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MEETING NOTES

It is hockey play off season and President "Coach" Bob was elated that the Canadian teams were doing well in the first round.

After a rousing "O'Canada" led by David McKeown to start things off, the guest players were introduced by Ferdi Legaspi including 4 students and one teacher, Karen Webster, from Juno Beach Academy. Then the stands grew silent as Din Peerani provided a pre-game blessing in both Arabic and English about peace and caring that we could all relate to.

Suddenly the puck was dropped, well actually the plates were handed out, by our forward, Joan Bedard, and the first period of fellowship and eating was underway. The first period was fairly uneventful with no penalties for offside in the buffet line or high knife and forking or elbowing at the tables. After the bell rang to end the meal period the score was tied and we needed a rest to settle our tummy from eating and laughing. The second period was jammed with action.

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Coach Bob started with a motivational presentation showing that our history evidenced an average of 64% membership involvement in fund raising events and he encouraged us, not to be disappointed in this so that we saw the glass as partially empty but to see this as an opportunity to work together to fill the glass. He pointed out that there was not better way than our upcoming golf tournament to step up by bringing in sponsors, teams of player, prizes and taking part as a volunteer at the event itself.

FOR A MINUTE

Carl Herzog made some points by announcing our meeting on June 17th would be held at the Motive Action location and includes a tour of the facility that we have been helping over the years. The location will be forthcoming and the meeting will start at the usual 7:00 AM that Friday morning.

He also announced that a group of clubs in our district were organizing a Rotary Everest Trek in 2012 with funds raised to go to the Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation to build a school and educate the less fortunate children of Nepal and provide them and their families with a better life. There are two organized treks in April and May of 2012.

For more information go to

www.rotaryeveresttrek.org or info@rotaryeveresttrek.org

Harold presented a motion that our club spend \$100. to purchase an annual membership in Rotary Challenger Park, which was seconded by Mark Rowe and past unanimously.

Harold Aitkenhead put forth a motion on behalf of the Community Service team to provide \$1,000 to support our member Betty Little in her involvement in the "Walk to End Women's Cancers". Betty is walking as a representative of our club to show support for Zuzana Carter-Edwards. Seconded by David McKeown and passed unanimously.

With the upcoming arrival of our new exchange student we have to complete police checks on those new members that plan to take the student on outings or events.

Wynne Bjorgan is organizing this so please let her know if you plan to be involved with the exchange student and have not completed the police check.

Our import player Anniina skated through her week's events providing a humorous summary of her acting endeavor with a non cooperating tape machine and a lazy morning breakfast being prepared and served by some gentlemen.



NEW MEMBER

We have acquired a new team member named Doug Kyle and if there are no objections, or we don't scare him off, he will be inducted as a member in a couple of weeks.

Doug is sponsored by Raju Paul and his classification will be Oil and Gas Production.





Fresh on the trail of our inbound exchange student's week events, Doug Kinley reminded us that our next exchange student is arriving in a few months and he is looking for some host families for this young man from Turkey.

Doug Kinley also announced a camping weekend on his ranch Aug 20th and 21st. Should be a great time and I expect a number of happy bucks or fines the following Friday.

JUNO BEACH ACADEMY

John Radermacher sadly announced we would not be having a Rotary 4 Way Test Speech Contest this year but he did have a couple of the students from Juno Beach Academy and members of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire explain their project of a peace garden and memorial near their school.

The flower garden and memorial, engraved with "Lest we forget" and a dove, will be the centre of a red concrete area in the shape of the Remembrance Day poppy. It will be a place of friendly gathering and reflection and include a number of benches for people to sit and enjoy the surroundings.

They have a big job cut out for them with only a small portion of the funds raised so far but from their enthusiasm and determination I suspect this project will be completed sooner than latter. All the best to the presenters Megan and Taryn and to everyone involved in this project.



SUNSHINE REPORT –JOHN RADERMACHER

No birthdays or club anniversaries but John did remind Dennis Tillotson to be nice to his wife Beth, on their upcoming wedding anniversary.

John then proceeded to tell an old cowboy joke by the numbers. Was it funny?

All I can say is #45

50/50

50/50 was run by Meredith Petrie and the lucky ticket was held by one of our newer members Tara. She was excited as she rattled off the Rotary 4 Way Test on route to winning the \$78.50 jackpot but was checked into the boards by the elusive Joker.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE DISTRICT 5360

Coach Bob reminded us of the District 5360 conference in Red Deer on the weekend of April 29th through May 1st and that there is still time to register.



HAPPY BUCKS

Garry Gray was excited about going off on a 7 day sledding trip and he was thrilled with the job that Meredith did on the new table signs showing our clubs charitable involvement around the city and the world.

Doug Kinley was happy to have Anniina moved in for the first 10 days of her stay with his family even though she was distraught about losing her cell phone.

Bob Sadler happy to have enjoyed 10 days away from our fowl weather

John Radermacher happy to welcome the guests from Juno Beach Academy

Bob Clark added a ditto dollar to John R's

SHERIFF

Sheriff Bob Saddler wasn't too hard on us as we were running short of time.

Joan Bedard was caught coming in late

Tara, Wynne and Jim Davis caught playing with their Blackberry.

New member Sheila Tyminsky fined for not having a name badge

Norm Haines fined for not being around to be picked on

And everyone who did not buy a 50/50 ticket had to anti up a buck.



SPEAKER PROGRAM

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS.

Wow! There was so much action happening, that must have been two periods.

So now we went in to sudden death overtime.

Our guest speaker was Richard Truscott of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. The organization is celebrating its 40th anniversary and over that period CFIB has evolved and grown to over 107,000 members nationally. As a group the demand and encourage new initiatives to help members and all small businesses to save money, be more competitive, and assist them in growing their businesses. They are involved in petitioning the various levels of government for fairness and equality in taxation issues, employment insurance issues, government regulations and red tape, bank and financing issues and issues around labor shortages and training requirements.

There was a lot of good information and statistics to ponder unfortunately Richard had to cut the presentation short due to the amount of activity we had in today's meeting. If you are a small business person or entrepreneur or





just an interest party, you can get the full story on their website www.cfib.ca or contact the local District Manager, Ed Wyse, at ed.wyse@cfib.ca

And that was the game which I am pretty sure was won by the home team, the Heritage Park Rotarians.



CLOSING LYRICS

Bob ended the game with the post game words of the band Thin Lizzy setting out the excitement of the games yet to come, "The boys are back in town!"

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IMPORTANT
NO MEETING FRIDAY APRIL 22