



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: Tim Anderson **President-Elect:** Gerry Meek **Past President:** Ben Kormos
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Today was our *Yahoo* day, with a great display of western and pseudo-western garb evident throughout the crowd. **Cha-Cha Chansiri** and **Clare Bildfell** welcomed each arrival. **Steve Strang** and **David Impey** collected our lunch payments, and **Holland Berry** peddled the 50/50 tickets.

On entering the meeting room, we were greeted by the country western music of **Bonnie Baldwin**, **Ben et al.**

Calling the meeting to order, new president **Tim Anderson**, in his first role as meeting chair, handed the “Ya Hoo” paddles to **Bill Quinney** and **David Williams** to elicit our cheers when required.



Gerry Meek led a reasonably resounding *O Canada*, and **Clarence Buckley** delivered an authentic western invocation.

President Tim, who had momentarily left the room, returned with a procession of **Dan Doherty** (new District 5360 Governor), Past District Governor **Rick Istead**, Assistant District Governor **John Fortunka**, himself and his new 2018 – 2019 board members (in Tim’s Bits hats), to a chorus of his presidential song “The Rotaree in Me” – with apologies to Tim McGraw.

President Tim expressed his heartfelt thanks to all those who volunteered for, and worked so hard on, our stampede parade breakfast – a sold-out event. He expressed particular appreciation to **Robyn Braley** and **Ken**



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Montgomery for their exceptional effort and dedication to producing a successful event. Ken, in turn, expressed his gratitude to all those involved, and particularly to his team captains. **Arien Knight**, though distant geographically, was recognized for her continued dedication, advice and support. It was truly appreciated. Ken announced he would be convening a meeting following lunch to collect all significant feedback from those involved to further improve our 2019 breakfast.

Ken estimates that we have raised about \$48,000!

A collective welcome was given to our many visitors and guests via our musical performance led by Robyn Braley.



Tim announced the Rotary theme for this new year, "Be The Inspiration", and we each received a pin to that effect.

He then introduced Past District Governor, Rick Istead. Rick gave a brief address, saying how much he had enjoyed his role as DG for the past year and how proud he felt to have been able to hold that position.

He then handed over the reins to incoming DG, Dan Doherty, requesting our support to Dan, with expectations that Dan will be introducing new, exciting initiatives. The new banner showing RCCW as the DG's club was presented to Tim.



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Dan expressed his thanks to all for providing him the opportunity to serve in his new capacity. He is also particularly proud to represent RCCW going forward and will be looking to support from John Fortunka, particularly during his anticipated busy travel schedule over the next few months. He reiterated the Rotary theme, stressing how we need to model behaviours.



Marlene stood at the podium to announce the club's honorary members for year 2018-2019. She also announced the lengthy list of members who meet the "Rule of 85", determined by a combination of member's age and years of service and which designation excuses members for any meeting attendance obligation. The list is long, so check the photo of those so designated.



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The 50/50 pot of \$50 was won by **Sa'adat Keshavjee**.

Tim introduced his new incoming board.

Don Campbell officiated a "White Hatting Ceremony" to our outgoing exchange student, **Emma Raleigh Smith**, wishing her a wonderful year of new experiences and learnings.



The meeting devolved into a sing-a-long of favourite country western songs led by Bonnie and her companions.



The meeting adjourned at 13:30.

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Coming Events

July: Stampede and Okanagan Cherries Month	
2	No Meeting. Canada Day Holiday
9	Stampede Yahoo. Country Music and Dancing
16	Team Meeting
23	Gwyn Lewis: Professional Boxer
30	Calgary Fire chief: Steve Dongworth
August: Membership and New Club Development Month	
6	No Meeting: Family Day
13	Jeff Collins: Gun Collection and Appraisal
20	Local Community Service Presentation
27	Field Trip to Fort Calgary
September: Basic Education and Literacy Month	
3	No Meeting: Labour Day
10	Sandip Lalli, President and CEO, Calgary Chamber of Commerce
17	Stuart Cullum, President, Olds College
24	District Governor Dan Doherty's Visit
October: Economic and Community Development Month	
1	Calgary Civic Symphony - Music Ensemble
8	No Meeting: Thanksgiving Day
15	International Community Service Programme
22	Assembly
29	Hallowe'en: Magic, Costumes and Goblins
November: Foundation Month	
5	RI Foundation and Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation
12	No Meeting: Remembrance Day
19	Grey Cup Programme
26	Lorelei Higgins: Indigenous Relations, Rotary Peace Fellowship
December: Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
3	Team Meeting
10	TBA
17	Children's Choir TBA
24	No Meeting. CHRISTMAS EVE!
31	Special Meeting: New Year's Eve Party???
January	
7	Motivational Speaker
14	TBA
21	TBA
28	TBA