



# 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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On this warm, sunny (5C) day in Calgary, our Monday club meeting at The Grey Eagle Hotel was called to order by President **Ben Kormos**, who welcomed us all to another Calgary West meeting.

Today's *O Canada* was led by **Gerry Meek**, followed by an invocation by **Tim Anderson**.

There were approximately 50 people present. There were five guests and many important announcements. This was the day we received the Police Chief as our keynote speaker.

**Member Recognition:** As part of a novel initiative, President Ben recognized the accomplishments of **Past President Karl Herzog**, a member with our club since 2000, and served as president in 2009/2010. He was recognized as a Rotary Integrity Awards recipient, head of Motive Action Calgary, raised \$140,000 for Rotary through his trek to Everest and his work with communities in Nepal; currently serving (with Cindy) as treasurer of the club; an aspiring guitarist and a true blue Rotarian who believes in "Service Above Self".

**At the Head Table today** with President Ben were **Alex McFadden**, Karl Herzog, **Police Chief Roger Chaffin** and **David Watson**.

Lunch today was beef roulade, mashed potatoes and vegetables, followed by a dessert pastry tray.

**The 50-50 draw** was won by **Malcolm Harrison**.

## **Sergeant-at-Arms**

**PDG Mike French** tried a new tactic today. In his own words:

"As sergeant-at-arms today I made an attempt to be inclusive in the roles of bulletin writer and sergeant-at-arms.

"Unfortunately there were not enough new members present to fully achieve my aim, although the opportunity is open to all.

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"However, we did have some interesting fines levied which highlighted some great potential from both newer and longstanding members.

"The opportunity for bulletin writers was, unfortunately, limited."

### Announcements

- **Stephen's Backpacks Society** is receiving articles as donations listed in a brochure by David Watson. Please bring in items that can be sent to this worthy cause.
- **Wreaths: Maggie Julian** announced that we have sold 450 wreaths, and need drivers to deliver them on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and/or Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please pitch in.
- **Women's Shelter needs old purses and handbags** which can be filled with feminine items. **Bill Fitzsimmons** is receiving these on behalf of the shelter.
- **Future leadership positions open. Terry Felton** announced that the nominating committee comprised of Tim Anderson, **Sa'adat Keshavjee**, **Judy Cochran** and he will be happy to hear from members who wish to serve as treasurer, secretary, member for communications, or member for youth on the board.
- **Rotary Ride for Polio: Dan Doherty** announced that on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, they will be riding again and all are welcome to come and ride, visit, cheer and contribute to this worthy cause. We are currently sitting at \$415,000 sponsorships and can use more. The fund is matched by several agencies and your dollar gives the polio program a phenomenal boost. Please go to [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org) and make your polio donation, then let Dan know so he can arrange for the funds to be matched. Our club is in the top 3% of Rotary clubs in the world with our polio initiatives. Let's continue to maintain this reputation.
- **Shelter Box.** Gerry Meek announced that our club (Mike French and Maggie Julian) has been busy with this initiative with the Centennial Club. He also mentioned that our club was recognized by **Rotary Challenger Park** for our contributions over the years both in cash and in service.
- **Rotary Family Christmas Brunch at Pinebrook, Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.** **Bill Tapuska** announced that tickets at \$40 per person are selling well and this event promises to be an outstanding family celebration. It would be great if all of us are able to attend this annual event. Please order your tickets soon from **Gail Williams**.

CHIEF CONSTABLE ROGER CHAFFIN OF THE CALGARY POLICE SERVICE was our keynote speaker today. Highlights of his presentation were as follows:

- Steep increase in crime over the past few years with the economic downturn, including a greater number of break-ins, car thefts, incidents of domestic violence, increase in drug usage and related issues.
- The use of fentanyl, methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine and other opioids has increased by over 600%.
- The police service together with other agencies are actively seeking sustainable solutions to these problems to prevent unnecessary incarceration when, instead, therapy may have long-term benefits.

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- Other emerging issues include a threat of terrorism where sources and causes are often unknown and unconnected to major rings, but committed independently. The CPS is trying to understand this element and is learning to train for it with different methods.
- Legalization of marijuana usage will provide a new set of challenges not yet completely understood.
- Major impediments to the CPS are the budget cuts that will impact the effectiveness of the force, which is currently stretched quite thinly and can use all the resources they have in order to combat the growing needs of this city.



**Many questions were asked** about such items as handguns, other firearms, the change of the colour of police vehicles, satellite offices and the marijuana issue.

Alex McFadden thanked the Chief on behalf of the club and presented him with a jubilee edition of our Boltman.

If you have any guests for the following weeks, *please let Sa'adat know* as he monitors lunch numbers with the Grey Eagle Hotel: [saadat@amhurst.net](mailto:saadat@amhurst.net).

The meeting was adjourned at 1.35 pm

**Coming Events**

<b>December</b>	
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	<b>No Meeting: Christmas Day!</b>
<b>January</b>	
1	<b>No Meeting: New Year's Day</b>
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	<b>Team Meeting</b>
<b>February</b>	
5	Strongest Oak/Burkino Faso Solar Project
12	<b>No Meeting: Strawberry Shortcakes preparation and delivery 13th and 14th</b>
19	<b>No Meeting: Family Day</b>
26	TBA
<b>March</b>	
5	Marianne Ryan, Alberta Ombudsman
12	TBA

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19	TBA
26	TBA
	<b>April</b>
2	<b>Assembly Meeting at noon</b>
9	E C Manning Innovation Awards
16	TBA
23	Habitat for Humanity: "Restore", "New Housing"
30	TBA
	<b>May</b>
7	TBA
14	TBA
21	<b>No Meeting</b>
28	Youth Programme: RYLA Adventures in Citizenship