



# 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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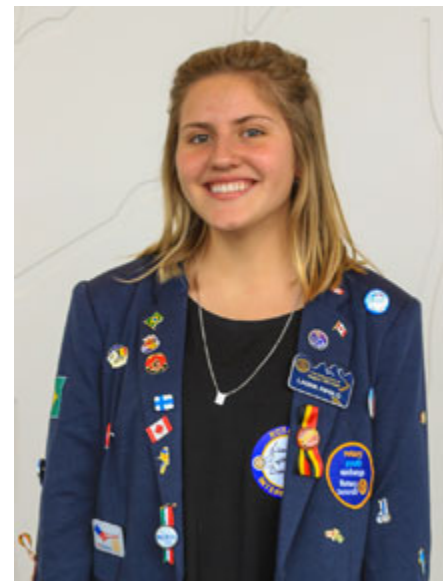
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The club front desk was manned by **Eduardo Watman** (cashier), **Paul Graham** (cashier), **Marie Rickard** (50/50) ticket seller, while **Larry Doyle** and **Marvin Pawlivsky** were the greeters.

**President Tim Anderson** called the meeting to order, followed by *O Canada* and an interesting invocation by **Judy Cochran**. [**Editor's Note:** I have copied Judy's invocation and placed it at the end of this bulletin, after Coming Events.]

After a tasty lunch of salad and butter chicken, Tim started the meeting agenda with the introduction of the head table.

**Terry Felton** came to the podium to introduce our special guest for a year, **Laura Pipolo** from Brazil. Laura, our inbound exchange student, speaking excellent English, let us know that she is 17 years old from a city near Sao Paulo. She is attending St. Mary's High School. She is currently staying with **Steve and Lynda Strang**. In November, she will move to her second host family, **Mel and Dan Warman** until February, 2019. We are sharing Laura with the Rotary Club of Fish Creek and they are providing the final two host families. If you want to spend some time with Laura, and are planning a special outing, please make sure that you are up to date with police checks and are registered as a youth volunteer and have taken the youth protection training available on-line. Stay tuned for a presentation by Laura at a future meeting.



## Announcements

### Highway Clean-up – Larry Doyle

- Clean-up takes place on Saturday, September 22, at 9am
- Meet at the east end of Calaway Park parking lot

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- Stay for a well-earned brunch at Humpty's

Acknowledgement of Grey Eagle Hotel and **Kevin Yates**, our corporate member, by President Tim  
**Opportunity to Volunteer at KAAHSINNONIKS (Our Ancestors) – David Wartman**

- This is a presentation to school groups at the Southern Jubilee Auditorium on October 3 and 4
- The topic is Making Treaty 7
- 10-20 volunteers are needed - Contact [nora@makingtreaty7.com](mailto:nora@makingtreaty7.com), or call Nora 587-899-1877

### The Rotary Foundation – Sa'adat Keshavjee

- Calgary West has been a 100% Paul Harris Fellow club in the recent past.
- The Rotary Foundation is one of the ten top charities in the world. The more money we give to the Foundation, the more is reallocated to our club through projects and matching grants.



- David Wartman was presented with his Paul Harris pin +3.
- For information on how to be a Paul Harris Fellow, contact **Gail Williams, Bill Quinney or Sa'adat Keshavjee.**

### Sergeant-at-Arms

President Tim announced that “sadly” there was enough time for Sergeant at Arms **David Williams**. (That sounds like a future fine!) David meticulously went through his infraction notes from the last few months and dinged **Chris Davis** for several **unique** fines. Chris argued for a statute of limitation, which was not granted, but, at least, for \$19.00 AND \$1 Happy Buck, he got a fresh start. President Tim did not get away unscathed, nor did **Robyn Braley or Terry Felton**. However, there was time for **HAPPY BUCKS!** **Chris Davis** was happy the hard work, although unsuccessful, of his campaign was over, and he and family will be remembering his late mom in a celebration. David Wartman was celebrating his

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daughter's new job at Simon Fraser. **Clarence and Evelyn Buckley** were thankful for the great 50-year-membership celebration for Clarence. **Joe Klassen** announced his very recent marriage to **Katherine**. Robyn Braley was happy to have moved into his new home.

### 50/50

President Tim asked our guest speaker, **Rod McCarroll**, to draw the winning ticket, and the **50/50 draw** was won by David Wartman.

After some inappropriate remarks about who was the better half in marriage regarding **Steve and Marie Rickard**, President Tim called **Marie Rickard** to introduce the speaker. (David Williams, I hope you have that on the records for the next Sergeant at Arms. Let it be known that I like Judy's comment about equal halves as more appropriate. Thanks, **Judy**.) [**Editor's Note**: So recorded for my next time as SAA!]

### Guest Speaker

Rod McCarroll is an Albertan, born and raised, a graduate of the University of Calgary, and married to Ingrid for 52 years. They have two children and three granddaughters. After ending his career in real estate successfully, he and his wife decided to travel. They have been to over 50 countries. In 2001, they created Friends Who Care International, a non-profit Canadian-registered charity with the mission to find a need and fill it. They focused on clean, healthy water in third world countries. They took one of the first courses in 2000 on Biosand Water Filters offered by CAWST (Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology). To date, they have introduced biosand water filters to India, Mexico, Nicaragua, Kenya and recently Bolivia. Rod says he is REFURED - not retired!

Rod had a great PowerPoint presentation, which I have and would be happy to share with you if you request. In summary, here are some significant facts that elevate the need for clean, safe water.

