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MEETING NOTES

A cold, cold morning reminds us that winter is still here and going strong. It is a testament to the commitment of our members that we have a good attendance in this weather. Once inside, we all warm up.

We are greeted by Ferdie, and Peter Pallesen is selling the 50/50 with a lot of support from Al Hardstaff. Guests include Katie and Kristi Rennie, and prospective member, Tara Seitz. After the National Anthem, Harold gives a thoughtful blessing, encouraging us to remember those who are living in turmoil. Wynne continues the parade of Past Presidents by offering us our plates.

President Bob interrupts our banter with some club business the Club Strategic Meeting at Rotary Hall on Thursday March 4. And a special thought for Zuzanna who is experiencing health problems. We all wish the best for her.



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PODIUM DASH

Garry Gray and Doug Hood are preparing the summary of the fundraising committee survey to present in the very near future, in fact next Friday.

Peter Harding acknowledges that it is only March, but June will soon be here. There has been excellent response for the golf tournament, but we could still use a few more of each category of sponsor.

Outbound exchange student Katie has been informed she will be going to Brazil. She is expectedly quite excited, and left with a few books on that nation and preparations for learning the language.

Anniina has been enjoying a few free days from school. She has skied Lake Louise and has been taking snowboarding lessons. Her immersion into Rotary seems complete, having attended 3 meetings in 24 hours by visiting the East and Sarcee clubs with fellow RYE participants.



IMPORTANT NEWS

President Bob announced that the Board has approved the application for membership from Tara Seitz. She has been assigned the classification geospatialist.

Any objections should be noted to the President.

SUNSHINE REPORT – John Radermacher

John Radermacher gives what is deemed the *cloudy report* in place of sunshine. Bob Clark is having a club anniversary, and Peter Pallesen is celebrating 26 years in Rotary. John leaves us hanging in suspense with his story of seducing his wife by getting a snowblower. I remain confused, but hope John survives.



HAPPY BUCKS

Oh boy, are we happy today!

Betty Little for 4 weeks in Palm Springs

Garry has a thought for Zuzanna, and also for the return of some pilfered club paraphernalia.

Jim Sawers daughter is one of the guests returning to her Millrise condo after that devastating fire.

Brian Humphries is grateful for the ties, but is still accepting more.

Helen is happy for her Mommy instinct.

Raju Paul acknowledges Rotary on the Heritage Park brightly-lit sign on 14th st.

Wynne has a thought for Zuzanna

Al Black is glad to have sight in both eyes again.

Bill Hope gives a buck for bad storytelling

Brian Semeschuk honours Zuzanna's work in International Service



50/50

Peter Pallesen leads the game today, and *Hairless Humphries* holds the lucky ticket. The successful recitation of the 4-way test rewards him with a losing card. The pot is likely to exceed \$1500 next week.

SHERIFF - Bob Sadler



Betty Little for being lackadaisical

Brian Humphries pays a second time for his haircut

Norm Haines and Doug Hood for misunderestimating the difference between earth and space.

Peter Pallesen for being a little slow with the happy buck pot.

Wynne for being quiet. (at least that's what he said)

John R for having the brass to pull the snowblower trick (we'll see if he's survives to next week)



Derek Bechthold

We have the pleasure of Rotarian (Calgary Sarcee) Derek Bechthold who is the Director of Major Gifts and Stewardship with Inn From the Cold. Derek shares a few anecdotes at the start of his discussion to illustrate that it is not the stereotype of 'hobo' that they are supporting. Young mothers who have been left in the lurch, executives who have fallen into a downward spiral after losing their stable employment are the true face of homelessness in Calgary.

Derek describes the beginnings of this organization in the basement of St. Michael's church to currently having 65 Inns (churches, synagogues etc.) that provided 10,361 emergency beds for singles in 2010. That is in addition to 217 unique families served at the facility (that translates to 319 children). They served over 34,000 nutritious meals. The Family Shelter on 11th Ave includes a kids room that benefitted from a \$65,000 donation and bears our club name. The 26,000 sq ft shelter can have as many as 80-90 individuals at one time including 45 kids at one point (25 of whom were 4 and under). Derek acknowledges how beneficial it is for the kids to have their unique space to play and be kids.

A key evolution point is programming. Further to other challenges these families face is a lack of art, crafts and culture going forward, so they are leveraging relationships with other groups and will be doing things like have the CPO come and share music with the kids. He reminds us that a great way for service clubs to take a leadership role is to attend the facility and see things firsthand.

CONCLUSION

Bob Clark closes the meeting with lyrics from the band Heart, who recently played in Calgary and Bob gloats about attending.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

CLUB LEADERSHIP REVIEW

March 3, 2011, Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Location: Rotary Hall

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