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Mondays 12 noon - 1.30 pm

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President Terry started the meeting at 12:12 with a procession of dignitaries consisting of Tsuu Tina **Chief Lee Crowchild**, charter member and Past-president **Tony Harben** and his wife **Mary**, District Governor **Neil Berg**, DG-elect **Rick Istead**, DG-designate **Dan Doherty** and President-elect **Ben Kormos**. These folks eventually comprised the head table.

President Terry welcomed us to our celebration of the start of our Jubilee year on our first Monday meeting. He noted that the club's charter dinner was held in June of 1967 and 31 charter members were in attendance, including Tony Harben, previously mentioned.

INVOCATION

The invocation was delivered by Tsuu Tina Chief Lee Crowchild. As a preamble to his invocation, he stated some of the fundamental principles he and his nation operate under. Among these are to work with surrounding communities, including the City of Calgary and the Stampede Board, to see what we can do together and to learn the protocols of nature. We need to work together respecting Tsuu Tina rules and values. Chief Crowchild then delivered his invocation.

President Terry then thanked Chief Crowchild for his invocation and congratulated him on his election as chief and expressed gratitude for the new emerging partnership opportunities.



TOAST TO ROTARY

PDG Ted Valentine rose to deliver a toast to Rotary. Ted reviewed some of our club's history, most notably the admission of women to Rotary in the early 90s. Ted acknowledged Past-president **Lynne Thornton**, our first woman member and club president, and said that the admission of women was one



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of the most significant and positive evolutions of Rotary in its history. Ted also reviewed our club's illustrious history and concluded his toast with the phrase, "Long may we serve".



50/50 DRAW

President-elect Ben Kormos won this week's 50/50 draw of \$67.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

David Williams gave his customary bravura performance in the office of SAA this week. In line with this year's SAA program, David picked a past president to question about the significant events during his term. This week's victim was Past-president **Mike Carlin**, who was president back in the deep dark mists of time, when David Williams was yet young! [Editor's Note: In 1997-98, I was not "yet young"! I was yet older, and a past-president of the Rotary Club of Bungay, 1994-95.] To make a long story short, Mike gave two wrong answers to the questions propounded by David, the consequences of which were that everybody who had the misfortune to be sitting at Mike's table had to pay a \$2 fine. The board also had to pay a \$2 fine each! David went on to fine other members for other offences both real, imagined and otherwise, frequently consulting his nefarious "doomsday" book to do so.

CAKE CUTTING

President Terry and President-elect Ben made a nice couple as they cooperatively cut the 50th anniversary celebratory cake. Both were dressed in what appeared to be formal attire and the whole setting appeared to be much like a wedding. So much so that there was widespread tinkling of glasses! Both gentlemen failed to accede to the request implicit in the tinkling, though!

BTW, the cake was really quite good and I enjoyed it immensely as I [this reporter] fell off my new year's diet with a resounding crash!



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HISTORY OF THE BOLTMAN

David Watson was up next to give us an overview of our Boltman's history and called upon **Clarence Buckley** and then **Don Alexander** to provide additional details. In the eighties the Boltman was manufactured for the club by the mechanical students of the then Lord Shaughnessy High School with which the club had a mutually beneficial relationship.

Jim Barnes was up next in this regard. He was the principal of Lord Shaughnessy at that time and gave us some information on the manufacture of the Boltman. Some 700 of them were made and they have been quite the signature item for our club. Some of them have travelled all over the world!

Karl Herzog's organization, Motive Action, took over the Boltman manufacture from Lord Shaughnessy and makes about 50 of them a year. At Motive Action the Boltmen are welded not bolted. I wonder if that is anything like shaken, not stirred!

GOLD BOLTMAN TROPHY

PDG **Steve Rickard** was up next to introduce the Jubilee Boltman! This is your basic Boltman with a gold hat. The Jubilee Boltman was mounted on a base upon which there was a space containing the name of each past president of our club. The club's plan is to present this trophy to the outgoing president at the changeover meeting each year.



[**Editor's Note:** With David's help, I am hoping to send out a history of the Boltman to club members, and to non-CWRC members in the UK. But it might take a while.]

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

President Terry next rose to announce that, through a manoeuvre of using club funds and contributions both anonymous and otherwise, the remaining members of the club who were not Paul Harris Fellows were now to be invested with this status. Some 29 members stood up to receive their Paul Harris Fellowship pins and President Terry was proud to announce that the Calgary West Rotary Club now consisted of 100% Paul Harris Fellows as of December, 2016.



