

THE STANDARD

October 23, 2020

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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:

President Christine called the meeting to order at 7.00 AM.

National Anthem:

A truly multicultural rendition of O' Canada (Sitar, Guitar, Fiddle, drums and whatever else!!) by Sultan of Strings was excellent.

Bill Hope acknowledged Jenni Thompson as a guest, to be more formally introduced as our guest speaker later in the proceedings.

Grace and Sunshine Report:

Grace was read out by Lorne Kelly. Lorne also announced:

Members' Birthdays:

Jim Coyle, October 25th.

Spousal Birthdays: None.

Wedding Anniversaries: None.

Rotary Anniversaries:

Joe Klassen: 14 Years.

Lorne's joke of the day: He talked about some chap trying to match his face mask by using material from the bottom of his shirt and, somehow, walked away with his bottom bare!

Speaker:

The inimitable, John Radermacher introduced our guest speaker, Jenni Thompson. Jenni, is the Programme and Volunteer Coordinator at the Ronald Macdonald House, Calgary. She came into this position in Aug., 2018 and has been our liaison for the Ronald Macdonald House Dinner programme.



Rotary Opens Opportunities



**“Everything
we do opens
another
opportunity
for someone,
somewhere”**

HOLGER KNAACK





Our meeting.

Jenni provided the background of the Ronald Macdonald House Charities (RMHC), which opened in Philadelphia in 1974 and established their roots in Alberta in 1985. The Mission of RMHC is to provide sick children and their families (patient families) with a comfortable home where they can stay together in an atmosphere of caring, compassion and support near the medical care and resources they need, when they need it the most. Alberta is the largest RMHC Chapter in North America. Ronald Macdonald Houses are operated as independent entities, managed by an NGO.

Ronald McDonald Corporation is their largest corporate partner (mainly through promotions, such as, McHappy Day, 10 cent from every Happy Meal sold in Canada, RMHC Heart Shaped Cookies and Employee Giving Programme).

There are four Ronald Macdonald Houses in Alberta (Calgary, Edmonton (two locations), Red Deer and the latest, in Medicine Hat). The Ronald Macdonald Houses are open to the patient families across Canada and some even from overseas. The funding of these facilities is mainly through donations, fund raising initiatives and Volunteer resources. Some key statistics for 2019 are: 1) accommodated 1,154 families over 23,959 nights; 2) average stay 17.6 nights; 3) served 1,291 meals across the Province; 4) annual occupancy 90.78%; 5) 9,282 volunteers participated in the Ronald Macdonald Houses operations.

Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park is an active volunteer and sponsor of their Dinner programme. In addition, the Club also makes donations to procure their specific needs from time to time.

The Calgary House is situated close to the Children's and the Foothills hospitals. It has 27 Suits and has had patient families stay for, as short a stay as one night to as long as 612 nights!

Ronald Macdonald Care Mobile service has a monthly calendar of site services providing free, dental hygiene, active living and growth and nutrition services.

Jenni also showed a very touching video (a must see for those who missed it.....visit our Zoom video.)

John Radermacher thanked Jenni for her well documented presentation.

Hungarian Thank you:

Bill Hope (with virtual help from Susan) took us through the Hungarian thank you- **köszönöm** and pronounced: **ku so num**

Minute people:

Rob Mathews -Italian Wine and Dine. All is in hand. Join in at 6.10 PM for music, videos and photographs followed by the Wine and Dine celebrations.

Jim Davis: Vocational Services - St. Mary's University Level Up Mock interviews: Need a volunteer for Mock interview for Nov. 4th. Get in touch with Jim Davis for further information.

Our meeting.

St. Mary's University Mock interview programme will take place in late November. Jim Davis will follow up in due course with further details.

Bill Hope: 1) Jigsaw Puzzles Library. Not much interest at this stage.

2) Salvation Army Kettles at Heritage Park "once upon a Christmas"- There are a number of shifts open from Saturday Dec. 19 through Dec. 24th.

Please get in touch with Bill hope if you are able to volunteer your time to fill up the open shifts.

Brad Wellicome: Wines of the World – Major Fund Raiser for the Club!

Here's the deal:

There are only 480 tickets available and they are \$40 each or 3 for \$100 and give you the chance to win one of 10 great prizes:

1. Wines and Riedel wine glasses - Value \$2,219
2. Wines and Riedel wine glasses -Value \$1,182
3. Wines -Value \$520
4. Wines - Value \$520
5. Wines - Value \$520
6. Wines and Riedel wine glasses - Value \$500
7. Wines - Value \$498
8. French champagne - Value \$455
9. Century of Port Collection (375 ml of 10,20,30,40 year old) Taylor Fladgate - Value \$300
10. 1 magnum Pruno Finca Villacreces & 1 bottle 1er Cru Les Porets Saint-Georges! Value \$200

There are several options (in order of ease) to get your ticket.

- E-transfer – send Brad the money electronically and he will e-mail you your tickets.
- Cash – see Brad and he will trade your cash for tickets.
- Credit card – this can be done but is a little complicated. Let Brad know if that is the route you want to go.

Tickets are available through Brad until December 15 but they will sell quickly so don't wait to get yours.



Our meeting.

Happy Bucks:

Bonnie and Surinder: \$20.00 – for their daughter, Mala's appointment as Assistant Deputy Minister, Sub Southern Sahara, Africa, Global Affairs.

Jim Davis: \$10.00 – Great presentation by Jenni and Wines of the World Raffle.

Brad Wellicome: \$10.00 – Wines of the World kickoff and return of his Mum from the hospital.

Brian Gentel: \$10.00 – Jenni's presentation and get-together with grand children and family.

Peter Harding: \$10.00 – Unique rendition of O Canada by Sultan of Strings and all the creative, fun/ fund raising initiatives.

Sheila Tyminski: \$5.00 – “discouraged and encouraging”: discouraged at increasing Covid 19 new cases. Continue to encourage people to remain vigilant as this virus is still with us.

Closing Remarks:

The speaker for the October 30th, 2020 meeting is Todd Hirsch, Vice President & Chief Economist ATB Financial. Unlike our Zoom meetings this meeting will be via Webinar with no opportunity for our usual pre meeting “fellowship”.

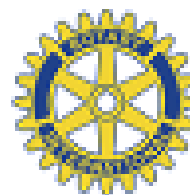
Todd is not your typical economist and comes with high credentials. You are encouraged to attend.

Thought of the day:

On Sharing Responsibility

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' **Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.**"

-Fred Rogers...spoken in 1994



October 30, 2020

Greeter	Kim, Harry
Grace and Sunshine Report	Kinley, Doug
Introduce and Thank Speaker	Blahun, Janet
Standard Reporter	Knox, Matt

November 6, 2020

Greeter	Kormos, Benjamin
Grace and Sunshine Report	Leigh, Peter
Introduce and thank Speaker	Tyminski, Sheila
Standard Reporter	MacDonald, Doug

November 20, 2020

Greeter	Matthews, Rob
Grace and Sunshine report	McArthur, Don
Introduce and Thank speaker	Mihailedes, Christine
Standard Reporter	Murphy, Ginny

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Oct 30	Todd Hirsch—ATB
Nov 6	Jodi Eckert—RAYAC program
Nov 11	Rotary Remembers
Nov 13	No Meeting
Nov 20	