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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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Members, visitors and guests were warmly greeted by **Don Campbell** and **Ken Montgomery**. **Eduardo Watman** and **Paul Graham** managed the front desk. We were invited to purchase 50/50 tickets by **Denise Penner-Collins**.

President Ben Kormos called the meeting to order at 12:15, trilingually welcomed all attendees and acknowledged and thanked the Tsuu T'ina nation and the Grey Eagle staff for their gracious hospitality. He also extended his personal thanks to the Stampede breakfast team and to **Chris Lee**, who is currently in BC selecting the best cherries for us.

President Ben requested a moment of silence to remember **Sam Owori**, President Elect of Rotary International, who passed away from surgical complications.

Seated at the head table were President Ben Kormos, **Past President Terry Felton**, **Judy Cochran** and our guest speaker, **Carrie Fritz**, Executive Director of the Calgary Humane Society.

Robyn Braley led the of singing *O Canada*, and **Alex McFadden** provided the invocation.

Ken Montgomery introduced our visitors and guests: **Hanna Shafia** (our returning exchange student), **Cindy Herzog** (guest of **Karl Herzog**), **Gerry Gatto** (**Duncan Stanners**), **Judson Graham** (**Larry Doyle**), **Rae Fehr** (Donations and Fund Development, Calgary Humane Society) and Carrie Fritz (guest speaker).

Clarence Buckley had the winning ticket number for the **50/50** for \$37.

Don Campbell thanked all club members who had provided such tremendous support and guidance to our (now returned home) exchange student, **Lori Mattei**.

Debbie Barry let us know that ticket sales for Lobsterfest (August 26) will go on sale on Monday, July 24.

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My Passion, My Moments, Our Rotary

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Marlene Doherty required us to recall highlights from the presentation to us last week by Rick Istead. Failing memories resulted in a number of fines. She also challenged us to consider those things that had recently brought us joy and therefore merited a few happy bucks.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker, Carrie Fritz, was introduced by Past President Terry Felton. Carrie is the Executive Director of the Calgary Humane Society (CHS). As an accountant, she was that organization's controller in 2007, before assuming her current role. With her lifelong love of animals and her lengthy non-profit experience, she maintains her passion for CHS, its mission and her incredible team of staff and volunteers, describing CHS as an amazing place to work where everyone loves to talk about their pets.

CHS was incorporated in 1922. 70% of its operational costs are provided from private community funding. It is an open-admission facility in which no animal is turned away. 3500 cats, 1200 dogs and 1000 other critters passed through their new facility in SE Calgary last year.

With a staff of five full-time vets, six full-time health techs and many animal health volunteers, CHS provides 20,100 medical procedures, 2,300 behavioural interventions, 1,300 animal protection investigations and 24,000 pounds of food annually. 20,400 volunteer hours are consumed. Most of their intake comes from owner-surrendered pets, followed by strays. Seizures, transfers, "returned to shelter" and some wildlife round out their intake. They also provide Pet Safe keeping and emergency board where domestic issues dictate the need for temporary (<21 days) care. Their usual target is a maximum 14-day stay for animals in their care. Euthanasia is a last resort when other solutions don't exist (adoption, foster families). The euthanasia rate was 16% last year. Calgary Peace Officers are a tremendous resource in animal welfare, seizing 659 animals last year. Carrie played a wonderful short video showing life within the shelter – a thank you from both staff and volunteers for the excellent support they receive from the community.



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Judy Cochran thanked Carrie for her presentation and presented her with our Jubilee Boltman.



Karl and Cindy Herzog also presented a cheque for \$4000 to CHS. Cindy has managed the bookkeeping for RCCW for a number of years. She graciously and generously requested that this amount, offered to her by RCCW, be donated instead to CHS.

President Ben concluded the meeting with the following announcements and comments:

Upcoming meetings

July 24: Jacoby Holder, on Youth Leadership Development

July 31: Meeting on Local Community Service. This will be exciting and definitely will energise your guests; please bring three guests that day! it's a special Jubilee moment.

August 7: NO MEETING: Family Day

August 14 is WCS Day, a special Jubilee meeting!-Mark your calendars.

He emphasized the importance that engaging in our community makes, to *make a difference*. That is what we do.

Challenge this week: *Be patient* with your guiding passions. Have an intention, and that is enough. Goals fail us; intentions guide us. As one blogger he recently read wrote: "Goals shrink your life to a very narrow hallway with only one door at the end. Intention leaves the door open to the unlimited. Goals are separated from purpose; intentions are infused with purpose." *How* do YOU want do live?

A friend reminded him: "Listen to nature outside, and be guided by the flow of water, which has a peaceful, accepting nature."

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Have a great week! Remember, our intentions this next month: to grow, we must nurture. To nurture, we must nurture ourselves, and share our passion. Find your own unique way, and try something new.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Coming Events

July: Stampede and Okanagan Cherries Month	
3	No Meeting
7	Friday: CWRC Stampede Parade Breakfast
10	Stampede Yahoo! Ben Kormos Induction
17	Calgary Humane Society
24	Jacob Holder - AIESEC Youth Leadership Development
31	Local Community Service: A Jubilee Programme
August: Membership and New Club Development Month	
7	No Meeting: Family Day
14	World Community Service: A Jubilee Programme
21	Tanya Ward-Shaw: Native Friendship Society
28	Team Meeting?
September: Basic Education and Literary Month	
4	No Meeting: Labour Day
11	District Governor Rick Istead
18	Youth Exchange: A Jubilee Programme
25	Ghada Al Atrash: "Stripped to the Bone", a Portrait of Syrian Women
October: Economic and Community Development Month	
2	Dr Charles Samuels: Centre for Sleep and Human Performance
9	No Meeting: Thanksgiving Day
16	Todd Hirsch: Economist
23	Noon meeting cancelled in favour of an evening Assembly
30	Hallowe'en Programme: Costumes and Magic Tricks
November: Rotary Foundation Month	
6	RI Foundation and Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation
13	No Meeting: All Clubs Remembrance Day Meeting
20	Grey Cup Special Weekend Presentation
27	Roger Chaffin: Calgary Police Chief
December	
4	TBA
11	St Matthew's School Children's Choir?
18	Jubilee Programme: End of Jubilee Year
25	No Meeting: Christmas Day!