



The Weekly Westerner

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Mondays 12.10 pm - 1.30 pm

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Calgary West Rotary operates like a well-oiled machine, thanks to team leaders that organize the welcome desk each week.

Les Morgan scooped up cash with a smile, while **Dapper Larry Doyle** handled the plastic, also with a grin. (Larry was all “gussied-up” with tie and jacket looking like he was going to a job interview!)

Bill Quinney was selling tickets for the Rotary meeting on a bus on May 6: destination Red Deer District Conference. It's almost sold out!

At the end of the table, clean-up hitter **Bill Fitzsimmons** was hawking 50/50 tickets.

Everyone's favourite greeter, **Cha Cha Chansiri**, efficiently handed out name badges with a smile and a hug assisted by **Clare Bildfell**. Or, should that be the other way round?!

Inside, **Gordon Rodrigues** and **President Terry Felton** huddled with guest speaker **Tom Hickerson**, working the overhead, and guest **Lisa Atkinson** was carefully setting out library artifacts on a side table.

Precisely at 12:10, President Terry started the meeting with a welcome to **Don Axford**, **Tony Knight**, and the “Bandidos” having just returned from Mexico, presumably meaning **Dan Doherty** and crew of house builders.

O Canada was featured on the giant screen with sing-a-long music and video. Good version....Hurrah!

The invocation was given by **Judy Cochran**, multitasking as usual.



My Passion, My Moments, Our Rotary

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The head table was graced by Bill Quinney, Tom Hickerson, **Terry McDonough** and Clare Bildfell, all of whom caused so much excitement in the ranks that the sergeant-at-arms, **Duncan Stanners**, had to step in and threaten massive fines to get the meeting back under control!

Announcements

- **Marie Rickard** reported on Strawberry Shortcakes. We sold 3875, with a profit of \$20,500. Special thanks were given to team members: **Tony Knight, Arien Knight, Sa'adat Keshavjee, Shelley Dyson, David Impey** and **Claude Massé**.
- Bill Fitzsimmons reported on the Uganda school rainwater collection system with a video showing the construction of a large concrete cistern with panorama views of schools and kids. We partnered with the St Clair Rotary Club.
- **Ted Valentine** asked for help at Feed the Hungry on Sunday at St Mary's Hall.
- **Don Campbell** reported that **Khalil Mulji**, a student at Winston Churchill High School, is our candidate for "Adventures in Citizenship" in Ottawa in May. He's in rare company, as two past PMs also won that award years ago. He gets to visit Parliament, the Governor General, maybe even a selfie with what's-his-name! Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ottawa, we pay transportation! Terrific Rotary program!
- Haberdasher **Bill Lawless** displayed the latest line of Rotary shirts replete with Jubilee logo on the sleeve. Cool!

Sergeant-at-Arms

Duncan, on a roll, levied a whole bunch of toonie fines, and then chose **Past-president Joe Klassen** to dust off his memory banks to remember activities and trivia from his year as president. Despite a valiant effort by Joe, all at his table were still fined toonies!

A speaker from Calgary South introduced us to "Country Thunder", a big event August 18/19/20, which, last year, netted \$95,000. This is too big for one club to handle, he said, and invited Calgary West to participate: 1600 shifts in three days! WOW!

- selling booze at the bar (we're good at that),
- selling tickets (good at that too),
- 50/50 (no sweat there).

We get to split profits prorated to the number of shifts we cover. Before President Terry even had a chance to say "All in favor", **Marlene Doherty**, from back of the room, hurried to announce that she would organize our part! WOW! What a club! Keep August 18/19/20 open for a lot of fun!

The **50/50** was first claimed by **Jude Hanen**, but, due to an unfortunate mix up in ticket numbers, **Gail Williams** finally absconded with the loot of \$35!

Guest Speaker

Bill Quinney introduced Tom Hickerson, vice provost of libraries and cultural resources at U of C.

May 5 - 7, 2017: District Conference, "Strength in Numbers", Red Deer
June 10 - 14, 2017: Rotary International Conference, Atlanta, Georgia



Tom Hickerson is the curator of the Davidson papers at the U of C, which were presented to U of C by the grandchildren, at the behest of **Marmie Hess**.

Tom introduced us to James Wheeler Davidson, arctic explorer, author, American consul, business man and, above all, a remarkable Rotarian.

- Davidson was a leader, and praised by Paul Harris for his work in Rotary.
- He was born in Austin, Texas, in 1882.
- He joined Robert Perry's Greenland exploration for eight months.
- He spent 22 years as a wartime correspondent in the Sino-Japanese war.
- He received the order of the Rising Sun from the Japanese emperor, and afterwards became a consul to China on behalf of the US government.
- He married Lillian in 1906, moved to Winnipeg for one year and then on to Calgary.
- He founded Crown Lumber and Royalite Oil Company
- He became very active in Rotary with a passion for "extension". He established Rotary in New Zealand, Australia, and 12 countries in the Far East. His biggest challenge was Bombay, India (too hot), and Turkey (language). He travelled for 32 months at a cost of \$¼ million.
- He returned to Vancouver in 1933 and was feted at a banquet with 600 Rotarians.
- Davidson passed away in 1933.
- He kept extensive notes of his travels. The collection was sent to U of C and has now been digitized

Chris Davis noted that Davidson authored a number of books: samples were at the table. Marmie Hess's father was a close friend of Davidson.

He was affectionately known as "Big Jim Davidson" to his friends.

Terry McDonough thanked Tom, and presented him with a Jubilee Boltman.

The meeting ended at 1:30 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	Vimy Ridge Centennial: Military Museum Tour
10	Manning Innovation Awards - Six Candidates
17	Easter Monday. No Meeting
24	Field Trip to Rotary Challenger Park
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