



The Weekly Westerner

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Fridays 12 noon - 1.30 pm

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The proceedings of the last Friday meeting of the Rotary Club of Calgary West. And what a gala event it was!

A ROTARY MUSICAL CHRISTMAS SHOW! WOW!

It was produced and directed by **Robyn Braley**, with audio engineer **Alex McFadden**, PowerPoint presentation by **Melody Warman**.

Some 60 plus Rotarians and guests gathered for punch in the corridor, dressed in their Christmas best caps, ties and flashing necklaces, with recorded festive music in the background.

Grey Eagle provided us with an extended room and elevated stage, festooned with three microphones, keyboard and an array of loudspeakers.

President Terry Felton took to the stage, sharply at 12:15, and welcomed all members and guests with Christmas wishes.

Trevor Waters at the keyboard, and Robyn Braley and the two **Roy Boys** at the mikes led us in a lively rendition of *O Canada*, loosening up our vocal chords for the music to come.

The invocation by **Gerry Meek** expressed our communal thanks for the season, remembering those in the world in difficult times and blessed the food to our use.

And what a meal it was: turkey, gravy, dressing, veggies, along with a sinful dessert.

At 12:45 the program started with Trevor Waters at the keyboard and Robyn and **Meg Braley** at the mikes leading us in both classic and contemporary Christmas carols:

-Joy to the World
-Hark the Herald
-Angels we have heard

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Followed by:

-*I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas*

-*Winter Wonderland*

-*Silver Bells*

Words on the overhead screen helped the audience sing along with great gusto!



Robyn followed with a talk on Christmas and family traditions and then Meg joined him in a duet of *Cowboy Christmas*. Those two sure haven't lost their singing touch!

We were treated to a piano duet of *What Child is This?* by **Heather and Sarah Ritter**, all to loud applause, followed by more sing-a-long about Rudolph, *Jingle Bell Rock* and *Santa is Coming to Town*.





This all was followed by an eloquent recitation by **David Williams** of the classic Christmas poem, "Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house...And I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, 'Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night'."

But it wasn't over yet! The Roy Boys followed with a duet of *Silent Night*, which quickly morphed into the audience singing along.

And a familiar face, **Greg Brookes**, visiting from Texas where he teaches classical opera, treated us to *O Holy Night*, hitting all the difficult high notes bang on!

Robyn, Meg and Trevor closed this musical Christmas show with *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*, which was joined in enthusiastically by all.

Terry closed by wishing all A Merry Christmas.

What a program! Great start to Christmastime!

Many thanks to Robyn, Meg, Alex, and Mel.

During this meeting, a three other events took place.

(1) Due to the efforts of **Lawrence King** and **Steve Strang**, our exchange student, **Lori Mattei**, was presented with:

(a) an "authentic Canadian Football League football" signed by all the 2016 Stampeders;

(b) a special platinum ball, which is only presented for a "significant event" (and only three have been presented this year);

(c) a Stampeder shirt.





(2) Past-president **Dan Doherty** inducted our newest member, **Don Vokey**.



(3) **Marlene Doherty** presented two items:

(a) From the Local Community Service Committee, the membership ratified the committee's recommendation and board approval of \$5,000 for the Alcove Recovery Centre for a children's resource centre.

(b) From Vocational Services, the membership ratified the recommendation from **Jim Barnes** and board approval of \$2,000 for literacy support at Belvedere Parkway School in Bowness.

Coming Events

January: Vocational Service Month	
2	No Meeting
9	50th Anniversary Programme
16	John Brown, University of Calgary
23	The Bethany Project field trip. Evelyn Buckley, Speaker
30	Rotary Employment Partnership - Inclusion Alberta
February: World Understanding Month	
6	Economic and Community Development – Ken Montgomery
13-14	Strawberry Shortcakes: preparation and delivery
20	No Meeting. Family Day
27	Tom Hickerson U of C, Curator Davidson Papers
March: Literacy Month	
6	Team Meeting
13	Michael Chiasson: Youth Motivational Speaker
20	Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell
27	Manning Innovation Awards (Tentative)
April: Maternal and Child Health Month	
3	Vimy Ridge Centennial

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10	Evening Meeting: Spring Assembly
17	Easter Monday. No Meeting
24	Field Trip to Rotary Challenger Park
May: Youth Service Month	
1	TBA
8	TBA
15	TBA
22	No Meeting: Victoria Day
29	David Poulson: Author and Radio Announcer
June: Rotary Fellowship Month	
5	TBA
8	HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY CALGARY WEST!
12	TBA
19	Business Meeting and Turnover of Gavel to Ben Kormos
26	Canada Day Celebration Meeting
July	
3	No Meeting
7	Friday: CWRC Stampede Parade Breakfast
10	Stampede Yahoo!

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