



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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President **Terry Felton** started off by indicating that our good friend and honorary member, **Terry McDonough**, is in serious condition in hospital after having had a stroke. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

Marlene Doherty delivered the invocation, with an **"Irish Blessing"** for Terry and his family.

May love and laughter light your days and warm your heart and home.

May good and faithful friends be yours wherever you may roam.

May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures.

May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours...Amen.

Robyn Braley led us in the national anthem.

Head table was comprised of

- **Chris Ritter** (introducer), a Rotarian since January 2013 and director of membership.
- **Michelle Stirling** (guest speaker) and contract communications manager with Friends of Science.
- **Jude Hanen** (thanker), a new Rotarian since September 2016 with a classification of recreational services.
- **John Fortunka**, a Rotarian for 28 years, and past president of The Rotary Club of Calgary – Fish Creek. John is currently director of international service and will be our assistant governor commencing in July, 2017.
- **Rick Istead**, 61 more sleeps before he assumes his new role as district governor for District 5360. He's just an "ordinary guy" who, together with other ordinary Rotarians, can accomplish extraordinary things.



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Malcolm Harrison introduced our visitors and guest, and **Robyn Braley** endeavoured to bring a little levity to our welcome song by breaking the group into two teams, Nice try!

Announcements

- **Bill Tapuska** was happy to announce that the cherry blossoms are in full boom in the Okanagan. Bill introduced our chairman of this fundraiser, Chris (Cherry) Lee, who has personally been picking, packing and delivering these delicious cherries for many years. **Lapin cherries** are distinguished by their deep ruby red colored skin and their lush, plump size. The fruit's surface is smooth and rounded with a slight heart-shape and lustered finish. They produce flavors that are rich and sweet, without a trace of tartness. They will be going fast, so place your orders with Cherry Lee.
- **Gerry Meek** advised that Stampede will be here soon – July 7th. We need a 125 volunteers, so sign up yourself, your friends and relatives and above all sign up often. A signup sheet will be sent around.
- **Gail Williams** advised that our opportunity to acknowledge our president and to say “thank you” for a job well done, will be held this year at Sam Switzer’s ranch, 4-9pm, June 17th. A great evening with music and song. Tickets will be on sale next week at \$50.
- Rick Istead introduced one of his assistant governors; John Fortunka as CWRC will fall under his direction for the next three years.
- **Marlene Doherty** introduced her guests **Cheryl Nandee**, executive director and **Jeri Sherban**, volunteers both with Alcove Addiction Recovery for Women. Alcove is a not-for-profit which operates residential recovery facilities for women who experience the co-occurring issues of addiction, mental health distress and a history of abuse. They also take in children as a preventive measure in families of abuse. A cheque for \$5,000 was presented on behalf of the club.





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The 50/50 draw was won by Ken Montgomery, another popular win!

Sergeant-at-Arms

David Williams was his usual sharp and jocular self, ensuring adequate decorum of the club. He even doubled down on a few members and hit President Terry with a befitting \$5 fine.

Guest Speaker

Chris Ritter capably introduced Michelle Stirling who is a communications contractor currently with Friends of Science. She previously worked overseas on Marcom Projects with global leaders like Intel, Iscar, Hamlet, Rafael, and Bental. Also as sub-contractor career and employment counselor for Alberta Employment and Immigration. She worked for Alberta Environment for a period and as producer/director/writer (various combos) at ITV Edmonton, ACCESS Educational TV, CFCN TV, and on various feature film scripts. Her presentation today is "Evidence over Ideology".

Michelle provided sobering facts and thought provoking commentary on climate conditions.

Friends of Science is a non-profit organization run by dedicated volunteers comprised mainly of active and retired Earth and atmospheric scientists, engineers, and other professionals. They have assembled a scientific advisory board of esteemed climate scientists from around the world to offer a critical mass of current science on global climate and climate change to policy makers, as well as any other interested parties. They also do extensive literature research on these scientific subjects. Concerned about the abuse of science displayed in the politically inspired Kyoto protocol, they offer critical evidence that challenges the premises of Kyoto and present alternative causes of climate change.

Their major environmental concern is the significant shift in recent years away from the important emphasis of previous decades on continual reductions in air and water pollution, to focus almost exclusively on global warming. The current obsession with global warming is misguided in that climate fluctuations are natural phenomena and they suggest that adaptation should be emphasized rather than misguided attempts at control.

Michelle provided some common *misconceptions* about global warning:

- Global temperatures are rising at a rapid, unprecedented rate.
- Human-produced carbon dioxide has increased over the last 100 years, adding to the greenhouse effect, thus causing most of the Earth's warming over the last 100 years.
- CO2 is the most common greenhouse gas and computer models verify that CO2 increases will cause significant global warming. CO2 is a pollutant.
- The United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has proven that man-made CO2 causes global warming.
- Global warming will cause more storms and other weather extremes.

"It is our opinion that the Sun is the main direct and indirect driver of climate change."



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Refer to <https://www.friendsofscience.org> for answers to the forgoing.

Friends of Science values your input, either on the science or policy of global warming. And, if you're as concerned as they are about global policy based on weak science, please join them to spark a national and international debate on global warming.



Jude Hanen expressed the thanks of the club and presented our world famous Boltman, as an expression of our appreciation.

Terry Felton closed the meeting with a reminder of the bus trip to the District Conference on Saturday, and confirmed that there will be no meeting on Monday, May 8th.

Coming Events

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 Rodeo Announcer

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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: Stampede and Okanagan Cherries Month	
3	No Meeting
7	Friday: CWRC Stampede Parade Breakfast
10	Stampede Yahoo! Ben Kormos Induction
17	Calgary Humane Society
24	TBA
31	Local Community Service: A Jubilee Programme
August: Membership and New Club Development Month	
7	No Meeting: Family Day
14	World Community Service: A Jubilee Programme
21	TBA
28	TBA
September: Basic Education and Literary Month	
4	No Meeting: Labour Day
11	TBA
18	Youth Exchange: A Jubilee Programme
25	TBA
October: Economic and Community Development Month	
2	Dr Charles Samuels: Centre for Sleep and Human Performance
9	No Meeting: Thanksgiving Day
16	TBA
23	TBA
30	Hallowe'en Programme: Costumes and Magic Tricks
November: Rotary Foundation Month	
6	RI Foundation and Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation
13	No Meeting: All Clubs Remembrance Day Meeting
20	Grey Cup Special Weekend Presentation
27	TBA