



# The Weekly Westerner

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Grey Eagle Hotel, 3777 Grey Eagle Drive (Corner of 37 St SW and Glenmore Drive)  
Fridays 12:15 - 1.30 pm

**President:** Terry Felton **President-Elect:** Ben Kormos **Past President:** Gail Williams  
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Melody Warman

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President **Terry Felton** opened the meeting.

**Robyn Braley** led us in the national anthem. **Ken Montgomery** delivered the invocation.

The head table was comprised of President Terry, **Melody Warman** (introducer), **Paige MacPherson** (guest speaker), **Darren Grierson** (thanker), **Ben Kormos** and **Marvin Pawlivsky**.

**David Williams** introduced our visitors and guests (15+) including three exchange students and our RYPEN representatives (two) from St. Mary's high school. **Gerry Meek** led the group in our welcome song.



## Announcements

- **Gail Williams** presided over the election of president-elect-nominee and confirmed our selection of Gerry Meek for the year 2019/20. Congratulations, Gerry!
- Ben Kormos thanked this year's directors for a job well done, and announced the proposed candidates for directors for next year. They included **Karl Herzog, Chris Davis, Duncan Stanners, Debra Barry, Gustavo Jimenez, Bill Fitzsimmons, Orlin McMillan, Marlene Doherty** and **Judy Cochran**. Unanimous approval was given by the membership.
- Judy Cochran introduced **Betty Lou Elofson**, principal of St. Mary's, who introduced two students who had participated in our Rotary RYPEN program. They both were ecstatic with the

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opportunity to spend a weekend learning and developing their leadership skills and spoke very highly of their experience.

- **Helen King** thanked everyone who had helped with our Christmas wreath project, and a special appreciation was given to **Tony and Arien Knight**, who not only agreed to handle storage and disbursement of wreaths, but also stepped in to help deliver for a member who was unable to participate. She had two wreaths left over and sold them both: one to **Joe Klassen** and the second to **Ron Brookes**. The total raised exceeds \$5,600.
- **Chris Ritter** introduced **Tyler Barnett**, a 4<sup>th</sup> year student at Ambrose University, majoring in business. He was very appreciative of the opportunity to attend the business conference. They discussed new ways to do business – not just focusing on profits, which he acknowledged is important, but how business can collaborate with the community and make a difference for society.
- Ken Montgomery thanked Judy Cochran for donating \$500 to the Honduras project, which allowed them to exceed their target of \$50,000.
- **Lori Mattei** gave us an overview of his weekly experiences, including his attempt at curling. He also introduced two of his fellow exchange students; **Paulo** from Spain and **Clair** from Taiwan. The students raised \$2350 to help with Honduras.
- **Don Campbell** advised everyone that December 23<sup>rd</sup> was our Christmas meeting with a school choir with fellow-Rotarians participating. Anyone interested in joining with the choir should contact Don. Also, if you are planning to bring a guest, please advise him so we can apprise the hotel.

**The 50/50 draw** was won by **Clarence Buckley**

### **Rotary Moment**

Marvin Pawlivsky joined our club in July, 2016 after he relocated from Okotoks and purchased the Co-operative Insurance Agency in West Springs, Calgary. He has three employees, who cover all areas of insurance: personal, auto and commercial. Marvin was formerly with Western Financial Group and has worked in Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Grande Prairie and Okotoks. He told of his experience with Rotary in Grande Prairie, including a highway clean-up program. Prior to joining Calgary West, Marvin was president of the Okotoks Rotary Club from 2011/12, when Mike French was district governor

### **Sergeant at Arms**

**Mike Carlin** advised that our jubilee kick off meeting was one month away - January 9, 2017. Changes for next year are to include an "educational" section in the sergeant-at-arms, and David Williams has agreed to lead the committee. As the Canadian peso continues to decline, it was suggested levies should increase to \$2 and happy bucks be changed to happy toonies. Mike's first order of business was to charge President Terry for suggesting, via email that the sergeant be limited to two minutes. The president does not have the authority to control the sergeant. It's the other way around!

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### Guest Speaker

Melody Warman introduced Paige MacPherson.

