

# 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:** Gerry Meek **President-Elect:** Bill Fitzsimmons **Past President:** Tim Anderson  
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**Directors:** Marlene Doherty, Darren Grierson, Ken Montgomery, Alex McFadden

## Together We Are People of Action - Building Community

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It was a rather chilly day, but we were warmly greeted by **Bill Fitzsimmons** and **Clarence Buckley**, signed in by **Bill Lawless** and **Shelley Dyson** and encouraged to buy 50/50 tickets by **Natalija Reljic**.

The lunch buffet (again, excellent fare by the Grey Eagle) offered salad, rolls, rice, roast chicken, pulled pork, Hawaiian style wrap fixings and mango rice pudding with fruit.

**President Gerry Meek** called the meeting to order at 12:20 and led us in our national anthem.

Seven visitors and guests were introduced by Bill Lawless and welcomed to our meeting.

Meeker awards were presented by Gerry to **David Impey** for his dedication to capturing all our club memories with his cameras, and to Shelley, who brings such a special personal touch to so many of our gatherings. Well deserved, both of you!



The day's Rotary Insight was provided by our most memorable sergeant-at-arms, **David Williams**, who enlightened us on the varied interpretations of, of course, the role of the sergeant.

There are numerous descriptions of the role, some unique to specific clubs that can be found in a variety of documents, but finding an "official RI" description is not easy. Nevertheless, a fundamental goal of the sergeant is to help maintain an orderly and dignified meeting. Levying fines for a variety of perceived

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infractions is also a fairly common activity. (Note: in RCCW, the maximum amount payable by any member at any meeting is \$2.)



References could also be found to the sergeant's responsibilities for ensuring the satisfactory set up for the meeting, including audio visual equipment and satisfactory climate control; greeting attendees and warmly welcoming visitors and guests and ensuring they are seated; introducing and thanking the guest speaker; noting any late arrivals or early departures – and generally ensuring the goals for a welcoming environment and orderly behaviour are met. In RCCW, several of these responsibilities are filled by other club members.

#### Quick Minutes

- **Steve Strang** is still seeking members to join the youth committee. He has had some positive responses, but still needs more. Please contact Steve if you are interested or if you require further information.
- **Ken Montgomery** advised that there will not be a strawberry shortcake fundraiser this year for several reasons, not the least of which is the absence of any champion stepping forward to assume the lead from **Marie Rickard** and **Sa'adat Keshavjee**, who have been dedicated to this event for so many years. Ken would like to hear from any member who might have an idea for a February 2021 fundraiser.

- Our exchange student, **Margot Robins**, informed us of the YEX international dinner this year – a fundraiser to support Shelter Box, an organization which we have supported in the past. The evening will also include a talent show by the students.



- **Tim Anderson** thanked **Marlene Doherty** for arranging a fantastic evening of canasta and encouraged us to go and enjoy the next event – no prior skill required.
- Next Thursday, an educational and entertaining evening at The Joyce has been arranged, featuring “East meets West”, a presentation by two of our members with eastern and western heritages.

#### Sergeant-at-Arms

**Joe Klassen** offered temporary absolution to anyone who had been at the canasta event. Then he fined members who were without a pin or name tag, those who didn't know the RI theme for January and anyone who was not wearing Hawaiian dress (in keeping with the Hawaiian themed entertainment for this meeting). More money was raised, however, via happy bucks from **Judy Cochran**, Steve Strang, Marlene Doherty, **Don Campbell** and **Steve Rickard**.

- Marlene, on behalf of her social committee, reminded us of the upcoming opportunity to tour the Tsuu T'ina Cultural Centre. Contact Marlene for details.
- A straw vote on several options for a distillery field trip indicated a trip to the old Bridgeland distillery is the preferred option.
- The flower and veggie plant fundraiser, in conjunction with NStep, has begun again. The deadline for ordering your plants is February 14.



