



# The Weekly Westerner

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Duncan Stanners

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It was a day of celebration and that was evident from the onset. **Mike French** and **Maggie Julian** were doing an excellent job handling the cashier duties; extending that very first hand shake to welcome Rotarians and guests. **Alex McFadden** sat by himself doing a record business selling 50/50 tickets. Our official greeters, **Shelley Dyson** and **Tazim Asaria**, had a warm smile for everyone.

**President Terry Felton** had the meeting underway at 12:08 PM. **Gerry Meek** led the singing of *O Canada*, and **David Williams** gave the invocation.

The head table was introduced by President Terry: **Bill Quinney**, Co-chair of the Jubilee Committee and Co-chair of today's meeting, **Chris Davis** to introduce our guest speaker, **Dan Hays**, our guest speaker, **Denise Penner-Collins**, and **John Fortunka**, representing District Governor Neil Berg.

**Des DeFreitas** led the welcome song to extend a lovely RCCW welcome to **Elaine Moses**, guest of **Clarence Buckley**; **Laurie Thurston**, guest of **Duncan Stanners**; **Lu Horwood**, guest of **Bryden Horwood**; from Calgary Downtown our guest speaker, Dan Hays; and from Calgary Fish Creek, John Fortunka.

Bill Quinney told us the board and current president, Terry Felton, and President-elect **Ben Kormos**, were all in favour of a year-long Jubilee Celebration. Many things have already happened: we were a 100% Paul Harris Club as at December 31, 2016. Few Rotary clubs, even world wide, can make that boast. We are hoping to have \$1 million donated to the Rotary Foundation before the end of our Jubilee year. Our sergeants-at-arms have kept up the history lessons over the past months. To promote membership, we were all given RCCW business cards. We now have a special Boltman mounted on a base which holds the names of all our past presidents as well as wearing his limited edition gold cowboy hat. There is lots more for come.

The ceremonial cake cutting was done by Clarence Buckley with 49 years of service, **Bernie Ward** with 45 years, **Gordon Rodrigues** with 44 years, **Ted Valentine** and **Don Alexander** both with 43 years and last, but not least, Dan Hays with 47 years.



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Special mention and wishes for a speedy recovery go out to **Sam Switzer** who joined on January 1, 1971.

Bill Tapuska gave the toast, ensuring he was not of the same generation as those listed above having joined in 1979. Bill recognized all the good that the club has done over the past 50 years, both locally and on an international scale. The lofty goal to eradicate polio was started by Rotary 30 years ago. A toast to recognize all our accomplishments over the past 50 years.

Chris Davis was overheard to say, "We should do this every week." There was certainly a lot of reminiscing about the past 50 years over lunch.



Dan Hays pulled **Claude Massé's** winning 50/50 ticket, and Claude was handed \$61. I told you Alex had done an excellent job selling tickets!!!

Mike French had the honour to congratulate and hand out multiple Paul Harris pins to **Judy Cochran** and **Darren Grierson** for Paul Harris plus one, Terry Felton and **Kurt Schurer** for Paul Harris plus two, and Alex McFadden for his Paul Harris pin.



Gerry Meek, Chair of the Local Community Service Committee, acknowledged the work done by Bill Quinney and **Mike Carlin** in our Jubilee year. The LCS will do a presentation on July 31 to look back at 50 years of giving in areas such as health, youth, at risk individuals, and education. These local grants are possible due to the fundraisers our club sponsors.

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Our Stampede Parade and Breakfast is fast approaching and we need more volunteers and more tickets to be sold to make this the success it has been in the past. There will be a similar program on August 14 highlighting our international projects by the World Community Service Committee.

**Deb Barry** invited everyone to the Youth Program on September 18. The Youth committee has contacted a number of former YEX students to ask them where in the world they are today, and how did the exchange impact their life? We all saw the special moments from **Lori Mattei** last week, so we won't want to miss this, or any of the Jubilee upcoming programs.



Duncan Stanners has taken a new career path, that of movie producer and talk show host. The idea is to interview those individuals in the club who have made a difference in the world. He is ever so modest and is looking for help. First up was **Steve Rickard**, who has a long list of accomplishments: Calgary West past president, District 5360 past assistant District Governor and past District Governor, founder of the Rotary Action Group for Microfinance (RAGM) and recipient of the prestigious Service Above Self Award.

Steve said it took him six months to finally decide to join Calgary West. His motivation was two-fold. First, as a young business entrepreneur he wanted to network with others; and second he had a lofty vision to alleviate world hunger and poverty. But how? you ask. By using the power of Rotary to bring Microcredit loans to the poorest of the poor. His favourite Rotary story is one told by **Monty Audenart**, who was listening to a fellow Rotarian lament about all the time and resources he had donated to Rotary. Now his son was in hospital on a respirator. He looked up and realized that the respirator keeping his son alive had been donated by Rotary. Steve sees the people in Rotary as special, inspirational, and committed. He used a quote, "If those thoughts don't get your camp fire burning, you

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are using wet wood!!” His word of advice to newer members or those considering joining Rotary is to bring your passion, your vision. Steve did, and now there are 200 million borrowers of Microcredit loans, each supporting approximately five people in a family directly. Truly amazing!!

John Fortunka, from Calgary Fish Creek, brought greetings and congratulations from our District Governor, Neil Berg, who was unable to attend due to the Rotary International Convention. Neil sees our club’s commitment to Service Above Self and knows the next 50 years will also be a success for Calgary West.



