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The Weekly Westerner

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Mondays 12.10 pm - 1.30 pm

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Together We Are People of Action - Building Community

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President Tim Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

Clarence Buckley gave an invocation with a Hallowe'en theme. It was very clever!

Robyn Braley led us in the national anthem.

Steve Strang introduced our visitors and guests.

The head table consisted of our speaker **Atsushi Ono**, President Tim, **Dalbir Rattan**, Robyn Braley, **David Impey**, **Don Campbell** and **Ted Valentine**.

Announcements

- President Tim told us about this year's Rotary Remembers lunch to honour Canadian soldiers who fought and died in all the wars in which our country has participated. It will be a particularly poignant event because it will occur exactly 100 years after the armistice which ended the First World War. The speaker will be **Dr. David Bercuson**, professor of history at the University of Calgary, who is a pre-eminent war historian.
- **Linda Anderson** kicked off this year's Christmas Wreath fund raising campaign. Linda said we can order our wreaths on the club website. She cautioned us to follow the website directions closely and carefully!
- **Bill Lawless** was up next. Bill announced that Community Kitchens would be on hand next week (November 5), along with the truck we helped buy for them.

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- **Sa'adat Keshavjee** spoke of Adventures in Citizenship, where we send a student to Ottawa to see how the government works. This has been an ongoing project for over 100 years. If you have a candidate for next year's effort, please contact Sa'adat, or Don Campbell.
- Don Campbell updated us with respect to Youth Exchange (YEX), saying that we are now sharing the exchange student with the Fish Creek Club. Next, he mentioned the RYPEN project and introduced a recent participant therein, **David Munyezamu**. David is a member of an immigrant family and felt different and excluded from other people. His participation in RYPEN allowed him to see that we are more alike than we are different. David is a well-spoken young man. Don also mentioned that we have an urgent need for more foster parents to look after our exchange students.



- **Steve Rickard** was up next and presented club cheques to the following people to advance their projects:
 - **Claude Massé**, along with Calgary North, for housing for children in central America.
 - **Wally Gardiner** of the High River Club for rebuilding housing in central America and
 - **Vivien Jones** for a Sudanese refugee scholarship program.

Claudé's project got \$3K, Wally's \$4.5K and Vivien's got 2.5K\$. This constituted all the funding the club had received for these projects.

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- **Mike Carlin** announced that November is Rotary Foundation Month and that, starting November 1, all Paul Harris fellows should wear their pins to possibly raise consciousness about the Rotary Foundation. The November 5 meeting will have a Foundation presentation.
- **Darren Grierson** told us about the Rotary After Hours group which meets on the last Wednesday evening of the month. Attendees are usually young Rotarians and others for whom the Monday meetings don't work. If you are interested, call Darren for details. The October 31 meeting will be at **Judy Cahoon's** at 7pm.

PROGRAM

This week, in acknowledgement of Halloween, we had a magician, **Atsushi Ono**, to entertain us. Atsushi was here last year as well. He has been a full-time professional magician for the last 13 years, and told us something of his background and how he came to be a magician.

