



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: Ben Kormos **President-Elect:** Tim Anderson **Past President:** Terry Felton
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All seemed rather quiet at 11:45 am on this Monday morning at the Grey Eagle Hotel. Members and guests began to trickle in shortly thereafter, swelling to the usual line ups at about 12:00 noon.

The front desk was staffed by **Bernie Ward** and **David Impey**. **Darren Grierson** sold 50/50 tickets and guests were warmly welcomed by **Bill Lawless**.

President Ben Kormos called the meeting to order at 12:15, thanking all for attending and the Grey Eagle Hotel and staff for their gracious hospitality. In the absence of a lead vocalist, *O Canada* was sung in a variety of keys and tempos, followed by **Bill Tapuska** providing a classic Rotary invocation, with the help of **Ted Valentine**.

Seated at the head table were Ben Kormos, **Debbie Barry**, **Bill Quinney**, **Don Campbell**, **Judy Cochran** and **Marie Rickard**. There was no outside guest speaker at this meeting, a special Youth Jubilee Celebration programme.

Visitors and guests were introduced by Bill Lawless:

- **Joy Taylor** (guest of Debbie Barry)
- **Val Campbell** (guest of Dan Campbell)
- **Roger Jarvis**, **Leon Popok** and **Bryan Walton** (Calgary South)
- **Bill Skinner** (Calgary Heritage)
- **Henry Dunfield** and **Pietro Giffa** (Calgary Fish Creek)

Marie Rickard won the 50/50 pot of \$28.50.

President Ben played a musical piece, asking us to guess the source country (Indonesia – Bali).

Sergeant-at-Arms **Tim Anderson** imposed fines for “recognitions”, characteristics and incidents associated with a number of members, and Debbie Barry contributed \$5 in recognition of **Ken Montgomery**’s superlative work on the A/V for the day.

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Hot Seats

- **Joe Klassen** is calling for bridge players to join his monthly couples bridge club (singles are also welcome as spares are inevitably needed).
- **Steve Strang** reported that he had met with (past exchange student) **Lori Mattei** and his family in Milan and returned with their club banner.
- **Henry Dunfield** (Calgary Fish Creek) described the New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE) which is new to our district. This programme is for graduates looking for international experience/exposure. **Pietro**, for example, is a 3rd year university student from Italy. He described how rewarding the experience is for him and encouraged us to send someone to Italy.



- Dan Doherty promoted Alive Inside, an evening devoted to the importance of music therapy in managing dementia. The September 28 event will also be attended by staff from the Bethany Care Centre and Darren encouraged us all to attend.
- Dan Doherty presented a banner from the Salt Lake City Rotary Club.
- Bill Quinney reminded us that the Chestermere club is holding The Amazing Race on Saturday. Volunteers and participants would be appreciated. Bill also thanked **Cha Cha Chansiri** for the support she has already provided.

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Programme

Bill Quinney introduced our main programme for the day, a Jubilee celebration of our youth exchange programme over the years, and thanked Judy and Debbie for putting the programme together.

Debbie kicked things off, introducing the presentation, thanking all parties involved and stressing how YEX simply could not happen, nor be the success it is, without the enthusiasm and commitment of the host families. A video provided interviews (by Don Campbell) of several Rotarians who had been host families, and who described their wonderful experiences, the relationships developed and the opportunity to showcase Canada. Members are highly encouraged to host future students. Past exchange students provided letters and photos, describing how memorable and significant their experiences had been for them.

Presentations were given by **Mike Carlin**, **Sa'adat Keshavjee** (on behalf of **Tony and Arien Knight**), Sa'adat (on his own behalf), **Evelyn Buckley**, Bill Quinney, **Marlene Doherty**, Marie Rickard, Steve Strang and Darren Grierson. These presentations included letters they had received from their past students and what those students are doing now.

Debbie introduced a slide show of photos – memories from the past – ending with the quotation from Lori: “Exchange is not a year in your life, it is your life in a year”.

Judy Cochran had an update from Lori, in which he again expressed huge thanks to our club, and stated his intent to join Rotary one day.

Final thanks were expressed to all those on the organizing committee and, of course, to all the host families.

President Ben reminded us of the board meeting on September 21 (any member may attend), the Alive Inside presentation (September 28, 6:00pm) and the next Rotary After Hours meeting (also September 28, 6:00pm and, if we have to choose between these latter two, choose Alive Inside).

Next week is a very special speaker presenting on integration into, and diversity within, Canadian society. Please RSVP to confirm attendance (click on the club website).

The meeting adjourned at 1:33pm.

Coming Events

September: Basic Education and Literary Month	
4	No Meeting: Labour Day
11	District Governor Rick Istead
18	Youth Exchange: A Jubilee Programme
25	Ghada Al Atrash: "Stripped to the Bone", a Portrait of Syrian Women



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28	<i>Rotary After Hours — Bring a friend - Kensington Legion (6:00 pm)(+ Financials summary distributed for reading)</i>
October: Economic and Community Development Month	
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: Costumes and Magic Tricks
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	TBA
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	Provincial Court of Alberta: TBA
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	
6	TBA
12	TBA
19	TBA
26	Evening Assembly

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