### Guest Speaker

Chris Davis was rubbing his hands in glee when he was told he had lots of time to introduce our guest speaker, Dan Hays. He promised he would not resort to any filibuster tactics – an honest politician in the making!!! Chris enjoyed engaging Dan over lunch. During his years of service in the Senate from 1984 - 2007, Dan has held varied leadership positions, including Speaker of the Senate, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and he was made a Privy Councillor by Prime Minister Harper. Dan received the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Sacred Treasure, which he received from the Emperor of Japan for his work in promoting the Canada/Japan bilateral relationships. He also sat as past-president of the Canadian Hays Converter Association. Hays Converter is a special dairy breed of cattle developed by the family.

Dan started by recognizing the remarkable history of our club and it all began with our charter on June 10, 1967. His dad, Harry Hays, was a Calgary West Rotarian at that time. Rotary International is now 112 years old, operating in 200 different countries with over 1.2 million Rotarians. Why the success? Rotary started Polio Plus to eradicate Polio, there have been road blocks along the way, but, to date, \$1 billion

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have been spent to achieve this goal. Our own Stephen Harper was recognized for the Canadian contribution to Polio eradication.

As Rotarians, we live by the Four-Way Test. He recalls a time when he did use filibuster tactics to block the passing of the GST – perhaps not meeting all aspects of the Four Way Test, but he did it for noble reasons.

Rotary International allowed women as members and **Jennifer Jones** predicts within five years a woman will be our RI President. [Editor's Note: "She is proud member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland and is a Past District Governor of District 6400. In Rotary, she has served as the Chair of the Strengthening Rotary's Advisory Group, Moderator of the 2013 RC/RPIC Institute, Vice Chair of the RI Communication Committee, North American RPIC Coordinator, the Advisory Board for Rotary Canada and the RI Promotions Committee's for Lisbon and New Orleans. She served three terms as Seminar Leader at the International Assembly and has been a featured speaker at this event on four occasions."]

Certainly, there are many more success stories. but time was a constraint.

Looking at our website, Dan sees the many successes of our club, such as our Homes of Hope build in Mexico every year, Malawi Girls on the Move helping vulnerable girls in Africa get an education, and our work in Latin American countries of Guatemala and Honduras. He recognized the list is far-reaching and offered his congratulations on all the good work the club has accomplished over the past 50 years.

He said his father, Harry Hays, was a product of Rotary. His dad ran a farm in the south part of Calgary in what is now Haysboro. This is where the new breed of dairy cattle was found, Hays Converter. The property was eventually sold to a consortium of builders, including Jaeger Homes. Mr. Hays senior was talked into running for alderman and decided he may as well run for mayor. But, first back in RCCW, he was club secretary under Glen Peacock and then himself president and District 5360 Governor. He used Rotary as a base foundation to move his political career forward. He was mayor of Calgary in 1959, 1961 and 1963 each for a two-year term. Then he became an MP and the minister of agriculture. At one point, he held all three positions at the same time, but opted for holding onto his ministerial position.

Bill Quinney was the thankер, giving us all a history lesson on our world famous Boltman. It has been our speaker gift for the past 30 years, and so has been given to some 1,200 guest speakers worldwide. It was originally made by students from Lord Shaughnessy High School. It is now made by Karl Herzog's students in Motive Action. Dan now has three of them, but this one has the gold hat!!!

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President Terry closed the meeting by questioning the wisdom of telling future and former politicians they have lots of time to talk. It did go well, so kudos to Mr. Davis and Mr. Hays. Terry's President's Ball, which is really a BBQ, is this Saturday, June 17, at Sam Switzer's ranch.

Next week we will honour the Buckleys for their contribution to Rotary, and then pass the gavel to incoming president, Ben Kormos.

June 26 features Sgt Gerry Anderson (Rtd) RCMP for a special 150<sup>th</sup> Canada Day celebration.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28pm.

### Coming Events

June: Rotary Fellowship Month	
5	Youth Programme: RYLA, YEX, Adventures in Citizenship, etc.
12	Charter Date June 10: Tentative Jubilee Event
19	<b>Team Meeting</b> and Turnover of Gavel to Ben Kormos
26	Canada Day Sesquicentennial Meeting. Sgt. Gerry Anderson (Rtd) RCMP
July: Stampede and Okanagan Cherries Month	
3	<b>No Meeting</b>
7	<b>Friday: CWRC Stampede Parade Breakfast</b>
10	Stampede Yahoo! Ben Kormos Induction
17	Calgary Humane Society
24	Jacob Holder - AIESEC Youth Leadership Development
31	Local Community Service: A Jubilee Programme

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<b>August: Membership and New Club Development Month</b>	
7	<b>No Meeting: Family Day</b>
14	World Community Service: A Jubilee Programme
21	Tanya Ward-Shaw: Native Friendship Society
28	Team Meeting?
<b>September: Basic Education and Literary Month</b>	
4	<b>No Meeting: Labour Day</b>
11	District Governor Rick Istead
18	Youth Exchange: A Jubilee Programme
25	Ghada Al Atrash: "Stripped to the Bone", a Portrait of Syrian Women
<b>October: Economic and Community Development Month</b>	
2	Dr Charles Samuels: Centre for Sleep and Human Performance
9	<b>No Meeting: Thanksgiving Day</b>
16	Todd Hirsch: Economist
23	Noon meeting cancelled in favour of an evening Assembly
30	Hallowe'en Programme: Costumes and Magic Tricks
<b>November: Rotary Foundation Month</b>	
6	RI Foundation and Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation
13	<b>No Meeting: All Clubs Remembrance Day Meeting</b>
20	Grey Cup Special Weekend Presentation
27	Roger Chaffin: Calgary Chief of Police
<b>December</b>	
4	TBA
11	St Matthew's School Children's Choir?
18	Jubilee Programme: End of Jubilee Year
25	<b>No Meeting: Christmas Day!</b>