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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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President Ben Kormos started the meeting at 12:15.

Robyn Braley led us in the national anthem, and **Evelyn Buckley** gave us the grace.

The head table consisted of our speaker **Tod Hirsch**, **Gail Williams**, **Mike Carlin** and Robyn Braley.

Gerry Meek welcomed our visitors and guests.

NAME THAT TUNE

President Ben played four tunes revolving around the theme of money. Surprisingly (to me), people were successful in guessing their titles.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Mike French filled in for Tim Anderson as SAA, or so it was alleged. [**Editor's Note:** Tim was due to do 50/50. Mike was the *official* SAA.] Tim was duly fined! [**Editor's Note:** See below!] All members of Team 2 were fined for something. Anyone believing in economist's reports was fined, as were those who disbelieved those reports! **Bernie Ward** gave a happy buck in acknowledgement of his 50th wedding anniversary, and **Bill Fitzsimmons** gave one in celebration of the successful Homes for Humanity project. Finally **Maggie Julian** was fined \$20 for forgetting the birth of her first grandson!

50/50 DRAW

[**Editor's Note:** There was no 50/50 draw this week because the person concerned, **President-elect Tim Anderson**, obviously does not read his emails.]

However, at some time during the meeting **Gerry Meek** won a book presented by today's speaker, entitled *Spiders in Space*, by virtue of the fact that Monday was his birthday!

ROTARY REMEMBERS

Robyn Braley reminded us of the all clubs Remembrance Day celebration at the Carriage House Inn on November 11. The cost is \$30 to November 3, and \$35 thereafter.

May 4 - 6, 2018: District Conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Calgary
June 23 - 27, 2018: Rotary International Conference, Toronto



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FEED THE HUNGRY

Steve Strang announced that he had just about enough volunteers for this coming Sunday's Feed the Hungry event. He would like more because of expected attrition. A comprehensive list of volunteers was circulated.

SPEAKER

Robyn Braley introduced our speaker, Todd Hirsch. Todd is the Chief Economist of ATB Financial and has an honours BA degree in Economics from the University of Alberta and an MA in Economics from the University of Calgary. He has worked as an economist at numerous organizations, including the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Canada West Foundation and the Bank of Canada. For almost a decade he taught Economics at the University of Calgary. He is also the author of three books and numerous publications, as well as being on the Board of Governors of the University of Calgary, and is the chair of the Calgary Arts Academy. He previously spoke to our club a couple of years ago.

Todd's topic was, "The Alberta Economy is Recovering: Reality or Illusion?" He contrasted various assertions supporting each viewpoint, eventually coming to the conclusion that, while neither was overwhelmingly true or false, a preferable viewpoint was that Alberta's economy is evolving. That is, it is moving from one set of operating principles to another based on development in technology.

This evolution is the premise of Todd's latest book entitled *Spiders in Space*. This isn't a science fiction horror story as you might imagine. Instead, it is a story of how people and animals adapt successfully to significant changes in circumstances. The example in the book is based upon the sending of spiders into space and how they adapted to building webs under conditions of weightlessness.

Todd's talk was interesting and thought provoking. More information can be had at his website: www.toddhirsch.com.

Mike Carlin thanked Todd and, since he already has a Boltman, he was given an Operation Eyesight gift certificate.





Coming Events

| October: Economic and Community Development Month | |
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| 2 | Dr Charles Samuels: Centre for Sleep and Human Performance |
| 9 | No Meeting: Thanksgiving Day |
| 12 | <i>Rotary After Hours - Bring a friend - Kensington Legion (6:00 pm)</i> |
| 16 | Todd Hirsch: Economist |
| 23 | Noon meeting cancelled in favour of an evening Assembly @ Kensington Legion, 6 pm |
| 30 | Hallowe'en Programme: Atsuchi Ono "Magic that Captivates" |
| 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 Weekend Presentation |
| 23 | <i>Rotary After Hours: Bring a friend - Kensington Legion (6:00 pm)</i> |
| 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 |
| 14 | <i>Rotary After Hours: Bring a friend — Kensington Legion (6:00 pm)</i> |
| 18 | Jubilee Programme: End of Jubilee Year |
| 25 | No Meeting: Christmas Day! |
| January | |
| 1 | No Meeting: New Year's Day |
| 8 | Inspirational Speaker: TBA |
| 15 | Dr Adam Montgomery: The Invisible Injured (Psychological Trauma in the Military) |
| 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 |
| February | |
| 5 | TBA |
| 12 | No Meeting: Strawberry Shortcakes preparation and delivery 13th and 14th |
| 19 | No Meeting: Family Day |
| 26 | TBA |
| March | |
| 5 | TBA |
| 12 | TBA |
| 19 | TBA |
| 26 | Evening Assembly |