

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:

THE Rotary Club of Calgary
Heritage Park – STANDARD
REPORT – FEB. 25TH 2022



The session started with a peek of Rotarians just facing a new day. Some relaxing in the warmth of their winter hideaway while others were like bears just coming out of their winter hideaway. For some it was a quiet start while others were leading the way by discussing subject matter which was close to their heart.

Once into the ZOOM presentation from the Barn everyone was firing on all cylinders entering into an acapella version of "Oh Canada". It didn't quite meet the standard of the "Flames Game" but we were somewhere close.

President Doug shared with us the meaning of the "Shared Land Agreement" rather than providing the formal statement. The bare bones definition was that "We haven't always lived up to the treaty agreements and now we are more centered on trying to do so".

Introduction of Guests:

Don McArthur introduced us to the guests on line, Karen Murray from "Inclusion Alberta" who has been with us on a number of previous occasions and members of the "Gray Clan" who were in attendance to support Garry with his classification talk. It may also have been their way of trying to keep him on topic and only sharing what would be pleasing to the ears of others.

Sunshine Report:

Jim Coyle announced the Birthdays of John Radermacher and broke a cardinal rule when he stated his wife Kelly was 50 on March the 1st. Following the announcement of Rotary International's anniversary being on Feb. 23, Jim acknowledged by name all of our clubs charter members.

Jim's humorous story spoke of a Medical Doctor who did miraculous things



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



Our meeting.

to restore the sight, taste, and memory of his patient. Further details can be gleaned by talking to Jim Coyle. I could just hear the Doctors in our club, saying to themselves, if it was that easy to cure a patient I should have shortened my years of training.

Introduction of club members sharing their classification talks:

Art Sumner was caught between a rock and a hard place in that the second speaker was his own daughter Vanessa. Garry being the first speaker had brought his own cheerleaders in the persons of his brothers and son. Art in a business-like manner spoke of Garry's positive attributes and his plan to patent his jokes and write a book of poetry. Surely that put Garry in the starting blocks well ahead of Art's daughter.

Art was like the artful dodger when it came to introducing his daughter. He was careful not to make her shine too brightly; however, he didn't miss the opportunity to put her at the head of the class as it related to her many accomplishments.

Classification Talk - Garry Gray:

Both Garry and Vanessa had lowly beginnings and through their own adventurous spirits took it upon themselves to move out from home and hearth to search for new beginnings.

Garry moved away from his early roots of feeding the cattle and breaking the winter ice to give them a drink, to surveying the possibilities outside the little town of Arnprior, Ontario. Believe it or not a member of our own Rotary Club's words of advice drew Gary to the west where he built a new future for himself.

Garry, through hard work and further studies at the University of Guelph equipped himself to survive the challenges of his early ventures and become a successful business man in Alberta.

Garry's employment found him engaged in the tool and die industry, the building of ornamental iron structures and the GWG Industrial Manufacturing Company.

Interestingly enough following his first career path Garry moved into the field of Real Estate Management similar to Vanessa's present occupation.

Garry's personal interests of sledding, boating, quading and holidaying in Mexico, eventually led him into becoming an active member of Rotary International where serving others became one of his priorities. He became the president of the Heritage Park Rotary Club and invited other personal friends to support him in this venture. Over the years Garry has dedicated himself to further enhancing the sewing, educational and music programs that were established in Mexico.

Classification Talk - Vanessa Freeze-Sumner

Vanessa like Garry had a real need to venture beyond the cold prairie winters and her little house on the prairies experience. Her adolescent years were filled with a myriad of activities such as golfing, swimming, theatre, and paleontology and special times spent with her sister Gayle. A relationship which is deeply entrenched and has always had a significant influence on her life.

Vanessa moved to the U.S. in 1991 where she continued her schooling and attended the University of Florida in Co Coa Beach where she completed a major in Human Relations and minor in Psychology.



Our meeting.

During the years that followed she found herself moving frequently in order to assist her husband in completing his PHD. Her travels took her to places such as Binghamton NY, Lawrence Kansas, and many other stops. Vanessa always looked on the bright side by taking every opportunity to build on her education and gain new experience through her different forms of employment. She established many lifelong friendships in America and even became a Bocce Ball enthusiast.

She finally found her way back home to Canada in 2019 where she continued her work in the field of Human Resources. Vanessa and her husband have just bought their first house and plan to make Calgary their new home. The icing on the cake which was given a thumb's up from her Dad, Art Sumner, she is now in the midst of becoming a fully qualified Real Estate agent.

Mental Health Tip: Velma Noble

Mental Agility "Agility is the ability to balance flexibility and stability"

3 Components – Positive way – Slow down and observe – modelling the movement

Review of Membership Survey: Jim Coyle

Jim went over the highlights and themes of the Survey

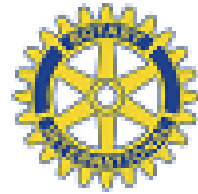
These results will be utilized in the development of our Strategic Plan

Rotary Activities to Act On - Details Emailed to each Member

Volunteer support for upcoming Second Hand Art Sale

Strategic Planning Sessions and Pre-Session Work

March 4th Rotary Meeting – Special Guest Todd Hirsch



Position	Assigned Member
☞ ☞ ☞ March 4, 2022	
☞ ☞ ☞ Greeter	Amabilis, Monica
☞ ☞ ☞ Grace and Sunshine Report	Bedard, Joan
☞ ☞ ☞ Introduce and Thank Speaker	Blahun, Janet
☞ ☞ ☞ Standard Reporter	Bourassa, Ed
☞ ☞ ☞ March 11, 2022	
☞ ☞ ☞ Greeter	Campbell, Lynda
☞ ☞ ☞ Grace and Sunshine Report	Christmas, Stan
☞ ☞ ☞ Introduce and Thank Speaker	Hood, Doug
☞ ☞ ☞ Standard Reporter	Clark, Bob
☞ ☞ ☞ March 18, 2022	
☞ ☞ ☞ Greeter	Coyle, Jim
☞ ☞ ☞ Grace and Sunshine Report	Davis, Jim
☞ ☞ ☞ Introduce and Thank Speaker	Hood, Doug
☞ ☞ ☞ Standard Reporter	Drake, Graham

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

March 4 Todd Hirsch; ATB, Spring Economic update.
 March 11 Brad Sewall– Indigenous Relations
 March 18 Classification: Sheila Tyminski, Harold Aitkenhead
 March 25 Dan Grover—CUPS –Homelessness and street life

**WEAR YOUR
ROTARY PIN**

