

# 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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At the front desk were **Les Morgan** and **Peter Josty**. **Alex McFadden** took in money for the 50/50. **Chris Ritter** was the lone greeter.

The president du jour was **Bill Fitzsimmons**. [Editor's Note: I think his title is president-elect-nominee, but I could be wrong. It was so much simpler in the olden golden days! President and vice-president.]

The invocation was given by **Bryden Horwood**.

Chris Ritter read out the names of guests and visitors. And **Robyn Braley** invited us to sing the welcome song in a very convoluted sort of way. You had to be there!

**Steve Strang** announced that Calgary West's Feed the Hungry at St. Mary's Hall will occur this year on September 29. It will require 100 volunteers to happen, which means we'll have to recruit family members and friends to augment our numbers. Steve's number is 987 999 1129. [Editor's Note: In the UK, such a number would have been answered by the emergency services! Here it's 911, there it's 999.]

Steve also announced he will be the counsellor for our next International Exchange Student, a young lady from Belgium, arriving in August. Long before that he will need two host families to provide a home for her for about three months each, the first starting soon after she arrives,



and the second in late November through March of 2020. This is an exceptional opportunity to gain a life-long friend.

**Bob Pearson** let us know that there are two needs rapidly coming: ticket sales for our Stampede Parade Gourmet Breakfast (corporate and individual), and volunteers to work the field-kitchen, the dining area and the parade route stands. Bob can be reached at 403 815 7393.

**Paul Graham** won \$41 in the 50/50 draw.

### **Guest Speaker**

Robyn Braley introduced our guest speaker, **John Syrratt**. His topic was antiques and collectables.

John worked for the Lethbridge Herald, published City Lights in Calgary, and then started an industry magazine, Treasures. He also serves as a youth pastor in his church.

In Canada, an object must be at least 100 years old to qualify as an antique.

John became interested in antiques at the age of 12 when he was taken to visit a museum north of Toronto, and has been an avid collector ever since. He is also qualified as an appraiser.

John told us that 66% of people collect things. He illustrated that point by asking us what we collected, and got a substantial response, including what he identified as the strangest collectable he had ever heard of when one of us answered "pineapples!"

He told us that one of the most popular things to collect is records, particularly vinyl. 60s, 70s and 80s blues and rock are most popular, with country music not so much.

Other popular collectables that increase in value are sports cars, casino chips, knives, guns and, surprisingly for some, business or calling cards.

In the Alberta scene, Medalta stoneware was produced near Medicine Hat from 1916 to 1954, and there is now a not-for-profit society that promotes the products and events for selling and trading by collectors.

Both jewellery and trademarked items from the past are popular; but John warned us that some collectables lose value as they age, such as Royal Dalton figurines.

One of the strangest collectables he's heard of, in addition to the pineapples, is skunks which one of his friends collects. He's not certain how he keeps them!

Bob Pearson thanked John, and presented him with one of our world famous and hard to obtain collectable, a Motive Action Boltman.



PEN Bill closed the meeting at 1.30 pm.

### Coming Events

<b>June: Rotary Fellowship Month</b>	
3	John Syratt: Antiques Road Show comes to Calgary West. Well, sort of.
10	Dr Phil Langill: U of C Professor, Astronomy and Astrophysics
17	Rotary Fun and Fellowship. Gavel Turnover, Anderson To Meek.
24	Special Red and White Canada Day Programme
<b>27</b>	<b>Thursday Evening:</b> Rotary West at the Joyce
<b>July: Stampede Parade and OK Cherries Month</b>	
1	<b>No Meeting:</b> Canada Day
8	Stampede Yahoo
15	TBA
22	TBA
29	Manon Mitchell, Cambodia: A Child's Future

May 3 - 5, 2019: District Conference, Olds  
June 1 - 5, 2019: Rotary International Conference, Hamburg



<b>August: Membership and New Club Development Month</b>	
5	<b>No Meeting:</b> Heritage Day
12	TBA
19	TBA
26	TBA
<b>September: Basic Education and Literacy Month</b>	
2	<b>No Meeting:</b> Labour Day
9	TBA
16	TBA
23	TBA
30	TBA
<b>October: Economic and Community Development Month</b>	
7	TBA
14	<b>No Meeting:</b> Thanksgiving Day
21	TBA
28	Hallowe'en Magic, treats and Goblins
<b>November: Foundation Month</b>	
4	RI and Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundations
11	All Clubs Remembrance Day Meeting. No meeting at Calgary West
18	TBA
25	Aaron Goodarzi: U of C Professor, "Evict Radon"