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It should be noted that Tony Harben was our club's first Paul Harris Fellow.



STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE PROJECT

Robyn Braley announced the start of our annual Strawberry Shortcake project. Please help with this project as either a maker or deliverer, and send the details out to your contacts so that they may make their purchases.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

David Marshall of our club and **Carle Duguid** of the Sarcee Club provided a musical interlude on their violins.



CALGARY SOUTH ROTARY CLUB

Ken Farn, the current president of the Calgary South Rotary Club, rose to congratulate us on our Jubilee. Ken's club was our club's sponsoring club back in 1967. At that time it was known as the Manchester Rotary Club. Ken said that his club was proud to have been our sponsor and of its association with our

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club. Calgary South has a presence on the board of the Calgary Atrium Project, our club's signature project.



Ken mentioned the Calgary South Club's project, Country Thunder, and asked for volunteers for it. He gave a Calgary South coin to President Terry. It's a golf ball marker with the Four-Way Test on the reverse side.

1967 REMINISCENCES

Past-president **Bill Quinney** harkened back to our club's founding in 1967. At that time, gas was \$0.33 an imperial gallon, stamps were five cents, homes about \$14,000 and cars around \$2,700.

Bill also mentioned that **John Rymes**, a long time member of the club, pushed the Foundation Committee to set some aggressive goals for our upcoming jubilee, including having \$500,000 in the CRCF, which we achieved a few years ago. The committee also agreed to a new one million dollar target. The committee further agreed that we wanted the club to become a 100% PHF club, meaning every member is a PHF. Bill proudly said that we achieved this goal in the middle of December, 2016.

A club member has stepped up and anonymously offered to match all dollars donated to either the RI Foundation or the CRCF up to \$120,000. Bill was proud to say we have matched \$105,000, with \$15,000 to go. We have until the end of March to complete. Wow! In the first half of Terry's year we have raised over \$200,000 for the two foundations! All of us can be extremely proud of this achievement, and what a challenge to continue this trend through the next 12 months



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Calgary West was awarded to the top fundraising club in the Indoor Ride to End Polio for the second year running. The trophy is proudly on display in Evanston.

Calgary West hosted the Ride to End Polio on November 12th, 2016. The ride was attended by over 30 enthusiastic Rotarians and friends and successfully raised \$18,671 USD before matching. Rotary International and its partners in the polio eradication effort have cooperated to reduce the number of polio cases by more than 99% (from 350,000 cases per year in the 1980s to fewer than 60 cases this year). Today only three countries have endemic polio: Pakistan and Afghanistan, and recently Nigeria had a reoccurrence.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Neil Berg, our district governor, gave us his congratulations on our 50 years of service and existence, and our charter endowment to do good in the world. He also congratulated us on achieving 100% Paul Harris Fellowship among our members, and for the many successes our club has had over this time. Neil used his classic saying that to be in Rotary is to give of your time, treasure and talents. I think that this is a beautifully concise way of stating what Rotary is about.

President Terry then acknowledged the audience, guests, volunteers and hotel staff for their contributions to the success of today's Jubilee meeting.

Coming Events

January: Vocational Service Month	
2	No Meeting
9	50th Anniversary Programme - TBA
16	John Brown, University of Calgary
23	The Bethany Project field trip. Evelyn Buckley, Speaker
30	Rotary Employment Partnership - Inclusion Alberta
February: World Understanding Month	
6	Economic and Community Development – Ken Montgomery
13-14	Strawberry Shortcakes: preparation and delivery
20	No Meeting. Family Day
27	Tom Hickerson, U of C, Curator Davidson Papers
March: Literacy Month	
6	Team Meeting
13	Michael Chiasson: Youth Motivational Speaker
20	Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell
27	Manning Innovation Awards (Tentative)
April: Maternal and Child Health Month	
3	Vimy Ridge Centennial
10	Evening Meeting: Spring Assembly

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17	Easter Monday. No Meeting
24	Field Trip to Rotary Challenger Park
May: Youth Service Month	
1	TBA
8	TBA
15	TBA
22	No Meeting: Victoria Day
29	David Poulson: Author and Radio Announcer
June: Rotary Fellowship Month	
5	TBA
8	HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY CALGARY WEST!
12	TBA
19	Business Meeting and Turnover of Gavel to Ben Kormos
26	Canada Day Celebration Meeting
July	
3	No Meeting
7	Friday: CWRC Stampede Parade Breakfast
10	Stampede Yahoo!
17	TBA
24	TBA
31	TBA

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