



# 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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On this warm, sunny 31 degree summer's day, our Monday club meeting at The Grey Eagle Hotel was called to order by Past President **Chris Davis** standing in for our new President **Tim Anderson**, who is away this week. Chris welcomed us to another Calgary West Meeting and reminisced about his year as president, remembering some of our past, and now departed members. With approximately 40 members and guests present, the invocation, about a Fireman's prayer, was given by **Gail Williams**.

**The head table** included Chris Davis, **Carla Tureski**, **Ken Uzeloc**, **Lorenda Stefan**, Gail Williams and **Judy Cochran**.

**Lunch today** was salad and chicken pot pie, followed by chocolate cake and ice cream.

**Visitors and Guests:** Introduced by **Grant Ritchie**. We had four visitors and no visiting Rotarians.

**Sgt at Arms Malcolm Harrison** did an outstanding job of fining everyone for something which included not using the invitation business card to invite guests to the club, etc. This is a reminder that those invitation cards are meant to be used. Board members were fined for not issuing cards to our new members.

**HAPPY BUCKS: Rotarians on Safari to Kenya.** **Don Campbell** announced that he, Val, and about eight other members of this club, have planned to go on Safari to Kenya on a personalized escorted tour, personally escorted and directed by **Sa'adat Keshavjee**, for two weeks in February, 2019. If anyone else in the club wishes to go along, Please contact Don or Sa'adat.

**The 50-50 draw of \$30** was won by **Bill Lawless**.



### Announcements

- **FOOD BANK: Malcolm Harrison** announced that we have two shifts set up with the Food Bank and are looking at doing an evening shift one Tuesday a month and are seeking volunteers. By a show of hands, he felt this may be attainable.
- **FIELD TRIP TO FORT CALGARY, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** **Bill Tapuska** announced that we have no club meeting at the Grey Eagle on August 27<sup>th</sup> as we are going out to the Fort! Tickets include lunch and a tour of the fort at \$35 per person, and tickets will be offered for sale soon.
- **ROTARY ATRIUM HAS RAISED \$850K OF THE REQUIRED \$1M.** **Tony Knight**, through Malcolm, announced that we are almost there, and can use a few more contributions to reach the finish line. Special thanks to **Darren Grierson** and the Desjardins Group for raising through their Corporation and through a Golf Tournament, \$115K.
- **CENTER STREET LION TO BE RELOCATED TO ROTARY PARK: Chris Davis** announced that the old Lion, of the Centre Street bridge, is being relocated from the city storage facility to the Rotary Park located at the top of the Centre Street bridge at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE.
- **PS SEEKING TWO YOUTH AGED 13-17 to go to a Rotary Youth Enrichment program.** If you know of a candidate, please contact Don Campbell. This is a three-day camp in September. All expenses paid for the selected candidates.

### Today's program- The Calgary Fire Department

Our speaker, Deputy Fire Chief Ken Uzeloc was introduced by Karla Tureski, Ken presented an informative PowerPoint exposé of the work of the CFD. he highlights:

- The CFD is citizen-focused and works on three major areas: fire and emergency response, inspections, and enforcement.
- Safety Education
- They have 1516 employees, 93% of them are uniformed and 83% are front-line responders.
- They handled 62,700 calls last year, up 10% from the previous year.
- They enjoy 100% satisfaction rating and are recognized by Calgarians as being a 100% important city department. They are known for their professionalism and their courtesy.
- Their home safety programs visited 4000 homes and checked and replaced 28,000 smoke alarms and 17,000 batteries last year.
- Their safety education trailer specializes in educating parents and children on fire safety, specifically with disposal of smoking materials, which are a major cause of fires. They have a trailer in the Calgary Public Library from where they read about safety to children.
- They are actively volunteering in the community with blood donations, stair climbing for fitness and the pink tee-shirt drive for breast cancer research and developments in the prevention of family violence.
- The recent Inglewood condo fire was caused by someone extinguishing a cigarette into a balcony planter.
- Structure to structure fires are becoming more prevalent as the city has developed new communities with homes close to one another.

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- Indoor house fires are predominantly caused by kitchen fires. He recommends people check smoke detectors , smoke alarms monthly and replace smoke detectors every ten years (the CFD does this free of charge!).
- Opioid concerns are becoming more rampant and the CFD has taken measures to address this growing concern. Their response time to critical medical issues is seven minutes (often sooner than the emergency medical teams can get there).
- Employment opportunities and a movement towards greater diversity have been active for the CFD in the past few years.
- There are 42 Stations, and the most recent one at Tuscany NW will be ready soon with a public fitness facility and community meeting room facility available to the public

The presentation was met with great enthusiasm and several questions were posed to Ken. They included questions on the kind of health hazards firefighters are exposed to; why they are linked with and attend medical emergency situations; the fire smart program with respect to fire pits; etc.



To thank the speaker, Lorenda Stefan did an outstanding job and presented him with our Boltman (with the gold hat).

*Reporter's comment: We do not have a firefighter in our Rotary Club, and nor have we had a field trip to a fire station. Ken should be invited to become a member of our club.*

NO MEETING NEXT WEEK BECAUSE OF THE HERITAGE DAY WEEKEND. See you on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 1.30 pm.

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### Coming Events

<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 (LCS) Presentation
27	Field Trip to Fort Calgary
<b>September: Basic Education and Literacy Month</b>	
3	<b>No Meeting: Labour Day</b>
5	Evening "Make-up" meeting - tentative
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>
10	Evening Assembly Meeting
15	International Community Service Programme
22	<b>No meeting in favour of All-Clubs meeting, October 24</b>
24	All-Clubs "Polio-Plus" meeting
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 - Tentative
<b>January</b>	
7	Motivational Speaker
14	Keith Blake, Chief of Police, Tsuut'ina Nation
21	Special Programme: Robbie Burns' Day - Tentative
28	TBA
<b>February</b>	
4	TBA
11	St Valentine's Day Programme
18	TBA
25	TBA

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