



# 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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Here are some short notes about Wednesday's evening meeting. Interestingly it is much more like the team meetings we have had where we discuss what our Rotary club is doing and where it is going. Great conversation on Wednesday night.

Thirteen (count 'em), 13 of us, including one from the After Hours club, attended this meeting.

The meeting convened at 6 pm as we all ordered our food and drink. I (President Tim) presented a short video by Hans Rosling showing how the world is continually improving. Afterwards, we looked at a PowerPoint presentation of pictures from the Rotary International convention this past June in Toronto. Because it was attended by some 37,000 +/- Rotarians, there were terrific presenters and presentations.

Of particular interest were the fellowship categories (everything from Whiskey aficionados to Yoga relaxation groups, motorcycles, yachting, wine, doctors and literally hundreds more) and the Rotary Action Groups which have grown out of those fellowships. The fellowships are where interested Rotarians see each other and add newly interested convention goers every year at the conventions. The Rotary Action Groups are where a fellowship that might just have been some Rotarians with a particular interest, say water or medical, have moved from a fellowship to a coordinated cross club and continent specific project. This provides larger and more coordinated responses on specific problem areas.

**Nicole Lavigne**, a very enthusiastic former exchange student and third generation Rotarian, joined us after her work. A lively 45-minute discussion ensued about membership, their formats and requirements, meeting structure, timing and location, attitudes about change and opportunity.

Nicole is with the Calgary West After Hours Rotary Club. (Thanks PP Ben Kormos for being instrumental in working with this group.) It's vital to Calgary Rotary clubs' future, in particular, Calgary West. They meet once a month, usually in a brewery on the last Wednesday of each month. A few of our attending Monday members and board member **Mel Warman** visibly brightened up upon hearing this (ie about the brewery) and now intend to attend!



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Some of us, including me, will attend when and where possible. Their meetings are called brainstorming meetings and they also like to do physical volunteering once a month.

Energy, enthusiasm, volunteering time - this is our, Rotary future.

See you on Monday.

Tim A



**Coming Events**

<b>September: Basic Education and Literacy Month</b>	
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
<b>October: Economic and Community Development Month</b>	
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

May 1 - 3, 2019: District Conference, Olds  
 June 1 - 5, 2019: Rotary International Conference, Hamburg



<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