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MEETING NOTES

It's standing room only at Gunn's Dairy Barn today. We have Rotary guests, family and friends today all sharing the same faint hope of a sunny and warm day. President Bob catches a few off guard with his newsbreak about the resignation of Gary Bettman from the NHL. We knew it was too good to be true when he hooked with the line about all the Canadian teams making the playoffs. Bob then pledges us to *Service above Self* far and wide.



The guest introductions take until the end of breakfast, but really we are glad to have a full house. AG David Townsend and Jamie McLeod from Calgary West, Rob van Haarlem, Charlie Goldsborough, Justin Noda, Stan Johnson and Hans Tiedemann from Calgary South, Alan Stewart from Downtown and Glenna Moser from Fish Creek are our visiting Rotarians.

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Family guests included Dale Bjorgan, Rob Gray, Kathy Gray, Bonnie Semeschuk and Quim & Miko Legaspi. Brian Semeschuk also brought friends Brett MacAughley, Dorothy McPhalen and Doug Kyle.



PODIUM DASH

The Rotary Club of Calgary is having a show and Ball, April 8th. Tickets are \$125, and there will be a feature of the exchange students giving a presentation.

Peter Harding advises that the golf tournament is still looking for one gold, and several bronze and silver sponsors, a hole-in-one sponsor, 44 golfers (which would be solved with 10 silver sponsors) and auction items. We are also encouraged to donate a bottle to the party bucket raffle.

Anniina had a week of snow. She spent time with Wynne, and is moving to the Kinley's this weekend.

ADG Dave Townsend said hello.

Glenna Moser of the Fish Creek Club invited us to join them at a fundraiser on April 15th. You can contact her or President Bob for more details.

NEW MEMBER

We inducted a new member, Bill Skinner, who will be loaned the classification of Geologist.

Bill has been married 37 years and describes himself as spending less time working and more time on special projects, which include water and sanitation projects.

He has experienced Rotary previously, presenting and working on the ground with projects in Guatemala.





50/50

AG Dave Townsend draws the first card on a new 50/50 pot, and handles his loss gracefully.



SUNSHINE REPORT –DOUG HOOD

Doug Hood shared the shortest fairy tale ever as his sunshine report.

HAPPY BUCKS

Happy Dollars are too plentiful to count in this revved-up crowd.

SHERIFF –BETTY LITTLE

Our Sheriff today is Doug Hood who allows us all to plead instead of go through the process of a drawn out trial. All pleas are given to the Japan relief effort and amount to more than \$420.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DISTRICT 5360

District 5360 Conference in Red Deer the weekend of April 29 through May 1, 2011.

Sign up on the District website

SPEAKER PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE - SHARE THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Wynne describes the Adopt-a-Village program as a way to be more comprehensive than doing a single project and leaving. There are 3 key elements to a project, compared to the three legs required for a chair; *Health, Hunger, Education*. Goals for selection include need, finding a reliable partner club, and a safe place for our project.

Anniina shared a moment, reflecting on what she had seen on her visit to PV this past winter. She described it as a way to see PV as more than a beach, as a way to help those in need.

Brian Semeschuk talked about the "Feed the Children of Vallarta" project and described the interrelationship with the members of Club Sur Rotary and how helpful it is to have expats resident there to help translate and bridge cultural gaps.





Zuzanna described the Sabrina Program (and I apologize for being overwhelmed in my note-taking). There are several programs, including one for those requiring care for various handicaps. This provides a safe place where children can be attended and served with moderate levels of therapy while the parents earn the keep for the family. This is serving folks who have no support for their family while they are at work, and caregiving can prevent them from participating in earning a living.

Garry takes the helm and describes the *Share the gift of Music program*. This is a project to provide music to those who would otherwise not be exposed. The objective is to provide a hand up to disadvantaged kids, and to help develop discipline, community and friendship. In this case the school provides the teacher, storage for these indigenous instruments and facilities.

Another project is Tecunda 81 school, where we have helped to raise over \$10,000 to bring music to 1,500 students who did not have this prior. With 42 instruments, they kids are engaged and often perform at community events. The smiles on the kids and their parents gives away the sense of pride and joy they experience.

Why PV? There is poverty. There is opportunity to help. There is a god partner. There is safe and convenient travel for oversight and fellowship. This is a unique project to our club.

Garry reminds us that there is still about \$15,000 to complete the projects at this time, and presented a budget outlining how this is proposed to be achieved. Garry made mention of travelling to Africa to check out some potential projects, and also that Max Patel is looking at a school project in India. I'm sure we'll hear more on these in the future.

Brian talked more about the Feed the Children of Vallarta project and helping 300 kids at the school of champions, 1,500 cold breakfast to kids everyday, and even 300 kids fed each night. Some of the challenges include things like lacking reliable power to supple electronic gear that would help educate these communities into the current age, and look to the future.

CLOSING LYRICS

"People say that your dreams
Are the only things that save you."

Arcade Fire from 2004 album of the decade
"Funeral"

