

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
Secretary: Chris Davis **Treasurer:** Judy Cochran

Directors: Debbie Barry, Robyn Braley, Don Campbell, Bill Fitzsimmons, Gustavo Jimenez,
Les Morgan, Alex McFadden, Orlin McMillan, Melody Warman

District Governor: Dan Doherty

Together We Are People of Action - Building Community

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Robyn Braley led us in *O Canada*, and **Gail Williams** provided the invocation. **Barbara Hames** won the 50/50 draw. **Ken Montgomery** won the tickets to the truck show donated by **Ted Valentine**.

Guests

Max from RBC, guest of Sharon Fraiman.

Jakob Hettinga, our outgoing exchange student

Announcements

- **President Tim Anderson** announced that our next two meetings, April 1 and April 8, will be at the Ranchmen's Club, 710 13th Ave SW.
- Ken Montgomery announced that he needs volunteers for the Stampede Breakfast event, particularly a leader for group sales.
- **Clare Bildfell** announced that there is a new special day for organ transplant. Green shirt day is now April 7, in memory of **Logan Boulet**, who died on April 7, 2018, a Humbolt crash victim who donated six organs. You can order your shirt here <https://www.canadiantransplant.com/launch-of-green-shirt-day>
- Jakob Hettinga, our outgoing exchange student whom we share with Fish Creek, dropped by to say hello. He is in grade 12 and will be going to Belgium in August.
- A friend of **Don Campbell** is in need of a kidney transplant. Please contact Don if you can help.
- Gail Williams stated that during President-elect Gerry's year our club very likely will surpass the \$1million mark in all-time donations to the Rotary Foundation.



Jakob Hettinga
YEX 2019-20 Outbound

Today's Meeting

Today's meeting was our spring assembly.

Prior to the meeting, Tim sent out four questions for discussion by each team.

- Team 1 - **Terry Felton** reported that the venue was not conducive to discussion given the

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table setup, noise and everybody busy eating.

- Team 4 - **Malcolm Harrison** agreed with Terry. Also, he said many people do not know which team they are on. Balance of work is good, not too much or too little. Need more diversity (especially women), more hands-on opportunities, and more say in which projects the club will sponsor.

Board Report

Robyn Braley **Public Relations**

- Power Point slides have been changed to more outward focus, more photos and portraying Rotarians for the heroes they are. Kudos to **David Impey** who is a tireless photographer.
- Our website has been totally redesigned and is under review. It targets new and potential members and is more outwardly focused.
- We need to develop a slogan.

Alex McFadden **Service and Grants**

- We give over \$100,000 a year to our projects.
- Our funding is split: approximately 10% vocational (youth), 45% local and 45% international projects.
- We need new members to sit on these committees.
- Discretionary funding is affected by the lead time required for international projects.

Local projects this year

- Rotary Challenger Park
- Bethany Atrium
- Sonshine
- Never Too Late
- Feed the Hungry

International projects this year

- Guatemala school
- Honduras Economic and Community Development microfinance and water
- Malawi education fund
- Betim U Robotics
- Homes of Hope

Debbie Barry **Club Activities**

- Party for **Clarence Buckley**
- Bridge
- Curling
- Christmas brunch
- Dinner club
- Golf
- Calgary Civic Symphony
- Games night, April 26, pot luck at Helen's

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- Okotoks Dogs baseball
- Tim Anderson's party
- Teams 1 and 2 - Bingo and Blarney
- Team 3 - Bowling
- Team 4 - Beef on a bun at **Garfield Ganong's**

Orlin McMillan Membership

- Including honorary and associates, we now have 90 members.
- A new membership application is posted on our website.
- Mentor guidelines will be posted soon.

Les Morgan Fundraising

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered. There are several fundraisers coming up:

- Stampede Parade, July 5.
- Art from the Heart. June 7, Markin MacPhail Centre, 88 Canada Olympic Road SW (Winsport). This is a dinner and art auction where we have partnered with Sarcee. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a MediRobot, with any extra divided between our clubs.
- Cherries. **Chris Lee** needs a replacement. **Paul Graham** volunteered Team 2 to take over.

Judy Cochran Treasurer

Judy is laid up after foot surgery. Please call her with any questions about club finances.

Tim Anderson President

- Associate membership (\$200 a year) is intended for those who cannot afford full membership (\$350 per year), i.e. those on fixed income and those with young families. We need to be careful that other members do not try to take advantage of this.
- Tim's party will take place on the last Thursday meeting of his term.
- Tim has forwarded our multi-year plan developed by Gerry Meek.

Gerry Meek President-Elect

Rotary Action Agenda. "Imagin-Action" will be his theme.

In this changing world, we need to adjust. Change begins with you. There will be resistance to change. There are three types of barriers: Cultural (It won't work here), Personal (What's in it for me?) and Intellectual (I don't get it). To handle this change, we must all adopt the attitude that everyone has good intentions, and we all get to have our say.



Our three-year agenda: We know what we are, we need to find out what we can be. What do we need to do today to be successful tomorrow?

Our focus:

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1. Membership matters. We have Robyn working on our image, and **Darren Grierson** working on recruitment. Retention is critical. There will be a new Director of Fellowship and Fun.
2. Sharpen our focus on service. Priorities? Process? Club involvement?
3. Rethink our fundraising. Our fundraisers tend to be labour intensive and some of us are just getting tired. We will be looking at fundraising for specific projects and partnerships with the beneficiaries.

We have decisions to make:

1. What are our membership goals in terms of numbers and diversity?
2. Service priorities - set criteria, an active voice for all.
3. What are our new approaches to fundraising?

He would like to establish a club dashboard, e.g. vitality index, smile index, volunteer hours, number of people helped.

The past is past. The future is what we make it. If it's meant to be, it's up to me.



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Coming Events

April: Maternal and Child-Care Month	
1	Homes of Hope, 15th Anniversary - Dan and Marlene Doherty
8	Gary Mar: CEO of PSAC (Petroleum Services Association of Canada). Former Alberta rep in Asia and Washington.
15	Dr John Rook. His background is with the Homeless Foundation, Mustard Seed and Salvation Army.
22	No Meeting: Easter Monday
25	Thursday Evening: Rotary West at the Joyce
29	Dr. Marie-Claire Arrieta, U of C – Microbiome and Child Immunity
May: Youth Service Month	
6	Meals on Wheels – A Calgary West Project
13	Rotary West – In House “Fun and Fellowship” Program
20	No Meeting: Statutory Holiday

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23	Thursday Evening: Rotary West at the Joyce
27	Laura Pipolo – Youth Exchange – Adventures in Citizenship – RYLA
	June: Rotary Fellowship Month
3	Manning Innovation Awards (Tentative)
10	Dr Phil Langill: U of C Professor, Astronomy and Astrophysics
17	Gavel Turnover, Anderson To Meek. Team Meeting
24	Special Red and White Canada Day Programme
27	Thursday Evening: Rotary West at the Joyce
	July: Stampede Parade and OK Cherries Month
1	No Meeting: Canada Day
8	Stampede Yahoo
15	TBA
22	TBA
29	TBA
	August: Membership and New Club Development Month
5	No Meeting: Statutory Holiday
12	TBA
19	TBA
26	
	September: Basic Education and Literacy Month
2	No Meeting: Labour Day