Paige joined the Canadian Taxpayers Federation as Alberta director in 2015. Throughout her career she's had a passion for giving a voice to taxpayers and pushing for government accountability.

Paige was raised in Pickering, Ontario. Her work has taken her from coast-to-coast and in between, working in Halifax, Cape Breton, Fredericton, Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver and Calgary.

As a former elections reporter and weekend host for Sun News Network, Paige had the privilege of traveling across our great country to cover four provincial elections. For several years, she has contributed opinions and news coverage to newspapers and radio programs across Canada.

Prior to media, Paige worked in communications and media relations at the Atlantic Institute for Market Studies (AIMS), a Halifax-based think-tank. While there, she started AIMS on Campus, a free-market university outreach program. Paige earned her degree in political science from Dalhousie University in Halifax, and is working toward her Master of Public Policy at the U of C.

### Key Points

- By 2018, the carbon tax will cost the average family with two children over \$600 per year, just for driving their children to school and themselves to work.
- The carbon tax will increase the cost of bananas, diapers and virtually everything. It's a tax on anything that moves.
- With the carbon tax and gas tax hikes, the average Alberta family of four will have to cough up \$888 on gas taxes alone in 2018.
- A federally imposed carbon price of \$50/tonne would have an even larger impact, costing the average Canadian household \$2,569 annually by 2022.
- The costs do not include carbon tax paid by municipalities for buses, government buildings, and schools, etc., which will undoubtedly push up property taxes.
- The carbon tax would cost Albertan taxpayers billions every year, yet the NDP government didn't even campaign on it.
- The Alberta carbon tax will make life more difficult for families and businesses, but it won't make a dent in climate change.
- \$30 billion investment capital is shovel-ready to invest into pipelines:
  - \$6.8 Billion – Transmountain
  - \$7.9 Billion – Northern Gateway
  - \$15.7 Billion – Energy East
- 13 oil sands companies have invested \$1.3 billion to share in 814 technologies and innovations. Visit [www.Cosia.ca](http://www.Cosia.ca) to learn more.

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- Australia implemented a carbon tax in 2012 and everyone was in favour: governments, media, the public, etc. It cost \$8 billion to implement and after two years the government repealed the carbon tax as it did little to stop greenhouse gases and increased electricity costs substantially; as it did in Ontario.

So much of what the CTF deals with – high taxes, debt, wasteful spending – is symptomatic of a much larger problem. That problem, simply put, is that our current political system **fails to be accountable** to the people who pay for it. It is especially offensive that Alberta would implement the carbon tax in a period when we have the highest unemployment in 22 years and small business continues to close their doors.



The thanks of the club were expressed by Darren Grierson, who presented Paige with our world famous Boltman.

**Coming Events**

<b>December: Disease Prevention and Treatment Month</b>	
2	USA Consul General for Alberta and Saskatchewan: Tom Palaia
9	Paige MacPherson – Canadian Taxpayers Federation
16	Dr Michael Duggan, St Mary's University
23	<b>Team Meeting. Christmas Singalong</b>
30	<b>No Meeting</b>
<b>January: Vocational Service Month</b>	
2	<b>No Meeting</b>
9	50th Anniversary Programme - TBA
16	John Brown, University of Calgary
23	The Bethany Project field trip. Evelyn Buckley, Speaker
30	TBA
<b>February: World Understanding Month</b>	
6	Economic and Community Development – Ken Montgomery
13-14	Strawberry Shortcakes: preparation and delivery

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20	<b>No Meeting. Family Day</b>
27	Tom Hickerson U of C, Curator Davidson Papers
<b>March: Literacy Month</b>	
6	<b>Team Meeting</b>
13	Michael Chiasson: Youth Motivational Speaker
20	Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell
27	TBA
<b>April: Maternal and Child Health Month</b>	
3	Vimy Ridge Centennial
10	<b>No Meeting</b>
12	Wednesday evening: Spring Assembly
17	<b>Easter Monday. No Meeting</b>
24	Field Trip to Rotary Challenger Park
<b>May: Youth Service Month</b>	
1	TBA
8	TBA
15	TBA
22	<b>No Meeting: Victoria Day</b>
29	TBA

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