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MEETING NOTES

Phew!! It was a tremendous week. A wedding, a killing and a majority!

President Bob Obama was all smiles and euphoric after the District Conference, at the eleventh hour of his Presidency.

Rear Admiral Hennessy belted out the National Anthem and Archbishop Bedford of Canterbury, recited the Rotary Grace. Sheila, the Lord Mayor of London, attempted to introduce the throngs of guests and visitors while Little White House Chief of Staff intermittently polished plates.

Like the Royal Wedding, the star fish story was replayed by the Prez who could not contain his excitement over the tremendous achievement of winning the Curly Galbraith Award for Highest Average Attendance. This was Prime Minister Bob's finest hour.



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FRIDAYS 7 AM. GUNN'S DAIRY BARN, HERITAGE PARK, 1900 HERITAGE DRIVE SW, CALGARY



FOR A MINUTE

Norm Mansbridge wants to get us all new nametags. It seems a reasonable suggestion, however it did not have any substance with regard to details. Norm, a graduate of the Tripoli Public Relations Madrassa, will be back, fortified with all the answers and we shall over come.

MP Betty is organizing an off site meeting at Motive Action on June 17. She passed the polling sheet around and was overwhelmed by her majority sweep.

Secretary for homeland Security, Wynne is tightening security in light of the recent occurrences. All Parolees will bring two pieces of ID including one photo ID to the meeting on May 13. The RCMP will be at hand with their scanners and tasers.

Next week's speaker is Eileen Johanson from the Girl Guides and Brian Duckett Humphrys will be selling cookies. (Out of context but irresistible)

Anniina also had a riotous week. She had a ball at the District Conference and a boring time at School.

Jack Radermacher Layton knows "It's a crime not to read" and will be presenting books to his newly elected Caucus.



SUNSHINE REPORT

DAVID MCKEOWN

HRH David Charles McKeown tired to bring in some sunshine. The bobsy twins Bob S and Dennis T celebrated birthdays on May2. Graham and Holly and Wynne and Dale celebrated numerous years of wedded bliss. Clancy has been in Rotary for 2 years. The only cloud was that some rabbit in Arizona was getting more sex.



50/50

Bill Skinner Flaherty is in charge of 50/50 and there is a whopping \$141 and change in the pot. Zuzanna tried to get it but she was denied the joker.



HAPPY BUCKS

John is leaving for New Orleans next week. Preparing the way for the rest of us.

Bob S. was happy he survived a holiday with Norm. On an interesting note, Norm did not have a happy buck.

Jim S will be golfing at Glen Eagles.

Helen is going to Chicago.

Bob de Prez, Wynne, Martin and Doug K were ecstatic about the District Conference and Hans looks forward to a visit from his daughter.

SHERIFF - ANNIINA

Annina, the Finnish Navy seal, wielded her rifle at all latecomers and early birds and failure to pay would result in a visit to Guantanamo.

Wynne managed to escape and Garry, who was too scared to even show his face will be chased down with stealth helicopters. Other victims were Max (really Max! "Good Morning" on a Christmas card?!!) Doug Kinley who cannot text (good candidate for the next election) Zuzanna and anyone who has not been to Finland.

SPEAKER PROGRAM

YOURS FOR LIFE, 125 YEARS OF COURAGE, COMPASSION AND SERVICE.

White House Press Secretary Doris Kutrowski introduced Judy Monchuk, an award-winning writer and editor who has been telling human stories across Canada for almost three decades. She was a national reporter and senior editor with The Canadian Press news agency for 20 years. After leaving daily journalism, Judy was able to combine her passions for news and history in a book celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Calgary Fire Department. Yours for Life looks back to the early days of this prairie metropolis and showcases a legacy of unsung heroes who have long protected the lives and possessions of Calgarians through a series of vignettes and amazing historic photographs.

Judy talked about her book "Yours for Life, 125 years of courage, compassion and service.

The bucket corps was formed in 1885 with an organized firefighting plan. A year later the Calgary Herald reported on a disastrous fire in the US and shortly





after a fire broke out in Calgary, in a dry goods store. The fire spread rapidly to ammunitions storage and this event solidified the importance of better equipment and good water works system.

Calgary's first Fire hall was built in May 1887. They had horse drawn carriages. James "Cappy" Smart was a member of the original bucket brigade. He was fire chief from 1898 to 1933. He brought in motorized vehicles in 1910, called the Buzz Wagon. He championed fire prevention. His daughter was the first female employee.

Calgary's first million-dollar fire broke out in the Burns Packing Plant. They had a number of challenges because it happened in winter and the hose froze. Senator Burns set up a legacy account for widows of firefighters and policemen killed in the line of duty.

In 1928 the fire department got its first Magirus Aerial Ladder with an 85-foot reach. Prince Peter who against all odds stayed awake for the entire presentation, thanked her.



CLOSING LYRICS

Today's lyrics were from The Pixies:

We will wade in the shine of the ever
We will wade in the tides of the summer



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