



# 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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Summer is here!!! [Editor's (smart A) note: Actually, summer does not arrive until on, or about, June 21. And we have had similar weather in the winter months. Such is Calgary!]

Lots of shorts on display with **Tony Knight**, **Bill Lawless**, **Malcolm Harrison**, and **Lori Mattei** hovering around the hospitality table.

The attraction was Malcolm Harrison and **Arien Knight** on duty at the cash desk. **Gail Williams**, ably assisted by **Mike Carlin**, sold tickets for the President's Ball, and **Clare Bildfell** was hawking 50/50 to those with any money left over.

Long lineup at the ticket sales suggests a good crowd for lunch.

**Denise Penner-Collins** and **Helen King** were seen sharing a table despite their difficulty in making Monday meetings.

President Terry Felton tried to start the meeting on time at 12:10, but few seemed to be listening being distracted by the hubbub caused by **Bryden Horwood**, who lost his cell phone under **Judy Cochran's** chair.

**Andrew Bitcon** came to the podium with a surprise announcement about the most important person in his life, best friend **Tracy's** birthday, followed by a rocking version by all of Happy Birthday to Tracy!



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The head table was acknowledged:

**Gerry Meek**, Lori Mattei, **David Williams**, **Les Morgan**, **Marlene Doherty**, guest speaker **David Poulsen** and, of course, Terry Felton. (And hasn't Terry efficiently and effectively grown into his role as chair of the meeting? He's cool!)

Attendance was in the mid 50's: six tables full, plus a big head table.

The meal consisted of pureed asparagus soup followed by "bangers and mash", which must have warmed the hearts of any there of UK origin. [Editor's note: No, not really! No offence to the Grey Eagle staff, but this was not the bangers and mash my mother used to make! BTW, does anyone remember the Sophia Loren and Peter Seller's recording?]

President Terry promoted "Stampede Shaker" at Fort Calgary on July 12 with food and drinks, and entertainment by Tom Cochrane and "Red Rider": only \$29.

**Bill Quinney** promoted the Jubilee meeting on June 12 featuring, among others, former senator and Rotarian Dan Hays.

Gerry Meek listed five local community service projects and our support.

- It's a Crime not to Read, literary project: \$3,500
- Robots helping children in medical stress: \$3,500
- High Bank Society teaching young mothers life skills: \$4,500
- Calgary Walk for Crones and Colitis: \$1,500
- Providing Avenues of Hope Society: \$2,500

#### **Hot Seat**

- Arien Knight is looking for help to sell Stampede Breakfast tickets. So far we have sold 804 seats
- **Duncan Stanners** is looking for hosts for Rotarians from Australia, for the third week in June
- Tony Knight's passion for the Atrium with \$658,000 now raised by five Rotary clubs, with a surprise announcement that a matching grant of \$600,000 may be in the works! WOW
- **Sa'adat Keshavjee** presented the annual financial statement for the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation, noting that our club's deposits were increased by an anonymous gift of \$120,000, which now totals \$750,000. This yields \$24,000 this year, to be used for local community service.

Past President Mike Carlin with his patented Dutch Auction sold off David Poulsen's book "Serpents Rising" raising \$60, with the happy winner **Clarence Buckley** taking home the book.

He followed that by announcing the President's Ball at Sam Switzer's on June 17 at 4 PM with Live Entertainment. Tickets are \$50 per person.

The 50/50 draw was won by Clarence Buckley.

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## My Passion, My Moments, Our Rotary

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### Guest Speaker

Les Morgan introduced our guest speaker, David Poulsen.

David lives with his wife Barb on a small ranch in the foothills of south west Alberta.

He is man of many hats. He has been a broadcaster, teacher, football coach, stage and film actor and—most of all—writer. His writing career began in earnest when his story "The Welcomin'" won the 1984 Alberta Culture Short Story Competition. Now the author of more than 25 books, David recently made his inaugural foray into the world of adult crime fiction with "Serpents Rising", the first book in the Cullen and Cobb Mystery series. The second book in the series, "Dead Air", arrived in bookstores just last week.

And, of course, there's his career as a rodeo announcer/broadcaster. Canada's Cowboy of the Year for 2015—the first announcer to ever receive that award-- David is enjoying his 38th year behind the microphone at rodeos across Canada, and is closing in on 2800 performances over that time span. These include four appearances at the Canadian Finals Rodeo and twenty-eight consecutive years at the Calgary Stampede. His television credits include TSN Television Sports, CTV's Wide World of Sports and CFCN's regional Calgary Stampede coverage. And he has appeared in several episodes of the popular CBC television drama, "Heartland".



Marlene thanked David for his entertaining and informative presentation, and presented him with our world famous Boltman.

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### Coming Events

<b>June: Rotary Fellowship Month</b>	
5	Youth Programme: RYLA, YEX, Adventures in Citizenship, etc.
12	Charter Date June 10: Tentative Jubilee Event
19	<b>Team Meeting</b> and Turnover of Gavel to Ben Kormos
26	Canada Day Sesquicentennial Meeting. Cpl Curtis Peters, RCMP
<b>July: Stampede and Okanagan Cherries Month</b>	
3	<b>No Meeting</b>
7	<b>Friday: CWRC Stampede Parade Breakfast</b>
10	Stampede Yahoo! Ben Kormos Induction
17	Calgary Humane Society
24	Jacob Holder - AIESEC Youth Leadership Development
31	Local Community Service: A Jubilee Programme
<b>August: Membership and New Club Development Month</b>	
7	<b>No Meeting: Family Day</b>
14	World Community Service: A Jubilee Programme
21	Tanya Ward-Shaw: Native Friendship Society
28	TBA
<b>September: Basic Education and Literary Month</b>	
4	<b>No Meeting: Labour Day</b>
11	District Governor Rick Istead
18	Youth Exchange: A Jubilee Programme
25	Ghada Al Atrash: "Stripped to the Bone", a Portrait of Syrian Women
<b>October: Economic and Community Development Month</b>	
2	Dr Charles Samuels: Centre for Sleep and Human Performance
9	<b>No Meeting: Thanksgiving Day</b>
16	TBA
23	TBA
30	Hallowe'en Programme: Costumes and Magic Tricks
<b>November: Rotary Foundation Month</b>	
6	RI Foundation and Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation
13	<b>No Meeting: All Clubs Remembrance Day Meeting</b>
20	Grey Cup Special Weekend Presentation
27	TBA
<b>December</b>	
4	TBA
11	TBA
18	Jubilee Programme: End of Jubilee Year
25	<b>No Meeting: Christmas Day!</b>