



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: Tim Anderson **President-Elect:** Gerry Meek **Past President:** Ben Kormos
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District Governor: Dan Doherty

Together We Are People of Action - Building Community

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On this warm, sunny 8 degree winter's day, our Christmas club meeting (and last meeting of the year) at the Grey Eagle Hotel was called to order by **President Tim Anderson**. With approximately 50 members and guests present, **Chris Davis** led us in *O Canada*, followed by the invocation by **David Williams**.

The head table included President Tim Anderson, **Dan Pigeon, Dan Doherty, Gerry Meek**.

Lunch today was festive corn soup and Christmas turkey, followed by butter pecan pie.

Visitors and Guests

These were introduced by **Darren Grierson**, who included our own former member, **Paul la France**.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Garfield Ganong promised that there would be no fines, but much to pay! He 'fined' anyone who did not participate in the four weeks of giving; anyone that did not know who the four weeks of recipient agencies were; those who did not attend the Pinebrook Christmas Brunch; those who did not bring a food parcel for the food bank; those who did not attend the library tour. The collection exceeded \$200 for the food bank!

HAPPY BUCKS

Evelyn Buckley celebrated the graduation of her seventh grandchild.

The 50-50 draw of \$42 was won by **Lorenda Carlsen**.

Announcements

- **Look out for your team members.** David Williams recommended that each team has one member check on the attendance of the team members.
- **CLUB ROSTER FOR THIS YEAR**, usually prepared by **Gordon Rodrigues** in July, has just been officially approved by President Tim and should be coming out soon.
- **ROTARY ATRIUM is \$15,000 short of the \$1 million dollars we committed.** Please consider this in your charitable giving. This is an announcement from your scribe as an FYI. **[Editor's Note: Past-President Tony Knight** has just informed us that the one million dollar mark has been reached! Wow!]

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- **The Pinebrook Rotary Christmas brunch** was attended by 98 people, yesterday (December 16). Special thanks to **Bill Tapuska, Debbie McMillan** and teams for their outstanding work.



see more photos: <http://www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org/Pictorials/2018ChristmasBrunch.htm>

- **Thursday evening meetings will be held** the third week of each month. These will be in addition to our regular meetings for those members who cannot attend Mondays. Stand by for more information from President Tim. The first meeting will be held on January 24th.

INDUCTION AND SPECIAL WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER DAN PIGEON

Dan Pigeon, Chief Financial Officer of Stage West Calgary, a CA and CPA, comes to us as a Rotarian from the Downtown Calgary Club. His induction was conducted by DG Dan Doherty in a novel and dynamic manner. Dan Pigeon spoke of his experience with the “stay in school” program. He shared his passion, vision and foresight. We are delighted to have Dan with us, and are collectively committed to welcome, engage and empower Dan with the initiatives he wishes to pursue through Rotary. Dan is quite involved and already sits on the Strawberry Shortcakes committee. How’s that for a phenomenal start? Welcome Dan, and best wishes!



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My Passion, My Moments, Our Rotary

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Today's program - The St Matthew's School Choir

Led by **James O'Farrell**, we were entertained by a fine group of sixteen wonderful and harmonious singers and musicians to a treat of beautiful Christmas music. This group has been practising since October for this special event. We are grateful to them for a superb performance.



President Tim thanked the choir and **Robyn Braley** closed off the performance by asking all members to rise and sing "We wish you a merry Christmas" to the choir.



A great time was had by all. And our world famous Boltman was presented to the choirmaster.

NO MEETINGS TILL JANUARY 7TH in lieu of the holidays. Best wishes to all members, your families and your loved ones.

The meeting was adjourned at 1.30 pm - or thereabouts!

Coming Events

December: Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
3	Team Meeting
10	Field Trip and Tour of the New Calgary Public Library
17	Children's Choir: St Matthew's School

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24	No Meeting. CHRISTMAS EVE!
31	No Meeting: New Year's Eve
	January: Vocational Service Month
7	Tina Varughese - Motivational Speaker
14	Keith Blake, Chief of Police, Tsuut'ina Nation
21	Dominik Diamond - Jack FM: Special Robbie Burns' Day Programme
28	Stuart Cullum: President of Olds College
	February: World Understanding Month
4	World Community Service Presentation
11	No Meeting
13	Strawberry Shortcake Assembly
14	Strawberry Shortcake Delivery
18	Family Day. No Meeting
20	Evening Meeting: Rotary West Radio LIVE
25	Field Trip Lougheed House: Kristin Evenden, Executive Director
	March: Literacy Month
4	Local Community Service Presentation
11	TBA
18	TBA
25	Noon Assembly and Team Meeting
	April: Maternal and Child-Care Month
1	TBA
8	TBA
15	TBA
22	No Meeting: East Monday
29	TBA
	May: Youth Service Month
6	No Meeting (because of District Conference)?
13	TBA
20	No Meeting: Statutory Holiday
27	Youth Programme: RYLA, Adventures in Citizenship, YEX
	June: Rotary Fellowship Month
3	TBA
10	TBA
17	Gavel Turnover, Anderson To Meek. Team Meeting
24	Special Canada Day Programme