



# 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:** Ben Kormos **President-Elect:** Tim Anderson **Past President:** Terry Felton  
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Les Morgan, Orlin McMillan, Duncan Stanners

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**President Ben Kormos** started our meeting announcing that the annual general meeting will be next week. Ben is out of town next week. A final Jubilee meeting ends our 50 years as Calgary West Rotary Club celebration with **Sa'adat Keshavjee** and **Steve Rickard** at the helm. It was announced that **Cha Cha Chansiri** would now lead us in *O Canada*... Oh wait Cha Cha seemed surprised: turned out **Robyn Braley** was to lead us in song much to Cha Cha's relief.

Ben introduced one of our newest members, **Gerry Gatto**. His career and business focuses on health care in the home. He decided to join so that he could give back to the community. He had a great day of service on Friday, December 8, delivering wreaths with member **Judy Cochran**. We look forward to many more service opportunities to share with Gerry.

Last week (December 4) new member Judson Graham also gave a short talk.

I started my company Crisp Imaging in 1999 because of the need I saw for bringing integrity to the copier/laser printer industry and after 18 years in business I feel we have accomplished that end. We sell, service and provide copiers, laser printers and plotters along with the consumables to companies for their devices.

The reason I considered Rotary is after being in numerous breakfast and lunch networking clubs over the past 25 years I saw in Rotary as a wonderful group of people to connect, network with and give back to the community of the world that I live in.

President Ben thanked the Grey Eagle and its staff. He also thanked **Mike French and Maggie Julian** for taking the lead on the wreath fundraiser. Special thanks go to the unsung hero back room order taking and delivery expertise of **Claude Massé**. Thanks to those folks and all who purchased, sold and delivered wreaths in Calgary West Rotary Club.

Gerry Gatto also introduced our visitors and guests. The invocation was given by **Tazim Asaria**.



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**Marie Rickard** made a special introduction today. Our outbound youth exchange student for 2018-2019, **Emma Raleigh-Smith**, has been chosen and attended our meeting with her father **Graham Smith**. Emma is a Grade 12 student at Bishop Carroll High School. She likes science and plans to pursue her love of science at university, but, in the meantime, she will go on a Rotary Youth Exchange for a year. She stated that she will be a good ambassador for Canada and Rotary and that she is excited about learning a new culture and a new language. Well said, Emma!



**Sergeant at Arms Mike Carlin** was playing Santa. Ho! Ho! Ho! Look out for those lumps of coal or should I say toonies. President Ben got fined for his lack of bell ringing and a few announcement faux pas. Wreath fundraiser participants were acknowledged, but the non-participants were fined. Ride to End Polio organizers **Dan and Marlene Doherty** were acknowledged since they raised \$16,500 which, when matched, increased to \$49,500 which makes Calgary West Rotary #1 in the world for fundraising for this event three years in a row. If we hold at #1 once again, our name will be on the trophy at Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. Also acknowledged were those participating in packing purses for disadvantaged and homeless women and those donation of items for Stephen's Backpacks. All others who did not participate got fined. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Ben's "Name that Tune" selection this week was **House of the Rising Sun** and was quickly recognized by the music aficionados in the club.

President Ben requests that for next week you send your announcements in writing in advance by Thursday, Dec 14, so that he can circulate them via Facebook or email. There will be no announcements at the meeting on December 18. Also, in future, Ben requests that you please contact the president by the Thursday prior to the meeting to request time for announcements since it is very difficult to include all the announcements at the meeting and still conduct all the other duties and allot sufficient time for the speaker.

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### Announcements

- In addition to earlier comments about the Ride to End Polio, Dan Doherty asked that we give a special show of applause for **Don Vokey**, Saskia Knight and **Steve Strang**. Dan said there were about 30 riders in the spin cycling event in addition to our members who participated. He also mentioned that Calgary West Rotary is in the top four in funding for Rotary International End Polio Now Campaign.
- President Ben announced that a committee is meeting to address the topics and issues that arise from club assembly, member engagement and team meetings. To begin the process, **Terry Felton** circulated by email a dispute resolution protocol for members. Terry asked that everyone review the process that has been documented.
- **Bill Quinney** was up next with a request for staffing the Rotary Club of Chestermere's first casino which will be held December 26 and 27. If you did not sign up at the meeting and are interested, please contact Bill.
- **Gail Williams** had an important announcement about donations for The Rotary Foundation and the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. If you need a receipt in this tax year, the next meeting on December 18 will be the last opportunity to give her your cheque. President Ben noted that Alberta Treasury Branch matches charitable donations up to 15%. You will need to contact ATB or someone in the know about how that works.
- Mike and Maggie sent a note of thanks for all who participated in the Christmas wreath fundraiser, acknowledging **Duncan Stanners**, Claude Massé and the team effort by all.
- **Ken Montgomery** requested donations for Syrian families, in particular the family who he and his partner **Heather** support who had a kitchen fire. He circulated a list both on the tables and since by email. In the same light, **Don Campbell** announced that he would like to buy a new bed for his Syrian family that he and **Val** mentor, and next week he will auction off one of his prized framed photos in support of this project.
- Sa'adat Keshavjee announced that Don Campbell is on the hunt for a Grade 11 student to go to Ottawa in May for four days where the Rotary Club of Ottawa sponsors a program called "Adventures in Citizenship". Students with all expenses paid will travel to Ottawa and participate in field trips and programs related to the governance of Canada. Please see Don if you have a candidate.

