

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

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Together We Are People of Action - Building Community

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The club front desk was manned by **Steve Strang** (cashier), **Dalbir Rattan** (cashier), **Gord Cox** 50/50 ticket seller, while **Cory Tretiak** and **David Wartman** were our greeters. **Marlene Doherty** was registrar for our upcoming bowling event.

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

David Wartman introduced our guests which included two members of the Rotary Club of Fish Creek: **PDG Rick Istead** and **AG John Fortunka**. **Don Edie** as a guest of **Velma Noble**. Guest speakers from the Community Hubs Initiative: **Jenna Rampp**, **Rumnik Maker** and **Ben Sargent** were introduced by President Gerry.

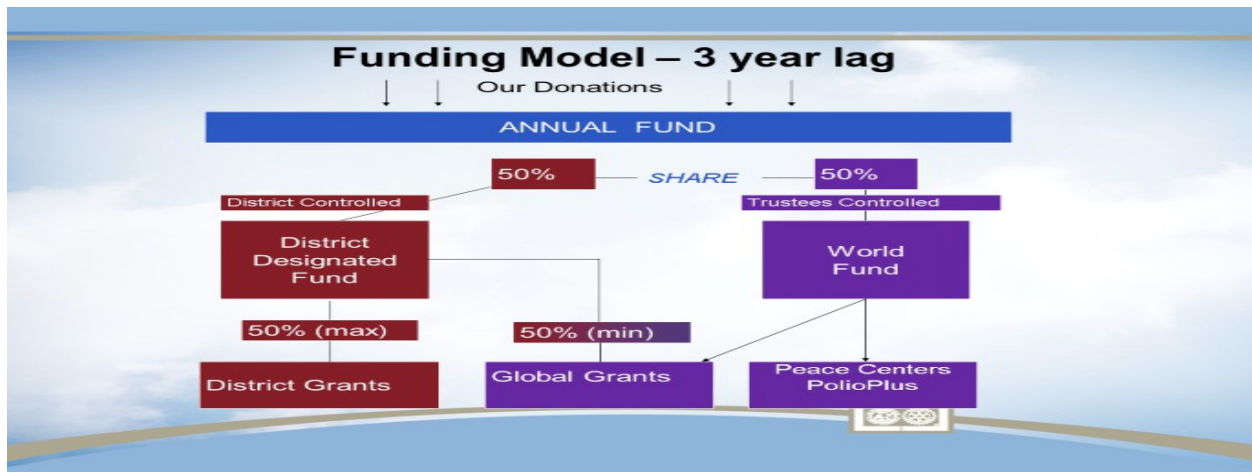
Today's **Rotary Insight** was provided by PDG, **Dan Doherty**.

He encouraged us all to embrace the Rotary Foundation and make it a priority in our charitable giving. Last year \$335 million was injected into the world economy, of which \$151 million was spent on the eradication of polio. This latter amount was matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. District 5360 donated the largest amount to TRF on a per capita basis and was #1 out of 550 Districts worldwide. **WOW....truly impressive.**

Our donations and those of all clubs in the District are held by TRF. After the three-year waiting period, 50% of the funds are returned to the District. These funds are known as the District Designated Funds. Up to 50% of these monies can be allocated to club projects and activities, as per the following diagram. This year, District 5360 will receive \$481M US. It should be noted that Calgary West has received roughly \$100,000 over the past five years for club projects. Our

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club's goal "Every Rotarian, Every Year," is to donate a minimum of \$100US. It's easy to sign up for monthly deductions...go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation> and click Donate.



Sergeant-at-Arms

Garfield Ganong levied fines to all those who did not know that January is Vocational Service month. Also, those who did not know the other four areas of service. And of course, those who did not know the RI President's middle name: **Mark Daniel Maloney**. Many were fined for not arranging to entertain our exchange student, **Margot Robins**.

Happy bucks – PDG Steve Rickard announced that **Orlin McMillan** was doing well after his double lung transplant. Also, **Larry Doyle** is progressing well with his chemo treatments. Our prayers are with you both.

Quick Minutes

- Marlene Doherty made several announcements.
 - A special thank you to **Shelley Dyson** for organizing the tour of the Tsuu T'ina Cultural Centre.
 - Marlene again reminded us the deadline for ordering flowers and veggie plants, in conjunction with NStep fundraiser is February 14th.
 - The dinner club is starting up again. If you are interested, contact Marlene or **Barbara Hames**. It's a great way to meet new members and spouses.
 - Ya Ba Dabba Doo "- It's Saturday Night Bowling - There's still room and time to join us for bowling and Chinese New Year (wear red), Saturday, January 25, 7-9 p.m.
- **Terry Felton and Gord Cox**
 - We still need volunteers for the upcoming casino, February 24/25th.

