



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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President Tim Anderson called the meeting to order late at 12:19 pm due to the large number of people present and because of the necessity of setting up an extra table.

Gerry Meek introduced and acknowledged the existing and incoming boards, as well as our new president-elect nominee, **Marlene Doherty**. Marlene is also handling Fellowship and Fun next year.



President Tim introduced the head table: **Les Morgan**, our speaker **Tina Varughese**, **Patricia Morgan**, and **Robyn Braley**.

Debbie McMillan introduced our visitors and guests, of which there were many.

President Tim next announced the birthdays for the month. After an extended "Who's on First" conversation with **Orlin McMillan**, President Tim eventually extracted from him the date of his upcoming 70th birthday! It will be January 15! President Tim also gave birthday greetings to our New Year's baby, **Lorenda Carlsen**. He announced that it was her 30th birthday, but did not specify which one! Everybody then sang *Happy Birthday* to the celebrants in a surprisingly tuneful manner!



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HOT SEATS

- **Darren Grierson:** Darren is the membership chairman this year. If you have a person who wants to join the club, speak to Darren. There is a new application form addressing itself to the new membership categories. There will be an after hours meeting at the Joyce Pub on January 24.
- **Sa'adat Keshavjee:** Sa'adat announced the Strawberry Shortcake fundraiser. Preparation will be on February 12 and 13, and delivery on February 14. Cookies will be added this year!
- **Dan Pigeon:** Dan is looking for volunteers to go to other clubs and Rotaract clubs to make short announcements about the Strawberry Shortcake campaign.
- **Marvin Pawlivsky:** Marvin told us about the team 3 meeting at Debbie and Orlin's place last Sunday. A good time was had by all, and topics of engagement and service were discussed.
- **Robyn Braley:** Next week, our speaker will be **Keith Blake**, the Tsuu Tina police chief, who will tell us about what they do and the challenges they face. **Tony Knight** will be at this meeting, also, to tell us about the successful completion of the Rotary Atrium project. For Robbie Burns day, we will have a person from Jack FM, who will give us some background on Robbie Burns.
- **Debbie McMillan:** Debbie announced the start of this year's dinner club.
- **Bill Lawless:** He gave a recap of our four weeks of giving. The project was very successful.
- **Marlene Doherty:** She announced receipt of 25K\$ from Calgary Flames Foundation for the Polio Plus ride. Homes of Hope project goes March 7-10, 2019. Volunteers are needed. An email will be sent out with more details.

Bill Fitzsimons won the 50/50 draw of \$55.

PROGRAMME

Patricia Morgan (Les Morgan's wife) rose to introduce our guest speaker, Tina Varughese. Tina is a friend and colleague of Patricia, and both are members of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers. Tina is the president of tWorks, her company, which provides cross cultural communication consulting and inclusive leadership, and she is also a contributing writer for the Human Resource Institute's Network magazine. She is also the current president of the Calgary chapter of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers. She has many other accomplishments to her credit. She has two children, five fish and one husband!

Tina talked to us about the problems cross cultural difficulties can cause. With the increasing numbers of cultures of different immigrants, some sensitivity to the impact cross cultural collisions can have is needed. There are also opportunities available in this new situation.

Tina is an engaging speaker. She is of Indian extraction and told us some amusing anecdotes of cross cultural events, especially the one about her mother who has a pronounced accent. She (the mother) moved to BC to be a "snowbird" but this got interpreted as a snowboarder in her medical records!

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Tina gave us several examples of the deep and extensive differences between different cultures. Head shakes and head positions can mean radically different things to different cultures. In Arabic societies, showing the soles of your feet is a serious insult. Talking over someone in other cultures is thought of as adding value to the conversation.

Tina had us do a handshaking exercise. Everybody shook hands with their immediate table partner. What was revealed was that everyone used three hand pumps to complete the handshake. Any pumps more or less than this was experienced as “weird”. Different hand gestures can mean something positive in one culture and the same gesture can be seen as rude and insulting in another.

Tina’s presentation was informative and interesting. More information can be had at her website: www.tworkeforyou.ca .



Les Morgan thanked Tina, and presented her with our world-famous Boltman.

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
28	Stuart Cullum: President of Olds College
February: World Understanding Month	
4	World Community Service Presentation

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11	No Meeting
13	Strawberry Shortcake Assembly
14	Strawberry Shortcake Delivery
18	Family Day. No Meeting
20	Evening Meeting: 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
	April: Maternal and Child-Care Month
1	TBA
8	TBA
15	TBA
22	No Meeting: Easter Monday
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
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
	July: Stampede Parade and OK Cherries Month
1	No Meeting: Canada Day
8	Stampede Yahoo
15	TBA
22	TBA
29	TBA