



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

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Together We Are People of Action - Building Community

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This meeting, club service was provided by:

- * **Bernie Ward** and **Garfield Ganong** on cash
- * **Bill Lawless** on 50/50
- * **Duncan Stanners** greeter
- * **David Impey** photos
- * **Ken Montgomery** AV

Robyn Braley led us in *O Canada*, and **Malcolm Harrison** provided the invocation.

Guests

Rev Pilmaiken Lezano, guest of **Bill Tapuska**
Dan Ball, guest of Bill Tapuska
Lisa Lehtio, exchange student from Finland
Laura Pipolo, exchange student from Brazil
Dalbin Rattan, guest of **Tim Anderson**
Sukl Brar, guest of Tim Anderson
Ron Grant, guest of Tim Anderson
Eileen Defreitas, **Des's** dear wife
Linda Strang, **Steve's** bride
Bill Dowhaluk, guest of **Alex McFadden**
Mary Moran, our guest speaker
Jenn Brown, Paralympian, another guest speaker
Hans Tiedemann, Calgary South Rotary Club

Announcements

* Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 24, 6:00 pm at the Global Cinema to celebrate World Polio Day with District 5360. Tickets can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/end-polio-now-live-stream-event-tickets-51295068932>

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- * Our Hallowe'en meeting on October 29 will be held at the Danish Canadian Club.
- * Once again this year we will be participating in the Memorial Day service on November 11 at the Carriage House Inn. Tickets are \$30, and may be purchased here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/rotary-remembers-2018-tickets-51392134257>
- * A sign-up sheet was passed around for those who are interested in attending a horse race night, November 9, at 6 pm hosted by the Kings. All members have been invited to attend.
- * Valentine Volvo is hosting a Feed the Hungry event at St. Mary's on Sunday October 28, and **Ted Valentine** is looking for volunteers to be table servers from 2-6 pm. Please give Ted a call if you would like to help.
- * Nobody claimed the 50/50 draw for \$38!

Today's Meeting

Laura Pipolo, an exchange student from Brazil, opened the meeting with an engaging description of her country.

We were then treated to a video from 31 years ago, with our own Bill Tapuska as the star. It was the story of the bobsled and luge runs at COP.

It was a great lead-in to our main speaker, introduced by Bill. Mary Moran is the CEO of Calgary's 2026 bid for the Winter Olympics and Paralympics. Mary is on leave from her role as head of Calgary Economic Development, which she has held since 2015.

There is a plebiscite on November 13, in which Calgarians can vote for or against the bid.

She started by showing us a film promoting the bid that was a collage of our Olympic and Paralympic athletes. The message was, "Together, let's shape the games".

There are two other competitors left in the bidding for the 2026 Olympics: Stockholm Sweden, and Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Final bids will be made on January 11, with a decision on June 24.

These Olympics will be double the size of the 1988 games.

Due to the cost of the games, the IOC has announced it requires the facilities to be an integral part of the existing urban city plans. 80% of the facilities must be pre-existing.

Operating costs of \$2.23 billion are offset by private contributions of \$2.45 billion, generating \$220 million for Paralympics.

A detailed budget has been prepared. It has 30-40,000 line items.

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Income to fund the games includes:

- \$1.5 billion from the government of Canada
- \$2.2 billion from private investors
- \$750 million from the Province of Alberta (increases debt by <1%)
- \$500 million from the city of Calgary

The impact of the games includes a GDP growth of \$2billion, \$200million in taxes and 2-3,000 jobs/year for seven years.

The legacy from the event includes two new venues (including a field house that has been unfunded for more than 20 years), 11 renewed venues (including the Saddledome, McMahon Stadium, COP, the Olympic Oval, Nakiska and Canmore), and 2,850 housing units for athletes that will become low cost housing.

The financial risks to hosting the games has been controlled by a \$1Billion contingency and insurance.



Coming Events

October: Economic and Community Development Month	
1	Calgary Civic Symphony - Music Ensemble
8	No Meeting: Thanksgiving Day
10	Evening Assembly Meeting

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15	Mary Moran: CEO Calgary 2026 Olympic Bid
22	No meeting in favour of All-Clubs meeting, October 24
24	All-Clubs "Polio-Plus" meeting
29	Hallowe'en: Magic, Costumes and Goblins
	November: Foundation Month
5	RI Foundation and Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation
12	No Meeting: Remembrance Day
19	Grey Cup Programme
26	Lorelei Higgins: Indigenous Relations, Rotary Peace Fellowship
	December: Disease Prevention and Treatment Month
3	Team Meeting
10	Children's Choir: St Matthew's School (tentative)
17	International Community Service Programme
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	Special Programme: Robbie Burns' Day (tentative)
28	Stuart Cullum: President of Olds College
	February: World Understanding Month
4	Special Head Table Guests of Tim Anderson
11	St Valentine's Day Programme
18	Family Day. No Meeting
20	Evening Meeting: "Rotary West Radio LIVE
25	TBA