



The Weekly Westerner

Box 4572, Station C, Calgary, Alberta T2T 5N3
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
Secretary: Marlene Doherty **Treasurer:** Karl Herzog

Directors: Debbie Barry, Judy Cochran, Bill Fitzsimmons, Gustavo Jimenez, Gerry Meek,
Les Morgan, Orlin McMillan, Duncan Stanners

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This week's cashiers were **Malcom Harrison** and **Gail Williams**, while **Bill Quinney** was at the other end of the table selling 50/50 tickets.

Orlin McMillan and **Marie Rickard** had the pleasant task of greeting members and guests and insuring that everyone had their nametag.

President Ben Kormos was away in Brazil on Rotary business, so Past President **Sa'adat Keshavjee** opened the meeting right on time at 12:10PM welcoming everyone to the last club meeting of this year *"..where through fun and fellowship our vision is: an improved world one project at a time."*

Robyn Braley lead the singing of *O Canada* and the invocation was given by **Dan Doherty**.

PP Sa'adat thanked the staff at Grey Eagle for preparing and serving our lunch. He also advised the meeting that Sunday's Christmas Brunch was well attended and thanked **Bill Tapuska**, Gail Williams, and Robyn Braley for organizing such an enjoyable event.

Lunch included an orange-walnut salad, soup and ham and cheese sandwich, and a selection of Christmas treats for dessert.

Chartered Rotary Club of Calgary West Special Annual General Meeting

PP Sa'adat convened a special Annual General Meeting to confirm the president for 2018, president-elect for 2019, select the club directors for 2018 and select the president for 2020.

The club nominating committee submitted the following for consideration:

(1) President-elect nominee for 2020: **Bill Fitzsimmons**. Elected by acclamation.

(2) Board of directors commencing 1 July, 2018:

- Secretary: **Chris Davis**
- Treasurer: **Judy Cochran**
- Services and Grants: **Alex McFadden**

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- Activities: **Debbie Barry**
- Membership: **Orlin McMillan**
- Youth: **Don Campbell**
- Administration: **Gustavo Jimenez**
- Communications: **Robyn Braley**
- Director at Large: **Melody Warman**
- Fundraising: **Les Morgan**

The meeting was asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. There being none, the proposed board member nominees were elected by acclamation.

The remaining 2018 board members were announced as follows:

- President: **Tim Anderson**
President-elect: **Gerry Meeks**

This concluded the business of the Special Annual General Meeting and the meeting was adjourned.

Orlin McMillan introduced our guests: **Irvin Provost, Janice Onison; Gloria Provost**, grandmother of **Irvin Provost; Patricia Fitzsimmons** - guest of Bill Fitzsimmons; **Khalid Keshavjee** – guest of Sa'adat Keshavjee; **Fran Hochhausen** and **Cristina Pavia** – District youth exchange; and **Geoff Hughes** from the Calgary South Club and District chair for youth services.

Attendance consisted of 44 members and 10 guests.

The 50/50 draw was conducted by Geoff Hughes, and the prize of \$47 was won by **Claude Massé**

Sergeant-at-Arms

David Williams took us all down memory lane advising those in attendance that the club had been formed in 1967 and asked questions about when was the first lunch meeting, who was the first president, what was the membership count, why the request for charter meeting was for 200% attendance, and the original name of the club bulletin. It was a very expensive session for your club reporter who only joined last year and whose table wasn't at all familiar with the club's early history. **Tim Anderson, Ken Montgomery, Dan Doherty** and Chris Davis also received special attention to the amusement of all.

Jubilee Celebrations

Mike Carlin and **Bill Quinney**, co-chairs of the club's jubilee committee, reviewed the planning, activities and events that summarized the jubilee year this far. The planning started 18 months ago with **Kent Fraser** from the Fish Creek Club facilitating a brain storming session on what the celebration could look like.

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Next was a meeting in early June 2016 with today's special guest Geoff Hughes helping us to develop the theme "My Passion, My Moments, Our Rotary."

The governance structure was set as Values – Fellowship – Fun – Service – Growth.

Vision – Our purpose is to remember and honor the past and use this opportunity to strengthen our future through a celebration of 50 years of Calgary West Rotary.

