

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?



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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

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Rotary Rotary Opens Opportunities

In the beginning:

The Prez gave her usual, cheerful welcome with the acknowledgement to Treaty 7 and another great rendition of O Canada.



Heading into the Family Day weekend, we have a smaller crowd this morning... must be the weather (damn cold) or Family Day weekend although no one is going anywhere, as only 33 were signed in when the Prez kicked off the meeting. 40 by 7:04 and peaked shortly thereafter at 45 members and guest.

Jim Coyle introduced our **Guests** – Leah Nijssen – Pres of Rotaract United in our District and Hyder Hassan – member of Fish Creek and our guest speaker. Ryan Mitchell (spouse of Kathy Le) signed in after the introductions.

Invocation and Sunshine – Graham Drake

As Rotarians, may all our actions lead us to have peace of mind So that we may spread peace in the world. May our own friendliness help spread happiness to all we meet. May our health be such that we can help others less blessed. May our business life flourish so that we may spread Its benefits to those less fortunate.

Member Birthdays

Harry Kim – Feb 15

Spouse Birthdays

Duane Blahun – Feb 16

Anniversaries

Roger & Karen Sonntag – Feb 18 celebrating 37 years together

Rotary Anniversaries

Sheila Tyminski – joined Feb 13th, 10 years ago



Our meeting.

And Graham's Sunshine story -

A man and his wife are having trouble with their marriage. They fight all the time and they have been continually becoming less physical. The man decides to visit his pastor on the subject. To which the minister proclaims, "You have to do something nice to attract her." The man responds, "Are you sure this will work?" and the pastor persists, "Yes, just do something nice to attract her, it will work I promise." And so the man goes home to get ready. Hours later, the wife comes home to find her husband with candles lit, and her husband slowly waxing his John Deere in the kitchen. She screams, "What are you doing?!" to which he replies "I'M SAVING OUR MARRIAGE MARCIA! Pastor told me to do something nice to a tractor."

Only from a John Deere guy. And a bonus chuckle was thrown in. Hard to hear the laughs over Zoom but I think there was one.

Guest Speaker:

Ben Kormos introduced Hyder Hassan, CEO Calgary Immigrant Services, member of Calgary Fish Creek and one of the Top 40 Under 40 in Calgary. Hyder has been influenced by Rotary for a long time beginning with a Rotarian mentor when he lived in Ontario. The Rotary connection has continued throughout his career and meeting our own Jim Coyle.

Hyder gave a very engaging presentation on Ensuring Alberta continues to grow through the very significant contributions of immigrants. Unleashing the social, economic and civic potential of newcomers to our country and our province. There are challenges and opportunities ranging from sector challenges such as lack of coordination and missing the opportunities to be of service to new Canadians to tapping into the skills and abilities of the 400,000 plus immigrants to Canada each of the past three years. And similar numbers are expected into 2023.

Hyder gave a fulsome outline of the Gateway project, which is a pilot project to enhance the experience of newcomers with planning, welcome packages and referrals to help with their goals, needs and priorities. His analogy was the Newcomers organization, although to this reporter, it appears to be much broader in scale. The Gateway is designed to achieve early successes for the clients by providing an organized, supportive process in the settlement and integration into the community.

He had many statistics to share, particularly notable was the fact that for every 1,000 immigrants into our city, they spend \$33 million on housing, transportation and food plus pay additional \$20 million in all levels of taxation. They are the fastest labour market growth segment. And several notable immigrants were highlighted for their contribution to medical research in Canada. Gateway has been recognized by all three levels of government for its progressive approach. Canada's Minister of Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship stated "Immigration is key to long-term economic recovery".

Hyder answered the many questions raised right up until President Christine jumped in.

Thanked by Ben in Urdu and Portuguese.



Our meeting.

Minute people:

Auctioneer Brad Sewall created a fury of bidding.

Live auction for 4 Adult lift tickets at Sunshine (\$533) plus 4 ski or snowboard rental package from Rapid Rent & Outlaw Sports (\$208). Thanks to Ted Wood. All proceeds to RCCHP.

Successful bidder for lift tickets – Matt Knox jumped in late in the bidding and took three and Steve Dunk took three.

Successful bidder for ski or snowboard rental – Prez Christine bought the first one, Brad offered the other three at same price. Matt Knox got in the action so Christine and Matt ended up with two each.

Club ends up with \$520 plus \$168 so a quick \$688 to the Club coffers. Thanks to all the bidders!

Lunar New Year – Tet Nguyen Dan

A great explanation by Kathy Le on the Year of the Ox and the importance of the celebrations. She had some very interesting pictures to highlight the culture and the food served for the celebrations which last many days. I can't do justice to the descriptions Kathy offered of the dishes she showed, nor could I begin to spell them!

Round the World

Peter Harding provided an update. We blew the doors off the initial target... around the world in 30 days, beating the goal by 50 days! The journey continues and we are now going south to north, another 47,000 kms. First week, 7,000 kms, a great accomplishment in the frigid weather. We are now in Lima, Peru and Mark Rowe gave us the lowdown on the area. No team standings, the suspense carries over to next week. Our goal for this week is McMurdo Station in Antarctica, only 9,635 kms away. So bundle up and get out there!

Happy Bucks:

Brad W - \$10 for the fund raising auction and club support.

Graham - \$20 for Hyder's presentation. Plug for DisCon21 and Christina Hassan as a presenter.

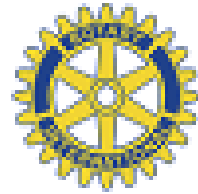
Bob - \$x for presentation and the success of the immigrants and what they bring.

Jim C - \$10 for Hyder's presentation and all the cultural elements that have come up today in our meeting.

Ted - \$50 for bidding to retail for the auction items. Great presentation by Hyder, with a plug for his business and recent immigrant hire.

Next week – Deb Hymers, How to build a better brain. Who couldn't use that help!

Thought for the week: Nothing is better than friend, unless it is a friend with chocolate. Happy Valentines Day!



Position	Assigned Member
February 19, 2021	
Greeter	Dunk, Steve
Grace and Sunshine report	Gentles, Brian
Introduce and Thank Speaker	Mihailedes, Christine
Standard reporter	Gray, Garry
February 26, 2021	
Greeter	Harding, Peter
Grace and Sunshine report	Harvey, Martin
Introduce and Thank speaker	Blahun, Janet
Standard Reporter	Hochhausen, Fran
March 5, 2021	
Greeter	Hochhausen, Phil
Grace and Sunshine Report	Hood, Doug
Introduce and Thank Speaker	MacDonald, Doug
Standard Reporter	Hope, Bill
March 12, 2021	
Greeter	Kelly, Lorne
Grace and Sunshine Report	Khanna, Surinder
Introduce and thank Speaker	Mihailedes, Christine
Standard Reporter	Kim, Harry
March 19, 2021	
Greeter	Kinley, Doug
Grace and Sunshine report	Klassen, Joe
Introduce and Thank speaker	
Standard Reporter	Knox, Matt

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Feb 19	Deb Hymers—"How to Build a Better Brain"
Feb 26	Beck and Sydney Black—Alcove Addiction Recovery
Mar 5	Martin Harvey and Ed Bourassa—Classification talks
Mar 19	Membership Committee Presentation
April 2	Good Friday—No Meeting
April 9	Club Assembly