

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: Bill Fitzsimmons **President-Elect:** Marlene Doherty **Past President:** Gerry Meek
Secretary: Gail Williams **Treasurer:** Judy Cochran
Directors: Judy Cochran, Gord Cox, Darren Grierson, Barb Hames,
Ken Montgomery, Drew Turnbull

Together We Are People of Action - Building Community

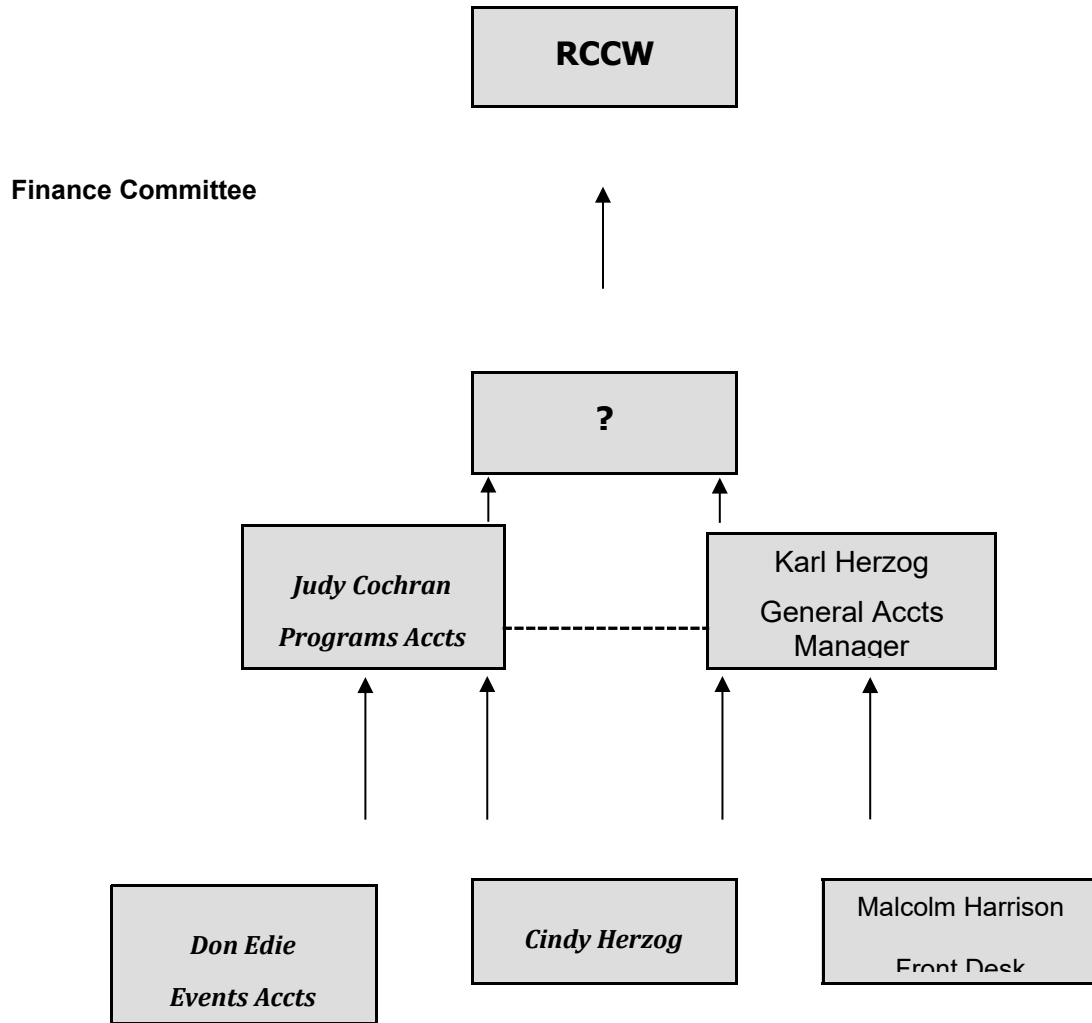
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President Bill Fitzsimmons opened the meeting at 12:04 pm with 37 participants increasing to 42 on the Zoom call. Prior to his opening, there was some preamble with a couple of announcements. Firstly, a special thank you to **Clarence and Evelyn Buckley** for hosting the "Brass at the Ranch", with an acknowledgement of **Don Edie** in shorts on a chilly day and **Judy Cochran** taking the money (a feminine thing!). Secondly, **Mike French** and **Maggie Julian** are finally arriving home from Australia on October 1st, with Mike's hip operation scheduled for October 22nd. Welcome back!