Mission – Celebrate our 50 years with members, all Rotarians, and the public through strategic events in coordination with our existing Rotary structure.

The celebration started with special pins, business cards and a presidential trophy. A special jubilee Boltman was created. In addition, the following lists the accomplishments of Calgary West during the last 50 years:

- Held bingos, garage sales, and silent auctions.
- Simon the Safety Bear was a creation of Calgary West.
- The club guests greeting "Hail, hail the gang's all here ..." was created in 1987 under the direction of **Harold Sharlow** and **Jo Johanson**.
- We held fashion shows, Cars for Kids Cancer and created the Boltman at Lord Shaughnessy.
- **Jan Schlomach**, **Landie Goosen**, and **Angela Hodge** brought us closer to the world.
- In 1986, the Polio Plus program became a reality and our club is now 100% Paul Harris Fellows.
- We built schools in Guatemala, Homes of Hope in Mexico and established Micro Credit in Honduras.
- We supported Adventures in Citizenship, Ryla, Rypen and 35 youth exchange students.
- We are active in highway clean-up, Alpha House, and Kirby Centre.
- Lots of fun at the Buckley picnics and Switzer fireside.
- Curley Galbraith birthday wishes and our sponsorship of Club 96 to bring the RI Convention to Calgary.

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- Dan's head shaving, Karl's golf tournament, and Marie's strawberry shortcakes.
- **Nicole Hamilton, Mike Wallace, and Claire O'fee** brought us a different view of their world.
- Integrity Awards brought Rotary to Calgary and Karl to us.
- The McKay Dr. House renovation project and our village bank in Mexico.
- We've Fed the Hungry, worked the Salvation Army Kettles and helped built Challenger Park.
- Our member, **Verneil Martin**, generated \$2 million for Polio Eradication with her cook book "Among Friends".
- We've had fun and raised funds at Taste of Calgary, Stampede Parade breakfast and casinos.
- Mixed bridge, lobster fest, and dinner club have helped to create fun and fellowship.
- Involvement with Lord Shaughnessy, David D Oughton and Hull Services brought us closer to humanity.
- Cherries, wreaths, and NStep Plants are our creative fund raisers.
- Community Kitchen, AARC, and Croatian Relief have received our support.
- 1990 was the year of Women in Rotary. In 1991, we inducted our first woman member, **Lynne Thornton**, who went on to become our first woman president.
- We have been the leader in the Rotary world for three years with the "Ride to end Polio".
- We've helped with Women's Shelters, Rotary/Flame Partnership and the Mattamy Greenway.
- A medical clinic operates in Papua New Guinea and girls in Malawi are being helped.
- We have produced six District governors and sponsored Sarcee, Centennial, Cochrane and Chestermere clubs.
- Our Christmas brunch has been highly successful for 30 years.
- Meals on Wheels, organ donation and Operation Eyesight Universal are some of our diversified projects.
- We've raised \$200,000 this year for the RI Foundation and Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation.
- And our latest challenge: creation of a partnership with Bethany Care to build an atrium.

Guest Speakers

Mike Carlin introduced Geoff Hughes who has been instrumental in helping to plan our jubilee year celebrations and will help us look to the future with three exceptional young people who will share their experience with us today. Geoff has been a member of Calgary South for nearly a decade and has found his passion in empowering youth. He has been involved with RYLA for eight years, three of them as chair of the program. Geoff is currently the chair of youth services, overseeing all the District youth programs.

Geoff stated that we become Rotarians not when join Rotary but when we find our passion. He found his passion in RYLA. For one week a year, working with youth, he got excited, found out who he was, and why he was in Rotary. As District chair of youth services he has been able to unite all youth programs. He has also focused on the importance of working together, listening to each other, and listening to youth. Shifting the focus of Rotary to youth is his priority as youth are the future of Rotary.

Geoff then introduced three young people, Irvin Provost representing RYPEN, Khalid Keshavjee

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representing RYLA, and Janice Onison representing YEX, who would tell us the impacts that each of these youth programs have had on them.



Irvin Provost

Irvin Provost is a young aboriginal man who described his childhood and the importance of his grandmother, an iron-willed warrior who taught him that his community must assist themselves and fight for their community. He was raised by his grandmother as his parents were not there. He reunited with his mother but she died when he was 12, which had a huge negative impact on him.

