

# 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

**President:** Gerry Meek **President-Elect:** Bill Fitzsimmons **Past President:** Tim Anderson  
**Secretary:** Karl Herzog **Treasurer:** Judy Cochran  
**Directors:** Robyn Braley, Marlene Doherty, Darren Grierson, Ken Montgomery,  
Alex McFadden, Melody Warman

## Together We Are People of Action - Building Community

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**President Gerry Meek** kicked off the meeting at 12:25.

The room stood for the playing of the national anthem. President Gerry gave the inspirational message.

**Des DeFreitas** introduced our visitors and guests. Our guests included **Claire O'Fee**, who was our exchange from New Zealand in 1998/1999, and **District Governor-elect Mary Turner**, as well as **John Fortunka**, an assistant district governor.

President Gerry now called on **Judy Cochran** and **Bill Tapuska** to the podium and gave them the very prestigious and coveted Meeker Award for their long-term dedicated and uncelebrated service to the club.

**Sa'adat Keshavjee** gave a talk on the Five Avenues of Rotary Service. These are club service, and vocational, community, international and new generations service.

### Sergeant at Arms

**Marlene Doherty** capably filled this office and mulcted much money from both the guilty and the innocent alike. Including your humble scribe! She introduced a device called a popper which projects ping pong balls up into the air to be caught by another individual to avoid a fine. Judging from the level of general ineptitude of persons deploying the



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popper I wouldn't be surprised if the continued use of this device would result in more SAA generated paupers!

#### **50/50 Draw**

**Gail Williams** won the 50/50 draw. **Ted Valentine** contributed three athletic shirts which were drawn for using the 50/50 tickets. Two of the shirts were won by persons of the wrong size for the shirts. These shirts will be re-auctioned at some future time.

#### **Club Activities**

Marlene Doherty gave us a comprehensive overview of club activities for this year. A summary of these activities is appended to this missive.

#### **Hearts and Hands Tournament**

**Ken Montgomery** was up next to tell us of the Hearts and Hands Golf Tournament to be held at the Douglas Glen Golf Course on Friday, September 13. The cost is only \$90, which includes lunch. [Editor's Note: For those few who do not know, the Greek term for fear of Friday 13 is **paraskevidekatriaphobia**.]

#### **John Fortunka**

John is an assistant district governor. He brought new Rotary year pins and a current banner to replace last year's banner. He handed out this year's pin to everyone as they arrived.

#### **Brewery Tour**

Bill Tapuska was up next to promote the Big Rock Brewery tour on Monday, September 9, starting at 11:30. Pre-registration is required.

#### **SPEAKER**

**Bob Pearson** introduced our speaker, **Dr Tom Keenan**.

Tom previously spoke to our club about five years ago about the creeping and pervasive effect of new technology. In the intervening five years, the technology is so sophisticated that just about anything can be faked, including photos and videos. Tom showed us many examples of fakery, including one with **Barack Obama** making ridiculous utterances. Images and videos can be faked for political reasons. An example was an altered video of Nancy Pelosi speaking as if she was under the influence of something. Quite subtle, but potentially devastating in its effect. Such videos can be used close to election dates, which could have a significant effect on the election result. The technology to do these things is widely available. Tom gave us many examples and indicated that there are electronic countermeasures which can be effective, but not 100% so.

Tom also made his recent book *Techno Creep* available to members for \$20, of which \$10 would be contributed back to the club.



**Tim Anderson** thanked Tom and indicated that a donation would be made in his name to Polio Plus, because he already had a Boltman.

President Gerry then closed the meeting with the quote, "Not all who wander are lost".

### Coming Events

| September: Basic Education and Literacy Month |  |
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| 2   | <b>No Meeting:</b> Labour Day                                  |
| 5   | <b>Evening Meeting:</b> "Success of New Canadians - Hear How!" |
| 9   | Field Trip: Big Rock Brewery                                   |
| 16  | Club Noon Assembly   |
| 23  | Catherine Ford: National Columnist                             |
| 30  | "Powder" Matt Mosteller: Adventurer, Ski Bum, Journalist       |

May , 2020: District Conference,  
June 6 - 10, 2020: Rotary International Conference, Honolulu

| <b>October: Economic and Community Development Month</b> |  |
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| 7  | Humanity's Promise: South Sudan Small Farms                          |
| 14   | <b>No Meeting:</b> Thanksgiving Day                                  |
| 17   | <b>Evening Meeting:</b> Success of New Canadians - Hear How!         |
| 21   | DG Christine Rendell: Official Club Visit                            |
| 28   | Hallowe'en Magic, treats and Goblins                                 |
| <b>November: Foundation Month</b>                        |  |
| 4  | RI and Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundations                              |
| 11   | All Clubs Remembrance Day Meeting. <b>No meeting at Calgary West</b> |
| 14   | <b>Evening Meeting</b>   |
| 18   | Grey Cup Weekend   |
| 25   | Aaron Goodarzi: U of C Professor, "Evict Radon"                      |
| <b>December</b>  |  |
| 2  | TBA  |
| 9  | Children's Choir: TBA  |
| 16   | TBA  |
| 23   | TBA  |
| 26   | <b>No Evening Meeting</b>  |
| 30   | TBA  |
| <b>January</b>   |  |
| 6  | Motivational Speaker: TBA  |
| 13   | Never Too Late awardee: Vicki Vause                                  |
| 20   | TBA  |
| 23   | <b>Evening Meeting:</b> TBA  |
| 27   | TBA  |

**FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS FROM MARLENE DOHERTY**

**Interest Groups:**

- Hiking - Peter Josty
- Golf - Bill Fitzsimmons
- Curling - Dan Doherty
- Bridge - Linda and Tim Anderson
- Games Nights - Helen and Lawrence King
- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Marlene (not Dinner Club)

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Sunday, September 15, Family Picnic  
Lake Bonavista  
3-6 pm

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Please RSVP to Marlene. All names must be shared with our hosts for entrance - Family and friends are welcome!

Fishing, swimming, games & food

More details to follow

Friday, October 4, Learn to play Canasta

Pat and Bill Fitzsimmons will lead an introductory evening

Location and time TBA

Saturday, November 2 Private Concert with the Travelling Mabels (Check them out on You Tube)

Limited to 35 - Ticket price \$25.00/person

More details to follow

Friday, November 8

King's Horse Races

Details to follow

Wednesday, November 13

Rosebud Theatre

Transportation, Lunch and Performance

Full day trip. - approx. \$100/person. - family and friends are invited

Sunday, December. 15

Annual Christmas Brunch at Pinebrook

More details to follow

**Other upcoming events:**

Axe Throwing

Bowling

Wine and Food Pairings

Tsuu Tina Cultural Museum Tour

Polio Events

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