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MEETING NOTES

Mike Mikkelson greeted the Rotarians.

The meeting started on time, by, our MC for the day, “details man” Bob Clarke, who did a great homage to our native peoples on who’s lands we live, work and thrive. His theme for the meeting – gratitude, especially for our lives in Canada, reminding each one of us of our previous old world family heritage if we go back only a few generations or even less.

Stan Led the National Anthem.

Bob, then then extended a very warm welcome our visiting guests, family members, Rotarians, and prospective new members : Assistant Governor - Dave Leslie, Stan Christmas’s big sister – Kathy Christmas, Linda Craig guest of Richard Broadhurst. and Dave Warner – Academic Chair of the Academic Professions at S.A.I.T. and guest of Bob Clark.

PROGRAM

STEVE DUNK’S TRIP TO SURINAME

Steve Dunk’s hiking trip, was with wife Cath, and a friend and guide Claudia to Suriname, in the north part of South America.

Suriname is the size of North Dakota, but 85% of it is inaccessible with dense jungle and mountains, and most of the population lives in the capital, Paramaribo.

The colonists established coffee and sugar plantations, but the locals weren’t willing to work in the conditions on the plantations and disappeared into the rain forests, as did the slaves. After slavery was abolished, and after Jewish refugees from Brazil arrived, an amazing ethnic diversity survives to this day, and is so even in numbers, that there is no ethnic conflict, and everyone exists in harmony, as there is no significant majority. Steve and Cath’s trip was pretty rustic, but extremely enjoyable, with mostly no air conditioning,

The food there was great, and very varied, the wild life and photo ops were incredible, including snakes & tarantulas. Steve would definitely do this trip again.



Program (Contd)

RICHARD BROADHURST'S TRIP TO CHINA

Richard Broahurst's business trip was to Sheyang County, Yangcheng Prefecture, in Jiangsu Province Sheyang, has a population of 73 million, giving a population density of 716 people per square km.

Food was pretty basic with rice based courses, eggs for breakfast, and fish, stew, and other marine life for the evening meals, beer flowed liberally though. The climate is officially sub tropical,

The two day project management techniques workshop presented by Richard with his 100 person team, was to managers and planning department personnel, most of who spoke only Mandarin. The presentations went well until the question and answer sessions, during which the high priced team interpreter did most of the work, and Richard just sat on a chair listening, until he had he bright idea of writing the answers to questions, in English, on the big chalk board, after this everyone in the room was extremely happy.

Reflecting on this very different business trip experience, Richard concluded the learning curve for Chinese company management teams caused them to have to go through some real struggles, in the transition from a culture of a command economy to a more market oriented economy.

Bob thanked both speakers, for sharing with the club, these two exceptional, interesting and very different club members' trips.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARY

HARRY & LAURA KIM (39YRS).....AUG 11



ROTARY MINUTE

President Graham reminded us the organisers are still looking for volunteers for the Rotary Rib Fest, a major multi club Rotary fundraiser and awareness event, coming up on September 8th, 9th & 10th. You can sign up online where all the positions and shifts are listed, and please invite your friends and family, parking and entry are free.

Brad Sewall reminded us the invite email has been sent out for people to sign up for the upcoming August 29th at 6pm Tsuu'tina Museum tour and dinner, so far 10 of the limited 25 places have been filled, so don't wait to sign up.

HAPPY BUCKS

Brian Gentles had a sad buck for the passing of a good friend who will be sorely missed.

Many people paid to thank the speakers.

SHERIFF BOB

Bob brought back Sheriff Bob to search out some rule breakers and benders, they included club dress code offences including one really loud shirt worn by Brad Sewall, and duty roster individuals who were A.W.O.L.

John R. took the hit for all three trouble makers

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