



# 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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**Don Campbell** served as this week's reporter, and **Chris Davis** acted as the able prompter for Don's memory.

**Malcolm Harrison** and **David Impey** handled registration, **Judy Cochran** the 50/50 draw sales, and **Debbie Barrie** was there for last minute purchases of our late August BBQ next Friday.

**President Tim Anderson** brought the meeting to order at 12:11 PM. **Des DeFreitas** got us started singing *O Canada*, and **David Watson** presented our invocation.

Our head table consisted of President Tim Anderson, introducer **Bill Lawless**, our guest speaker **Jean Claude Munyezamu**, **Rynd Keeps** (from the Isle of Wight, UK), thanker **Kurt Schurer**; and guest of President Tim, **Marg Henschel**.

Bill Lawless announced our fall allocation date was not held for us by the organizers of Feed the Hungry due to communication issues. Our next event will be in May 2019.

**Robyn Braley** announced development of a new club logo, and that versions were presented to the board to stimulate thought and input. He also announced we will become more active in social media, and included a plea for reports issued for the 50 year celebration, since many of those are representative of our club. These could be read on a podcast, or presented in print on a blog site.

## Sergeant-at-Arms

**Larry Doyle** was one of the few of us to avoid fines from the sergeant-at-arms on the basis that he served in that role! President Tim was hit first for having abandoned us for so long, although his replacements served us well. **Terry Fenton** was next, for wearing a green shirt the day after the Stampeders' first loss of the season to a lesser club in a neighbouring province.

And so it went until the pockets of many of us were much lighter. Fine session, Larry!



## My Passion, My Moments, Our Rotary

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Chris Davis expressed his gratitude to members for expressions of support upon the death of his mother last week, having passed the age of 92.

**Bernie Ward** was happy his son had got across the bridge in Italy an hour and a half before it collapsed. This reminds us to remember the families of those not so fortunate.

### Guest Speaker

Bill Lawless introduced our guest speaker, Jean Claude Munyezamu, executive director and founder of Soccer Without Boundaries (SWB). It is an organization devoted to providing identity, growth opportunities and friendship through learning and advancing skills in playing soccer.

Calgary West provided his organization with a van (which was parked outside our meeting room) to transport players to the field, teams to tournaments, and equipment to where it is needed. He expressed his thanks, telling us how much the van enables to organization to be much more effective and serve more young players.



He said that our gift changes the life of youths, many of whom are new to Canada, in allowing them to achieve more and gain a sense of self worth through their accomplishments on the field. He spoke of the generosity of organizations such as ours and of individuals. As an example, he asked for a used soccer ball, and instead was given 20 new balls!

Those participating come from many countries, and through cooperation learn that race is irrelevant to belonging. Graduates of his programs often help, working at bench side providing water to athletes and being assistant coaches. Graduates are often very successful. From his program there are currently three studying at university, and one went to the UK to participate in a top soccer school.

Jean Claude began the SWB program in 2010 with 30 students. Now he sets a limit of 120 participants, as this is the maximum the program can effectively handle. They do after-school enrichment programs, and run soccer camps all summer. Upon completion of the program, students are given a soccer ball and a water bottle to signify their achievement.



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They operate on a \$100,000 budget, most of that coming from donations and sponsorships. While they lived here, **Tracey and Andrew Bitcon**, at the time members of our club, were major supporters of SWB.

Jean Claude left us with a profound thought: *Poverty is not how little money you have, it is lack of access.*

We know what we can do about that to build the future for young people. It's what we do as Rotarians.



Kurt Schurer thanked Jean Claude, and presented him with a Motive Action-produced Bolt Man.

President Tim brought another excellent club meeting to a close.

**Coming Events**

<b>August: Membership and New Club Development Month</b>	
6	<b>No Meeting: Family Day</b>
13	Jeff Collins: Gun Collecting and Appraisal
20	Local Community Service (LCS) Presentation
27	Field Trip to Fort Calgary
<b>September: Basic Education and Literacy Month</b>	
3	<b>No Meeting: Labour Day</b>
5	Evening "Make-up" meeting - tentative
10	Sandip Lalli, President and CEO, Calgary Chamber of Commerce
17	Rod McCarroll: Friends Who Care International

May 1 - 3, 2019: District Conference, Olds

June 1 - 5, 2019: Rotary International Conference, Hamburg



24	District Governor Dan Doherty's Visit
	<b>October: Economic and Community Development Month</b>
1	Calgary Civic Symphony - Music Ensemble
8	<b>No Meeting: Thanksgiving Day</b>
10	Evening Assembly Meeting
15	International Community Service Programme
22	<b>No meeting in favour of All-Clubs meeting, October 24</b>
24	All-Clubs "Polio-Plus" meeting
29	Hallowe'en: Magic, Costumes and Goblins
	<b>November: Foundation Month</b>
5	RI Foundation and Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation
12	<b>No Meeting: Remembrance Day</b>
19	Grey Cup Programme
26	Lorelei Higgins: Indigenous Relations, Rotary Peace Fellowship
	<b>December: Disease Prevention and Treatment Month</b>
3	<b>Team Meeting</b>
10	TBA
17	Children's Choir TBA
24	No Meeting. <b>CHRISTMAS EVE!</b>
31	Special Meeting: New Year's Eve Party - Tentative
	<b>January</b>
7	Motivational Speaker
14	Keith Blake, Chief of Police, Tsuut'ina Nation
21	Special Programme: Robbie Burns' Day - Tentative
28	TBA
	<b>February</b>
4	TBA
11	St Valentine's Day Programme
18	TBA
25	TBA