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# THE STANDARD

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## MEETING NOTES

We were warmly greeted by Bill Hope upon entering the Gunn Dairy Barn. Everyone was randomly assigned to their seats by way of the playing card they blindly chose. At 7:00 our Guest Chair, Peter Harding, rang the bell; we all went to our seats and the meeting began.

Stan Christmas led us in a brisk rendition of Oh Canada, this time with the assistance of a baton, a gift of Peter Harding. Peter shared a personalized land acknowledgement, by sharing his own history on Turtle Island (Canada) as an immigrant to Edmonton (Treaty 6 land) from England. His father was born in Canada in Niagara on the Lake, where the treaty of Fort Niagara was signed between First Nations and the Crown in 1764 (before the American Revolution).

Guests were introduced: David Eaton (our Speaker), Holly Moriarty (friend of Dawn Byford), Bruce Byford, Linda Craig and McKenzie Spencer (from Inclusion Alberta). Dawn Byford was welcomed as a visiting Rotarian (Canmore Club).

## PROGRAM

Lauren McKamey introduced our guest speaker, David Eaton. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Monterrey Metropolitan (Mexico). His talk with us is in his volunteer role as a champion of MOMA Hope: Protecting the Biological Corridor.

The Monarch Butterfly's population has declined by 90% in the past 20 years, due in large part to habitat destruction. There are 3 routes for the butterflies northward: one along the east coast which has virtually disappeared; one up central US to Canada, primarily Ontario and Manitoba; and the third up the west coast, mostly ending in parts of the US. Climate change is altering the areas where they can live, so more are now appearing in parts of southern Alberta.

The migration and life cycle of the Monarch Butterfly is unique. While they follow the butterfly life cycle (egg, larvae or caterpillar, pupa or chrysalis, and adult butterfly), these four generations are actually four different butterflies going through these stages during one year, each one living only a few weeks, ending up in Canada in summer and winter in Mexico. The exception is the super butterfly (one in four) that lives 8 months, flying all the way from Canada to Mexico.



## MINUTES

Sheila asked members, family and friends to sign up on Club Runner, to join the Pokaiks the Children event on September 30<sup>th</sup> (Orange Shirt Day). An email was sent out earlier this week with details.

Mark asked members to bring him old computers (wipe out hard drives first) to bring to Puerto Vallarta in October (leave October 13).

## HAPPY BUCKS

The following people were happy enough to throw money into the pot: Brian G, Ted, Sheila, Bill S, Linda C, Bill H, Doug M, Peter H, Dawn Byford and Walter.

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Peter adjourned the meeting by reiterating his call to action – Carpe Diem! Enjoy Banana Split Day and enjoy the rest of the summer!

The group then gathered outside to take a photo of our members, David and the MOMA Hope statue.

## PROGRAM ( CONTD)

Monarch butterflies require very specific types of habitat for roosting and food (milkweed is the only plant they eat).

David is on a tour of Rotary Clubs along the Monarch Butterfly migration corridor, from Mexico to parts of Canada, bringing with him the MOMA Hope statue, to promote pollinator habitat restoration, encourage support for an environmental global grant, and promote friendship between clubs. MOMA means Mother Butterfly, so MOMA Hope means hope for the butterfly. With the support of Jennifer Jones, Rotary secured a \$130K grant last year towards this cause. Funds have supported education and habitat restoration in areas along the migration corridor; they have mutually benefited the local project groups and habitat restoration. Promotional actions have included large signs on GATX boxcars. Other large scale actions include CPKC planting lineal gardens along the railway track right of ways. He is also inviting clubs to sign a pollinator pledge; RCCHP has done so.

Following Q&A, Lauren thanked David.

### DUTY ROSTER

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2023**

**GREETER .....ART SUMNER**  
**DOOR SALES.....TRACEY VAVREK**  
**INTRODUCE & THANK.....VINCE VAVREK**  
**REPORTER.....JIM DAVIS**

**If you are unable to fulfil your duties  
 please find your own replacement.**

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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**NURI PEERANI .....SEPT 6**

#### ANNIVERSARIES

**BRAD & KIM SEWALL (45YRS).....SEPT 4**