

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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Together We Are People of Action - Building Community

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President Gerry Meek greeted each of us as we came online between 11:45 and noon. 49 participants signed in and he called the meeting to order at 12:05.

Cory Tretiak was called upon for an inspirational moment and he quoted words by Alan Alda:

“Your assumptions are your window on the world. Scrub them off sometimes or the light will not come through”.

Gerry thanked Cory and added we must remember the shortest distance between two points is a smile.



A moment of silence was held to allow each of us to reflect on our memories of **Linda Haines**, who passed away on Saturday. We share a profound depth of sadness to learn of her passing. Linda will be remembered as a very warm and welcoming soul, who eagerly helped with so many club activities despite her physical difficulties. She will be missed.

Bill Lawless reminded us that **Marvin Pawlivsky** is still seeking used (but functional) computers, monitors and printers for donation to Alberta Computers for Schools. Please contact Marvin if you have any suitable equipment to donate.

Appreciation was expressed to **Marlene and Dan Doherty** for Saturday evening's great trivia event. Members are encouraged to participate when the next one is scheduled. It's a great way, and fun, too, to learn more about fellow club members.

We were reminded that the virtual 2020 DisCon is scheduled to begin online at 1:00pm on June 6. We can register via the District's website.

May 1 - 3, 2020: District Conference, Calgary
June 6 - 10, 2020: Rotary International Conference, Honolulu



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Cherries are now available for purchase online. This year they can be ordered in 5lb, 10lb or 20lb lots. Check the club website to order.

Gerry introduced our guest speaker, **Andrew Mosker**. Andrew was Toronto-born, Montreal-raised and has resided in Calgary for many years. With degrees in piano and musicology, he was a principal player in the creation of Calgary's National Music Centre (aka locally as Studio Bell). He serves as the Centre's CEO.

The National Music Centre (NMC) is the first in Canada, and also incorporates the original King Eddy Hotel, opened on July 1, 2016, and serves as a hub for music of all genres in Calgary. It is a stunning architectural landmark providing a bridge to the music industry across Canada. It is a Mecca for tourism and an a catalyst for community development within Calgary.

NMC, although using museum practices, is so much more than a museum, holding exhibitions, performances and concerts, liaising with music halls of fame and creating unique music experiences. Over 2,000 artefacts are housed and displayed within the Centre.

NMC is not government owned. It is a charitable organization.

NMC's mission is to amplify the love, sharing and understanding of music – to be an educator for music and Canada's musical story through all its genres. Its vision is to be the home for music in Canada.

NMC comprises more than 22,000 square feet over five floors, three recording studios (including the historic Rolling Stones mobile studio), two classrooms (reaching over 16,000 students per year), a 300-seat performance hall, broadcasting facilities (including CKUA Radio), a café and gift shop and, of course, live music at the King Eddy.

The four pillars of NMC are exhibitions, education, performances and artist development. More than 380,000 people passed through in 2019 and 190 concerts of all musical genres were held. Artists from across Canada are attracted to use the facilities and equipment.

Covid 19 forced NMC to close its doors and cancel all upcoming scheduled events. 77% of the staff were temporarily laid off. A very creative team, however, allowed online, home recording and production of high quality and engaging content. A weekly 10-minute educational series for children is published online, on NMC's "Amplify" website (URL <https://amplify.nmc.ca>) and the series has been picked up across Canada.

The NMC team is now busy planning for their reopening (when allowed) and debating the role that music can play in helping community in the post-Covid world.



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Prior to Covid, NMC also held outdoor events/concerts in the East Village square just north of the Centre. Stay tuned (via their website) for when outdoor events may again be possible. On June 6, the King Eddy will reopen (takeout only) on Thursday through Saturday.

Should you wish to support NMC in any way, information is available at studiobell.ca.

Gerry thanked Andrew, not only for his great presentation, but for his leadership and guidance in bringing NMC to fruition, and his ongoing dedication.

“Music has the ability to express and convey what words cannot”.

Ken Montgomery has compiled and issued the results of his survey with respect to fundraising thoughts. He is now soliciting members as champions for potential projects. Please contact Ken if there is an idea you would like to develop and lead.

Next Monday, June 8, our guest speaker will be the chief of the Calgary Police Service.

And Gerry’s closing quote for the meeting:

“We all stumble, every single one of us. That’s why it’s a comfort to walk hand in hand.”

Coming Events

June: Rotary Fellowship Month	
1	Zoom Meeting: Calgary's National Music Centre
8	Zoom Meeting: Mark Neufeld, Calgary Police Chief
15	Zoom Meeting: Can Learn Presentation
22	Zoom Meeting: Gerry Meek Day. Programme
29	Zoom Meeting: Canada Day Special - Immigration and New Canadians: Peter Veress
July Stampede and Okanagan Cherries Month	
3	Parade Breakfast
6	Stampede Yahoo!??
13	TBA
20	TBA
27	TBA