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- We also need volunteers to meet our overdue commitment to the Rotary Mattamy Greenway project.
- Stampede Parade Breakfast. This year, **buy 10 tickets** and get preferred and reserved seating. This should appeal to corporate sponsors. This year's goal is to sell 1,500 seats. A special thanks to **Claude Massé** for getting our web site up and running.
- President Gerry announced, on behalf of **Tim Anderson**, that our Thursday night meeting at the "Joyce" will be "East vs West" – Dalbir Rattan vs **Marvin Pawlivsky**. Plan to be there!

Guest Speaker

Jenna Rampp gave us an overview. It was noted that Ben Sargent was the newest member of the team, having been involved for only two weeks.



Gerry Meek, Cory Tretiak, Jenna Rampp, Rumnik Maker, and Ben Sargent

The Community Hubs initiative is a partnership between the **United Way Calgary and Area**, **The City of Calgary** and the **Rotary Clubs of Calgary**, in support of the **Enough for All** strategy.

- Community Hubs are welcoming neighbourhood gathering places that local residents visit to connect with each other and their community. They are places to relax, chat, meet up or work. A Community Hub should feel like home. Think of your favourite coffee shop, town square or park that you take your family or friends to. That is the type of environment we are looking to create.
- Community Hubs provide residents with a central access point for a range of health and social services. This includes social, cultural, recreational, and green spaces that promote a strong and vibrant community. Each Community Hub is as unique as the community it serves.

Rumnik Maker provided a greater in-depth background.

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- In Calgary, poverty is clustered in certain neighbourhoods of our city where up to 1 in 3 residents are struggling with low-income. This is significantly higher than the citywide average of 1 in 10. And that's not all—40% of lower income Calgarians report being lonely, more than double the percentage of higher income Calgarians. Many of these people simply do not know what supports and services are available, or how to access them. In fact, only 60 per cent of Calgarians feel they know their neighbours well enough to seek help.
- The initiative was to develop Community Hubs in five Calgary neighbourhoods, and works with numerous organizations and programs to ensure all the supports and services needed are provided. For example, the **Community Mobile Market**, a partnership between **The City of Calgary** and **Leftovers Foundation**, sells fruits, vegetables and other grocery items below market price, in support of Village Square's food scarcity program.
- Community Hubs works with community to build community. Because one individual, organization, or program cannot solve this complex issue alone.
- All Hubs have four common features. They are:
 - Welcoming and inclusive gathering places
 - Platforms to spark community economic development
 - Provide access to supports and services
 - Engaging residents in the design and activation

The Community Hubs Initiative is the first of its kind in North America, and other communities in B.C. have requested information on the project and its success. They have even had requests from as far away as Australia.

Clearly, the members were impressed with the presentation as there were a great number of questions.



Cory Tretiak expressed the appreciation of the club and presented Jenna and Rumnik with our Boltman.

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Gail Williams won \$37 in the **50/50 draw**, which she donated back to the club funds.

Gerry Meek closed the meeting with "The only place where a **Dream** is impossible is in your own mind."

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	Evening Meeting: at the Joyce – East vs West
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	Family Day: No Meeting
20	Evening Meeting
24	Court Ellingson: Calgary Economic Development
March: Literacy Month	
2	Town Hall/Teams Meeting
9	Cameron Diggon: Homes for Heroes
16	TBA
23	Meeting cancelled in favour of March 26 Assembly
26	Evening Assembly (Tentative)
30	LCS Committee Presentation
April: Maternal and Child Care Month	
6	"In Step" (Tentative)
13	TBA
20	No Meeting - Easter Monday
23	Evening meeting at the Joyce
27	TBA
May: Youth Service Month	
4	YEX Program: Margot Robins and Friends
11	Todd Hirsch: Economist
18	No Meeting - Statutory Holiday
21	Evening Meeting
25	TBA
June: Rotary Fellowship Month	
1	TBA
8	TBA
15	Can Learn Presentation
22	TBA

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29	Canada Day Special - Immigration and New Canadians: Peter Vaness
	July Stampede and Okanagan Cherries Month
3	Parade Breakfast
6	Stampede Yahoo!
13	TBA
20	TBA
27	TBA

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