

January 3, 2020

**Brad Sewall** 

Joe Klassen

Don MacArthur

#### **FOUR WAY TEST**

In all things we think, say or do

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## In the beginning:

The meeting was opened with a welcome and invitation to sing the National Anthem.



Rob Matthews lead in the grace.



John Radermacher introduced the guests:

Jim Campbell; guest of Doug MacDonald, Vanessa Freon-Sumner; guest of Art Sumner, Variance Khan; guest of Phil Hochhausen

Brad announced the plate shiner, Graham Drake, for today's meeting with a lot of enthusiasm

Doug MacDonald introduced todays speaker:

Nissa Patterson and Grace Wark spoke on behalf of the Alberta Wilderness Association and specifically on the topic of Alberta wetlands.

A very interesting discussion of the different types of wetlands in Canada and their multitude of benefits to the eco system. The necessity of maintaining healthy and abundant wetlands was made very evident.

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In addition, there was a very thought provoking review of the Alberta wetland regulatory environment and the need for diligence and public awareness, especially since the most recent changes made to the regulations (2013)

Rob Matthews led the Sunshine report and of note:

- No member birthdays upcoming this week, however, we do have a spouses birthday approaching. Holly Drake's birthday is on January 6.
- On January 6, Christine and Peter celebrate their 20th anniversary
- Jim Davis celebrates being a Rotarian for 30 years and Ted Wood will have his 8th anniversary as a Rotarian

Rob then proceeded, in exchange for a joke, to discuss, in an entertaining and thought proving manner, the many uses of the word 'UP'.

### Minutes:

- 1) Christine enthusiastically led the drawing of prizes for the "Beer for a Year" fundraising raffle. Jim sawyer performed the actual drawing of the winning tickets as per the strict guidelines set by the Alberta Government for raffles in Alberta.
- 2) Brad had Joan Belick come out from the kitchen so that he could present her (and her husband Neal not present) with a thank you Christmas gift card for their service throughout the year. She then received a standing ovation from the members.
- 3) John Radermacher petitioned for assistance for the next dinner at Ronald McDonald house on January 16, 2020. Assistance is also required for the dinner on March 2. In addition, John spoke on behalf of the Art Sale Committee as they are looking for a couple of drivers to pick up art and deliver to assigned storage facilities.

#### 50/50

Lorne Kelly administered the 50/50 this week.

Harry Kim picked the winning ticket.

Unfortunately, he did not pick the winning card.

Sheriff - Bob Clark

Doug Hood - tardy

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Brian Gentles - procrastination

All those that haven't volunteered for the upcoming casino

All those wearing plaid shirts

### Closing Wisdom

"What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven't even happened yet."

Anne Frank



If you are reading this in the obituaries there is only one conclusion, I have passed away, unless of course someone made a horrible mistake.

Well here is a bit of my life story. I was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, on a Friday the 13th in 1961. I was very much loved by my parents, Miroslava and Rostislav (deceased) and my 2 older sisters, Katerina (Howard) and Iva (Jirka).

My parents made the difficult decision to flee Czechoslovakia in the fall of 1968. We arrived in Calgary Nov 4, 1968 with a couple of suitcases, very little money and didn't speak one word of English. We soon got into the swing of life in Calgary and this was my home ever since.

I married a wonderful man, Steve, who was my best friend and partner in the true sense of the word. We had an amazing and adventurous 32 years together.

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I don't think it is important to discuss schooling or work as they were merely the means to the end. The end being skiing, golfing, fly fishing, hunting with my Dad, racing sailboats, building a 42-foot steel hull sloop with my Dad and husband and the most important thing travelling. After Steve graduated from Law in 2002, we started cruising. We have now completed 38 cruises. My most favorite cruise was around Svalbard, Norway, above the Arctic circle, we got up to 80 deg 30 min North. We were very fortunate to see polar bears, walruses, whales and all kinds of birds. It is amazing to see these creatures in their natural environment.

Some of the other cruises where to the Baltics, Italy, Spain, France, around the UK and Ireland, Iceland, Norway, Japan, Australia, Tahiti, Hawaii, Mexico, around South America, Panama Canal, Caribbean, Alaska, Asia and several river cruises. Unfortunately, we did not make it to the Galapagos Islands and Antarctica, which were on my bucket list, but time ran out.

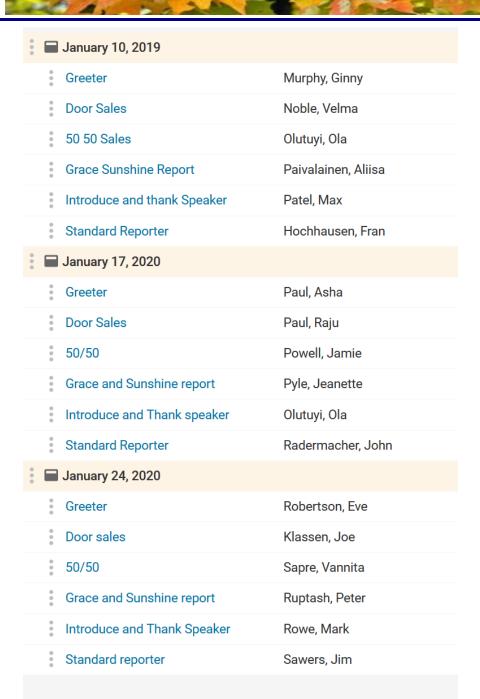
I was involved with the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park, where I was the president in 2013/14. Through the club we met Anniina Paavilainen, Rotary youth exchange student from Finland. We basically adopted her and had her come to Canada on numerous occasions and took her on trips to Mexico, Caribbean and Norway. We travelled to Puerto Vallarta many times to oversee the Rotary projects the club sponsored there.

We became members of The Friends of the Vine, a food and wine group, which I had the pleasure to be the president of in 2017/19.

Through these groups and the sailing group we made some amazing friends that became like family and were there for me through this horrible disease.

I would like to thank the wonderful doctors and nurses that made this unwanted journey easier. Dr(s) Darran Austen & Claire Temple-Oberle, surgery, Dr. Mia Tran, family practice and Dr. Marc Webster and Nurse Nancy, oncology, and all the other nurses and support staff at the Tom Baker Centre and all the services I used during the many years. I would also like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at the Agape Hospice who made me comfortable to the end.

It is very hard to summarize your life in a few words; I hope this gave you a little bit of insight into who I was. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park. Keep Calm and Survive On!



### THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY HERITAGE PARK

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# The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Jan 10	Roger Grant—"Get your message into the mind"
Jan 17	Lindsay Blackett—Peakterra Cannabis and hemp
Jan 24	Mark Rowe—Robbie Burns celebration
Jan 31	Joint meeting
Feb 7	Club Assembly

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