, there are many prohibited firearms and weapons in distribution. A comprehensive listing, descriptions and definitions of prohibited, restricted and non-restricted firearms are listed in the schedule Regulations Prescribing Certain Firearms and other Weapons, Components and Parts of Weapons, Accessories, Cartridge Magazines, Ammunition and Projectiles as Prohibited or Restricted.

As well, the RCMP has prepared and made available excellent guides on how to identify and dispose of restricted or prohibited weapons, and provides very specific procedures to follow when permitted firearms are transferred to any beneficiary. Indeed, the heir must notify the Chief Firearms Officer of the province seeking approval to have any restricted or prohibited firearms transferred and registered to him or her. This process is mandatory in order to ensure the heir is eligible to own the firearm.

If the heir resides in a foreign country, the executor must ensure the foreign jurisdiction allows the firearm to be imported.

No Heir

If there are no heirs, no qualified heirs, or should the named beneficiary refuse the firearm, a few options are available to the executor.

- to sell or give the firearm to someone else who holds a licence;
- sell or give the firearm to a qualified business or museum;
- have the firearm deactivated so that it no longer meets the definition of a firearm and, therefore, is exempted from the requirements of the Firearm Act; or
- simply turn the firearm over to a police officer for disposal.

The Vital Four Acts of Firearm Safety (ACTS)

- Assume every firearm is loaded
- Control the muzzle direction at all times
- Trigger finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guard
- See that the firearm is unloaded

Conclusion: Guns don't kill people. People kill people



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Marvin Pawlivsky expressed the thanks of the club, and presented Jeff with our world famous Boltman.

Gerry Meek concluded the meeting on time. Well done!

Coming Events

August: Membership and New Club Development Month	
6	No Meeting: Family Day
13	Jeff Collins: Gun Collecting and Appraisal
20	Local Community Service (LCS) Presentation
27	Field Trip to Fort Calgary
September: Basic Education and Literacy Month	
3	No Meeting: Labour Day
5	Evening "Make-up" meeting - tentative
10	Sandip Lalli, President and CEO, Calgary Chamber of Commerce
17	Stuart Cullum, President, Olds College
24	District Governor Dan Doherty's Visit
October: Economic and Community Development Month	
1	Calgary Civic Symphony - Music Ensemble
8	No Meeting: Thanksgiving Day
10	Evening Assembly Meeting
15	International Community Service Programme
22	No meeting in favour of All-Clubs meeting, October 24
24	All-Clubs "Polio-Plus" meeting

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29	Hallowe'en: Magic, Costumes and Goblins
November: Foundation Month	
5	RI Foundation and Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation
12	No Meeting: Remembrance Day
19	Grey Cup Programme
26	Lorelei Higgins: Indigenous Relations, Rotary Peace Fellowship
December: Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
3	Team Meeting
10	TBA
17	Children's Choir TBA
24	No Meeting. CHRISTMAS EVE!
31	Special Meeting: New Year's Eve Party - Tentative
January	
7	Motivational Speaker
14	Keith Blake, Chief of Police, Tsuut'ina Nation
21	Special Programme: Robbie Burns' Day - Tentative
28	TBA
February	
4	TBA
11	St Valentine's Day Programme
18	TBA
25	TBA