



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

President: Ben Kormos **President-Elect:** Tim Anderson **Past President:** Terry Felton

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We were all set up and ready to go - early. As always, thanks to **Don Alexander** and **David Williams**. At the front tables were **Garfield Ganong** and **Duncan Stanners** working the cashier desk. **Remember your membership is now due!** Cheques are preferable. Next, **Judy Cochran** and **Deb Barry** handling the upcoming Lobsterfest ticket sales. Last, but not least, **Denise Penner-Collins** selling 50/50 tickets again this week. Then we had **Gail Williams** filling in for both Steve Rickard and Eduardo Watman as greeter.



President Ben Kormos had us on time at 12:15pm. **Des DeFreitas** led the singing of "O Canada". **Don Axford** delivered the invocation and our day was a little bit brighter with the sunshine he gave us all. Ben greeted us in what may become a tradition using three languages. He also thanked the staff of Grey Eagle for all the work they do every week for our club. Thanks went out to the front desk team as well.

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The head table was introduced and comprised of President Ben Kormos; our two guest speakers from AIESEC, **Jake Holder** and **Brandon Law**; **Sa'adat Keshavjee** as introducer; **Bill Fitzsimmons** as the thanker and Judy Cochran, Youth Director.

Our multi-tasking past president, Gail Williams, introduced our guests: Jake Holder and Brandon Law, guest speakers; **Lona Bildfell**, guest of **Clare Bildfell**; **Christine Rendell**, District Governor Nominee from Calgary East, and **Bob Weins** from Calgary South. **Gerry Meek** used his strong vocal talent to lead the welcome song.

Sa'adat then had the privilege and honour of presenting **Tracey Bitcon** with a Paul Harris Fellow pin. The donations sent to the Rotary Foundation make the world a better place.



Hot Seats

- Deb Barry reminded us the Lobsterfest is August 26 out at Sam Switzer's ranch. A chance for everyone to enjoy some good food, fun and fellowship.
- **Bill Quinney** invited us to enter a team of four to participate in Chestermere's Amazing Race.
- **Steve Strang** wants us to mark our calendars for October 22 for Feed the Hungry. He will be looking for 100 volunteers.
- **Gustavo Jimenez**, club administrator director, wants you to update your profile and/or photo for this year's club roster. You can do this via Club Runner, or ask for help.

Bill Fitzsimmons won the **50/50 draw** of \$38.25, and commented it would come in handy to pay any SAA fines.

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Sergeant-at-Arms

Duncan Stanners did an excellent job in this regard. He tested our knowledge on such things as RI's Areas of Focus, Motto, Values, Avenues of Service and who the current RI president is. Then he turned to RCCW and asked about our Mission, Vision and, hopefully the gift horse question, who the current president is. He left it up to us to use the Four-Way Test and pay for those answers you missed or guessed incorrectly. Happy bucks came from Clare Bildfell who had many amazing family milestones to celebrate including his and Lona's 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Clare and Lona! **Mel Warman** relayed regards from **Brent Barootes**, a former RCCW member.

Guest Speakers

Sa'adat gave a brief introduction for our two guest speakers from AIESEC, Jake Holder and Brandon Law. Jake has a degree in zoology and is now pursuing international studies. He has been to Taiwan on exchange, works at the Sirocco golf course and is involved in other community projects. Brandon Law is currently at the U of C taking engineering with a chemistry major.

Jake opened with how Daniel Padron and his love for Taiwan sold Jake on doing a two-month exchange in Taiwan where he stayed with two host families, taught English and, more importantly, came back to share his experiences and break down cultural differences. This is not unlike the outcomes of our own Rotary Youth Exchange.

Jake and Brandon facilitate the incoming International Global Talent. Since 2010, the Calgary chapter alone has impacted 34 students. A six-year partnership with Alberta Electrical System Operator (AESO) has helped not only the company acquire talented and skilled personnel, but also given the participants themselves numerous benefits that reach far beyond work place skills. The biggest is life-changing experiences that help break down cultural disparities while they are here and when they return home.

Global Talent is beneficial to all concerned, the positive effect and personal growth again parallels the YEX program. The interns become more self-aware, empower themselves and others, become solution-oriented and world citizens.

The United Nations has 17 Sustainable Development Goals. These closely align with the AIESEC mandate, with the biggest being quality education and exchanges around the world. Here in our own backyard we know there are issues Canada faces, such as bringing in refugees from around the world, the suicide rate of our First Nations people, our energy future and yes, poverty.

Closer to home in Calgary, we are a global centre and growing, with new businesses moving in (and sadly out) every year. These businesses can benefit from AIESEC's global talent pool in such areas as IT, engineering, marketing, and business administration. This reaches a broad spectrum of industries, not just the oil and gas sector.



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Jake made a final request of us: they want us to be a part of the journey. You can do this by pairing your business with AIESEC, spread the word about Global Talent to others, and garner referrals from other business contacts. Check out both Jake and Brandon on LinkedIn.

Q. Is the program national or just in Alberta, and are the interns paid?

A. AIESEC is in 100 countries worldwide and has been in Canada fewer than 30 years. Yes, the interns are paid as this is a professional internship and labour laws govern this. AIESEC is trying to tap into a volunteer program as well.

Q. It was a comment that AIESEC started back in 1948 after World War II in Europe as cross-discipline business. I quote Dan Doherty, "On a personal note, I was on an AIESEC exchange in Helsinki, Finland, in 1977. In fact, during that trip I celebrated my 21st birthday in Leningrad (yes, St Petersburg) drinking pink champagne and eating caviar. The trip really changed me, and I am very grateful to this day for the opportunity it afforded me personally, as well as in my business development."

Q. What does AIESEC stand for?

A. AIESEC was originally an acronym for Association Internationale des Étudiants en Sciences Économiques et Commerciales. AIESEC is **no longer used as an acronym**, but simply as the name of the organization.



Bill Fitzsimmons was our thanker and noted the many similarities between AIESEC's program and some of our own Rotary youth programs, the outcome being articulate and passionate youth such as Jake and Brandon. AIESEC's web page offers "Youth leadership is not an option, it is our responsibility." They

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were presented with our world famous Boltman made by Motive Action. Another excellent example of nurturing our youth and helping them achieve lofty goals for the benefit of all.

President Ben closed with a challenge that we contact Jake and Brandon to collaborate on ways we can help support this program and/or some of the youth involved.

Next week, July 31, our LCS Jubilee Program, August 7 is a holiday, August 14 is our WCS Jubilee Program and August 28 is a team meeting and Hannah Shafiei's YEX presentation on her year in Italy.

Two closing quotes:

"We don't have a choice whether we do social media; we have a choice how well we do it."

- Erik Qualman.

And a pensive closing from Steve Jobs:

"Being the richest man in the cemetery doesn't matter to me; going to bed at night saying I've done something wonderful, that's what matters to me."

Meeting closed at 1:25pm.

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	Jacoby 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	Hannah Shafiei YEX and 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

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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!