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MEETING NOTES

Popping up like a groundhog, President Doug Hood welcomed Flames fans and those who have already abandoned ship. David McKeown led the singing of the Canadian national anthem. Lynda Campbell presented grace. Zuzana introduced the numerous guests and visiting Rotarians. Seizing the opportunity, Garry Gray polished the plates and hosted the buffet line with panache.



Ferdie Legaspi has resigned, but hopes to one day return to our club. We wish Ferdie well.

Our District graduate scholarship candidate has withdrawn for 2013/2014, so an opportunity presents itself to submit another candidate. The candidate cannot be the child or spouse of a Rotarian and must reside in District 5360. \$30,000 is available for graduate work in 6 possible areas of focus.

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PODIUM DASH

Bob Sadler clarified that our makeup policy extends to District events.

Harvey (Martin) made a final call for members and guests attending the matinee on April 20th at Rosebud Theatre. 40 seats have been reserved.

Bob Clark ran the 1st annual (?) Beer Pig auction. Brad Sewall and Lynda Campbell had big smiles on their face. \$50 was raised for the Veteran's Food Bank.

Baptiste thanked Brad Wellicome for a visit to Drumheller and taking him to a winning Flames home game. He also thanked Walter for taking him and Bob Clark to a non-winning Flames game. School is back.

ROTARY MINUTE - LYNDA CAMPBELL

Lynda summarized some of the many reasons to join Rotary, including: personal development, fun, making a difference and interacting with the nicest people on the face of the earth, who are guided by the four way test.

HAPPY BUCKS

Walter had \$2 that Paul is engaged, although his fiancé is not pregnant, also Walter's offer on the Hitmen tickets was accepted, but a day late.

Asha had \$1 to promote the Valentines musical Sound of Music, with special lighting expected to bathe the stage and wash over the audience in an unforgettable visual spectacular; expected to rival the awe inspiring lighting effects of a Pink Floyd concert during their hallucogenic heyday. Some acting and singing will apparently also occur.

Bob Sadler had \$1 for his friend Steve visiting our club.

Zuzana had \$1 for Roberto visiting our club.

Garry had \$1 for his Puerto Vallarta trip.

Wynne had \$1 for her sister Gay visiting our club.

Dennis had \$1 for his friend Mike visiting our club.

John R. had \$1 for all the guests in attendance.

Jim Coyle had \$1 for Debbie visiting our club and getting through the 4 way test.

Harvey (Martin) had \$1 that it rained in Phoenix.

Peter Harding had \$1 for Oktoberfest preparation s.

Doug Hood had \$1 that he attended a NHL home team victory, although it was in Vancouver.

Zuzana had another \$1 that Eve will chair our next Oktoberfest.

Bob Clark had \$5 for an amazing week: thanking Mark Rowe for Robbie Burns invitation, Grant for supplying drinks, Walter inviting Baptiste and Bob to the Flames game and a medical update that Peter Pallesen is released from hospital and hopes to return to our club soon.

Doug Kyle had \$1, but the reporter was sitting next to Wynne.

Garry had \$1 to quiet Wynne.

SUNSHINE

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES,
ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAY

Feb 2 - Alistair Robertson

Feb 4 - Doug Hood

Feb 4 - Bonnie Semeschuk

Feb 4 - Karan Moody

ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 2 - Eve & Alistair Robertson

50/50

With \$207 on the line and Brad Sewall presiding, Jim Coyle's partner Debbie had her ticket selected. Jim handled the four way test, but the joker eluded them.





SHERIFF - BRAD WELLCOME

Brad Wellicome, relishing in the role of sheriff, fined the following:

Mr. Sadler for being late with the stuff and then line jumping.

Al Black for a name badge fiasco.

Zuzana for being late for her duties.

Garry for teasing Dennis about a lack of friends.

Jim Coyle's entire table for disruptions after grace.

Laurie for being late to the meeting.

Graham for suggesting driving by a Rotary sign could constitute a makeup.

Since January was Rotary Awareness Month; anyone who did not explain Rotary to someone else during January.

Finally everyone who did not bring a guest.



