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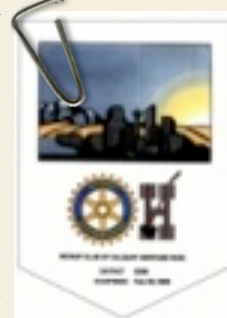
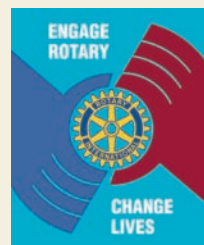
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MEETING NOTES



What a warm and friendly room to walk in to on a cold and frosty morning, the first Friday of what looks like a long wintery February and the first Friday of the XXII Winter Olympic Games.

Peter Harding and Don Bell got the crowd fired up with a loud and aggressive O'Canada, rousing enough for any Olympic medal ceremony. That followed by a moving and meaningful blessing from Harold Aitkenhead, a long time prayer master and usually in the top of his field.

Once things settled down and the guests and visiting Rotarians were introduced by Ted Woods, President Zuzana, noting that Ted was late for his greeter duties, graciously allowed him to make amends by heading up the buffet line and greeting everyone as the plate presenter.

Another gold medal performance was turned in by our German representative, Doris Weidling, who has raised \$875.00 through her chocolate heart making skills. These funds go to the Shelter Box program and that is almost enough for a shelter box that can save a family in the aftermath of a natural disaster.

Great work Doris!!



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PROGRAM

KATIE PEARSON FROM "FRIENDS OF FISH CREEK PARK"

Katie painted a beautiful and exciting picture of the wonder that is Fish Creek Park. The largest Urban Park in Canada covering 1,348 hectares of land, streams and marsh area. It presents it's natural splendor to 3 million visitors per year. Founded in 1992 it is operated by only 3 full time staff and over 200 volunteers. Besides the nature trails, dog walk areas and bike paths the park provides education programs to students of all ages, minibuss tours, yoga and meditation programs, bird watching and monthly speaker series programs. You can get involved as a part of the Park Watch or the infamous Weed Whacker posse. There was so much more and despite being beaten by the recent flooding the park is recovering and budgets are in place to restore many of the paths and bridges so the public can once again enjoy the beauty and serenity of Fish Creek Park. Check out their website for more information on this to enjoy and ways to get involved in one of our gold medal natural resources.



HAPPY BUCKS

Jamie felt the O'Canada today was the best he had heard and was well worth a happy buck.

Doug Hood glad to be turning 60 and excited they renewed his driver's license again.

Garry Gray happy to be back at the club, really enjoyed the Oktoberfest meeting at Eve's but sad he could not get at the family scotch inventory and happily announced he is building a house in Calgary and should be back at the club full time in June.

Raju was happy about cruising with Asha, Walter and Jess around New Zealand and for being chosen as the representative of the RI President at the District 5830 Conference in Texas.

Brad was very happy with the outcome of the recent golf committee meeting plus being well fed at Harry's house

Don Bell was happy Peter Harding volunteered to take over his duties as Standard reporter this week.

Ted Wood was excited about his daughter's success in the Alberta Winter Games and he is still enjoying his semi-retirement

Wynne was very pleased with the club's support of Doris's chocolates fund raiser netting \$875 for the Shelter Box Program

John Radermacher was pleased to see Raju actually paid his own happy buck.

Bill Hope was happy to announce they have secured a 4 year contract with their union.

Sheila was excited to have her daughter at the meeting and for the great meeting at Eve's

Walter Zuk echoed Raju's sentiments about the New Zealand trip.

Peter Mackenzie-Brown sadly advised his friend passed away from slipping on ice and hitting his head while out walking his dog.



HAPPY BUCKS - CONTINUED

Bob Clark was happy to have Simone Brown from the Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth in attendance. We are considering funding for this group and Simone was intrigued about Rotary so came to our meeting to see Rotary first hand. Hopefully we didn't scare off a potential member. Bob was also happy about time in Los Vegas but sad that his Super Bowl pool ticket was useless after the first play.



SHERIFF – JOHN RADERMACHER

John waived the chance to use an Olympic theme for his devious duty and instead posed Valentine's Day questions to each table. Well it may not have been an Olympic theme however he did scoop all of the gold, silver or bronze we happen to have in our pockets.

MINUTE PEOPLE

Louise Tyminski and Mark Rowe are promoting the upcoming Colin James concert being put on by the Calgary North Rotary Club. If you are looking for a good time to support a good cause then make your calendar for Feb 28th. Colin will be playing at the Thorncliffe Community Centre and tickets for \$250. Include gourmet dinner, dance and of course the magic of Collin James and his band. For tickets call 1-866-633-1525 ext 2

Oktoberfest revisited.

Eve gave a brief synopsis of the Oktoberfest Post Mortem meeting. Next year the plan is to remain at the same location, same time and still Friday night either Oct 17th or 24th. Keeping the price at \$50.00 per person Considering other ideas for fund raising instead of the balloon raffle Looking for new members for the committee with renewed enthusiasm and new ideas. Contact Eve for this great opportunity.

Juno Beach Interact Club - Garry Gray sadly announced that the club was not making any progress with the Interact Club at Juno Beach so we are looking for other schools that would be interested in the benefits or working with our club.

YEX International Dinner - Doris Weidling was at the podium yet again to announce the YEX International Dinner at the Acadia Recreation Complex on March 29th. Tickets are \$50 each with all proceeds going to the

50/50

Walter Zuk was the master of the cards and our contestant was none other than our exchange student, Doris Weidling. Doris put the club members to shame as this sparkling 16 year old recited the Rotary 4 Way Test in both English and German. Unfortunately Doris's run for the gold fell short as the joker did not show his face this time around.





Shelter Box Program. Each of the YEX students will be preparing their favorite desert so get your sweet tooth ready for this delightful fund raiser.

Pot Luck Supper - Mark Rowe gave the details of this year's Pot Luck Supper.

Thursday March 13/14 starting at 6:30 PM

Winston Heights Community Association, 520 – 27 Ave NE, Calgary

This supper gathering will replace the regular club meeting of Friday, March 14th

Community Service – roll up your sleeves for a fun community service evening.

Jamie announced an upcoming sweat equity program with the Calgary Food Bank preparing hampers for families in need. Target dates are April 8th or 15th and there will be more information coming.

SUNSHINE

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 2 - Alastair Robertson

Feb 3 - Brad Shauermann

Feb 4 - Doug Hood

Feb 4 - Bonnie Semeschuk

Feb 4 - Karan Moody

ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 2 - Eve & Alastair Robertson 35

DUTY ROSTER

February 14, 2014

Greeter - Wynne Bjorgan

Door Sales - Al Black

50/50 - Alida Visbach

Grace and Sunshine - Bob Clark

Introduce Speaker - Jim Coyle

Thank Speaker - Jim Davis

Standard Reporter - Graham Drake

FUTURE EVENTS

FEB 14

OUT GOING YEX JANICE

2014 GOLF TOURNAMENT - BRAD SEWALL

FEB 21 - NO MEETING

CASINO - FEB 20 & 21

FEB 28

UOFC OPERETTA GROUP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Closing ceremonies were conducted by President Zuzana who reminded us to always accept who you are; unless you are a serial killer.

WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN

