

The Weekly Westerner

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Together We Are People of Action - Building Community

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Carla Tureski greeted us with a warm smile and our nametags. **Malcolm Harrison** and **Gail Williams** got us properly registered for attendance, ensuring we would eat, and signed in our guests. **Shelley Dyson** sold the 50/50 tickets.

President-elect Bill Fitzsimmons got the meeting rolling in a rousing, if technically challenged, way (couldn't get sound on the video) with the singing of the Stampeders' Fight Song. I recall the days when the CFL was much like the NHL, when fights were not that uncommon.

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Des DeFreitas got us going with our national anthem, and **Ted Valentine** gave an invocation, including thanks for two recent wins, one last Sunday and one next (hopefully!).

Bill Tapuska reminded us that the meeting in three weeks time will be conducted at the new Calgary Main Library, and said that, because we will be eating box lunches, an accurate count on attendance will be required to order them. He suggested the remainder of that meeting would be taken up with a tour of this very impressive facility.

Linda Anderson informed us that the 20th was the last day to order Christmas wreaths, and let us know more volunteers are needed to deliver them.

Marvin Pawlivsky wore the sergeant-at-arms medallion, and went after our money as if he would like to keep the job. Perhaps he should. [**Editor's Note:** But not if he keeps handing out credits!]

May 3 - 5, 2019: District Conference, Olds
June 1 - 5, 2019: Rotary International Conference, Hamburg

Guest Speaker **Tom Higgins** made the 50/50 draw, and came up with the ticket of one of our guests, a staff member of the Knoxville Bar and Grill, our partner in our Stampede Parade Breakfast. As an appreciation of the availability of Knoxville's facilities for the breakfast, Bill Fitzsimmons made a presentation of our world-famous Boltman.



Guest Speaker



Joe Klassen introduced Tom Higgins, who has an impressive resumé that walks the line between great background and can't keep a job. He made that point continually throughout his presentation, calling it, quite accurately, a major dimension of working in professional sports.

Tom had many impressive positions, taking the U of C Dinos to a national championship, nine years coaching with the Stampeders, including the position of head coach, 11 years with the Edmonton Eskimos, including four as head coach, where he won Coach of the Year.

He also served as director of officiating for the CFL for six years, and then moved to the Montreal Allouettes for two seasons.

Tom told us talent, motivation and attitude were the three key ingredients for success in professional sports.



Tom was born in New Jersey, and in college he was named All-American in both football and wrestling. He played as defensive lineman, and to do that he weighed in at 235 pounds. You would never guess that today!

He informed us all that his positions throughout his career involved illness and fatigue - his employers were sick and tired of him! His attitude is, "If what you achieved yesterday looks big, you didn't do much today."

Chris Davis thanked Tom for his presentation, and presented him with our world-famous Boltman.

Coming Events

| November: Foundation Month | |
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| 5 | RI Foundation and Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation |
| 12 | No Meeting: Remembrance Day |
| 19 | Tom Higgins: Keynote Speaker and CFL Head Coach, Calgary, Edmonton and Montreal |
| 26 | Lorelei Higgins: Indigenous Relations, Rotary Peace Fellowship |
| December: Disease Prevention and Treatment Month | |
| 3 | Team Meeting |
| 10 | Field Trip and Tour of the New Calgary Public Library |
| 17 | Children's Choir: St Matthew's School |
| 24 | No Meeting. CHRISTMAS EVE! |
| 31 | No Meeting: New Year's Eve |
| January: Vocational Service Month | |
| 7 | Tina Varughese - Motivational Speaker |
| 14 | Keith Blake, Chief of Police, Tsuut'ina Nation |
| 21 | Dominik Diamond - Jack FM: Special Robbie Burns' Day Programme |
| 28 | Stuart Cullum: President of Olds College |
| February: World Understanding Month | |
| 4 | World Community Service Presentation |
| 11 | St Valentine's Day Programme |
| 18 | Family Day. No Meeting |
| 20 | Evening Meeting: Rotary West Radio LIVE |
| 25 | Field Trip Loughed House: Kristin Evenden, Executive Director |
| March: Literacy Month | |
| 4 | Local Community Service Presentation |
| 11 | TBA |
| 18 | TBA |
| 25 | Noon Assembly and Team Meeting |
| April: Maternal and Child-Care Month | |
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| 8 | TBA |



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| 15 | TBA |
| 22 | No Meeting: Easter Monday |
| 29 | TBA |
| May: Youth Service Month | |
| 6 | No Meeting (because of District Conference)? |
| 13 | TBA |
| 20 | No Meeting: Statutory Holiday |
| 27 | Youth Programme: RYLA, Adventures in Citizenship, YEX |
| June: Rotary Fellowship Month | |
| 3 | TBA |
| 10 | TBA |
| 17 | Gavel Turnover, Anderson To Meek. Team Meeting |
| 24 | Special Canada Day Programme |