Announcements

- President Bill advised that the Downtown Club is ordering masks with the Rotary emblem and our theme "People of Action". 40 people indicated a willingness to purchase at \$8 per mask, and Bill will place the order. **Watch your inbox for details.**
- The Olympic Club is promoting a community "shred" project where they will take your documents and shred them for a donation. Contact Bill Fitzsimmons for further information.
- **Terry Felton** advised that we have been approved for a casino in the 4th quarter. Good news! He also supported the proposal to use his friend, **Ron Barmby's** book on climate change as a fundraiser, and to have him be our guest speaker in the future.
- **Tim Anderson** leads the speaker committee and is always looking for speaker ideas.
- Judy Cochran showed the new structure of the treasurer and finance committee which is being implemented to lessen the burden on the existing treasurer position. Basically, there are two new positions dividing up some of the work and creating a revised treasurer position. If you are interested in putting your name forward as a candidate for this revised position, or if you would like a copy of the roles and responsibilities, please contact **Judy Cochran, Marlene Doherty, Karl Herzog, or Bill Fitzsimmons.**

2020-2022



Club Finance Committee

- Chaired by the Treasurer
- Members include the Treasurer, Programs Accounts Manager, General Account Manager and Club Officers ex-officio.
- Provide financial support functions as required by the Treasurer

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President Bill introduced our program for today with a kick off of our fall social activities provided by **Barb Hames**; an overview of Club Service with **Gord Cox**; and an update of Local Community Service opportunities with **Bill Quinney**. Let's "get informed" and "get engaged"

Barb Hames reviewed the goals and objectives of the Fun and Fellowship intermediate plans. Some of the principals included the fact that major events must be affordable, inclusive and provide a comfort level during these Covid times.

- September 13th – "Brass at the Ranch" – 31 in attendance, affordable and great entertainment.
- September 15th – Golf Championship at McKenzie Meadows – a full slate of wannabees.
- Hats off to the organizers of golf (**Malcolm Harrison**) and hiking (**Peter Josty**). We will continue as long as weather permits and again next year.
- Turner Valley has the "best" Bavarian Beer and the committee is considering an Oktoberfest. Other opportunities for October include Thanksgiving.
- November is Grey Cup, which gives us an opportunity to come together and celebrate.
- Also, the dinner club will continue, albeit on a different basis with alternatives for breakfast, lunch, and dinner or a coffee-get-togethers.
- The committee is pursuing Pinebrook Christmas brunch which has been a successful event for over 30 years. Maybe two sittings??
- The committee is reviewing other fun and fellowship ideas, including: a sleigh ride, drive-in movies, karaoke night, games night and concerts.
- A book club has also been suggested.

There will be a questionnaire with six questions requesting direction and we would like everyone to respond. If you want to join the team, contact Barb Hames.

Gord Cox provided an update on Club Service activities under the following headings.

Communications Committee

- Committee (**Don Vokey**, **Bill Lawless**, **Duncan Stanners** and Gord Cox) have been meeting monthly and welcome new members.
- Currently working on updating our club website design as the existing version is approximately eight years old.
- Current content and easy navigation are important pieces of this undertaking.
- Develop compelling home page to attract more public attention and custom pages (members only) to use as a resource and improve communication for club members.
- Development and consistent use of social media platforms are a focus of the committee. Creation of a small team to operate our social media is required. Please contact Gord Cox if interested.

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- Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn are some of the most used.

In-Person Meetings

- Target date for resumption of in person meeting will be September 28th or October 5th.
- Our recent survey indicated an 80% result for resumption of in-person meetings.
- Number of in-person meetings will be two per month subject to review. Survey results indicated two or more meetings at 68%.
- Currently investigating the use of our woocommerce platform for the purchase of meals prior to the meeting. This would facilitate the safety of club members since a front desk would not be necessary.
- Attendant guidelines document will be provided to all club members (e.g. prepay meal, wear mask until seated and when leaving table).
- Zoom meeting component will be added to the in-person meetings. This will become a team responsibility.

Next step, meeting with team captains and co-captains to populate meeting duties schedule

Meals

- Meal price will move to \$30 and will include a door prize such as a bottle of wine. Donations for the door prize are welcomed. No 50/50 draw in order to avoid the handling of cash.
- The meals would all be plated with either a cold or hot meal that has saran wrap (for a sandwich meal) or a lid for a hot meal. Currently investigating other meal options. However, consideration must be given to sustainability of the Grey Eagle's financial model as to whether or not this is doable.
- Meal cards may no longer be practical. Difficult to use as an online payment type and create an additional layer of maintenance for the treasurer.
- Maximum four people per table.
- Water will be poured before arrival and refills available by request from staff.
- Coffee is served to each guest individually.