At 13 he was selected by his school to attend a RYPEN weekend which shifted his life. There he learned that “giving” means valuing all whom you encounter and that the greatest gift you can give to someone is to listen to their story.

Khalid Keshavjee described how RYLA encourages youth to develop projects that can be taken back to their communities. They often lack the resources and organizational capacity to be successful. Rotary members can assist by providing the needed resources and, as important, organizational capacity and knowledge to help youth to be successful.

Youth mentoring and programs like RYLA are both good ways to participate. An example of a successful RYLA project is Shelter Box.



Khalid Keshavjee



Janice Onison

Janice Onison, representing youth exchange, described how giving is changing and how young people today may not understand how to provide the level of giving demonstrated by philanthropists, as exemplified by the Taylor family who recently gave \$40 million to the University of Calgary. Young people are now more focused on cause-based giving using social media such as crowd funding. As an example, one crowd fund started with \$20, had a goal of \$10,000, and ended up raising more than \$400,000.

Time-based giving will also become more important and this will impact corporate as well as individual giving.

She was very positively impacted by her Rotary youth exchange in Belgium where she met people from different places. She has remained connected to them via social media to discuss causes and seek support. She closed by saying that her generation wants to do the right thing, wants to give and wants to use social media as a way of giving with a focus on collaboration.

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Steve Rickard thanked the speakers and suggested that we are all a group of givers. He reminded us of an African proverb: "To go fast, go alone; to go far, go as a group". Most importantly, go as inclusive. He, unfortunately, had to advise Geoff Hughes that his Boltman would have to be sent by mail.

Robyn Braley lead all attending in singing a collection of Christmas carols with the words projected by the overhead projector. The carol singing ended with everyone joining hands around the outside of the meeting room singing Auld Lang Syne.

PP Sa'adat closed the meeting at 1:30 PM with a reminder that this is the last meeting of the year as next Monday is Christmas Day. Also the Monday after is New Year's Day, so the next club meeting will be **Monday, January 8**.

Post Meeting Announcements

Don Campbell wants all attending to know that \$440 was raised at the silent auction of his print on stretched canvas and that the winner of the action is **Debbie Barry**. The funds raised will be used to support Syrian families that some members have linked with to form friendships and support their transition into Canadian Culture. Don gives many thanks to all who participated.

Marie Rickard wants to remind everyone that it is strawberry shortcakes time on February 13, 2018 and February 14, 2018. There will be no meeting that week, but lots of opportunity to volunteer. Please mark your calendars for those days to make cakes and package on February 13 and then deliver on February 14. We will need all hands on deck! Cakes this year will be \$7.00 each with a minimum order of six for delivery. Start engaging friends and clients, old and new. to purchase our lovely little gifts and share the love! You will hear more from our strawberry shortcakes committee in January.

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Coming Events

January: Vocational Service Month	
1	No Meeting: New Year's Day
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	Team Meeting
February: World Understanding Month	
5	Strongest Oak/Burkino Faso Solar Project
12	No Meeting: Strawberry Shortcakes preparation and delivery 13th and 14th
19	No Meeting: Family Day
26	"Never Too Late" Rotary Scholarship Awardees
March: Literacy Month	
5	Marianne Ryan, Alberta Ombudsman
12	Debra deWaal: "Safe and Sound" Personal Safety Training
19	Team Meeting
26	Member Introduction and Rotary Moment
April: Maternal and Child Health Month	
2	Assembly Meeting at noon
9	E C Manning Innovation Awards
16	Member Introduction and Rotary Moment
23	Habitat for Humanity: "Restore", "New Housing"
30	TBA
May: Youth Service Month	
7	Member Introduction and Rotary Moment
14	TBA
21	No Meeting
28	Youth Programme: RYLA Adventures in Citizenship
June: Fellowship Month	
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
July: Stampede and Okanagan Cherries Month	
2	No Meeting. Canada Day Holiday
9	Stampede Yahoo. Country Music and Dancing
16	TBA
23	TBA
30	TBA
August: Membership and New Club Development Month	

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6	No Meeting: Family Day
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