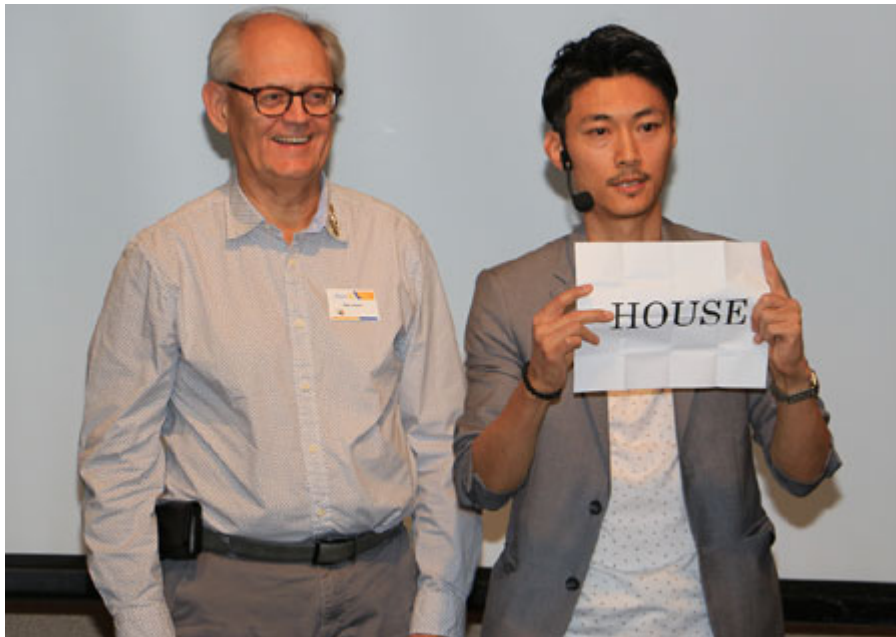
Atsushi performed a number of amazing and mind-boggling tricks for us, which were, at least for me, indistinguishable from real magic! I could not begin to fathom how they were done! Which, I suppose, is the point!

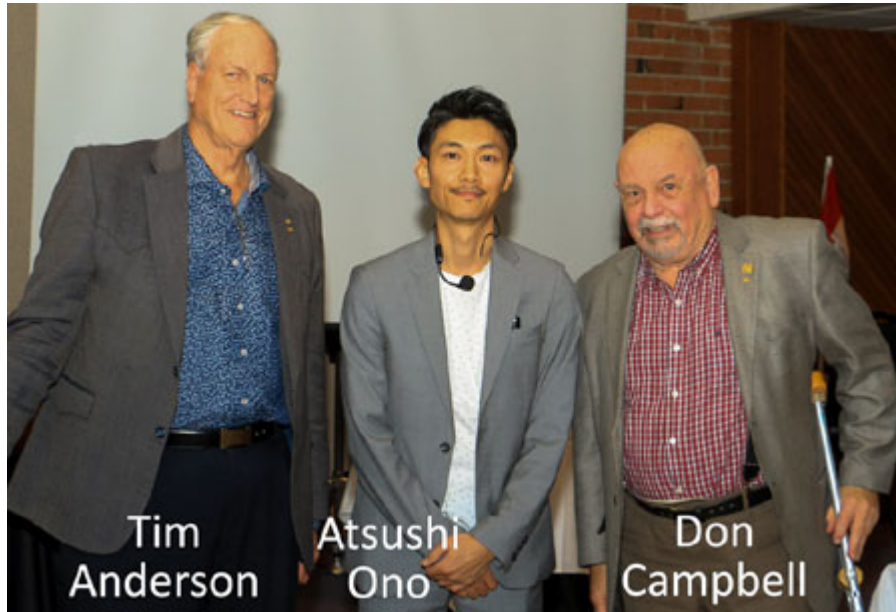
I particularly liked his first trick which involved having five individuals each punch one number into Atsushi's cell phone. Atsushi showed us the resulting five-digit number on the phone. He then reached into an envelope he had previously shown to us and extracted a sheet of paper with a five-digit number on it. This number did not agree with the number on the cell phone but, when it was turned upside down, it did! Amazing!



Don Campbell thanked Atsushi, commenting that his performance was "curious and puzzling". Don, instead of presenting Ono with his Boltman, stated that Atsushi already had one from last year so instead, a donation would be made in his name to the Polio Plus campaign.

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See all the photos at <http://www.calgarywestrotaryclub.org/Pictorials/2018Halloween.htm>

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

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March: Literacy Month	
4	Local Community Service Presentation
11	TBA
18	TBA
25	TBA
April: Maternal and Child-Care Month	
1	TBA
8	TBA
15	TBA
22	TBA
29	TBA