PROGRAM - CLUB HISTORY

SUZANA CARTER-EDWARDS



President Elect Zuzana presented the history of Rotary and our club. Both were constituted on Feb. 23, Rotary in 1905 and our club in 1999. We are part of over 33,000 clubs in 200 countries, totaling 1.2 million members. Promoting goodwill and peace, our motto is: "service above self".

Our club of 53 still has all past presidents actively attending. Overheads of the past presidents and current executive were shown.

Zuzana then introduced the four avenues of service. Club service focuses on smoothly run meeting and fellowship through events like Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. We socialize as a group and are more than just fundraising.

Vocational service includes New Generations, which develops leadership skills through RYLA, RYPEN; Interact, Adventures in Citizenship, Youth Exchange, and Crime Not to Read, Motive Action and our adopted school GW Skene.

Community Service activities include: Veterans' Food Bank, Victory Church, Salvation Army, Ride to Conquer Cancer, Neighbour Link and Peace by Piece Quilting.

International Service promotes humanitarian ventures around the globe including: South America and Africa. We continue our strong connection with Puerto Vallarta: Gift of Music, after school computers program, Guatemala stoves and filters plus water projects in the Rift Valley.

Our club holds 3 -4 fundraisers each year, including: casino every 18 months, golf tournament, Give a Fork Raffle and Oktoberfest. Events are opportunities to raise funds and also have fun.

With so much going on in our club, Walter emphasized that each member is only on one committee and selects which activities to support.

Zuzana's wonderful presentation left a lasting impression with both members and guests.



EXERPTS FROM GARRY GRAY'S LETTER

Working with our Mexican friends we went up in the mtns one day and helped distribute 50 water bucket and filter packs to a very needy village. The local club had previously installed a filter and spigot system at the School and now going outside to neighboring communities. There was 25 more families showed up than buckets planned, so they will take care of them over the next few months. The important thing is their overall health should improve as they now all have clean potable water. These people are proud and very appreciative.

We went to one of our schools called Volcanoes and witnessed the kids in school. They come to this school after their regular program for English and computer classes. They are lined up every day with big smiles and appreciation. We supported a teacher for one year at \$2,500 CDN. We also saw the kids at work with the 10 computers, we supplied last year. You could hardly get them even to look up away from the screens. One computer was down so one child recently could not attend. We asked what the problem was and they had no money to get it fixed. They also said no one had thought about the maintenance required. When asked what they needed the answer was 3000 peso's for the repair and maintenance for a year. Brian, Zuzana and I all put in the \$100.00 each and the teacher was in tears as were nearly we!

For Music we went to our original school Secundaria 81. We just dropped in and discovered the kids were over playing in the community for a church. The program supports 52 children by double shifting the 26 instruments we provided. They struggle with the funds but they do fund the Maestro to teach. These children through music are all doing well in school and want to be there every day. Even in the case of dropping out they can fall back on the music as a possible way to make a living in the future!

Next off to UNIVA. This was our second and probably the most impactful Music program. The original intent was to provide 100 instruments for an orchestra with an opportunity to come to the Calgary Stampede in 5 years representing their country. The funds we just

took down will bring them up to about 90 instruments, all within 3 years. There are kids from high school and university coming from all over PV. The program is free and they often travel 2 hours to come and are standing there waiting for the classes to start. The Director Luis has also made English courses available for no cost if they are coming for music. The idea is to give them various opportunities through our music program also improving their basic education. The whole program is so successful and in demand they are building a new building for Music and Arts.

I have never done anything so impactful and profound in my life assisting others in need.

DUTY ROSTER

February 8, 2013

Grace and Rotary Minute - Jim Coyle

Greeter - Graham Drake

Door Sales - Clancy Ellingson

50/50 - ?

Sunshine Report - John Radermacher

Introduce speaker - Garry Gray

Thank Speaker - Norm Haines

Standard Reporter - Joe Klassen

If you are unable to fulfill your duties please find your own replacement

FUTURE EVENTS

FEBRUARY 8 - CLASSIFICATION TALKS

FEBRUARY 15 - CLUB ASSEMBLY

FEBRUARY 21 - CLUB BIRTHDAY - POT LUCK SUPPER

No MEETING FEBRUARY 22

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Some cause happiness wherever they go; some
cause happiness whenever they go.

.....Oscar Wilde

WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN

