

THE STANDARD

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FOUR WAY TEST

In all things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH ?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



In the beginning:



Another day where your car might start, but your heart almost stops when you go outside, dawns and RCCHP members rush to the warmth of the Gunn Barn. Just inside the door, dressed in appropriate winter-wear, stands Asha Paul, hand out-stretched to greet all who enter. The comraderie that is RCCHP is centered around the coffee pots and is only interrupted when President Brad (the bad Brad) whacks the bell to announce the start of the meeting.

Peter Harding is again summoned to lead the choir in our national anthem. Most of us sang the latest version, however, there are still a few rebels insisting that the old version is better. No problem, either one works.

Then Jeanette Pyle gave the invocation before Janet Blahun polished the plates for the masses. It never fails to amaze this writer how quiet the room gets when the breakfast meal is being consumed: nothing but the clank of cutlery making contact with china piled high with great food prepared carefully. Jeanette's humorous veterinarian report would soon cost her almost as much what it cost the owner of the duck (see sheriff's report).

Our Speaker:

Breakfast meal over, and to the podium strolls Bill Hope, who introduces today's guest speaker: Lindsay Blackett. While most recall Lindsay's career as a politician, few were prepared for his talk about his latest business venture: Taber Grassland Collaborative. This is a company whose philosophy is focused on one thing: premium practice and premium quality hemp and cannabis product. He spoke of the initial jump to high volume production when the federal government first made cannabis legal in Canada. He felt this was not



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the route to success as quality and consistency suffered and the end-users could find better product from the black-market. The TGLC has the vision to use premium product for many uses from the hemp plant. The company, based in small town Taber, uses collaboration power and business knowledge to bring health and wellness via premium craft products. Lindsay used his talk to make it clear that cannabis was not all about the evils of "Reefer Madness" and with control, science and sound business practice, the potential market in all forms is huge.

Bill Hope was called upon again to thank Lindsay for his vision and presented him with a certificate of appreciation from RCCHP.

With the guest speaker's presentation complete, the club would now get down to regular business. No new motions were presented but a couple of birthday and anniversaries were announced by Jeanette: Janet Blahun had another trip around the sun as did Jackie Kinley. Jim and Norma Sawyer have another year of wedded bliss behind them (how many was this, Jim?).

Minute folk were numerous this morning: Claire was very happy to be back in Calgary after a 3 year absence. She is busy with her university studies in Taiwan but still finds time to be very active in Rotaract where she is the Vice President of her Rotaract club.

Valentina proved to the club (again!) that she has overcome her shyness and will attempt the sport of skiing. No doubt that Chile will soon have an Olympic medalist. With Janet's coaching and Val's gung-ho attitude, a podium finish just might happen.

Don McArthur presented a Paul Harris award to Brad (the good one) Wellicome and Don was surprised to have the award presented to him by President Brad (the bad one) Sewall. Good work is recognized by everyone.

And now came Joe Klassen: Duty assignments are allocated fair and square - there is no favoritism and no singling-out. The club runs on the efforts of everyone and if everyone does their part, good things happen. He requested that any reports to be entered into the Standard be sent to him by Tuesday because he drinks wine. Also note that we are trying to have the introduction and thanks-to-the-speaker done by someone who may have a relationship to the speaker or referred them to us, so that may be out of rotation.

Bill Hope, standing in for Rob Matthews, circulated a sign-up sheet for the pot-luck dinner to recognize the 21st (!) anniversary of RCCHP. The event will take place on February 22.

President Brad (the bad one) reminded all about the Pitch Night being presented by Rotaract and Interact members January 28 which is the same night as dinner at Tini Vietnamese Restaurant.



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Happy bucks came fast and furious:

Christine presented Kurt with his winnings from the clubs latest raffle: Beer for a Year.

Vanitta was happy for all the safe drivers (she must not be affiliated with the tow truck companies) and for her visit to the Calgary Drop-in Centre.

Jim Coyle was glad to see Claire come back to Calgary and for his time volunteering at the Drop-in Centre.

Peter Harding had a good time cooking and serving dinner at Ronald McDonald House but was more than happy to leave cold Calgary behind and spend the next 3 weeks in Mexico.

Jim Davis was pleased to announce his 30th anniversary as a Rotarian and a full sign-up sheet for an upcoming meal.

Brad Wellicome (the good Brad) was happy to see Claire and to announce that due to sale of the company he works for, he is closer to retirement.

Bill Hope was happy just to be warm.

With all clubs coffers being topped-up with happy bucks, one would think the sheriff would go easy: NOT! Doug Hood has the black hat on this morning and showed that his heart was as cold as the ground: Jeanette was dinged for the groaner joke. Bill for his lack of geographical knowledge. Jim Coyle for marketing. Peter Harding for Tuscan chicken. Jim Sawyer for temporary lapse of timing. The scribe for burning the chicken (I still plead innocence!). Walter, Lorne and Linda for recruiting. And Janet for celebrating her birthday. What a guy...

Money spent voluntarily (and otherwise) it was time to replenish the wallet. Almost everyone in the room held their breath when the 50/50 ticket was drawn. With more than 900 dollars on the line, Vanitta held the lucky numbered ticket but the 7 of spades was not the card to take the money home. The pot thickens...

With a reminder that the next meeting is in Gasoline Alley and that it will be a celebration of Robbie Burns, President Brad (the bad one) concluded the meeting. Willie Nelson gave the words of the day: "The biggest killer on the planet is stress and I still think the best medicine is and always has been Cannabis"



Position	Assigned Member
☰ January 24, 2020	
☰ Greeter	Robertson, Eve
☰ Door sales	Klassen, Joe
☰ 50/50	Sapre, Vannita
☰ Grace and Sunshine report	Ruptash, Peter
☰ Introduce and Thank Speaker	Rowe, Mark
☰ Standard reporter	Sawers, Jim
☰ February 7, 2019	
☰ Greeter	Semeschuk, Brian
☰ Door Sales	Skinner, Bill
☰ 50 50 Sales	Sonntag, Roger
☰ Grace Sunshine Report	Sumner, Art
☰ Introduce and thank Speaker	
☰ Standard Reporter	Tillotson, Dennis
☰ February 14, 2020	
☰ Greeter	Tyminski, Sheila
☰ Door Sales	Wellicome, Brad
☰ 50/50	Wood, Ted
☰ Grace and Sunshine report	Zuk, Walter
☰ Introduce and Thank speaker	Hood, Doug
☰ Standard Reporter	Aitkenhead, Harold

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Jan 24	Mark Rowe—Robbie Burns celebration
Jan 31	Joint meeting
Feb 7	Club Assembly
Feb 14	Puerto Vallarta Presentation
Feb 21	No Meeting—Club Anniversary Dinner

