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MEETING NOTES

I think this is the coldest snowiest day so far this winter. It was great to get inside to the warmth and fun of the Gunn Dairy Barn for this weeks meeting.

President Garry really put David McKeown to work first leading O'Canada followed up immediately with the blessing.

Ray Gossling was a little late for his greeter duties but gathered himself together to read out the list of guests and visiting Rotarians. It was good to see Alex McDougal as well as Jim Fitzowitz.

Also, Lynda Campbell roused her daughter, Sara, out of a warm bed to grace us with her presence.

Our man of the buffet and head plate polisher today was Dennis Tillotson, fondly known as the "Baconator". If you have ever seen his plate when he exits the breakfast buffet you would agree completely with that moniker.

Breakfast was enjoyed while we watched a slide show of the recent Remembrance Day event. It was even more enjoyable as President Garry did not attempt a joke.

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President Garry did provide a brief update of the last Club Executive meeting as follows:

The Calgary Downtown Club is looking to include all the Calgary clubs in its telephone system as there is some cost effectiveness to increasing the size and sharing the cost. Brian Humphrys has been granted a 6 month leave of absence for business purposes. Doug Hood and Laurie Jacques are working on obtaining Charity Status for our club, Our Remembrance Day ceremony "Rotary Remembers" drew over 400 attendees and we donated over \$1,000 to the Veteran's Food Bank. President Garry sent out thanks on behalf of all of us to Jim Hennessy, Norm Haines, Bill Hope and Meredith Petrie for all their hard work to make this event so successful.

Sad news – Norm Haines' brother passed away last week. Our condolences to Norm and his family.

ROTARY MINUTE

David gave a brief run down on all the programs that are part of Rotary. He ran over time only because there are so many great programs. All the details are on the Rotary.org website but here is a list of the ones David spoke about:

1. Global Networking groups including Rotary Fellowship and Rotarian Action groups. There are about 70 global networking groups open to all Rotarians and their spouses.
2. Interact, a service organization for youths age 12 to 18 it has over 12,300 clubs in 133 countries
3. Rotaract, organized by Rotary to promote leadership, professional development and service among young adults age 18 to 30. There are more than 8,000 clubs in 167 countries
4. Rotary Community Corps, groups of non-Rotarians working to improve their communities. 6,800 of these groups exist in 78 countries.
5. Rotary Friendship Exchange encourages Rotarians and their families to make reciprocal visits to other countries staying in each other's homes and learning different cultures first hand.
6. Rotary Youth Exchange offers students 15 to 19 the chance to travel abroad for cultural exchanges of up to a full year. Rotary clubs sponsor and host more than 8,000 Youth Exchange students each year.
7. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) are seminars sponsored by clubs and districts to encourage and recognize the leadership abilities of youth and young adults 14 to 30 years of age.

Wow, look at all the opportunities and David was just scratching the surface. Remember to check the Rotary International website for more information on these and other wonderful programs offered through Rotary.

MEHMET'S MINUTE

Mehmet's soccer team won their first game and Mehmet got two goals, unfortunately his first goal was in his own team's net but after that it was full speed ahead to victory.

Sadly Mehmet advised of his grandfather's passing back home in Turkey at age 87. The rest of the week was fairly uneventful, school and staying warm.

CHRISTMAS KETTLES



The Salvation Army Kettle campaign starts this week. Check our website for your scheduled day and time. Ring those bells!!

SAVE THE DATE CHRISTMAS PARTY



DECEMBER 8, 2011

RAILWAY CAFE

COCKTAILS AT 6 pm

DINNER AT 7 pm



PODIUM DASH

Veteran's Food Bank – John Radermacher

John thanked everyone for the support of cash and food at the Rotary Remembers Remembrance Day event. He also acknowledged that many people are already bringing in food and items for the food bank and he intends to fill up his truck and take it over to the food bank the second week of December. Let's get so much stuff in his basement that he will have to make two trips. Yeah baby!!

Bob Clark announced our AGM would be held Dec 2nd and at that time the incoming executive for 2012 – 2013 would be chosen and announced.

The nomination committee is Bob Clark, Garry Gray, Doug Hood and Martin Harvey

So far we have the following members who will automatically assume positions or maintain their positions as part of their two year term:

Doug Hood – President

Doris Kutrowski – President Elect

Zuzanna Carter-Edwards – Vice President

Ferdi LeGaspi – Secretary

The following are nominees for 2012 – 2013

Bruce Byford – Treasurer Peter Harding – Vocational Service

Bob Sadler - Club Service Dennis Tillotson – Community Service

Lynda Campbell – Foundation Meredith Petrie – Public Relations

We need a name for International Service so if you want to nominate someone and also if there is anyone else to be nominated for any of the positions above please let the nomination committee know.