Local Services Committee

Bill Quinney took over the chair of the Local Services Committee this year and started off his presentation by acknowledging the good work done by his predecessor, Bill Lawless. Bill stated we have had some ad hoc opportunities for volunteering and we will continue to respond as needed. Recently, Loughheed House and the Chestermere Rotary Club required assistance at

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their casinos. Thank you to Terry Felton and **Steve Strang** for stepping up on short notice to help.

Bill reviewed the following volunteer opportunities, some of which we have been participating in for many years, and followed up with poll questions regarding those members who would wish to participate.

RCCW –Volunteer Opportunities LCS Committee Presentation

Feed the Hungary – Steve Strang

58%

- Up to 100 volunteers have been required to serve a hot meal to 500 - 700 of Calgary's homeless. This year will require just 10 people at handing out brown-bag dinner. The date this year is Sunday November 1.

Food Bank - Malcolm Harrison

- Organizes teams of 12 or more to help sort incoming food and arranges teams of two every Friday to hand out food. COVID canceled and changed this, so our current arrangement is on hold.

Literacy / CanLearn – Bill Quinney

- RCCW provided volunteers three to four per week for 10 weeks of an afternoon program called Rotary P4L. This was a three-year program with the club donating \$10,000 each year and providing up to 15 volunteers. Unfortunately COVID shut the program down. We are now supporting "Word Play" which is an online training tool to help grade 1 and 2 students to improve reading skills.

Rotary Challenger Park – **requires a lead**

- The RCCW has supported this one-of-a-kind park with both money and volunteers. Basically, we require a volunteer to maintain contact and be our liaison with the club.

Salvation Army Christmas Kettles - Drew Turnbull

58%

- The RCCW has eight to 10 volunteers to man the kettles prior to Christmas on one Saturday.

Habitat for Humanity – Bill Fitzsimmons

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- The RCCW has provided volunteers for the projects they undertake. A project will be forthcoming in the near future.

Highway Clean Up – **requires a lead** 50%

- For several years, **Larry Doyle** has organized a group of 12 to 15 volunteers to meet on a Saturday morning at Callaway Park and pick up litter along the north side of the highway (usually in the fall) ending up for coffee/lunch at the Petro Canada service station. Larry has agreed to work with the new lead.

Fish Creek Park Tree Wrap – **Bill Fitzsimmons** 31%

- On September 30, Bill will lead a group of up to 15 volunteers for three hours to wrap trees in Fish Creek Park to protect trees from the beavers.

Community Kitchens – **Bill Lawless**

- The RCCW has supported Community Kitchens by providing them financing on a three-ton refrigerated truck, as well as donations to their Good Food Box program

The LCS Committee in the three or four weeks of Christmas giving will now provide a volunteer opportunity to sort food similar to what we do at the Food Bank

- December 07 - 6 to 9 pm – 15 volunteers 33%
- December 08 – 1.00 to 3.30 – 20 volunteers 58%

Reset Society – **Bill Quinney** – **Bill Lawless** – **Claude Masse** 47%

- The LCS Committee has an application to build a new fence at one of the Reset Society's residences. The proposal is for us to tear down the old fence and provide up to \$5700 to build a new one.
- Claude is prepared to lead a group of 10 to 12 volunteers to not only tear down the old fence, but build a new one at a cost of \$3500 for materials. Could possibly do it this fall or in the spring. This would be a Saturday and Sunday project.

Food Bank Satellite Grace Church - **Marlene Doherty** 47%

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- Starting October 1, Thursday shifts from 2.30 to 6.00 assembling hampers
- Will likely require 12 people, so a schedule can be setup

President Bill had a poll to determine the receptivity to volunteer for the above service projects. The percentages adjacent to the project indicate the number of members willing to volunteer. Having in mind there were 42 in attendance, it would appear that there are more than enough interested to manage and support all the above. A detail schedule will be sent out to have every member self-identify with service projects.

President Bill closed the meeting a 1:20 pm. Next week: **Mary Turner, District Governor**, will give us an update on what is happening in the District and in other areas of the Rotary family. Please join us and show your support.

September: Basic Education and Literacy Month	
7	No Meeting. Labour Day
10`	Evening Zoom Meeting: Social Media - Facebook use for Rotary format
14	Club Engagement: Service and Social Roundup
21	District Governor Mary Turner
28	Club Assembly
October: Economic and Community Development Month	
5	Ken Keeler, GM Calgary Co-op
12	No Meeting: Thanksgiving
15	Evening Zoom Meeting: Past President's Reflections
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