



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

President: Tim Anderson **President-Elect:** Gerry Meek **Past President:** Ben Kormos
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Together We Are People of Action - Building Community

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Attendees were warmly greeted by **Grant Ritchie** and **Linda Anderson**, and admitted by **Des DeFreitas** and **David Impey** who manned the front desk. While **Terry Felton** sold 50/50 tickets, **Claude Massé** and **Judy Cochran** were encouraging members to place their orders for our fabulous balsam fir Christmas wreaths. (Side Note: Sales close on November 19, so please place your orders soon!)

President **Tim Anderson** called us to order at 12:10 and, following *O Canada*, **David Wartman** provided the invocation.

Seated at the head table were President Tim Anderson, **Sa'adat Keshavjee**, **Ben Kormos**, **Marlene Doherty**, **Mike Carlin**, **David Watson** and **Gail Williams**.

With a large map of the world affixed to a wall, members were encouraged to place a coloured dot on the various locations where they have either attended another club's meeting, or participated in a Rotary project.

Our five visitors and guests were introduced by Grant Ritchie and musically welcomed in song, led by Des DeFreitas. Lunch this day was chicken noodle soup, lasagne and salad, and bread pudding. Quite good.

Announcements

- Robyn Braley reminded us all of Rotary Remembers, to be held at the Carriage House Inn on Sunday, November 11, at 10:00am. Tickets are available at Eventbrite.
- **Bill Lawless**, representing the Local Community Services committee, described the focus on "four weeks of giving", focusing on
 - A Women's Heart on November 19,
 - Alpha House on November 26,

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- Stephen's Backpacks Society on December 3
- and the Calgary Food Bank.

Members are asked to get involved by donating various goods and supplies listed in Bill's handout.

- Linda Anderson encouraged us to share information on our wreath fundraiser with our friends and business associates and to purchase our own as soon as possible. See our club webpage for details. Our target is to sell 500 wreaths and we have fewer than two weeks to do so.
- **Debbie Barry** reminded those planning to attend our upcoming games night that it will again be hosted by **Lawrence and Helen King** on Friday, November 9, at 7:00pm. Currently, the evening is fully subscribed, but there can be a wait list in the event of dropouts.
- **Bryden Horwood** described working with Bill Lawless and the LCS in support of Community Kitchen. RCCW provided funding for an essential new truck for their food deliveries. **Sundae Nordin** described her work with Community Kitchen and their Good Food Box programme. They provide low cost boxes of fruits and veggies to lower income families and students via 130 depots across the city. Since receiving their new truck, for which they are extremely appreciative, they have delivered over 2000 boxes of food.



Darren Grierson was the 50/50 winner this week, collecting \$61.

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Our favourite Sergeant-at Arms, **David Williams**, levied several fines on Darren Grierson before effectively targeting several other miscreants.

President Tim, in his fascinating member facts of which you were probably unaware, revealed that Sa'adat Keshavjee has lived in four countries, on three continents, experienced two careers and maintained one wife! Also, Gail Williams has visited Toke, Alaska (where she didn't), but did drink the Sourtoe cocktail in Dawson City. [**Editor's Note:** For those who did not attend the meeting, and for others who did but are hard of hearing, I asked Les to explain. "The actual story by Tim was that Gail didn't take (ie smoke a little weed) while visiting the town of Toke in Alaska. In Dawson City, a popular tourist attraction is to drink a glass of liquor that contains a mummified toe which one must kiss as one drains the glass - which challenge Gail met."]

Main Meeting Theme

There were several presentations respecting the Rotary Foundations (International and Calgary).

Sa'adat led the session, reminding us that November is Foundation month and his committee has a responsibility to inform us of the Foundations and Foundation giving. The Foundations' theme is "Doing good in the world", and many of our projects benefit from the tremendous dollar-matching from the Foundations. His committee consists of himself, David Watson, Ben Kormos, Mike Carlin, Gail Williams, Terry Felton, Des DeFreitas and **Garfield Ganong**.

Gail Williams provided an overview of The Rotary Foundation, which is the charitable arm of RI. She distributed a flyer describing how the funds are acquired and disbursed, summarized as "We donate and we receive significant bonuses in return". The Rotary Foundation has assets of \$5B, and is rated in the top 10 international foundations for excellence.

David Watson summarised the Calgary Rotary Foundation. Funds collected and invested are returned to each Calgary club in proportion to their contributions. Currently, RCCW has approximately \$850K in the Foundation (out of a total value of \$54M), generating an annual return to us of \$31,600. In addition to cash contributions, members are encouraged to consider bequest giving.

Marlene Doherty updated us on the End Polio Now statistics. She is our District chair in this, the largest global health initiative ever. 30 years ago there were 350,000 cases of polio worldwide. Today, there are 25. It's imperative to totally eradicate the disease, however, and it's estimated that failure to do so could eventually result in the number of cases skyrocketing once more to 250,000 worldwide. The October edition of the Rotarian has an excellent article on this topic. Our District's goal for contributions to ending polio is \$100k and we currently exceed that amount. Marlene and **Dan** will again be sponsoring a ride to end polio this winter (indoors) and an outdoor ride in the spring.

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Mike Carlin, Sa'adat Keshavjee and Gail Williams presented Paul Harris pins earned via contributions to the Foundations in the past year. The recipients were:

Judy Cochran (+2), **Kurt Schurer** (+3), Bill Lawless (+4), David Watson (+4), **Holland Berry** (+5), Gail Williams (+6), Mike Carlin (+6) and Sa'adat Keshavjee (+8).

Marlene and Dan Doherty are also recognised as Paul Harris Society Members.



Sa'adat Keshavjee, Holland Berry, Kurt Schurer, Judy Cochran, Bill Lawless, David Watson, Ben Kormos, Mike Carlin, Marlene Doherty, and Gail Williams.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm, concluding with a photo of us all in front of the new Community Kitchen truck.



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Coming Events

November: Foundation Month	
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	Special Meeting: New Year's Eve Party (tentative)
January: Vocational Service Month	
7	Tina Varughese - Motivational Speaker
14	Keith Blake, Chief of Police, Tsuut'ina Nation
21	Dominik Diamond: Robbie Burns' Day and Scottish Lore
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	TBA
March: Literacy Month	
4	Local Community Service Presentation
11	TBA

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18	TBA
25	TBA
April: Maternal and Child-Care Month	
1	TBA
8	TBA
15	TBA
22	TBA
29	TBA