



# The Weekly Westerner

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**Garfield Ganong** and **Don Vokey** were in charge of the front desk this morning. **Orlin McMillan** was selling 50/50 tickets, and **Marvin Pawlivsky** and **Les Morgan** were the greeters of the day. Today we got colourful stars which coordinated with the décor on our tables as we joined fellow Rotarians. The stars were handed out by **Gustavo Jimenez**. He let me choose the front table so I could take notes and hopefully hear everything!

**President Ben Kormos** greeted us with a heads-up on all the events and announcements to come. He gave a special introduction to our head table, who included guest speaker, **Dr Arlin Pachet**, honorary member **Evelyn Buckley**, and a colleague of our president, **Jonathan Ng**, estate and trust lawyer. Ben gave a special acknowledgement to Evelyn Buckley as champion for our Rotary Bethany Atrium Project. She plays a key role in the creation of the Rotary/Bethany partnership, and assists with funding and creating awareness of Alzheimer's and its impact on individuals and the caregiver. Evelyn has been an advocate for housing for senior/Alzheimer's patients, and is a former board member for Bethany Care Society.

**Grant Ritchie** gave the invocation.

Marvin Pawlivsky announced the guests, many of whom were invited by President Ben.

Ben proceeded to stump us yet again with "Name That Tune". Les Morgan did come thru with his secret analysis to name "Have Mercy Judge" by Chuck Barry and "Solitary Man" by Johnny Cash.

## Announcements

### Strawberry Shortcakes - Steve Rickard

- Feb 13 and 14 we need volunteers. Please email Debbie Barry to help.
- Most important - we need sales!!! There are fewer than 500 orders at this point.
- Here's a good idea! If you want to help, but don't want to purchase for yourself, buy for the less fortunate and pay it forward with a "Random Act of Kindness" for Inn from the Cold residents on February 14, Valentine's Day

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- Deadline to order is February 8. Go to [www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org](http://www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org) to order.

### Raising Funds for Water – Duncan Stanners

- Dubbed himself as Calgary West's resident hippy!
- For a price, Duncan will cut his hair, and he isn't kidding.
- **Jan**, Duncan's wife, passed away over a year ago, and she had a passion for clean water for Honduras. All funds raised will go to the water project under the banner of the Honduras Economic and Community Development project lead by Calgary West Rotary Club.

### NSTEP Flower Baskets – Marlene Doherty

- Flyers were on the tables. Go to [www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org](http://www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org) for more information.
- Deadline for orders is February 17.

### Rotaractors and Calgary West - Ben Kormos

- Calgary West Rotarians are instituting a plan to fund lunches when Rotaractors attend our meetings as guests of Calgary West
- Rotaractors will each have their own punch card, and we can all contribute to the fund. See Ben for details

### Upcoming Business Meeting on January 29 - Ben Kormos

- Ben will be presenting the Ramacrisna Project, which he is passionate about.
- Each team will have topics for discussion during that meeting as follows:
  - Team 1 – Meetings
  - Team 2 – Teams
  - Team 3 – Service and Engagement
  - Team 4 – Membership
- There will be other business meetings in March and April to define and decide any changes and action the plan

**50/50 draw** was won by Don Vokey, who quickly donated the \$29 back to the club for service projects.

### Guest Speaker

Dr. Arlin Pachet was introduced by President Ben.

Dr Pachet is a Ph.D, R. Psych, ABPP and a Board Certified Clinical Neuropsychologist. He has conducted over 250 capacity assessments. He conducts workshops, provides expert testimony, and is a teacher of the teachers on this subject. His topic today is Legal Determinations of Capacity. A very interesting topic it was, and generated many questions from our membership.

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The recording of this subject matter tested my capacity. Therefore, Dr Pachet's slideshow containing his speaking notes and contact detail information for your perusal are attached separately to this bulletin. (Please note that in the meeting we got to slide 11 with some overlap forward into the materials and Q&A during the presentation. Contact info is on the final slide.) The facts are much better than any interpretation of the facts that I may have perceived!

In Dr Pachet's presentation, he used a case study.

The case presented was that of an 82-year-old gentleman he called Paul, who had lost his wife about three years prior. Paul was presenting medically with a deteriorating progressive dementia, most likely Alzheimer's. He has two daughters and had requested to change his will and power of attorney. He is also quite wealthy. The questions presented and requiring expert input for the lawyers that were referred him for a capacity assessment are:

- Does he (Paul) have the capacity to change these legal documents now as opposed to 18 months ago, when he changed his will?
- Did he have the capacity to do so?

