



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 cool, overcast and -3C day in Calgary, our Monday club meeting, graced by the **Lt Governor, Hon. Lois Mitchell**, at The Grey Eagle Hotel, was called to order by **President Terry Felton**. In attendance were the Sheriff and the aide-de-camp to the Lt Governor.

Today's national anthem was presented in a new format with a presentation of "God Save the Queen" and "O Canada" in one medley, followed by a short welcome from **Kelsey Big Plume** of the Tsuu T'ina Nation, followed by an invocation by **Tracy Bitcon**, followed by a traditional blessing by **Elder Nora Big Plume** of the Tsuu T'ina Nation. There were approximately 65 people present.

At the head table today with President Terry Felton were Nora Big Plume, Kelsey Big Plume, **Ben Kormos**, the Hon Lois Mitchell and **Chris Davis**.

Gail Williams introduced our twenty-eight visiting Rotarians and guests. It was good to see such a robust turnout of visitors. Past-president **Des DeFreitas** led the welcome song.

Dinner was enjoyable: salad, chicken in mushroom sauce, vegetables, wild rice and a delectable dessert.

THE PROGRAM

The Lt Governor was introduced by Ben Kormos, who highlighted her many accomplishments.

The Hon Lois Mitchell presented a very eloquent speech in a warm Calgary manner, highlighting the following points:

- She applauded Rotarians for what we do to "give back" to the world, and our dedication to service.
- She stressed the importance of volunteerism.
- She reminisced about the 1996 Rotary Convention in Calgary and remembered PDG Gardie Shaw, and his wife Jean.
- She mentioned the wonderful work with the Rotary Challenger Park.

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- She talked about the 150th anniversary of our nation and the accomplishments and contributions of so many Canadians in improving the world. She named Dr. Ken McPherson for the gas mask; Wilbur Frank for the G-Suit (gravity); George Klein for the first electric wheelchair; Alexander Graham Bell for the telephone; SAIT for training telephone operators during the war, etc.
- Vimy Ridge was a defining moment for Canada in developing its national identity.
- She stressed the fact that teams (not necessarily individuals) make a great difference in improving lives. And that is the hallmark of Canadians.
- She has the greatest admiration for young people who seek to pursue public office.
- She is not a political individual.

At question time, many interesting questions were asked, and a happy dialogue was developed. It is hoped the Lt Governor may consider becoming a(n honorary) member of our club.

Chris Davis thanked the Lt Governor and recognized her commitment to the arts community in Alberta and especially thanked her for being so “approachable, current and relevant”, and for bringing history to the forefront. She was presented with our world famous Boltman.

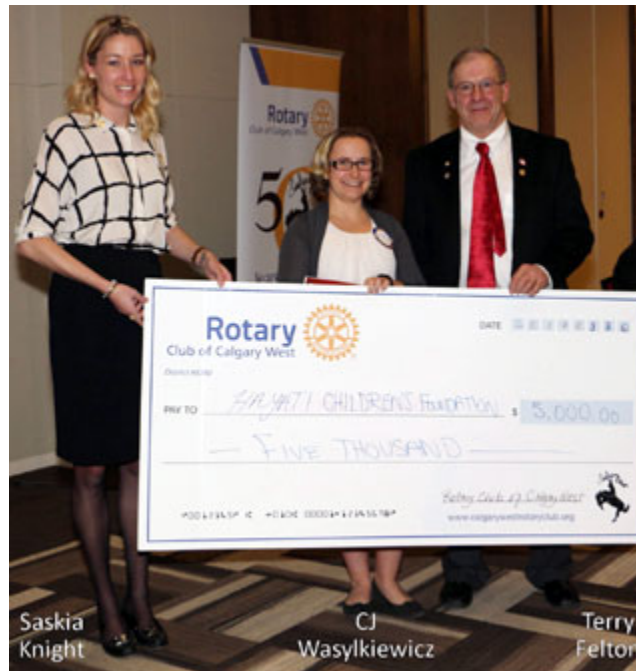


CLUB BUSINESS

Saskia Knight presented a cheque for \$5,000 to C. J. Wasykiewicz, on behalf of our club for the Hayati Children’s Foundation (HCF). These funds will be used for the purchase of solar

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panels at their Hope House in Mexico. HCF also assists with children's basic necessities in Mozambique.



The 50-50 draw was won by Marlene Doherty's guest, Barbie Hames, who donated her prize to HCF.

Next week's meeting is to be our club assembly at the Danish Canadian Club at 5.30 pm, so there will be no lunch meeting. It is hoped every member will attend the assembly.

The meeting ended at 1.45 pm.

Coming Events

March: Literacy Month	
6	Tom Hickerson U of C, Curator Davidson Papers
13	Michael Chiasson: Youth Motivational Speaker
20	Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell
27	Evening Meeting: Spring Assembly. Danish-Canadian Club: 5 pm for 6 pm.
April: Maternal and Child Health Month	
3	Steve Armstrong: Vimy Ridge Presentation
10	Manning Innovation Awards - Six Candidates
17	Easter Monday. No Meeting
24	Field Trip to Rotary Challenger Park

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May: Youth Service Month	
1	Michelle Stirling: Friends of Science
6	Rotary Meeting on the bus to Red Deer District Convention
8	No Meeting
15	Brian Farrell: Revv52
22	No Meeting: Victoria Day
29	David Poulson: Author and Radio Announcer
June: Rotary Fellowship Month	
5	Youth Programme: RYLA, YEX, Adventures in Citizenship, etc.
12	Charter Date June 10: Tentative Jubilee Event
19	Team Meeting and Turnover of Gavel to Ben Kormos
26	Canada Day Sesquicentennial Meeting
July	
3	No Meeting
7	Friday: CWRC Stampede Parade Breakfast
10	Stampede Yahoo!
17	TBA
24	TBA
31	TBA