



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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President Tim Anderson called the meeting right on time at 12:15. **Don Campbell** delivered the invocation. **Shelley Dyson** welcomed our visitors and guests.

The head table consisted of President Tim, **Judy Cochran**, **Darren Grierson** and **Sa'adat Keshavjee**. Also at the head table were our new member inductees **John Bossuyt** and **David Stephan**.

President Tim conducted a banner exchange with a Mexican Rotarian, **"Wolf"**. Wolf is moving to Calgary and is looking at joining our club.



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Next, our new members were inducted and introduced to the club. Sa'adat Keshavjee gave the charge. Our new members are:

John Bossuyt: John's surname is pronounced "Bossit". John lives in Cochrane and runs a small not-for-profit organization called Humanity's Promise Association International. Through this organization, John works every day providing agricultural training to people in the South Sudan. John has access to 900 acres of river property in the South Sudan where he is planning to develop an agricultural school and an experimental farm. Expect to hear more about this!

David Stephan (pronounced as Steven): David has heard about Rotary but never considered joining. He has a background in volunteerism, primarily as a sports coach and has been living in Calgary most of his life, although he was born in Saskatchewan. He says he is not a Riders fan, much to Terry Felton's chagrin! David is late of Shell, and has been developing a new career in the coaching area. When introduced to Rotary, he thought it would be a way to meet new people and give back to the community.

Darren Grierson briefly mentioned our mentorship program for new members and announced that John's mentor would be **Duncan Stanners** and that David's mentor would be himself (Darren).



HOT SEATS

Marlene Doherty: Marlene asked us to look at the Planters flyer on the tables and, while it is cold and miserable today, consider how nice it will be if you have these lovely plants and flowers around when,

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and if, the summer comes! The planters are specifically grown for warmth or shade in bright colours or dark. Additionally, Team 1 and Team 2 members are invited to the Doherty's on March 17 for Bingo and Blarney as well as social time and team meetings. The Never Too Late Graduation will be March 25.

Terry Felton: Terry announced that our exchange student, **Laura Pippolo**, will be leaving our club at the end of February. Also, Laura's 18th birthday will be February 14. There will be a party for her on the 14th during the Shortcake event. Terry also mentioned that he couldn't understand how anyone born in Saskatchewan could not be a Riders fan!

Marie Rickard: Marie gave us an update on the Strawberry Shortcake project. This is the last meeting before the order cut-off date of February 7. So, if you want some, you'd better order soon! Marie also mentioned that we are going to be donating some 85 cakes to an abuse centre, so donations to this cause would be appreciated. We are about halfway to our goal and time is growing short! We usually get a great many orders toward the end.

Debbie McMillan: Half dozen more volunteers are needed to make the shortcakes. It's a fun time, so, if you can make it, come on down! Friends and family are also welcome. For delivery on the 14th another half dozen drivers are needed as well. Contact Debbie.

Orlin McMillan: The Habitat for Humanity Casino is on February 12 and 13th. This is the last time for the next 18 months we will be putting on a casino so take advantage of this last opportunity to squeak in under the wire. Orlin need a chip runner for the Tuesday (Feb 12) evening shift and six more people at various levels for the Wednesday shifts. Call Orlin.

Bill Tapuska: This is the first and last meeting of Calgary West at Grey Eagles for February, 2019. Next week there will be no meeting to accommodate the shortcake event, and the following week will be a statutory holiday, so no meeting. The final February meeting will at Lougheed House. We need to know how many are coming to the Lougheed house so that the right number of meals and other arrangements can be made.

50/50 Draw

Dan Pigeon won the draw in the amount \$32.

Sergeant at Arms

David Williams, armed with his "Doomsday Book," reached far back into the mists of time and fined a wide variety of evil doers for a truly impressive array of sins, errors and omissions! His principal victim was President Tim who seems to have been a particularly enterprising transgressor!

PROGRAM

Judy Cochrane introduced **Bill Fitzsimmons** as one of our speakers, Bill is our president elect nominee.

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Before starting, Bill called on **Steve Rickard** to give an overview of our club's participation in World Community Service. Which he did.

We have some 20 projects on the go, but Steve wanted to emphasize that the incoming RI president, **Mark Maloney**, is emphasizing strategic development goals emphasized by the United Nations. The thrust of these goals is to eliminate extreme poverty by 2030.

Bill spoke on the Honduras Economic and Community Development project (HECD) which encompasses Microcredit and clean water development. The project is planned over a ten-year period in the country of Honduras. Honduras is facing significant social and economic problems. Bill told us of the many successful and significant microfinance projects which give hope and possibility to the people in these areas.

Bill said we exceeded our goal of providing over \$1,000,000 in project financing. He went on to give us some details of the plans for Phase 6 and beyond. We have reached the point where the people and organizations have grown to the point where they won't be needing us anymore.

Bill next introduced Duncan Stanners. Duncan spoke on the Chichimora project which has broken down mainly due to pollution of fecal coliform bacteria. Duncan told us of the measures taken to solve the problem and of the impressive local response to the request for action by Duncan and those assisting him.

A fund raiser evening for this and other projects will be happening soon. Volunteers are needed and Duncan will let us know more soon.

President Tim thanked our speakers and closed the meeting.

Coming Events

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
21	Thursday Evening: Rotary West at the Joyce
25	Field Trip Loughheed House: Kristin Evenden, Executive Director
March: Literacy Month	
4	LCS Community Project – Monica Ercolessi – Sonshine Community
11	Literacy Program - Krista Poole, CEO Can Learn
18	Armstrong the Guide Dog with Bill Faulkner

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25	Noon Assembly and Team Meeting
28	Thursday Evening: Rotary West at the Joyce
	April: Maternal and Child-Care Month
1	Homes of Hope, 15th Anniversary - Dan and Marlene Doherty
8	Gary Mar: CEO of PSAC (Petroleum Services Association of Canada). Former Alberta rep in Asia and Washington.
15	John Rook. His background is with the Homeless Foundation, Mustard Seed and Salvation Army.
22	No Meeting: Easter Monday
25	Thursday Evening: Rotary West at the Joyce
29	Dr. Marie-Claire Arrieta, U of C – Microbiome and Child Immunity
	May: Youth Service Month
6	TBA
13	TBA
20	No Meeting: Statutory Holiday
23	Thursday Evening: Rotary West at the Joyce
27	Laura Pipolo – Youth Exchange – Adventures in Citizenship – RYLA
	June: Rotary Fellowship Month
3	Manning Innovation Awards (Tentative)
10	Dr Phil Langill: U of C Professor, Astronomy and Astrophysics
17	Gavel Turnover, Anderson To Meek. Team Meeting
24	Special Red and White Canada Day Programme
27	Thursday Evening: Rotary West at the Joyce
	July: Stampede Parade and OK Cherries Month
1	No Meeting: Canada Day
8	Stampede Yahoo
15	TBA
22	TBA
29	TBA
	August: Membership and New Club Development Month
5	No Meeting: Statutory Holiday
12	TBA
19	TBA
26	
	September: Basic Education and Literacy Month
2	No Meeting: Labour Day