HAPPY BUCKS

President Garry and Zuzanna were happy to have been part of the Salvation Army Kettle Kick off this past week.

Meredith enjoyed her vacation to Spain

Zuzanna enjoyed her cruise even with the 20 foot swells in the ocean she also have a sad buck for Mehmet's grandfather's passing.

Lynda was happy that her daughter Sara could join her for breakfast

Bill Hope gave a sad buck for Mehmet's grandfather passing away and was very pleased with the Rotary Remembers celebration evening.

Sheila is happy with her new puppy and sad Mehmet lost his grandfather

Bob Sadler sad to hear about Norm's brother passing away

Doug Kinley and Walter Zuk both gave sad bucks for Mehmet and Norm

Doug Hood looking for sympathy describing his knee injury

Jim Hennessy happy about our Rotary Remembers Service and thank you bucks to Joan and Doug Hood for their involvement

Mark and Jim Davis offered sad bucks for Mehmet's loss and Jim added another buck for golfing twice last week

President Garry wrapped this up with a final happy buck for the Rotary Remembers Service.

50/50

John Radermacher was the lucky ticket holder for the exciting pot of \$42.00

He recited the Rotary 4 Way Test flawlessly but stumbled when he attempted to locate the illusive Joker and instead pulled the 6 of Clubs much to the delight of the members at hand.

Is there no sympathy in the house?



SUNSHINE BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 25

Wynne Bjorgan

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 28

Harold Aitkinhead 3 yrs



SHERIFF - JIM DAVIS

No sense putting you money away boys, Sheriff Jim was on the hunt.

He picked off Steve for the Blackberry Prayer, Bruce Byford for being slightly late, Dennis Tillotson for a smart comment as if that were a rare event.

Jim fined Asha for being late and also fined her for Raju not being here since they normally come together so it transitions that he would have been late as well.

He caught John Radermacher being rude as he came in the door, Doug Kinley for the fine print on the Christmas Party signup sheet, and Max Patel for mispronouncing Jim Fitsowitz name (which I think I just misspelled).

President Garry was caught with a shabby intro of our plate polisher Dennis Tillotson and not making it clear that the guests had to line up first at the breakfast buffet

Finally anyone who had already put up their Christmas lights last week when it was warm had to pay an over active buck.

PROGRAM - CLUB ASSEMBLY

A brief presentation was made by all of the club directors on what their respective committees had accomplished to date and their plans for the rest of the year.

Full details of each of the avenue of service donations and activities to date have been posted on our website.

Doris Kutrowski – Membership

We are looking for 5 new members this year. We have added one and have another in line to become a member. 2 more possible members are in the wings.

There is another bring a guest to Rotary planned for January and any guest that comes that day will get breakfast for free. Doris also listed off a few areas of expertise that our club was short on to target members.

There is also a Fireside meeting being planned for 2012

President Elect Doug Hood

Our club continues to pursue Charitable Status with Laurie Jacques, Brian Semenschuk, Bob Clark and Doug Hood working on this. Prognosis is good.

Winter Gala or Snowflake Ball will proceed on Feb 11, 2012

Brian Semenschuk, standing in for treasurer, Laurie Jacques, reassured us all is well and all the committees are progressing well spending their allotted funds.

Community Service – Bob Sadler

Some cash left and good things happening.

Jamie Powell has done a great job with the Salvation Army Kettle program which starts this weekend and runs to Sunday Dec 18th

The club is also attending Victory Church on Wednesday Dec 14th to distribute gift bags and sing Christmas Carols.

Vocational Service – Bill Hope presented for Harry Kim who is on a beach in Mexico

Great work being done with W.G. Skene School and we are considering an off site meeting at the school

Juno Beach School is sending students to RYLA and RYPEN and are progressing with their Peace Park project.



Also working with SAIT, Motive Action and the Crime not to Read program.

