



# 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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The front desk was manned by **Paul Graham** and **Eduardo Watman**. **Tim Anderson** sold 50/50 tickets until **Steve Rickard** eventually showed up! [That's an editor's note!] **Gail Williams** was selling tickets for the upcoming Christmas brunch. Rotarians and guests were warmly greeted by **Bryden Horwood** and **Orlin McMillan**.

**President Ben Kormos** called our meeting to order at 12:15 and invited **Robyn Braley** to lead us in *O Canada*. **Don Campbell** provided the invocation.

Seated at the head table were President Ben Kormos, **Kerrin Lee-Gartner** (guest speaker), **Tazim Asaria**, **Marlene Doherty** and (new member) **Judson Graham**.

President Ben, in what will probably become a standing feature at our meetings, invited Judson, as a new member, to briefly introduce himself to our club and describe what compelled him to become a Rotarian.

Our six visitors and guests were introduced by Bryden and, not surprisingly, greeted in song.

Ben played "guess that tune", with club members being quite knowledgeable with respect to titles and artists (Shazam!). [**Editor's (probably useless) Note:** Shazam was the word uttered by Billy Batson to change himself into Captain Marvel. "the world's mightiest mortal". Shazam was an acronym for Solomon, Hercules, Atlas, Zeus, Achilles and Mercury. Just thought you would like to know.]

Sergeant-at-Arms **Garfield Ganong** successfully raised a reasonable levy in fines with his questions about various aspects of Rotary.

## Hot Seats

- **Marvin Pawlivsky** introduced **Karen Elliott**, who is conducting a drive to support Women in Need through obtaining and filling purses with a variety of essentials. Members were

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encouraged to bring various items they consider appropriate (new, please) and, perhaps, a purse to our December 11 meeting.

- **Maggie Julian** and **Mike French** will be sending out an email to Christmas wreath delivery volunteers with details for the deliveries on Friday, December 8. Delivery routes and wreaths may be picked up at Mike and Maggie's between 8.00 am and noon on Friday.
- **Ken Montgomery** described the urgent need for a variety of goods for Syrian refugees in Calgary. He will compile a list of what is required and distribute it to us.
- **David Watson** is still accumulating supplies for Stephen's Backpacks. He will have a box at next week's meeting for us to deposit any goods we can provide.
- **Lori Mattei**, our past exchange student from Italy, has returned to Calgary with his father for a week. Skiing is high on his agenda. He reiterated how often he thinks of us; how great it is to be back here, however briefly; and how much he appreciated his year here. He, will, undoubtedly, have a busy, fun-filled week.
- Robyn Braley, **Bill Fitzsimmons** and **Gerry Meek** are our club's newest graduates from the Rotary Leadership Institute. Robyn highly recommends the programme for both newbies and veterans.



President Ben described a new initiative/project for a women's shelter in Airdrie and a Rotaract hockey event in March. We are encouraged to show our support for these and other local projects and activities undertaken, or initiated, by other local Rotary clubs. What goes around...

Robyn Braley was thanked for his initiative in developing and printing the card, "Why Rotary". This card is designed as a tool, and for talking points, for members to use to help attract new, potential Rotarians. It's an excellent resource for either approaching friends, or responding to questions they may have about Rotary. Each of us should carry a couple.

Phase 4 of the Rotary Challenger Park is currently being discussed. Our club has previously allocated \$9K to the park's development, but the specific initiative for which we provided that money is no longer proceeding. As a club/board we need to address how/if those funds should be reallocated.

Garfield collected the **50/50** pot of \$57.

### Guest Speaker

Kerrin Lee-Gartner was introduced by Marlene Doherty. At the age of 16, Kerrin was named to Canada's national ski team, has 49 top ten finishes and won Canada's first, and only, Olympic gold medal for downhill racing in 1992, fulfilling a life-long dream. Recently, she has been named Alberta's Female

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Athlete of the Century. Kerrin credits her mind as her most important asset and, with her husband, established a company founded on the concept of “Mettle”: strength of character; coping with difficulties in a spirited and resilient way.

Kerrin described her dream from early childhood to be an Olympic ski champion. At only 13, however, she left the sport, but, after a less than rewarding experience with biking and highland dancing, she just had to return to skiing. She learned quickly how strong, tough and fierce she could be, particularly after being told by a coach that she’d never make it as a ski racer. Success requires excellent technical skill, but the right mental component is so very important. She persevered, through injuries, surgeries and recoveries and recalls her participation in Canada’s team in the ‘88 Olympics as being an incredible emotional high.

The realization came that Olympics participation is so much more than “regular” racing, requiring incredible mental preparation and participation. There is a need to really embrace being competitive and Kerrin needed to overcome any fear of failure. Fortunately, she says, she hates being bad at anything!



Kerrin was thanked by Tazim Asaria and presented with our Jubilee Boltman.

President Ben adjourned the meeting.

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### Coming Events

December	
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>
January	
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>
February	
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	TBA
March	
5	Marianne Ryan, Alberta Ombudsman
12	TBA
19	TBA
26	TBA
April	
2	<b>Assembly Meeting at noon</b>
9	E C Manning Innovation Awards
16	TBA
23	Habitat for Humanity: "Restore", "New Housing"
30	TBA
May	
7	TBA
14	TBA
21	<b>No Meeting</b>
28	Youth Programme: RYLA Adventures in Citizenship