Gerry Gatto drew Tim Anderson's ticket to win the 50-50 cash.

**Bill Tapuska** was at the podium next to announce the St Matthew School choir. These Grade 7, 8, and 9 students were led in song by their teacher **James O'Farrell**. Club members were entertained by the delightful harmony of the children's choir with the following songs: Jingle Bells, Rudolph, Frosty, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Silent Night, Deck the Halls and O Come All Ye Faithful (the Pentatonix

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version). One young singer was able to help with beatboxing. Beatbox is doing percussion sounds using the voice and a microphone. Mr. O'Farrell accompanied on the keyboard.



The final song received a standing ovation which they graciously received. Bill Tapuska announced that they are now going for lunch, a treat from Calgary West Rotary for their fine performance. Ben presented teacher and group with our gold-hatted Jubilee Boltman. Thanks go to the St. Matthew's choir students, Mr. O'Farrell and staff and parents of the students who assisted.



Ben reminded us of the brunch on Sunday, December 17, at Pinebrook. See Gail Williams for tickets. On January 8, 2018, there will be a special speaker, Alvin Law. Robyn Braley briefed the members on what to expect. This is a great meeting to bring guests. Alvin is a motivational speaker and is a thalidomide survivor. He has an amazing story. His story was featured in part on the documentary channel. Contact Robyn if you want more information.

President Ben closed the meeting.

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## Coming Events

<b>December: Disease Prevention and Treatment Month</b>	
4	Kerrin Lee Gartner: Alpine Skier, Olympic Gold Medallist, CBC commentator
11	St Matthew's School Children's Choir
18	Jubilee Programme: End of Jubilee Year
25	<b>No Meeting: Christmas Day!</b>
<b>January: Vocational Service Month</b>	
1	<b>No Meeting: New Year's Day</b>
8	Alvin Law: Motivational Speaker
15	Local Services Committee Programme: Bryden Horwood and Steve Rickard
22	Dr Arlin Pachet: Capacity Assessment and Rehab. A tie-in with Bethany Atrium
27	<i>Rotary After Hours: Bring a friend - Kensington Legion (1:00 pm)</i>
29	<b>Team Meeting</b>
<b>February: World Understanding Month</b>	
5	Strongest Oak/Burkino Faso Solar Project
12	<b>No Meeting: Strawberry Shortcakes preparation and delivery 13th and 14th</b>
19	<b>No Meeting: Family Day</b>
26	"Never Too Late" Rotary Scholarship Awardees
<b>March: Literacy Month</b>	
5	Marianne Ryan, Alberta Ombudsman
12	Debra deWaal: "Safe and Sound" Personal Safety Training
19	<b>Team Meeting</b>
26	Member Introduction and Rotary Moment
<b>April: Maternal and Child Health Month</b>	
2	<b>Assembly Meeting at noon</b>
9	E C Manning Innovation Awards
16	Member Introduction and Rotary Moment
23	Habitat for Humanity: "Restore", "New Housing"
30	TBA
<b>May: Youth Service Month</b>	
7	Member Introduction and Rotary Moment
14	TBA
21	<b>No Meeting</b>
28	Youth Programme: RYLA Adventures in Citizenship
<b>June: Fellowship Month</b>	
4	Rollin Stanley: GM of Urban Strategy, City of Calgary
11	TBA
18	Turnover Meeting: Induction of New President and Board
25	Special Canada Day Programme: RCMP Speaker TBA



	<b>July: Stampede and Okanagan Cherries Month</b>
2	No Meeting. Canada Day Holiday
9	Stampede Yahoo. Country Music and Dancing
16	TBA
23	TBA
30	TBA