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MEETING NOTES

This will be the shortest Standard report in RCCHP history as Meredith didn't realize till well into the meeting that she had switched dates and today was her turn to report! Mind the gaps!

Duty Roster:

- Grace – Al Hardstaff delivered a wonderful grace.
- Greeter
- Door Sales
- 50/50 Sunshine Report – John Radermacher
- Introduce Speaker – Tara
- Thank Speaker –
- Standard Reporter –Meredith needs to remember when she switches jobs ahem ahem Meredith Petrie



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Formal Meeting Begins:

- President Bob tells a very funny joke about a lawyer and a farmer arguing over a dead duck and a property line. It involved a kicking contest and the farmer outsmarting the lawyer. (Hee Hee)
- Remember June 10th is the PRESIDENTS SOCIAL!

PODIUM DASH

Jim

- Remember June 25, 2011 (Saturday) is Rotary Challenger Park Family Fun Day! (3688 – 48 Ave N.E.) For more information call Anar Dharshi at 403-250-2707 or email info@challengerpark.com You can also visit www.challengerpark.com for more information and directions.

Brian and Doris

- The Golf Tournament is still short people – we only have 127 golfers. Please register!
- If you have committed to a prize please bring it in as soon as possible – the golf team would like to get everything finalized.
- Currently we are down in fundraising numbers.
- Please get in your handicap and payment A.S.A.P

Al

- July 10th is the Hays Breakfast
- We still need volunteers – Shifts are Friday July 8 (set-up) 1PM, Sunday 6AM and 9:30AM.
- Please volunteer – you might even get a tan ;)

Walter

- Brought back lovely banners from the New Orleans conference. One is for the 2012 Conference in Thailand next May. I can already feel my credit card on fire HA.

50/50

Bill Skinner donated his 50/50 win from last week to Polio Plus!

Joan Bedard got the card.....just not the right one. No win today.





Dutch Auction

- We auctioned off a nice T-Shirt from the NO Conference – 100% cotton so it will shrink wrap to fit after the wash. Betty won! Way to go Betty!

Anniina's Weekly Report

- Anniina is wearing a touque – did I miss something?? I thought it was summer! She had a boring weekhowever..... yesterday was one of the best days of her life. She was at school for 15 hours. What?? 15 hours at school the best day of your life? She was in a theatre show, they had pizza, it was great. We might just have a future actress in our midst. Only 5 days left of school!

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

Presented by Betty.

She started with a joke – what do you call someone with the IQ of 6? Your Honour. (OOooooooo snap). She knows the Rotarian of the month is a man because he put down his birthday, and that a detail which might give away his identity is the incident where a young child threw up in his briefcase.....still wondering who it is? Doug Hood

- Congrats Doug!!

HAPPY BUCKS

- Garry thanked President Bob for his great leadership
- Dave thanked President Bob and is looking forward to a new year with Garry as well.
- Din is happy to be sitting with 5 beautiful ladies
- Betty congrats to Bob for a job well done!
- Wynn has a dollar for Din their table token male and another for a great time in New Orleans
- John R donated \$5 for forgetting his duties as sunshine man
- Martin H needs one more golfer for his team
- Graham D let us know that farming is going well and he is also wowed by dapper Din
- Walter told us all about Rotarians in NO drinking and eating deep fried apple strudel, police escorts and double deep fried hot dogs at the alligator festival



SUNSHINE REPORT JOHN RADERMACHER

John was blindsided, having no idea that he was the sunshine reporter today. His report is even shorter than mine.

"The sun has risen."



HAPPY BUCKS - Continued

- Aniinna is grateful a friend is bringing her an energy drink to school
- Bob – Canucks have one down and three to go.

SHERIFF: (BOB PRICE)

- John R already fined himself – that's good ;)
- He asked people to please bring in prizes and money for golf and chose not to fine us. Reverse psychology? Perhaps.

PROGRAM

CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Christine Hayes – Information Assistant, Community Heritage and Family History @ the Calgary Public Library

Christine is a native Calgarian who grew up in the SW and moved back to her old neighbourhood to raise her family. Her education is in English Literature with a specialization in Shakespeare. She has worked for the Calgary Public Library for about 25 years, mostly in the Humanities Department. She took the position she currently holds about 5 years ago, which is when she started doing genealogical research.

Christine tells us we are getting the general talk today, not the detailed nerdy stuff. Genealogical research is a big part of Christine's life, admitting to us that she investigates peoples families because she is nosy.

Like cows we too have pedigree charts – we just call them "Family Trees". During her investigation she discovered her great Grandfather worked for the Sleeman's Brewery. (Very Cool!)





25 years ago there was a big trend in this type of research because people wanted to know if they were at all connected to royalty.

Why do we do it?

Health Reasons; Find Birth Parents; Curiosity; Sense of Belonging; Interest in History; Better know oneself; Thrill of the chase.

“Stated simply – a nation’s history is only the selective history of all its people.” – Alex Haley

How to do a family tree (Good luck!)

Get a good how-to manual; Start with the person you know most about; Collect from family members; Look for photos and documents from home; Truth is relative and relatives never tell the truth; Back “fact” with original documentation; Prepare yourself for finding things you may not like

Easiest way to get someone else to do your family tree? Run for office! HAHAHA

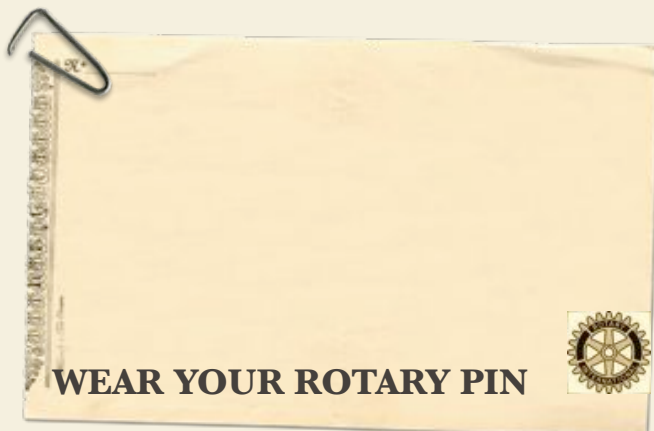
Find the facts and then add the story.

Facts are: Census lists; Vital events (birth, death, marriage); Immigration records; Military records; Land records; Wills; Newspapers; Cemetery records. A morbid fact –dead people are easier to find then the living.

Make sure you have a plan and an organizational strategy.

Sites of interest and Resources: Ancestry.ca; LDS Website; Genealogical Societies; The Library

At the end of the presentation many people (including myself) were interested and inspired. Christine gave a GREAT presentation!



CLOSING LYRICS

If Bob could reunite one band it would be the Talking Heads.

Bob’s Lyrics

“It’s always show time here at the edge of the stage” – The Talking Heads