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MEETING NOTES

President Bob rang the bell to kick off his penultimate meeting. Peter Harding led O'Canada and Al Black gave the Rotary blessing and a very enthusiastic Jim Hennessy offered up a rousing "Amen!" half way through and again at the conclusion.

President Bob then announced that the coming Friday June 24th would be his Ultimate meeting. I'm sure he is looking forward to that with mixed emotions.

This weeks meeting was held at the Motive-Action training center which our club has assisted with over the years with funds for equipment and tools.

Always great to have a new experience and President Bob provided Doris Kutrowski, who was looking very pretty in pink, with the new experience of plate polisher for the buffet breakfast. To Doris's delight the plates were Styrofoam so there was not polishing or heavy lifting required.

Bill Hope arrived a little late but was adamant that he had to go to Heritage Park to make sure none of the members went there by mistake. We know at least on member that went there by mistake, don't we Bill?

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After the wonderful breakfast President Bob told a story of a veterinarian dealing with a lady and her seemingly dead parrot. Sounding suspiciously Monty Pythonish the story took a turn for the worse with a substantial fee increase to the poor woman as a Labrador retriever and his feline friend provide confirmation of the parrot's demise with a lab report and cat scan. We look forward to next week and President Bob's ultimate joke.



PRESIDENT BOB'S REMINDERS:

Calgary Vipers baseball team Rotary day, August 19, 2011. \$50. per person gets you in to the ball park with great seats along the 3rd base line. A steak dinner and a free ticket to another game during the Vipers regular season. The is both a fun family event and a fund raiser so grab your ball glove and get out and root, root, root for the home team at the old ball game.

The Calgary Stampede Rotary Lunch. This year the Stampede lunch will be held in the Palliser Hotel, Crystal Ballroom. \$50. get you a fabulous western lunch and great entertainment by the Stampede Young Canadians.

PODIUM DASH

Doris gave her penultimate plea for golfers, prizes and sponsors for this year's golf tournament which happens Tuesday June 28th at the River Spirit Golf Course.

Martin Harvey followed with his request for volunteers for the event. This will be our main fund raiser this year so let's get involved in making it a success.

Al Hardstaff is looking for volunteers to help with the clean up after this year's Hay's Breakfast at Heritage Park on Sunday July 10th. He has volunteers for set up on Friday afternoon and to look after mixing and serving drinks on the Sunday morning. Clean up starts at 9:00 AM and lasts for about an hour. Call Al to volunteer and bring your rubber boots.

Bob Sadler displayed a beautiful banner recently donated to the Rotary museum in Heritage Park. It was done a few years ago for a district conference and each patch was done separately by each of the clubs in District 5360 at that time.

A wonderful piece of history that will be proudly displayed in Rotary Hall.

50/50

This week's ticket ended in 007 and Bruce Byford was the lucky holder of said ticket.

Just like James Bond he calmly recited the Rotary 4 Way Test and with steely eye and steady nerve drew his card. Unfortunately the deck must have been shaken not stirred and the Joker, once again, eluded detection.





John Radermacher proudly announced we were recognized by the students at the school Banting and Best for our contributions and work with the "It's a Crime Not to Read" program. Asha and Walter attended the ceremony on behalf of our club and received numerous hand made thank you cards that were passed around the meeting.

Great program that we hope to continue with in years to come.

Garry Gray reminded everyone to find an avenue of service to get involved with.

He and the executive will be calling on everyone to ensure no one misses this opportunity for service.

HAPPY BUCKS

Jim Hennessy raved about the fun he had at this year's President's Social and felt it was a fitting send off to recognize President Bob Clark's year.

Laurie Jacques was sad about the Vancouver Canucks lose.

Martin advised us that Elvis was seen in Okotoks and that he is available to visit you on request.

Harold was pleased that his wife was in attendance at the meeting and that they were off on a Rotary exchange trip to England

Bob Clark threw in a big "Thank You" buck for the effort put forth for this year's President's Social.

SHERRIFF:

Sheriff – Jim Hennessy surprised us with having not appointed a sheriff and then feel guilty decided he would lighten our pockets himself.

He tapped a few unsuspecting souls like Peter for jazzing up O'Canada, Raju for not being fast enough with the camera, Bill Hope for being late and even himself for being over zealous during the Grace. After Jim's efforts President Bob picked up a couple of bucks from Mark Rowe for a table etiquette error and Steve Rickard for something to do with a belly dancer at the District Conference. Not sure of the full story but Steve anteed up with no hesitation.

PROGRAM

MOTIVE ACTION

Our guest speakers were people from Motive Action. Karl Herzog is our main connection to the organization but had to leave early for another commitment.

He turned things over to Mike Hanson, a mechanic and long time instructor with the program, who gave us the history of the program and their success rates to date.





The program has been going for 25 years and is funded through Government Apprentice funding and private funding such as which we provide.

They run about 96 people through the program each year and have 80% successful completion rate or which 90% find jobs quickly and 6 months later 80% are still working.

Motive Action doesn't just teach basic mechanics they teach people how to work. They call it "Employment Training". Their clientele are age 18 to 30 with some older students on occasion. Many are getting their lives back on track after dealing with a variety of personal issues and others are new immigrants to Canada learning new skills to support themselves and their families.

They learn basic automotive mechanics but also life skills, human interaction skills, work ethics and more. Motive action instructs on the theory behind the job, how to work professionally in a shop environment, provides three months hands-on trade experience and assists with finding job opportunities after the program is complete.

Each class has an awards ceremony and the students who demonstrate the highest level of the programs 4 principles of Reliability, Hard Work, Honesty, and Respectfulness for themselves and those around them can receive the "Golden Wrench" award plus \$100. in recognition of their accomplishments.

For more information on the program check the Motive Action website www.motiveaction.com



The presentation was concluded by a recently graduated student, Ashley, who raised many a tear in the crowd as she spoke of coming into the program with no skills, no confidence or self respect and basically no hope. She expounded eloquently and confidently on the benefits the program has given her and proudly announced she was starting her new job shortly and now has a career and life ahead of her.

CONCLUSION

President Bob wrapped the meeting up with the lyrics of Metallica

And again reminded us of his ultimate meeting June 24th back at the Gunn Dairy Barn, Heritage Park.



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