

THE STANDARD

August 27, 2021

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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:

NATIONAL ANTHEM: Led by: Denise Gagne via recording.

GRACE: By: Raju Paul

INTRODUCTIONS: BY:

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests:

Karen Gallagher Burt guest of Brad Sewall

SUNSHINE REPORT: Raju Paul

Member Birthdays: None

Spouse Birthdays: None

Anniversaries:

Rotary Anniversaries: None

SPEAKER: Ruben Nelson - Whither Alberta? Where Are We in History?"

Introduced by: Doug MacDonald

Whither Alberta? - Ruben Nelson – Futurist

It Matters Where We Think that we are in History

The Roman Empire peaked with Julius Caesar as Emperor. The Roman Empire never figured out how to manage its decline.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES





Our meeting.

The first European settlements in Alberta were founded in the late eighteenth century. In the twentieth century, Alberta has developed a Modern Techno Industrial (MTI) form of civilization.

Alberta probably reached its peak in 2015. Since then, Alberta problems have been treated as longer term problems to be managed. The business leaders, the CEOs say they will define the Alberta future.

Ruben believes that modernity has peaked during his generation. Our generation has lived at the peak of modern history. However, virtually no one in the modern world is able to see the decline.

Currently, there is a 1:1 ratio of GDP growth to energy consumption. During the last 7 decades 70% of human consumed energy has occurred. The status quo cannot continue.

Since 1971, we have been consuming renewable resources faster than they can be replenished, by about 73%. What this means is that human enterprise grows by consuming, dissipating, and polluting the biophysical basis of its own existence, i.e., by compromising future well-being. We must cut back on production and consumption or face ecologically-driven societal collapse.

Nothing good ever came out of a blind spot.

In Alberta today, there is no serious effort to develop the whole-of-society, self-critically aware met-capacity and supportive infrastructure that is required for us to face, explore, come to understand, and respond with courage to the truly strategic issues we must face and deal with today, let alone out to 2050 or 2105. We have much to talk through with one another.

So, what are we going to do?

Thanked by: Doug MacDonald

No motions were presented today.

HAPPY BUCKS:

Bob Clark – Difficult week in Afghanistan and remembering the girl's school that we had helped fund.

Mourning the death of the Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts- Time is on our side (but time is finite)

Sheila Tyminsky- Appreciates Ruben's talk

Vannita Sapre- Final bank exam is now finished.

Christine Mihaledes – Appreciates people reaching out to Shelter Box for Haitian earthquake survivors.

Raju Paul- Update on Afghanistan school

Brad Sewall – Ruben's presentation and having Karen Gallagher Burt as his guest

Graham Drake- Ruben's talk



Our meeting.

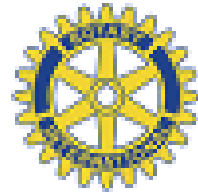
CLOSING REMARKS:

Matt stated that there are a number of people who have signed up for the hike.

President Doug discussed a Gunn Dairy Barn meeting on September 10 and will follow up with an email.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

With the support of the membership, we will require everyone attending in person meeting to be fully vaccinated. We will continue to offer a Zoom option to attend and commit to attend and commit to reviewing the requirement quarterly.



September 3, 2021

Greeter	Radermacher, John
Grace and Sunshine report	Robertson, Eve
Introduce and Thank Speaker	Harding, Peter
Standard reporter	Rowe, Mark

September 10, 2021

Greeter	Ruptash, Peter
Grace and Sunshine report	Sapre, Vannita
Introduce and Thank speaker	Sawers, Jim
Standard Reporter	Semeschuk, Brian

September 17, 2021

Greeter	Sewall, Brad
Grace and Sunshine Report	Simmins, Geoffrey
Introduce and Thank Speaker	
Standard Reporter	Skinner, Bill

September 24, 2021

Greeter	Sonntag, Roger
Grace and Sunshine Report	Sumner, Art
Introduce and thank Speaker	Vavrek, Tracey
Standard Reporter	Tyminski, Sheila

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Sept 3	Classification— Brad Sewall & Jamie Powell
Sept 10	Scott Hutchinson—Calgary's new Downtown Plan
Sept 17	No speaker—Social meeting
Sept 24	David Blair—Fish Tales
Oct 1	Club Assembly
Oct 8	Classification—Monica Amibilis, Mark Rowe
Oct 15	Shana Barbour—Friends of Fish Creek Society