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# The Weekly Westerner

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Mondays 12.10 pm - 1.30 pm

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**Garfield Ganong** recorded attendance while punching pre-purchased tickets, **Lorenda Stefan** and **Gail Williams** were the cashiers, and **Shelley Dyson** handled the sale of 50/50 tickets. **Debbie Barry** was selling tickets to our late August barbecue. If you don't have yours, get yours while they're hot; they're going fast!

Today, **Darren Grierson** led us in the singing of *O Canada*, followed by an appropriate invocation by **Bill Quinney**.

At our head table sat **President Tim Anderson**; **Michael Short**, boxing coach for our featured speaker; **Ben Kormos**, introducer of our featured speaker; **Gwyn Lewis**, professional boxer, member of RCCW and featured speaker; **Mrs. Lewis**, Gwyn's mother; and **David Williams**, sergeant-at-arms, and the glue that keeps the meetings staffed.

**Carla Tureski** introduced the visitors and guests.

President Tim read a letter informing us that, for health reasons, **David Marshall**, after 44 years in Rotary, most of them in this club, has resigned, effective June 30. David will always be welcome to come back to visit his many friends in Calgary West.

**Gordon Rodrigues** told us that on the morning of the meeting he had visited **Don Axford** at the Rockyview Hospital. He had found him in good spirits and is expecting to be going home the next day. We look forward to Don rejoining us as soon as he is able.

Darren Grierson auctioned off a CD of **Don Campbell's** swing orchestra Estelle's Choice, and our president made the club richer by \$20. with his winning bid.

We learned that the Desjardins Group Golf Tournament last Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>, run by Darren Grierson, earned the club about \$15,000. in addition of their gift of \$100,000 to the Bethany Atrium!

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Sergeant-at-Arms David Williams targeted President Tim, to the delight of Past President Ben, as his subject for fines. He began with chastisement for gender issues (I'm not sure about the details, but refuse to go there), and then with an illustrated concern that we be told what to read, when some of us, in particular our SAA, have a full plate.

This point was demonstrated by the production of a series of books definitely not on the New York Times Best Sellers List. They went by rather quickly, but I did note one of them was on the subject of Latin Grammar. If, for some reason, you're still reading, I'd suggest you skip to the next paragraph, which I believe is much more germane, as well as on topic. Not that I would for an instant consider suggesting the above is not. My pockets aren't that deep.

We had some very happy bucks produced, the first by **Bill Fitzsimmons** with an announcement that **Duncan Stanners** is back at an area of expertise, and fundraising for the next Honduras water project. Contribute. This is a very good project in a country of great need.

There was a loud joyous clink on the table as **Joe Klassen** announced his upcoming marriage to **Catherine McGinley**, who was his guest at the meeting, on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Joe has a knowledge of boxing and its hazards, as during his military service boxing was a required sport he engaged in briefly.

President Tim did a brief presentation on his visit to a Rotary Club in Reno. They are a young club, with an average age under 40, and had recently increased their size by about 25%. Tim will be happy to share with the membership committee and the program committee some of the things that impressed him about this Club.

Lorenda Stefan won the **50/50 draw**, which more than covered the fine she had to pay for not being able to help with the Stampede Breakfast.

### Guest Speaker

Ben Kormos introduced our featured speaker, member Gwyn Lewis, a professional boxer.

Gwyn, a native Calgarian, was born the year before the Calgary Winter Olympics, and currently works in a firm specializing in IT security systems, earning his education at Mount Royal University.

From 2002 to 2006 Gwyn was a member of the national luge team, where he gained a lot of international experience, learned to face his fears and overcome them, and through that build confidence and character. He has even survived running with the bulls, Pamplona, 2016!

Gwyn began his boxing career in 2007, the year after retiring from the luge team, and in the next decade fought 64 amateur bouts. He is in the Beaumont Boxing Club, which has high calibre trainers and coaches, and produces excellent boxers. In 2017, he turned professional, and has won his first three fights.



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Gwyn is a boxing coach at his club, and, among other things, teaches a Fun Box Class weekly for kids, helping them to develop a good attitude, and teaching them the basics of effective footwork, body movement and defence. The key is keeping the fists up, elbows ready and how to read clues to the opponent’s intentions.

Following his presentation, we were treated to a video of Gwyn’s second pro fight, which was quite short, since it did not go the distance, but ended in the 4th round with a TKO after several knockdowns. This makes his record 3-0. His 4<sup>th</sup> professional fight will be September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Deerfoot Inn Casino. Tickets are available from Gwyn.



Gwyn was thanked by President Tim, and presented with our world famous Boltman.

Darren spoke of some monthly ‘After Hours’ sessions to be held in the early evening on July 25<sup>th</sup>, August 29 and September 26<sup>th</sup>. The first will be on planning how these should be conducted, and the others will flow from the outcome of those discussions.

The meeting was closed by President Tim punctually at 1:30.

**Coming Events**

July: Stampede and Okanagan Cherries Month	
2	<b>No Meeting. Canada Day Holiday</b>
9	Stampede Yahoo. Country Music and Dancing
16	<b>Team Meeting</b>
23	Gwyn Lewis: Professional Boxer
30	Calgary Fire Chief: Steve Dongworth

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<b>August: Membership and New Club Development Month</b>	
6	<b>No Meeting: Family Day</b>
13	Jeff Collins: Gun Collecting and Appraisal
20	Local Community Service Presentation
27	Field Trip to Fort Calgary
<b>September: Basic Education and Literacy Month</b>	
3	<b>No Meeting: Labour Day</b>
10	Sandip Lalli, President and CEO, Calgary Chamber of Commerce
17	Stuart Cullum, President, Olds College
24	District Governor Dan Doherty's Visit
<b>October: Economic and Community Development Month</b>	
1	Calgary Civic Symphony - Music Ensemble
8	<b>No Meeting: Thanksgiving Day</b>
15	International Community Service Programme
22	<b>Assembly</b>
29	Hallowe'en: Magic, Costumes and Goblins
<b>November: Foundation Month</b>	
5	RI Foundation and Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation
12	<b>No Meeting: Remembrance Day</b>
19	Grey Cup Programme
26	Lorelei Higgins: Indigenous Relations, Rotary Peace Fellowship
<b>December: Disease Prevention and Treatment Month</b>	
3	<b>Team Meeting</b>
10	TBA
17	Children's Choir TBA
24	No Meeting. <b>CHRISTMAS EVE!</b>
31	Special Meeting: New Year's Eve Party???
<b>January</b>	
7	Motivational Speaker
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