



The Weekly Westerner

Box 4572, Station C, Calgary, Alberta T2T 5N3
Grey Eagle Hotel, 3777 Grey Eagle Drive (Corner of 37 St SW and Glenmore Drive)
Mondays 12.10 pm - 1.30 pm

President: Ben Kormos **President-Elect:** Tim Anderson **Past President:** Terry Felton
Secretary: Marlene Doherty **Treasurer:** Karl Herzog

Directors: Debbie Barry, Judy Cochran, Bill Fitzsimmons, Gustavo Jimenez, Gerry Meek,
Les Morgan, Orlin McMillan, Duncan Stanners

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A festive day!

At 11:28, **Larry Doyle**, a solitary figure at the reception table, sorting out cash and credit while the lineup to pay for lunch steadily increased.

Judy Cochran waiting anxiously for students to arrive.

Ted Valentine, standing beside a table with an array of Stampeder jerseys, sweaters and miscellaneous football paraphernalia, offering to anyone who will wear red and white.

Terry Felton, resplendent in “Rider” green and white, but where is the watermelon?

Gail Williams and Judy poised to start the ticket sales for the Rotary Family Christmas Brunch: tickets happily supplied and printed by **Cha Cha Chansiri**, taking over from long-time supplier **Gordon Rodrigues**.

Guest of Ted, son **Paul Valentine** and friend **Steve**, also resplendent in red, white and black Stampeder jerseys.

Garfield Ganong (longtime Rider fan??) arriving in “white” with a Stampeder helmet.

Karl Herzog, looking after treasurer duties. (Have to admire Karl! He can’t stay for the meeting but is there early for a short while.)

Don Vokey arrives to help Larry - line moving faster.

David Impey, armed with camera, taking 50/50 bets.



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Students arrive (three) to the relief of Judy!



Haleigh Schreyer



Tyler Louis



Kaylee Quinney

Chris Davis arrives on time!

No self-serve (honor) bar any longer.

Large crowd! Lineups! Looks like a reception line of red and white clad Stampeder supporters. Lots of students and some parents.

12:13 PM bell rang

Seven and a half tables came to attention, plus head table. Attendance over 60.

Table centerpieces adorned by football helmets, courtesy of Ted.

Intriguing menu: dessert dish looked like raisin covered pie (help yourself), chili soup with corn fritter and crumpets in the side dish. [**Editor's Note:** The dessert dish looking like a raisin covered pie is otherwise known as bread and butter pudding! And my mother was the queen of bread and butter puddings! I congratulate the chef at the Grey Eagle: his version was very palatable.]

Welcome by President Ben in two out of the three official languages.

Gerry Meek with dulcet tone led us all in the national anthem.

The invocation was given by **Marvin Pawlivsky**.

The head table consisted of President Ben, **Evelyn and Clarence Buckley**, Judy Cochran, Chris Davis and special guest **Doug Mitchell**.

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President Ben reported on “Rotary Remembers”. 37 of our members attended at the Carriage House on November 11 to hear an outstanding presentation and storytelling of Vimy Ridge and Canada’s role.

Ben wondered if we all read his recent email promoting the Ride for Polio, wreaths and Rotary Family Christmas Brunch.

The sergeant-at-arms duties were ably handled by Les Morgan.

Guests were introduced by **Clare Bildfell**.

Assistant District Governor **John Fortunka** presented two awards to Calgary West:

Rotary Foundation Banner No 3 in the District.

Certificate in recognition of our club's support for Foundation's End Polio Now, 2016/17.



Other announcements

- **Marie Rickard** spoke about the Malawi School for Girls
- **Terry Felton**: There are vacant board positions coming up. Currently completing two-year terms are Karl Herzog (treasurer), **Marlene Doherty** (secretary), **Duncan Stanners** (communications) and Judy Cochran (youth).

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- **Maggie Julian** is aiming for a target of 200 wreaths. Lots left to sell!
- **Bill Tapuska** announced ticket sales for Rotary Family Brunch

Cha Cha won the 50/50 prize of \$41, which she donated to Homes of Hope.

Guest Speaker

Clarence Buckley introduced our guest speaker, Doug Mitchell, former CFL player and League Commissioner.

Doug first of all admitted that his wife, Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell, is biased toward the Eskimos, his son is president/CEO of the Hamilton Ti-Cats. This makes for interesting dinner table discussion!

Doug spoke about “making a difference in sports” by encouraging “grass roots sports” among 5-7 year old children.

He suggested that children’s sports are much too organized and gave an example of six year old being “cut” from a peewee hockey team.

There is a need for innovation such as “shrink the rink” into four separate rinks and “disc golf” to encourage more children to play.

Doug mentioned that Edmonton has far better sports facilities than Calgary for both amateur and professional.

He introduced “Santa’s Grey Cup Quiz”

1. The 2017 Grey Cup game will be played in (Ottawa) and will be the 105th annual.
2. How many Grey Cups have the Stampeders won? (6)
3. What team has won the most Grey Cups? (Toronto)
4. How did the Grey Cup get its name? (Donated by Earl Grey, Governor General of Canada. [Editor's Note: This is, I believe, the Lord Grey of Fallodon, who said on August 3, 1914, "The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime."])
5. When did Edmonton Eskimos start in the league? (1949)
6. What year did the Stampeders start? (1945)
7. How much did the Grey Cup originally cost? (\$48)
8. What was the CFL known previously? (Rugby Union)
9. Which trophy is taller, Grey Cup or NFL’s Lombardy Trophy? (Grey Cup)
10. What year did the BC Lions start in the League? (1954)
11. How is the decision made for a city to host the Grey Cup? (Board of Governors)
12. Has a crossover team ever won? (No)
13. Where will the 2018 Grey Cup game be played? (Calgary)

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- 14. Worst stadium in Canada? (Calgary)
- 15. Highest rent? (Edmonton)
- 16. Why can't Calgary get a new Arena/Stadium/Field House? (Lack of leadership)

Doug Mitchell was thanked by Chris Davis and presented with a Boltman.



Coming Events

November: Rotary Foundation Month	
6	RI Foundation and Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation
11	Rotary Remembrance Day @ Carriage House, 10 am
13	No Meeting
20	Grey Cup Special: Doug Mitchell, Former CFL commissioner
27	Roger Chaffin, Calgary Police Chief
December	
4	Kerrin Lee Gartner: Alpine Skier, Olympic Gold Medallist, CBC commentator
11	St Matthew's School Children's Choir
18	Jubilee Programme: End of Jubilee Year
25	No Meeting: Christmas Day!
January	
1	No Meeting: New Year's Day
8	Alvin Law: Motivational Speaker
15	Local Services Committee Programme: Bryden Horwood and Steve Rickard
22	Dr Arlin Pachet: Capacity Assessment and Rehab. A tie-in with Bethany Atrium
27	<i>Rotary After Hours: Bring a friend - Kensington Legion (1:00 pm)</i>
29	Team Meeting

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February	
5	Strongest Oak/Burkino Faso Solar Project
12	No Meeting: Strawberry Shortcakes preparation and delivery 13th and 14th
19	No Meeting: Family Day
26	TBA
March	
5	Marianne Ryan, Alberta Ombudsman
12	TBA
19	TBA
26	TBA
April	
2	Assembly Meeting at noon
9	E C Manning Innovation Awards
16	TBA
23	Habitat for Humanity: "Restore", "New Housing"
30	TBA
May	
7	TBA
14	TBA
21	No Meeting
28	Youth Programme: RYLA Adventures in Citizenship