Bill presented 5 motions as follows:

1. To send on Juno Beach Academy student to attend the Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa at a cost of \$1,200. Seconded by Doris Kutrowski and carried
- 2 To send two students to the fall 2012 RYPEN program at Eagles Nest Camp at a cost of \$670. total including transportation costs of \$120. Seconded by Brian Semenschuk and the motion was carried.
- 3 To send one student to RYLA program in the Spring of 2012 at a cost of \$500. The motion was seconded by Surinder Khanna and carried
4. To donate up to \$500. to Juno Beach Academy Interact Club for a donation to "Free the Children" program. The \$500. max is to match JBA fund raising. The motion was seconded by Doug Kinley and carried
5. To spend \$1,588 from Rotary Foundation money plus \$612. from Vocational Service budget for a total of \$2,200. to sponsor "One World Drummers" program for one week at G.W. Skeene School The motion was seconded and carried
- 6.

International – Brian Semenschuk

Sheila is heading up the grants committee and hopes to have more avenues of funds for us to tap in to in 2012.

Projects on the go include Micro Credit, working with Club Sur in Puerto Vallarta on various projects involving music programs and getting young people off of the streets and giving them shelter, education and support.

Brian had 3 motions as follows:

1. Donation of \$2,000 from RCCHP to the Share the Gift of Music program from uncontrolled funds to be combined with \$5,000 from the Grays and \$500 from the Stuarts for a total of \$7,500.

The funds to be payable to Puerto Vallarta Sur Club Rotario, to be used to assist in funding the music program at Universidad UNIVA.

Club Sur will administer the money for Share the Gift of Music and ensure the money is being allocated appropriately.

The motion was carried

2. To support New Life Mexico with \$2,500 for the on-going programs. New Life Mexico is a program in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico that supports boys under the age of 18.

These boys are taken off of the streets where they have been abandoned by their families or are runaways. In many cases they have drug and alcohol issues, they have been sexually abused or slaves. The program provides the boys with education, counseling, builds their self-esteem, teaches them to trust people again. It provides housing and all of their day to day living needs.

The motion was carried

3. Motion to allocate \$2,500 to support the Feed the Children programs in Puerto Vallarta School of Champions Volcanes. The funds will be used to purchase computers to assist in the school to teach 150 children grades 3 through 7 in both the morning and afternoon on the primary school property

The motion was carried.

Brian advised that he and President Garry are going to Mexico to visit Club Sur and see these projects in operation and he extended an invitation to anyone else that would like to come along. He will provide dates latter.

Club Service – Doug Kinley

The mandate for this years committee is to have sociable, informative and fun meetings and we all agreed that they were right on target so far.

We had a great Highway Clean up followed by a fire and wiener roast at Al Hardstaff's place in Water Valley. Lots of exercise, fun and food.



Things coming up are the Christmas Party Dec 8th. They are looking at a pot luck dinner and either Jubilations Theatre or a trip to Rose Bud for dinner and theatre (and maybe an over night stay)
Doug and his team are always looking for speakers both from inside the club and outside if they bring value and entertainment for the membership.

Rotary Foundation – Lynda Campbell

So far our club has raised \$2,500 this year for the Rotary Foundation.

We have a fair number of beef jerky sales with \$10. from each bag sold going to the Foundation.

The Rose Bud event is meant to be a Foundation fund raiser and this is being planned for early in the New Year.

We will be again matching donations to the Rotary Foundation this December.

Public Relations – Meredith Petrie

The PR war cry this year is “Engage and Empower!”

We are getting there slow and steady and using the electronic media to accomplish this.

A large number of people opened the pictures and electronic thank you for the golf tournament

For the Rotary Remembers evening 73% opened the electronic invitation, on line registration worked very well but we are still using the hand written paper base registration as well so as to not miss anyone. Al Hardstaff was pleased to hear that.

Meredith thanked Norm Haines for his efforts in getting two television stations out to cover the Rotary Remembers event.

Stand by as there are more exciting things to come such as an electronic data base of people attending our events, updating of the table charts showing who we support and more PR on our upcoming Snowflake Ball.

We have to tell the story of Rotary on how it positively impacts our local community as well as the good work we do internationally and Meredith and her team plan to do just this and get our club’s story out in to the community.

Secretary Report – Bill Hope for Ferdi LeGaspi

Attendance is good. We are up one member so far this year and 13 of our members have 100% attendance. When asked the secret of their success they replied the key ingredient is to always go to a meeting or do a make up. That sounds easy enough.

FUTURE EVENTS

NOVEMBER 25

Rotary Student Exchange to India - Trevor

DECEMBER 2

Club Elections / Paul Harris - Peter Harding

DECEMBER 10

No meeting rescheduled to Christmas Party

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

One of the symptoms of an approaching nervous breakdown is the belief that ones work is terribly important!

WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN

