



# The Weekly Westerner

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Mondays 12.10 pm - 1.30 pm

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**Together We Are People of Action - Building Community**

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Rotarians and guests were greeted and made to feel welcome by **Lorenda Carlsen** and **Chris Davis**. Chris did not greet any of us with a hug!

**Des DeFreitas** and **Steve Strang** got us registered, and **Drew Turnbull** sold us 50/50 tickets.

**Gerry Meek** got us going on a tenor version of *O Canada*, and **Ron Brookes** delivered the invocation.

Chris Davis introduced the head table: **President Tim Anderson**; guest speaker **Keith Blake**, Police Chief for the Tsuu T'ina Nation; **Ariën Knight**, presenter; **Sa'adat Keshavjee**, thanker, **Shelly Dyson**, introducer; and **Tony Knight**, presenter.



**Marie Rickard** spoke on the Strawberry Shortcake preparation and delivery. We will make the Strawberry Shortcakes on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and deliver them on February 14<sup>th</sup>. There will also be bags of cookies for sale and delivery this year. This fundraising initiative works because we do, and the outcome is what we produce by participating, in whatever ways we can. **Debbie McMillan** is registering volunteers to make and deliver our Valentines product. To register as a much needed volunteer you can avoid a line-up at Monday's meeting by sending an e-mail to [debbarry@shaw.ca](mailto:debbarry@shaw.ca) or call at 403 257 4100.



Marie distributed sample cookies, and we discovered they are a gourmet product, well worth the price!

Ariën and Tony Knight, visiting from their new home in BC, spoke on the success of the fundraising for the new Atrium at Bethany Rotary Riverview Village. The facility is designed to house 210 long-term care residents. The first moved in last fall, Mr. Hugh Woolner. Calgary West's contribution to the one million dollar budget for the Atrium was \$370,936.53. This began with a \$25,000. donation by the club, and then the members pitched in over the next three years.



Other Rotary clubs have joined us in the project, and we are developing plans for an ongoing relationship with the Bethany Care Society, which operates several facilities in southern Alberta.

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## My Passion, My Moments, Our Rotary

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### Guest Speaker

Shelley Dyson introduced our guest speaker, Police Chief Keith Blake of the Tsuu T'ina Nation. He has been in this role since May 16, 2013. Prior to this, he worked his way through the ranks of the RCMP for 20 years, with all of his assignments being in Alberta.

The Tsuu T'ina Band has about 2200 members, but not all live on the reservation, on which there are about 500 homes.

In most cases, reservations are policed by the RCMP, but in 2004 the Tsuu T'ina Band was accredited by the Solicitor General of Alberta, and has grown the force steadily from the original 10 officers to the current number of 26, most of them indigenous, and 25% of them are female.

17 officers are funded by the nation, and nine by the provincial and federal governments. They are operating out of new offices, and are well positioned for new growth of three commercial and business sites, all adjacent to the City of Calgary.

The force focuses on two main areas:

1. Community engagement with a long-term view to reduce problems in the community, and
2. Operations, to deal with problems as they arise.

The police regularly visit homes to maintain a relationship with band members, and in the tradition of respecting Elders, hold Elders Teas where they get input on what's working and what needs improvement. Data gathered from home visits and Elder Teas is used in strategic planning.

As a visible show of respect for families, following a death the police provide escorts to funeral homes, funerals and burials.

In addressing the cost to society and to the band in dealing with convictions, the police force is developing an alternative justice program that develops agreement between the victims, the accused, the courts, involving all family members, to provide constructive solutions in which repetition is substantially reduced.

The community service aspect of policing is largely focused on youth, to prevent future issues through engagement. Much of the strategic planning involves threat assessment and safety planning.

The Tsuu T'ina police force partners with other agencies, including the RCMP and, in particular, the Calgary City police. They do not currently have the sophisticated capability to process a crime scene, and rely on Calgary police to take care of that. The RCMP does not have the personnel to effect prompt responses as well as the Calgary force does.



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The Tsuu T'ina nation is relatively small, with about 260 square kilometres of land adjacent to the SW side of Calgary. The Tsuu T'ina are Dene, also known as Athabaskan.

Sa'adat Keshavjee thanked Chief Blake, and presented him with our world-famous Boltman.



### Coming Events

<b>January: Vocational Service Month</b>	
7	Tina Varughese - Motivational Speaker
14	Keith Blake, Chief of Police, Tsuu T'ina Nation
21	Dominik Diamond - Jack FM: Special Robbie Burns' Day Programme
<b>24</b>	<b>Thursday Evening:</b> Al Coates, Chairman Southern Alberta Sports Equipment Bank
28	Stuart Cullum: President of Olds College
<b>February: World Understanding Month</b>	
4	World Community Service Presentation
11	<b>No Meeting</b>
13	<b>Strawberry Shortcake Assembly</b>
14	<b>Strawberry Shortcake Delivery</b>
18	<b>Family Day. No Meeting</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Thursday Evening:</b> Rotary West Radio LIVE
25	Field Trip Loughheed House: Kristin Evenden, Executive Director
<b>March: Literacy Month</b>	
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
<b>28</b>	<b>Thursday Evening:</b>
	<b>April: Maternal and Child-Care Month</b>
1	Homes of Hope, 15th Anniversary - Dan and Marlene Doherty
8	TBA
15	TBA
22	<b>No Meeting:</b> Easter Monday
25	<b>Thursday Evening:</b>
29	TBA
	<b>May: Youth Service Month</b>
6	<b>No Meeting</b> (because of District Conference)?
13	Youth Programs, RYLA, RYPEN, Adventures in Citizenship
20	<b>No Meeting:</b> Statutory Holiday
<b>23</b>	<b>Thursday Evening:</b>
27	YEX" Youth Exchange Program- Laura plus others
	<b>June: Rotary Fellowship Month</b>
3	Manning Innovation Awards (Tentative)
10	TBA
17	Gavel Turnover, Anderson To Meek. Team Meeting
24	Special Canada Day Programme
<b>27</b>	<b>Thursday Evening:</b>
	<b>July: Stampede Parade and OK Cherries Month</b>
1	<b>No Meeting:</b> Canada Day
8	Stampede Yahoo
15	TBA
22	TBA
29	TBA