

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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District Governor: Dan Doherty

Together We Are People of Action - Building Community

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The club administration table was manned by **Larry Doyle** (cashier), **Duncan Stanners** (cashier), **Don Vokey** (50/50 ticket seller). **Lorenda Carlsen** and **Les Morgan** were the greeters.

President Tim Anderson called the meeting to order, followed by *O Canada* and a Robbie Burns themed invocation by **Judy Cochran**. Tim played some interesting music to set the mood for our Robbie Burns Day theme, but I know not what it was!!! [**Editor's Note:** I do! And I have been trying to get the damned thing out of my head ever since! The president had better have deep pockets when I am SAA!]

Past Youth Exchange student from Milan, Italy, Lorenzo Mattei visited with us today and this week with his host families and friends. Nice to have you with us Lorenzo!

Announcements

Strawberry Shortcakes and Cookies are now for sale online and by order form – Bill Lawless

- This year, Calgary West Rotary Club is looking for folks to **donate cakes to Sonshine Community**, a women's shelter for those in an abusive situation. If you want to donate and bring a little sunshine to some folks at Sonshine, please order strawberry shortcakes and indicate on the order form to deliver to this organization.
- Deadline for orders is **February 7**.
- Please check out the strawberry shortcake email in your inbox and forward to friends, family and businesses. Drop off a flyer at your bank or doctor's office.
- **Debbie McMillan is still looking for volunteers**. Please contact her if you can be available for February 13 assembly and/or February 14 delivery.

Big Beautiful Blooming Plant Sale with NSTEP – Marlene Doherty

- Buy and sell plants to support NSTEP. **Deadline to orders is February 15**.

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- Online go to www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org and click on the link.
- These truly big beautiful blooming plants will be ready for pick up May 29.

Rotary Evening Meeting – Robyn Braley

- Joyce on 4th (4 Street and 24 Ave SW).
- Thursday, January 24, 6 pm to 7.15/30. No charge. No cover. Buy your own food and drink, or not.
- Former Flames/NHL/IHFF exec chairman.
- Topic: Alberta Sports Equipment Bank for kids needing lightly used sports equipment.

Another Great Speaker Coming to our Meeting – Bill Quinney

- Our speaker on January 28 will be **Stuart Cullen**, the new president and CEO of Olds College.

District Conference, May 3-5 “Building Community” – “Our” District Governor Dan Doherty

- Venue is Olds College. **Register today!**
- There is a great schedule of events for the District conference this year.
- Starting Friday with volunteer opportunities and an evening rodeo.
- Saturday, there will be great interactive sessions about relevant issues in our world including an aboriginal program; environmental issues; mental health awareness, Field to Fork
- For our Interact, YEX, youth – Craig Kielburger for a mini WE DAY!
- George Canyon in concert at the Cow Palace on Saturday night.
- Sunday, Annual General Meeting and then the memorial and tree planting.

Casino Volunteers Needed for Monday, January 28 – Orlin McMillan

Sergeant at Arms Marlene Doherty took on the job of monitoring our members with great gusto.

Fines were levied:

- President Tim firstly, for bumping the sergeant at a previous meeting.
- Ringing cell phones, no pins, not knowing the 4 Way Test.
- Not being a Scot and wearing a tartan. Being a Scot and wearing the wrong tartan.
- Not knowing the names of new members.
- Not knowing how to log in to MyRotary.org.
- Not knowing the new *O Canada*.
- Robyn Braley got fined for leading with the old version of *O Canada*.

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- Then the Robbie Burns Trivia Game – a few winners and a few losers there.
- Happy Buck from Orlin because he has a new grandson, and Tim because he got to wear his dad's kilt (for a 3rd time).

Guest Speaker

Our speaker was introduced by new member, **Bob Pearson**, an Englishman introducing a Scot! Here is **Dominik Diamond's** bio because his presentation was a lot about his life and how in a humorous way it paralleled the life of Robbie Burns. I cannot begin to chronicle his funny stories, or mimic his Scottish accent, or comment on his leather kilt, but I can repeat from his bio who Dominik is and where his journey has taken him.

Our speaker, Dominik Diamond, is an award-winning radio announcer, TV presenter, newspaper and magazine columnist and author. He found fame as the host of Games Master in the UK in 1991, which harnessed the video games boom to become a UK TV phenomenon with over 3 million viewers over 10 years.

During that time, he became host of Sportscall on BBC Radio, which also ran for 10 years and became the most popular sports phone-in show on UK Radio.

For some bizarre reason, he also became chief columnist for the UK Tabloid newspaper the Daily Star, a post he also held for 10 years. He also wrote columns for some of the UK's best-known magazines on a varied range of subjects, from his own amateur soccer career to reviewing cigarettes.

After 10 years in England, Dominik returned to Scotland where he continued making radio and TV shows, and was awarded the Scottish Radio Personality of the Year in 2006 for his work launching the XFM Morning Show.

In 2009, he emigrated to Canada for a new life with his wife and three children. But he ended up back in radio and newspapers again, writing a popular column about his new life in Canada for the Halifax Chronicle Herald.

His radio career in Canada has seen him do a morning show in Halifax, Toronto and, most recently, 96.9 Jack FM in Calgary, where most people know him as "that Scottish guy on the radio".

I made note of this quick quip that Dominik made regarding our meal referring to our noodle lunch dish for Robbie Burns Day as Chinese Haggis! There was also another reference to deep fried coleslaw that I did not get. He was very funny and enjoyable to listen to with his Scottish lilt.

Dominik ended by saying that he is now a Canadian citizen. He is not sure what is in his future, but he is enjoying Alberta – celebrating the differences and diversity, and thanked us for sharing this wonderful country with him.

Dan Pigeon, another new member, thanked our speaker today, but first asked to explain a few words that were hard to understand because of the lilt! Dominik then received our world-famous Boltman.



President Tim offered us a joke to finish off the meeting. Yes, Linda, he told *that* joke, which I shall not commit to print. You can thank me later! [**Editor's Note:** We can all thank you, Marie!]

Coming Events

January: Vocational Service Month	
7	Tina Varughese - Motivational Speaker
14	Keith Blake, Chief of Police, Tsuut'ina Nation
21	Dominik Diamond - Jack FM: Special Robbie Burns' Day Programme
24	Thursday Evening: Al Coates, Chairman Southern Alberta Sports Equipment Bank
28	Stuart Cullum: President of Olds College
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

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21	Thursday Evening: Rotary West Radio LIVE
25	Field Trip Lougheed 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
25	Noon Assembly and Team Meeting
28	Thursday Evening:
	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)
15	John Rook. His background is with the Homeless Foundation, Mustard Seed and Salvation Army.
22	No Meeting: Easter Monday
25	Thursday Evening:
29	TBA
	May: Youth Service Month
6	No Meeting (because of District Conference)?
13	Youth Programs, RYLA, RYPEN, Adventures in Citizenship
20	No Meeting: Statutory Holiday
23	Thursday Evening:
27	YEX” Youth Exchange Program- Laura plus others
	June: Rotary Fellowship Month
3	Manning Innovation Awards (Tentative)
10	TBA
17	Gavel Turnover, Anderson To Meek. Team Meeting
24	Special Canada Day Programme
27	Thursday Evening:
	July: Stampede Parade and OK Cherries Month
1	No Meeting: Canada Day
8	Stampede Yahoo
15	TBA
22	TBA
29	TBA