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**PRESIDENT
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MEETING NOTES

Jim Sawyers was our enthusiastic greeter for our last November 2023 meeting. The meeting started on time, by, our very friendly and efficient MC for the day, Brad Sewall. Brad called on Stan Christmas who very ably conducted us in ÒOh CanadaÓ, this well attended meeting produced a great rendition of Oh Canada. Brad, then then extended a very warm welcome our visiting guest, Bukky Wonda. Next as always was the excellent Gunn's Dairy Barn breakfast buffet

PROGRAM

IMMIGRANT TECH STARTUP

Art Sumner ably introduced our guest Speaker, Bukky Wonda. Bukky emigrated to Canada from Nigeria 10 years ago, and is a Canadian Citizen, and shared with us her challenging journey including adapting to the Canadian culture, and then the challenges of setting up a new virtual company, globally helping new immigrant and student arrivals to Canada to make a smooth transition to life and work in Canada, and learn to thrive here. Her company is active Globally, most recently in the US. Her company has now assisted over 1000 people at different stages of their relocation and settlement using technology to enable this, and is definitely in expansion mode. During question time, it emerged her company has very low overheads, and there could be significant synergies with our club service objectives around international students. Maybe we will have a new member in the near future - namely Bukky Wonda !

Art Sumner thanked Bukky for an amazing presentation.

HAPPY BUCKS



We had many happy bucks at this meeting donate from Bob Clark, Steve Dunk, Brian Gentles, Bill Skinner, Richard Broadwith, Peter Harding, John Radermacher, and Ted Woods.

Thanks to you all.

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

The following have been accepted for membership by the board

ROBERT (BOB) COVE

Proposed by: Bill Hope

Classification: Healthcare :Clerk.

BRUCE BYFORD

Proposed by: Graham Drake

Classification: TBD

Barring any objection from the membership, they will be inducted in 2 weeks

FRIDAYS 7 AM. GUNN'S DAIRY BARN, HERITAGE PARK, 1900 HERITAGE DRIVE SW, CALGARY



MINUTES

1. **Sheila Tymiski** on behalf of Brad Wellicome, gave an update on the RCCHP 25th Anniversary Signature Project Committee search for a suitable project, and reminded us to have submit suggestions by 7th January, 2024 to the committee.
2. **Richard Broadwith**, announced two new club members, namely Bruce Byford (returning previous member), and Bob Cove, a big welcome to Bruce and Bob.
3. **Jim Davis** for the Board of the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF), reminded us that November is Rotary International Foundation Month for annual tax deductible donations to this \$60M fund, with a low 7% overhead, and through donations with a significant donation addition from our late members' estates (most recently from Max Patel's family), we have increased our club project funds for this year by (5%) so far this year, increasing opportunities for project funding. Consider donating when you are looking for opportunities, you can use e transfers, cheque, or even legacy donations can be set up. Talk to Jim if you have any questions. Donations of \$100 or more will make you a Paul Harris Fellow.
4. **Brad Sewall** for Brad Wellicome, reminded us of the launch of the Paul Harris Fellowship Matching Point program.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Brad shared with us a few interesting facts for this day, including US National Flossing Day, Scandinavian National Sardines Day, and on this date in 1642, Dutch explorer Abel Tasman discovered the southern shores of Tasmania.

Next week, 1st December the meeting is in the Selkirk Grill, parking code has been sent out.

RCCHP Christmas Dinner is on December 7th in Gunns Dairy Barn, no meeting December 8th.

MOTIONS

SCAS Bill Skinner moved that the RCCHP proceed with planning and necessary expenses for the 2024 Second Chance Art Sale based on preliminary budget of approximately \$44,000 revenue, \$11,000 expenses, and net proceeds of \$33,000.

Seconded by John Radermacher, and approved.

CSC Roger Sonntag moved that RCCHP provides \$3,040 for the purchase of 76 gift cards at \$40/gift. Funds to be distributed by Matt Bannerman of the Victory Foundation to their 76 residents/recipients.

Seconded by Doug Kinley, and approved.

2. **Roger Sonntag** moved that RCCHP provide \$760 for a Bingo Christmas event to be held by RCCHP members at the Victory Outreach Center.

Seconded by Stan Christmas, and approved by the membership.

ISC Eve Robertson moved that RCCHP donates \$1500 to RC Chatham, Ontario to supplement the current Global Grant, OThe RACHEL project for Peten, Guatemala.

Seconded by Peter Harding, and approved.

YSC Sheila Tyminski moved that RCCHP provide \$1500 to the SEEDS Connections program for students at Jack James High School to participate in the SEEDS Connections program for Winter 2023 school semester.

Seconded by Bill Skinner, and approved by the membership.

2. **Sheila Tyminski** moved that RCCHP pay for camp and adventure fees for the following programs :

RYLA – two students at \$550/student for \$1100 for the May, 2024 camp.

RYPEN – two students at \$600/student for \$1200 as well as \$85/student for bussing for the May, 2024 camp.

RAYEC – two students at \$1000/student for \$2000 for the August, 2024 camp.

Adventures In Citizenship – one student at \$750 as well as up to \$1050 for transportation for the May 2024 adventure.

Seconded by Brian Gentles, and approved by the membership.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

STAN CHRISTMASNov 25

MIKE MIKKELSONNov 29

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

HAROLD AITKENHEAD (15YRS)Nov 28

DUTY ROSTER

DECEMBER 1, 2023

GREETERSHEILA TYMINSKI

DOOR SALES.....TRACEY VAVREK

INTRODUCE & THANK.....GRAHAM DRAKE

REPORTER.....STEVE DUNK

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