Dr Pachet notes that something is unsavoury in this case, but what is it? Paul no longer confides in his daughters, and he has a new love interest in his life. The nature of dementia is that it can negatively affect relationships. Patients develop paranoia.

Dr Pachet believes that the legislation around assessment must be clearer and lobbied for a change, which would include the definition of capacity assessment initiation and follow-through of individuals with their actions. Alberta did not want to be different from other provinces and quashed the request for the additional wording. Dr Pachet believes that capacity should be assessed on a continuum. Assessment by nature is a bit subjective. Is Paul capable of changing his power of attorney, but not his will? Change of power of attorney has a lower standard regarding capacity assessment. Assent, as opposed to consent! What is the difference? Is there cognitive impairment? The quantum of decision also affects the assessment. The changing of a will is not simplistic! Informed consent is very important.

The Adult Guardian and Trusteeship Guideline are available on line if you are interested.

Back to the capacity assessment and Paul. Dr Pachet noted the assessment must include information such as:

- Who made the appointment?
- Who drove Paul to the office?
- Who is at the assessment, and who is answering the questions?
- Is there inconsistency in the answers?
- Are there any cognitive and neuro changes?
- Is there a change in behaviour?
- Is there paranoia?

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- Is there a change in risk tolerance?
- What is the date? This seems a simple question, but is Paul able to follow through to find the right answer?
- What is the reason Paul wants to change the will? Paul loves Grace, his new love interest.

Private investigators provide valuable information. How does a financial advisor deal with decisions from a consent perspective? The size of the risk is great at \$8.4 million! The advisor attempted a family meeting, but Paul would not give consent. Does the financial advisor refuse to act anymore? What are the significant triggers? Is the love interest coaching? Time to question the motives of the request for capacity assessment.

Dr Pachet must be guided by the legal test. The law criteria were written in 1874. They are excellent and still pertinent.

The outcome of Paul's case: he was able to change his power of attorney, but he was not able to change his will. The changes he made 18 months ago remain unchanged. The daughters' lawyers were able to stop the movement of money from accounts.

Dr Pachet's message to all was to hold the attorney to account. Any interested party can ask for this. If anyone sees possible abuse, any interested person, family doctor, a neighbour or a friend, can ask for this, since it is a self-administrated system.

Thanking the speaker was head table guest, Jonathan Ng. Jonathan thanked Dr Pachet for his respected advice and presented him with the Calgary West Rotary Boltman.





Ben ended with the following quotes of the week from Tao Te Ching:

Ch 37: "The way is ever without action, yet nothing is left undone."

Ch 38: "The highest virtue does nothing. Yet, nothing needs to be done. The lowest virtue does everything. Yet, much remains to be done."

## Coming Events

<b>January: Vocational Service Month</b>	
1	<b>No Meeting: New Year's Day</b>
8	Alvin Law: Motivational Speaker
15	Local Services Committee Programme: Bryden Horwood and Steve Rickard
22	Dr Arlin Pachet: Capacity Assessment and Rehab. A tie-in with Bethany Atrium
27	<i>Rotary After Hours: Bring a friend - Kensington Legion (1:00 pm)</i>
29	<b>Team Meeting</b>
<b>February: World Understanding Month</b>	
5	Strongest Oak/Burkino Faso Solar Project
12	<b>No Meeting: Strawberry Shortcakes preparation and delivery 13th and 14th</b>
19	<b>No Meeting: Family Day</b>
26	"Never Too Late" Rotary Scholarship Awardees
<b>March: Literacy Month</b>	
5	Marianne Ryan, Alberta Ombudsman
12	Debra deWaal: "Safe and Sound" Personal Safety Training
19	<b>Team Meeting</b>
26	Member Introduction and Rotary Moment
<b>April: Maternal and Child Health Month</b>	
2	<b>Assembly Meeting at noon</b>
9	E C Manning Innovation Awards
16	Member Introduction and Rotary Moment
23	Habitat for Humanity: "Restore", "New Housing"
30	TBA
<b>May: Youth Service Month</b>	
7	Member Introduction and Rotary Moment
14	TBA
21	<b>No Meeting</b>
28	Youth Programme: RYLA Adventures in Citizenship
<b>June: Fellowship Month</b>	
4	Rollin Stanley: GM of Urban Strategy, City of Calgary
11	TBA
18	Turnover Meeting: Induction of New President and Board
25	Special Canada Day Programme: RCMP Speaker TBA

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<b>July: Stampede and Okanagan Cherries Month</b>	
2	No Meeting. Canada Day Holiday
9	Stampede Yahoo. Country Music and Dancing
16	TBA
23	TBA
30	TBA
<b>August: Membership and New Club Development Month</b>	
6	<b>No Meeting:</b> Family Day