*Big, Beautiful, Blooming*  
**Fundraiser Plant Sale**  
*From the Garden . . . to your table!*



Fun and games were introduced and managed by Marlene and **Barbara Hames and Shelley Dyson**.

First up were **Terry Felton**, Ken Montgomery, **Darren Grierson** and **Ron Brookes** for the Mai Tai Super Straw Slurp. Darren won, receiving the coveted coconut as his prize.

Next, team captains were challenged in a hula hoop contest. Since it was not specified what body part the hoop must encircle, **Garfield Ganong** won handily by spinning the hoop around on his wrist.

In a contest among **Natalija Reljic**, **Dilpriya Mangat**, Margot and Tim Anderson to pick up marbles from a dish of water using only their toes, Tim was roundly defeated by the women.





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### Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker, **Vicki Vause**, was introduced by **Gail Williams**. Vicki is a graduate of Never Too Late, and described her journey in not only acquiring her GED, but her progress towards her BA.

In earlier years, Vicki aspired to be a lawyer, but difficult circumstances precluded her pursuing her education. In early 2018, Vicki learned about Never Too Late and its provision of support for adults seeking a GED. Now, with her GED in hand, and a Calgary West Rotary scholarship on her graduation, she is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> semester with a 3.13 GPA, pursuing her BA from U of C.

Vicki is looking forward to entering the world of social work on her graduation. Her education, and the support provided by Never Too Late, have totally changed her life, opening new perspectives on the world and on society and gaining the proud recognition in her achievements from her adult son.

Vicki expressed her appreciation of the life changing opportunities provided, via Never Too Late and other organizations, such as RCCW.



Marlene thanked Vicki for the heartfelt stories of her personal journey and presented her with a Boltman.

Tim Anderson won \$41 in the **50/50 draw**.

**Malcolm Harrison** needs four more volunteers for the Tuesday evening shift at the Food Bank.

Marlene reminded us of the Homes of Hope build in Mexico this year, scheduled for April 16 – 19, and of the info meeting at the Doherty's house on Wednesday evening.





**Linda Anderson** asked for any proposals for a beneficiary for the 2020 Art from the Heart. The proposal should have some "public sex appeal" and must specify purchase of a capital item for approx \$20K. Please advise her ASAP if you have any ideas to submit!!!

President Gerry adjourned the meeting at 13:20, with this thought for the week: "It's never too late to make a change in your life, but for this to happen you must first make a start."

### Coming Events

January: Vocation Service Month	
6	Motivational Speaker: TBA
13	"Never Too Late" Scholarship Awardee: Vicki Vause
20	United Way - Community Hubs Initiative
23	<b>Evening Meeting:</b> TBA
27	Wendy McDonald: Rotary Employment Partnership
February: World Understanding Month	
3	ICS International Service Presentation
10	Bonnie Johnson: Human Trafficking "Not in My City"
17	<b>Family Day: No Meeting</b>
20	<b>Evening Meeting</b>
24	Court Ellingson: Calgary Economic Development
March: Literacy Month	
2	<b>Town Hall/Teams Meeting</b>
9	Cameron Diggon: Homes for Heroes
16	TBA
23	Meeting cancelled in favour of March 26 <b>Assembly</b>
26	<b>Evening Assembly</b> (Tentative)
30	LCS Committee Presentation
April: Maternal and Child Care Month	
6	"In Step" (Tentative)
13	TBA
20	<b>No Meeting - Easter Monday</b>
23	Evening meeting at the Joyce
27	TBA
May: Youth Service Month	
4	YEX Program: Margot Robins and Friends
11	Todd Hirsch: Economist
18	<b>No Meeting - Statutory Holiday</b>
21	Evening Meeting
25	TBA
June: Rotary Fellowship Month	

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1	TBA
8	TBA
15	Can Learn Presentation
22	TBA
29	Canada Day Special - Immigration and New Canadians: Peter Vaness
	<b>July Stampede and Okanagan Cherries Month</b>
3	Parade Breakfast
6	Stampede Yahoo!
13	TBA
20	TBA
27	TBA

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