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MEETING NOTES

We were warmly welcomed into the Barn by Doug Kinley. The bell was rung at 7am followed by 2 or 3 minutes of tech-wrangling. Peter Harding eventually reached a draw with technology and revealed that he was the Guest Chair.

Peter's opening remarks -He reminded us that when it comes to turkeys the Thanksgiving turkey is with us for just one day, political turkeys the whole year! He thanked this meeting's support staff: John R, Doug K, Debra D, Stan C, Eve R and the HP breakfast providers.

He expressed that Monica Amabilis was in the club's thoughts & prayers over the death of her 19-year-old son, Magnus. His funeral will be Tues Oct 10, 2 pm, M & H 82, Crowfoot Circle N.W.

Guests: Linda Craig, Lorelei Higgins (speaker), Mitchell Ravvin (HP)

Indigenous Moment from Peter: when travelling in the beautiful fall colours south of Calgary Peter thought of the local Blood Tribe (Kainai Nation) whose reserve stretches over 560 square miles. This Nation, pre-contact was nomadic and ranged much further than this to hunt buffalo and also to conduct their wars against other Plains people. Now they ranch, manage timber, hunt & fish. There are 138 reserves in Alberta, 8 of these being Metis. These reserves account for only 1% of Alberta's area, not much when one considers that all of Alberta was First Nations traditional territory.

PROGRAM

Fran introduced the morning's speaker, Lorelei Higgins. Lorelei was Mrs. Canada 2020 – 2023. The Mrs. Canada pageant celebrates "married women who are the epitome of elegance, intelligence, inner beauty, and a philanthropic spirit." As befits royalty Lorelei brought sparkle to our morning with her crown & sequined clothes. She spoke to us about how Rotary changed her life (starting with her Youth exchange in S Africa and being a 2019 Rotary Peace Fellow student.) She credits YEX with giving her the confidence to believe that a Metis girl from Spruce Grove could be part of useful change. At university she studied political science and international relations which led to an MBA in leadership. She is Community Lead for the City of Calgary's Anti-Racism Program and is working to advance Calgary's commitments to anti-racism and Truth and Reconciliation. Lorelei described how she uses her Mrs. Canada platform to draw attention to peacebuilding efforts both locally and globally. She wears her Metis sash proudly and that opens conversations too. When asked why are you not a Rotarian, she replied she would rather be the fabric between clubs than tied to one.

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



HAPPY BUCKS

Phil-his birthday

Walter-teasing Sheila

Sheila-rebuttal to Walter's remarks

Doug K-life has been sad and difficult for his family recently but looking forward to the crowd that will gather for Thanksgiving

Fran-Lorelei's visit

Bill-Magic of Christmas support for Second Chance Art Sale

Ola-new position with Gov of Yukon but he will still be able to attend The Barn

Peter H-Community Kitchen volunteers

Mike-great weather for son's outdoor wedding this weekend

John R-volunteers for RMcD dinner



MINUTES

Bill S: RI Convention in Calgary 2023. Each club needs to provide a Club Convention Champion to act as information conduit to and from the Convention organizing committee. Contact Bill if interested.

Brad W is the club liaison between the org committee and HP (major event planned for the Park).

The International Service committee will be encouraging its foreign Rotary contacts to attend and is hoping to reduce the costs for these Rotarians by offering homestays with RCCHP members.

Sheila : Thanked the dozen or so from RCCHP who took part in Pokaiks (Indigenous Children Commemorative Walk) last weekend, in spite of rain!

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

In closing Peter H reminded us that (1) DG Kurt Kowalchuk will be at next Friday's meeting (2) Tues is world Mental Health Day so do whatever makes you feel good, get outside, be kind to each other (even mothers-in-law!)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

VINCE VAVREKOCT 19

IVY KRAUSE-MACDONALDOCT 15

DUTY ROSTER OCTOBER 6, 2023

GREETERDOUG MACDONALD

DOOR SALES.....MATT KNOX

INTRODUCE & THANK.....GRAHAM DRAKE

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