- 1.8 billion people are drinking contaminated water, and every day more than 30,000 people die because of contaminated water.
- Gastrointestinal sickness accounts for thousands of hours of lost school and work-place time, negatively affecting lifestyle and the economy.

Rod and his wife, Ingrid, have introduced biosand water filters to third world communities. The ongoing leadership, labour and all materials originate from the subject country. Nothing is imported. They perform a technology and information transfer to the local organization and work with them until they take ownership. The project is fully owned by the local organization. They identify and solve their own water issues.

The biosand water filter is made from concrete, so it is heavy and not easily relocated. I have attached a picture [see below] of what components make up the biosand filter. [**Editor's Note**: Actually this PDF file will be attached to the email I send when the bulletin is available. It will probably also be available on the website.] It is completely natural. Water is poured into the top of the filter. The diffusion plate

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slows the force of the water. The water then travels slowly into the biological layer at the top of the sand. Water continues slowly through the sand bed. After passing through both levels of gravel, the water is propelled up by the forces of gravity and out. There are no moving parts. The result is 99.5% pure water! A teaspoon of chlorine for each 20 litres can be added. CAWST has distributed 750,000 biosand water filters in more than 164 countries, impacting 14,900,000 people with clean water and sanitation! They also teach hygiene, and educate children and families. 99% of their teaching aids are pictures because of low-literacy rates. They appeal mostly to the women who want to relieve their families of disease and have healthy children. They also deliver wheelchairs when they travel to areas to teach.

Rod invited all of us to the CAWST Annual General Meeting, Thursday, September 20, 5 – 7:30pm at B2, 6020 2 Street SE, Calgary. Go to [www.cawst.org/cawstaggm](http://www.cawst.org/cawstaggm) for more information.

In response to questions, Rod stated that the cost of materials is about \$15, labour \$15 and set-up and follow-up is \$15. Cement is available everywhere he has operated. His charity, Friends Who Care International, is Rod and Ingrid McCarroll's non-profit organization. The biosand filter produces .eight litres of water per minute. The largest install they have done is five units in a church. If it gets plugged, it is easy to fix by agitating the biological layer with the fingers and scooping out the dirty water. The filter removes particles like bacteria and parasites, but cannot remove chemicals i.e. dissolved substances.



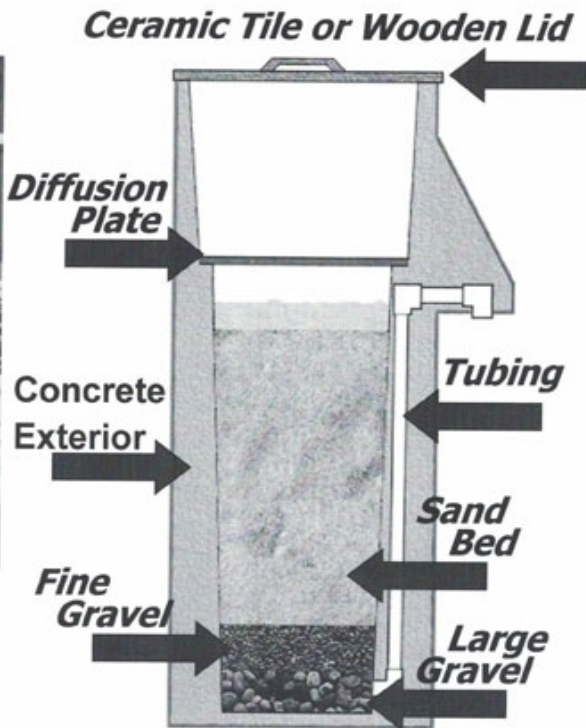
Steve Rickard ably thanked Rod, and presented him with our Boltman. Steve remarked that it was very commendable that Rod and Ingrid's family charity has supplied 175,000 biosand filters to the needy.

President Tim ended the meeting.

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## What's it made of?



### Coming Events

September: Basic Education and Literacy Month	
3	<b>No Meeting: Labour Day</b>
5	Evening "Make-up" meeting - tentative
10	Sandip Lalli, President and CEO, Calgary Chamber of Commerce
17	Rod McCarroll: Friends Who Care International
24	District Governor Dan Doherty's Visit
October: Economic and Community Development Month	
1	Calgary Civic Symphony - Music Ensemble
8	<b>No Meeting: Thanksgiving Day</b>
10	Evening Assembly Meeting
15	International Community Service Programme
22	<b>No meeting in favour of All-Clubs meeting, October 24</b>
24	All-Clubs "Polio-Plus" meeting
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	TBA
17	Children's Choir TBA
24	No Meeting. <b>CHRISTMAS EVE!</b>
31	Special Meeting: New Year's Eve Party - Tentative
<b>January</b>	
7	Motivational Speaker
14	Keith Blake, Chief of Police, Tsuut'ina Nation
21	Special Programme: Robbie Burns' Day - Tentative
28	TBA
<b>February</b>	
4	TBA
11	St Valentine's Day Programme
18	TBA
25	TBA

### **Good in the Worst of Us, Bad in the Best of Us**

Thank you for being at our Rotary meeting, For everyone that puts something into it, and everyone that gets something out of it. Bless this meeting and all who grace it. Help us to be gentle with ourselves and one another, not expecting more than any of us can produce. We know there is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us that it is hardly appropriate for any of us to talk about the rest of us. Strengthen our belief in the ultimate triumph of truth and right. Amen.