



# 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  
**Secretary:** Chris Davis **Treasurer:** Judy Cochran

**Directors:** Debbie Barry, Robyn Braley, Don Campbell, Bill Fitzsimmons, Gustavo Jimenez,  
Les Morgan, Alex McFadden, Orlin McMillan, Melody Warman

**District Governor:** Dan Doherty

**Together We Are People of Action - Building Community**

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The club front desk was manned by **Steve Strang** (cashier), **Gail Williams** (cashier), **Bill Quinney** (50/50 ticket seller), while **Gordon Rodrigues** was the greeter, assisted somewhat ably by **Mike Carlin**.

**President Tim Anderson** called the meeting to order, followed by *O Canada*, with accompaniment by our musical guests for the day, **The Wintergreen Trio**. We never sounded so good. Perhaps we could have them attend every week. Grace was well said by **Ken Montgomery**.

(Reporter's note There was a meeting going on next door for folks from the criminal justice system. They had such a good-looking buffet, I briefly considered joining their line-up but noticed a young lady in the group with a glock strapped to her hip. I thought better of it because, for a moment, I thought I was back in Arizona where such things are commonplace!)

Our usual fine lunch was made even better by the wonderful music of the Wintergreen Trio who played throughout. President Tim said he was greatly impressed by them and allowed that they sounded better than his old rock and roll band.

While not introduced, the head table consisted of; President Tim, our guest speaker, **Manon Mitchell**, **David Wartman**, **Judy Cochran** and **Debbie McMillan**.

The introduction of our visitors and guests was also dispensed with. They were a small group, but high in quality, at least for the most part. Former member **Brent Barootes** was spotted among the assemblage.



The Wintergreen Trio



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Another casualty of today's timing was the Sergeant at Arms. **Joe Klassen** undoubtedly had a long list, but settled for fining Tim for cutting the SAA time. However, he did allow a couple of happy bucks.

There were two draws from the 50/50 tickets, one for the usual cash and one for tickets to an upcoming performance by the Calgary Civic Symphony Orchestra. Both were won by **Orlin McMillan**. Sounds a bit suspicious, but, clearly, Orlin's luck is just getting better and better. Enough said.

Tim did one of his "Do You Know This Member?" segments. This one on **Debbie Barry, now Debbie McMillan**. Turns out she is not a pilot, former Olympian, wheelchair deliverer, nor a luncher with the Duke of Edinburgh, but she did walk the Juan de Fuca Trail, facing bears and hornets while two of her companions quit in exhaustion and injury. Are you paying attention, Orlin?

### Announcements

**Marlene Doherty** described a program that our club is involved with. Our club has been providing scholarships for the **Never Too Late Program** for five years. The program has expanded to include a second location, Forest Lawn, and our club will be the sponsor of the fall and spring graduations, as well as a scholarship.

The fall graduation will be on Monday, October 29, 4-9pm.

6-8 volunteers are needed for set up, greet, hand out gifts, serve and clean up.

If you are unable to attend in the evening, there is also a need at 11:30 am on October 29 prior to our regular meeting. This will be a "hands on" opportunity to assemble colouring packages for children and gifts for graduates.

Contact: Gail, Tazim or Marlene

Family members and potential members are welcome

**Gerry Meek** announced that a nominating committee had been struck to fill the board positions for the upcoming Rotary year. If you would like to serve or nominate someone else to serve, please contact Gerry.

**President Tim** said the club was looking for volunteers for the Christmas kettles program this year. Please contact him.

### **Program**

Our guest speaker was introduced by our own David Wartman, who is on the board of the Calgary Civic Symphony. **Manon Mitchell** is President and Chair of the Calgary Civic Symphony Orchestra and its Board and is a violinist herself. The orchestra was the subject of her presentation.

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David also introduced the members of the Wintergreen Trio who so wonderfully entertained us over lunch; Laryssa Warne on violin, Maria Vander Hoek on cello and David Dixon on keyboard.



Manon went over the history of the Calgary Civic Orchestra. It has entertained Calgarians for 42 years. It was started as a venue for non-professional or retired musicians. It is still about 50% non-professional and is now 50 % professional musicians. She spoke about the types of programs that they do, both musical and community involvement: for instance exposing children to music they might not otherwise hear, plus allowing them to get up close and personal with the instruments.

Manon said that orchestras are basically like a team sport, with three groupings of instruments; the strings, the wind/Brass and the percussion instruments, and how they all must learn how to work together. The musicians range in age from 17 to 85 years, with an average age of 51 years and have an average of 16 years playing. She said they have several involvements with Rotary, as well as other community groups. She also played a video about the involvement of one orchestra member and a bit about his outside employment.

The program for their upcoming season is:

- **Romantic Russians – October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**
- **Holiday Stories – December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**
- **Immortal Beloved – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**
- **Fantastic Firebird – April 7, 2019**
- **Rising Stars-June 2, 2019**

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Check them out at [calgarycivicsymphony.ca](http://calgarycivicsymphony.ca) and considering ordering tickets.

Manon closed her presentation by fielding a couple of questions from members.



Judy Cochran thanked Manon for her presentation, and the Wintergreen Trio for their wonderful, music. Judy then presented Manon with our world-famous Boltman.

Before closing the meeting, Tim displayed a quilt created by **Shelly Dyson** who **had** sewed or crafted the quilt at the behest of **Sa'adat Keshavjee** to show off the tremendous number of pins indicating places where various Rotarians visited. Sa'adat and other Rotarians donated their pins, and it was used to display the global impact of Rotary in our Jubilee year.

Tim also reminded everyone of the upcoming Assembly meeting on the evening of October 10<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 6:00 pm at the Ranchmen's Club, fellowship at 5:30.

President Tim closed the meeting promptly at 1:28 pm.

**Coming Events**

<b>October: Economic and Community Development Month</b>	
1	Calgary Civic Symphony - Music Ensemble
8	<b>No Meeting: Thanksgiving Day</b>
10	Evening Assembly Meeting
15	Mary Moran: CEO Calgary 2026 Olympic Bid
22	<b>No meeting in favour of All-Clubs meeting, October 24</b>
24	All-Clubs "Polio-Plus" meeting

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29	Hallowe'en: Magic, Costumes and Goblins
	<b>November: Foundation Month</b>
5	RI Foundation and Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation
12	<b>No Meeting: Remembrance Day</b>
19	Grey Cup Programme
26	Lorelei Higgins: Indigenous Relations, Rotary Peace Fellowship
	<b>December: Disease Prevention and Treatment Month</b>
3	<b>Team Meeting</b>
10	Children's Choir: St Matthew's School (tentative)
17	International Community Service Programme
24	No Meeting. <b>CHRISTMAS EVE!</b>
31	Special Meeting: New Year's Eve Party (tentative)
	<b>January: Vocational Service Month</b>
7	Tina Varughese - Motivational Speaker
14	Keith Blake, Chief of Police, Tsuut'ina Nation
21	Special Programme: Robbie Burns' Day (tentative)
28	Stuart Cullum: President of Olds College
	<b>February: World Understanding Month</b>
4	Special Head Table Guests of Tim Anderson
11	St Valentine's Day Programme
18	<b>Family Day. No Meeting</b>
20	Evening Meeting: "Rotary West Radio LIVE
25	TBA
	<b>March: Literacy Month</b>
4	TBA
11	TBA
18	TBA
25	TBA